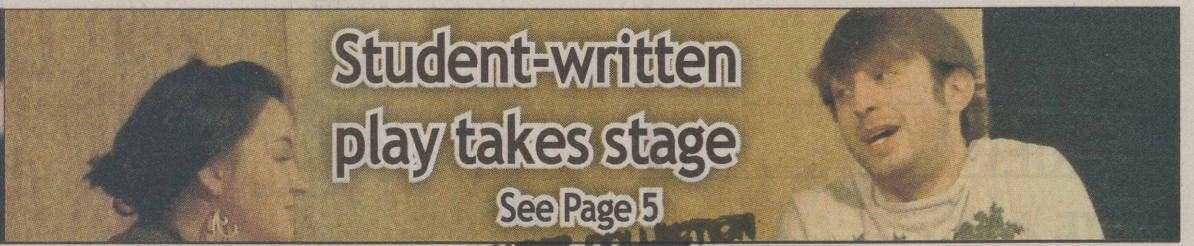




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## Roberson becomes all-time assists leader

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

John Roberson scored a season-high 28 points against Oklahoma State, but another statistic he recorded Saturday will be the one people remember.

The guard surpassed Stan Bonewitz, who played for the Red Raiders from 1995 to 1999, as the school's best assist man with 436 career assists, including three assists against the Cowboys. Bonewitz had 435 career assists in a Tech uniform.

To make it a little bit sweeter, Tech reversed its recent fortunes with an 81-74 win against the Cowboys on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

"It feels good going into history," Roberson said. "I didn't even know, I think someone gave me a hint that I might break it this game. But it feels good just to know your going to be in the books going down in history."

The milestones don't end with Roberson.

The win gave Tech its 15th of the year — surpassing the 2008-2009 Red Raiders who had 14 wins — with eight more games to be played in the regular season.

Tech also tied its total Big 12 Conference victories from a season ago at three wins.

"We just think we're a better team than last year," said Tech forward Mike Singletary, who chipped in 22 points of his own. "We look at what we did last year, and it was kind of a disappointment. Knowing that we've won more games in total than last year, and knowing that we've tied how many games we won in the Big 12 last year halfway through gives us a lot of motivation to keep it going."

But beating Oklahoma State, a team that crushed Tech less than a month ago in Stillwater, Okla., 81-52, may not have been the most



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S JOHN Roberson pushes past Oklahoma State's Keiton Page during Texas Tech's 81-74 victory over Oklahoma State on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

impressive outcome of the day.

Oklahoma State's star guard James Anderson, who entered the game leading the Big 12 in scoring and lit the Red Raiders up in Stillwater, struggled in Lubbock scoring just 10 points before fouling out with about five minutes left in the game.

After a slow start, the Red Raiders (15-7, 3-5 in Big 12 play) stunned Oklahoma State (16-7, 4-5) in the first half with a 26-5 run and entered the second half up, 35-26.

Tech led by 18 points with 15 minutes to go in the game, but OSU began to work its way back in. With

three minutes left, OSU cut that lead to four points, 65-61.

But when the Cowboys began to send the Red Raiders to the free-throw line to prolong the game, Tech shot 12-of-15 from the charity stripe.

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## Tech reports recruiting violations in three sports

Texas Tech reported recruiting violations to the NCAA last summer pertaining to three sports: softball, men's golf and football.

The violations concern text messaging prospective student-athletes before those athletes sign their National Letters of Intent or during the recruiting process.

"Our compliance staff found the violations and we reported our violations to the NCAA," Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said. "So we have self-imposed penalties on those different sports."

Myers said penalties include things such as restricted contacts and phone calls.

But while Tech has self-imposed penalties, the NCAA could impose more depending on what happens to the case.

"The NCAA is looking into it," Myers said. "They may accept what we've imposed."

Myers said it is difficult to gauge how long the NCAA's investigation will take. As of Saturday, he said the NCAA has not yet contacted Tech about the case, but the NCAA is aware of the violations.

The 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual states in its bylaws, "Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messenger, text messaging) are prohibited."

The 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual also states, "After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence sent to the prospective student-athlete or his or her parents or legal guardians by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed."

The NCAA banned text messaging recruits in 2007.

"That's the way it's supposed to work," Myers said. "You discover that you have some coaches or anyone else that violate any rules, if you discover it, then you need to report it. We did report it."

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## Conn. power plant blast kills several, injures 14

By PAT EATON-ROBB  
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MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — Workers at a natural gas plant under construction were purging gas lines when a powerful explosion blew off part of the building Sunday, killing multiple people and injuring at least 14, officials said.

Betsy Hard, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, told The Associated Press that multiple people died but she did not know how many.

Al Santostefano, the deputy fire marshal in Middletown, said 50 construction workers were in the section of the power plant where the explosion happened at 11:17 a.m. He said he did not know what caused the explosion.

Dogs were searching for victims in the rubble, but there were no signs of life Sunday afternoon, he said.

"They are taking the building apart piece-by-piece now, the part that collapsed and came in, they are taking that apart in sections piece-by-piece, very carefully," he said.

The 620-megawatt plant was being built to produce energy primarily using natural gas. Santostefano said workers for the construction company, O&G Industries, were purging the gas lines, a procedure he called a "blow-down," when the explosion occurred.

Middlesex Hospital transferred one seriously injured person to Hartford

Hospital and was evaluating another Sunday afternoon who might also be moved to Hartford for more intensive care, said Middlesex Hospital spokesman Brian Albert.

Two people were treated and released, and eight others were being treated for broken bones, abdominal injuries, blunt force trauma and other kinds of injuries consistent with being caught in an explosion, Albert said.

They did not expect to receive any more patients, he said Sunday afternoon, about four hours after the explosion.

A nursing supervisor from St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford said they had no patients from

the explosion, and Hartford Hospital had two that were brought directly there after the blast, in addition to the one transferred later from Middlesex.

Several ambulances were seen leaving the scene of the blast without their lights on.

The powerful blast shook houses for miles.

"I felt the house shake, I thought a tree fell on the house," said Middletown resident Steve Clark.

Barrett Robbins-Pianka, who lives about a mile away and has monitored the project for years, said she was running outside and heard what she called "a tremendous boom."

"I thought it might be some test or something, but it was really loud, a definite explosion," she said.

Kleen Energy Systems LLC began construction on the power plant in February 2008.

*"I felt the house shake, I thought a tree fell on the house,"*

STEVE CLARK

MIDDLETOWN RESIDENT

## Tech academic adviser McNeill honored in reception



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

ERLENE MCNEILL, CENTER, says goodbye to colleagues and friends during a going away party held for her Friday in the Canyon Room of the College of Human Sciences.

By KELSEY HECKEL  
STAFF WRITER

The College of Human Sciences hosted a reception Friday for Erlene McNeill after she announced she is leaving Texas Tech to follow her husband, former Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill, as he takes up the position of head football coach at East Carolina University.

Erlene McNeill recently took over the position of director of advising in the College of Human Sciences after the previous director, Ann Bush, retired. She also was a professor in the college.

"She is an incredible woman that would have kept on with tradition," Bush said. "She is a real professional, and I believe she would have brought the advising office to a whole new level. She has been my right hand for the last 10 years; we will

miss her more than you can imagine."

Erlene McNeill said she is thankful for the opportunity to be the new director even though she wasn't able to accept it for long.

"I was technically only the director of advising for three weeks, but I am proud of the fact that the dean, Dr. Linda Hoover, had that confidence in me," she said. "I would really like to thank her for knowing that I could do the job."

Dolores Salas, another adviser in the College of Human Sciences, said the adjustment the office will go through is a difficult one.

"It's going to be hard losing her," she said. "First we lost our director Ann, and now Erlene. I wish her the best in North Carolina."

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**STATE**

**Palin stumps for Gov. Perry in suburban Houston**

CYPRESS (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is welcoming former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin to a rally in suburban Houston as he adds some national Republican star power to his re-election campaign.

Palin is appearing Sunday with Perry a day after she was in Nashville to address the first national convention of the anti-establishment "tea party" coalition.

Perry is decidedly establishment in Texas but has cam-

paigned as anti-Washington in his March 2 GOP primary race against Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. He's seeking a third four-year term that would add to his tenure as the longest-serving governor in Texas history.

The rally is being held in an 8,500-seat arena northwest of Houston in Cypress. The facility is decked out with red, white and blue signs, and a giant Texas flag hangs as a backdrop behind the stage.

**NATION**

**US faces 'serious and significant cyberthreats'**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's top counterterrorism adviser says the U.S. faces "serious and significant" cyberthreats that could compromise national security.

John Brennan says the administration is taking steps to improve cybersecurity and looking at the matter from an

espionage and terrorism point of view. He says national security is something that's at risk.

Brennan isn't naming any country or individuals possibly behind cyberattacks. He was asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" about concerns that computer hackers in China have infiltrated computer networks.

**WORLD**

**Iran detains 7 tied to US-funded radio for spying**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran has arrested seven people linked to a U.S.-funded Farsi-language radio station for allegedly stirring unrest, and accused some of the suspects of working for American spy agencies, Iranian state media reported Sunday.

The official IRNA news agency and Iran's state radio both cited an Intelligence Ministry statement saying the suspects played a role in violent anti-government demonstrations in Tehran on Dec. 27. On that day, at least eight people were killed and hundreds were arrested dur-

ing clashes between opposition supporters and security forces.

The violence was the worst since authorities launched a harsh crackdown immediately after Iran's disputed presidential election in June.

IRNA quoted the ministry statement as saying "some of them have been officially hired by the U.S. intelligence agencies." State radio said the suspects were trained outside of Iran in sabotage, disturbing public order, spreading rumors and overthrowing a government by soft means.

**Correction**

In Friday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the article "Student senate votes to table oversight

bill" should have stated the bill was voted down by senators. *The DT* regrets the error.

**African-American pharmacists honored in banquet**

BY RALSTON ROLLO  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Black Faculty and Staff Association hosted a banquet Saturday at the Tech Law School in celebration of Black History Month.

The banquet was the fourth annual banquet and the ninth annual Black History Month event the association has hosted.

Stephen Ekworo-Osire, an at-large member of the association, said the banquet was intended to provide an outreach to the Lubbock community and to honor Alfred and Billie Caviel. The Caviels, he said, were the first African-American pharmacists in Lubbock.

"They've been here since 1957," Ekworo-Osire said.

The association chose to honor the Caviels because of the large volume of great things they have done for the Lubbock community during their careers, he said.

Eric Strong, director of the Roots Historical Arts Council and storyteller, said the Caviels went through much struggle as business owners but stayed competitive through persistence.

"If you can't honor the Caviels, then nobody in Lubbock deserves the honor," he said.

Arretha Marbley, president of the association, said total attendance at the banquet was 198, the largest amount of people who have attended an event the association hosted.

"Looking out at this audience reminds me of (President Barack) Obama's 'Yes We Can' speech that he gave in South Carolina when he won the Democratic nomination," she said.

The high attendance, Ekworo-Osire said, was more of a reflection of the honorees than anything else.

The banquet's theme was The Challenges of a Global Economy, and featured a keynote speech by Calvin Davis of the United States Small Business Administration about facing those challenges.

"To prepare we must plan, and to gain we must give," Davis said during his speech.

Upon receiving the honor from the association, Billie Caviel said she and her husband were thankful for everyone who came to share the honor with them.

Stacy Caviel-Watson, daughter of Alfred and Billie Caviel, said the banquet was a clear example of the relationship her parents

shared with the Lubbock community.

"My parents did what they did not for recognition, but to do what was right," she said.

Caviel-Watson said her parents possess a strong sense of community and provided many services and jobs to the East Lubbock community.

Marbley and the Black Faculty and Staff Association, Caviel-Watson said, did a great job of organizing the banquet and presenting the honor to her parents.

Lisa Patterson, also a daughter of Alfred and Billie Caviel, said she enjoyed every bit of the life she shared with her parents.

"They were great parents, and I wouldn't trade them for the world," she said.

As the association continues to be a part of the Tech and Lubbock communities, Marbley said, she would like to see that involvement continue to grow.

"We want to bridge the gap between Texas Tech and the African-American community of Lubbock," she said.

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*"If you can't honor the Caviels, then nobody in Lubbock deserves the honor."*

**ERIC STRONG**  
DIRECTOR OF THE ROOTS  
HISTORICAL ARTS COUNCIL

**Mid-Atlantic carves path through historic snowfall**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mid-Atlantic U.S. on Sunday began carving a path through the piles of wet, heavy snow in below-freezing temperatures while power crews tried to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes and clear streets for work on Monday.

The National Weather Service called the storm "historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and 2 feet or more in Washington, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia got closer to 3 feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that highways could be icy and treacherous. The

snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines and several roofs collapsed under the weight. In Washington, city officials said it was unclear if the roads would be clear enough for workers to get in on Monday.

Some people without electricity worried whether the power would return in time for Sunday night's Super Bowl kickoff — though it was an afterthought for others just trying to stay warm.

Julia Nickles-Bryan and her husband, Charles Bryan, were more focused on keeping their twin 7-year-old daughters warm inside their College Park, Md., home — where the thermostat read 47 degrees. They had to make due with a gas stove, gas water heater and a fire in the fireplace.

"We're basically camping," Nickles-Bryan said. Asked if she liked camping, she said, "No."

In Philadelphia, 28.5 inches of snow fell Saturday, just shy of the record 30.7 inches during the January 1996 blizzard. Snow totals were even higher to the west in Pennsylvania, with 31 inches recorded in Upper Strasburg and 30 inches in Somerset.

Almost 18 inches of snow was recorded at Washington's Reagan National Airport, which is closed. That's the fourth-highest storm total for the city. At nearby Dulles International Airport in Virginia, the record was shattered with 32 inches. Flights there have resumed, but are severely limited.

Authorities say most public transportation in Philadelphia

has resumed in the wake of the city's second-largest snowfall. But in Pittsburgh, bus and light-rail service was suspended.

Jurij Bilyk, 48, was clearing snow from the front of his garage because he was on call as an eye surgeon at Will's Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, which has an emergency room that can be hopping on holidays.

"Usually the biggest days are New Year's Eve and July Fourth, because of firecrackers," he said. "Car accidents, fights — a lot of it's fights. Super Bowl isn't too bad if the Eagles aren't playing."

Steve Bartholomew, 57, a Philadelphia math teacher out on a coffee run, said he was hoping for a snow day Monday as much as his students.

**Iran leader orders new step in nuclear program**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president on Sunday ordered his atomic agency to significantly enrich the country's stockpile of uranium, angering Western nations who want to the Islamic republic to halt its nuclear program.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad maintained, however, that Iran was also still willing to follow a U.N. plan to export its uranium abroad for further enrichment. Refining uranium produces nuclear fuel for a power plant but if carried out far enough can create material for a weapon.

The mixed messages from Tehran have infuriated the U.S. and its

European allies, who claim Iran is only stalling for time as it attempts to build a nuclear weapon. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates called for the international community to pressure Iran into abandoning its nuclear program.

German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said: "Today's statement shows that farce is being played out just like we have seen in the past, that the outstretched hand of the international community has not only not been taken but pushed back."

The U.N.'s nuclear watchdog has been working on a compromise to

defuse international tensions over Iran's nuclear program. In October, the U.N. proposed that Tehran export its low-enriched uranium to Russia and France, who would return it a year later as enriched fuel rods that could be used to power Iran's research reactor but couldn't be further refined to make weapons-grade material.

By announcing that Iran would enrich the fuel on its own, Ahmadinejad appeared to reject the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency's deal — even though he had seemed to endorse it just days earlier.

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Erlene McNeill said during the time she has been at Tech she has worked with coordinating the freshman orientation, has been a part of Mentor Tech and has made it her goal to focus on the students.

"I wanted to make sure that parents could feel at ease sending their kids here and that students were somewhere where they were going to be comfortable," she said. "That's what it's all about for me, the students and helping them."

After leaving Tech, she will be helping her husband in his new job and will focus on the community around the ECU campus, but won't look for a teaching or advising position within the university, Erlene McNeill said.

"It's going to be a full-time job supporting the university and being involved in outreach to the community," she said. "I will also travel with my husband to games and events he is involved in to support him."

Erlene McNeill said the transition to North Carolina won't be an easy one.

"I am going to miss the friendly people of West Texas most," she said. "When I was getting our house ready to put on the market, I took some things to the Salvation Army and there were people there who I didn't know but they still smiled at me. You can never meet a stranger in West Texas, everyone is so friendly."

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## Lunar New Year celebration kicks off Year of the Tiger

By HALLIE DAVIS  
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Although 2010 began 39 days ago, the Year of the Tiger won't start until Feb. 14.

The Chinese Lunar New Year is one of the biggest holidays

of the year for the Chinese, and Tech's Chinese population and organizations were prepared to celebrate Saturday night at an event sponsored by the Chinese Student Association in the International Cultural Center that featured food, performances and traditional Chinese activities.

Doors opened at 5:30 p.m., and by the time the event started, the building was filled with the expected 200 people, said Christi Felton, the event coordinator for the International Cultural Center.

The festivities began with a welcoming in both English and Chinese and then a traditional Chinese "paper cutting" for good

luck, said Yuan-Ta Hsu, a graduate student in the fine arts department. Each attendee was given a packet with information on the Chinese New Year that included a sheet of red paper with a stencil to cut out a lucky symbol and a "dollar" for the lottery at the end of the night, Hsu said.

*"It's cross-cultural, with everything about the countries, so people will know the difference between Thai and Taiwan."*

**YUAN-TA HSU**  
GRADUATE FINE ARTS  
STUDENT

Shannon Marchese, the president of the Chinese Language Association, was among those excited for the meal provided at the event.

"The food is going to be really spicy and authentic," Marchese said.

The buffet-style line featured chicken, which Hsu said was lucky for a good family, and fish for wealth. The menu also included broccoli with oyster sauce, jalapeño-salted shrimp, fried rice and much more.

Marchese and the CLA were at the event to help with fundraising with a silent auction, she said, and all profits went toward Haiti relief.

The CLA also performed skits,

as part of the performance lineup — one in Chinese and one in English.

The goal of the CLA is to promote Chinese culture at Tech, Marchese said, and worked to "get rid of cultural boundaries — you don't have to be Chinese to be here."

That goal seemed to be attained. Felton said the event, which has been a tradition for years, draws a lot of the Lubbock community every year, not just the Chinese or Asian students that most people would expect, although it does appeal specifically to international students.

Everything done was to inform and entertain the audience. Marchese said she hoped the skits would make the event more relatable to people who might not know what's going on.

She said as China became more prominent, it was important for people to be able to relate. She encourages anyone interested to join the CLA.

"People think Chinese is hard," Marchese said, "but it's not that scary."

The CLA was invited by the CSA, which hosted many other Asian student groups at Saturday's celebration, said Angela Liao, a Chinese professor who is involved with the Chinese Student Association.

"It's cross-cultural," Hsu said, "with everything about the coun-



PHOTO BY SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Toreador

ERIC NG AND Dominic Yu, both senior electrical engineering majors from Hong Kong, perform the song "Life Unexpected" on Saturday at a Chinese New Year celebration in the International Cultural Center.

tries, so people will know the difference between Thai and Taiwan."

The performances represented places including Taiwan, Hong Kong and even Uzbekistan. The entertainment featured skits, singing and a martial arts demonstration.

Having more groups involved

brought more people, and the line for entry went out the door more than once. People came to see what it was all about and to support friends who were involved.

"The secretary of the Taiwanese Association of Students personally told me I couldn't miss it," said Pablo Dominguez,

a teaching assistant.

Dominguez had Taiwanese friends at the event, and said he was looking forward to spending the rest of the week with them.

There will be almost a month of events related to the Lunar New Year; Saturday night was just the opening ceremony.

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## Texas woman studies forgotten Hardin road

SILSBEE (AP) — There's a lost road in Hardin County. Unlike many forgotten stretches of road, Old Town Bluff Road didn't survive to be paved or even graveled.

It disappeared long before cities took to improving roads and might have remained forgotten if a woman hadn't questioned the burial of a long-dead relative.

As Susan Shine Kilcrease researched the Bozeman Graveyard in Silsbee, she wondered why her several-greats grandfather would have buried a baby there.

Eli Chance, whom Chance Cut-off is named for, lived at Baby Galvez, which was two miles from the cemetery.

"Why is that cemetery where it is? Why would they have built that cemetery out in the woods? Nobody lived there. Why would he have buried her out in the woods?" Kilcrease remembered asking her father, Darrell Shine, who is a surveyor and historian in Hardin County.

Given that this was in the 1840s, burying a relative that far away, when there were plenty of wild animals in the woods, didn't seem reasonable to Kilcrease.

The only way it made sense, in fact, was if the graveyard was on a road.

Kilcrease's father remembered a 95-year-old man who in 1950 told him about taking a trip from Town Bluff to Beaumont.

The trip took two days in a wagon and carried the man across Village Creek at Cook's Bluff and Pine Island Bayou at Old Concord. The man told Darrell Shine he believed he traveled on Old Town Bluff Road.

Further research found that a north-south road was clearly marked on historic maps, the earliest dated 1835, Kilcrease said. The road went from San Augustine to Sabine Pass, and probably passed right by the Bozeman Graveyard, which is located between Railroad, Bonner and McKinney streets in Silsbee.

"John Henry Kirby would have

built the mill by the road, and they would have built the railroad by the road, that's what they did back then," Kilcrease said. "The interesting part about this road is that it had just about disappeared from history."

Though the road has disappeared, Kilcrease said it could have been in use for much longer than anyone realizes.

"There is a very good possibility that road could have existed into the 1900s," she said, adding that although the ferry crossing was established in the 1830s, people were most likely forging the river at that spot much earlier. "If the ferry was there, the road was already there."

A Nov. 22, 1936 Works Progress Administration article about Silsbee mentioned the road, proving that it did once exist.

"Town Bluff Road, which once ran through the middle of the town, was one of the oldest and most traveled roads in the country at an early date," the article said. The road was said to run south from Town Bluff on the Neches River in Tyler County, through Spurger, Silsbee, Cook's Bluff, Fletcher and all the way to Beaumont.

"County and state roads are now on parts of this old road bed," the article adds.

Travelers on the road often camped on a bluff where the Steep Hollows ended in Hardin County. At the bottom of the bluff, the WPA article said, a "beautiful big spring of crystal-clear water" was located.

Regardless, Town Bluff Road was apparently the road less traveled.

The major north-south road running through Hardin County in the late 1800s was the Liberty to Nacogdoches road, according to "The Hardin County History." The book mentions Town Bluff Road as taking the "right-hand fork."

## Tech looks for academic integrity in video challenge

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech has a lot of traditions, but there is always room for more. Last semester was the first ever Matador Ethics Video Challenge, and this semester continues the new tradition under the theme of academic integrity.

The program is part of the Quality Enhancement Plan. Last semester's theme was ethics, whereas this semester the topic is more specific, although there are still options and sub-categories.

Any Tech student in good standing and groups of up to eight people can enter. The videos must be under one minute, comply with the Code of Conduct, and be turned in with an application from the Web site.

This semester the program is being run by Yi-Hui Lee, a graduate assistant with big plans for the new tradition.

"Last semester we didn't have the criteria for high artistic value," Lee said, "but this semester we added (academic integrity) in because when you look at the videos you automatically will feel how artistically high quality this video is."

Lee said changes from last semester are due to the quality of submissions; the editing, transitions, audio and ideas had surpassed the expectations of last semester's judges. The quality of last semester's entries raised the bar for this semester's filmmakers.

"We're expecting really high quality in the productions this semester," Lee said.

The first-place video will be played at the men's basketball game against Baylor on March 2 and the winner will receive two tickets to the game. There will be an award ceremony for all entrants, and the winners — first, second, third and best out of organizations or departments/

colleges entering — will air before Tech Activities Board movies and on the Tech Movie Channel.

Roxenya Grevel, a senior communications design major from El Paso, won second place in the fall semester with a video about diversity. She said the experience was a fun way to apply what she'd learned in her motion graphics class. It was the first video she'd made, and she didn't expect to win.

For those interested in entering, Grevel said she suggests keeping it simple, making sure the concept is well executed and receives plenty of feedback.

"Have fun with it," Grevel said, "The more fun ones were the most memorable."

Her video was featured at a Board of Regents meeting where Grevel met Tech President Guy Bailey.

"It's very good for your resume," Grevel said, "and if you Google your name, there are just lists of results from it."

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Feb. 15 to Administration building Room 243 and entries must be formatted as .WMV, .MPEG2 or .AVI on a disc. Visit the Matador Ethics Video Challenge Web site or contact Lee at yi.lee@ttu.edu for more information, rules, and regulations. Follow the challenge, watch submissions and check for winners on the Web site as well as the Matador Video Ethics Challenge Facebook page.

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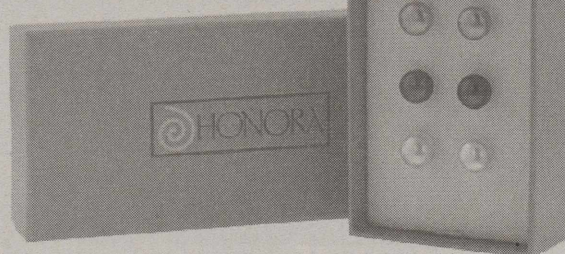
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## Twitter use could backfire

First, there were chat rooms. Then there was MySpace. Now, Twitter is the new thing on the Internet.

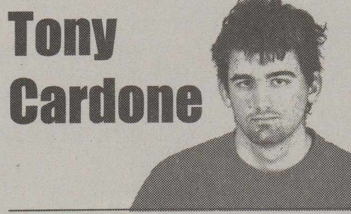
CNN is on top of this, and tweets now provide almost 80 percent of the station's news coverage. As for the service itself, it can't catch a break. Most people don't really know proper Internet etiquette anyway, but it seems like only a select few have the mental willpower to use Twitter properly. It's no longer about just the etiquette, but it could be a major influence on the job world.

There are several stereotypes of Twitter users. I'm going to insult all of them, so if you fear that you may fall into one of these categories and are unfortunate enough to not have the ability to laugh at yourself, you'll probably want to skip this column.

Firstly, and perhaps most despised, are the every-seconders. They are the ones who more than likely have a fancy phone, typically with the fruit logo on the back. They have somehow surmised Twitter is the new AOL Instant Messenger. Except this time, there's nobody answering.

If you're unlucky enough to stumble upon their actual profile pages, you'll probably be able to track every place they've been all day. Additionally, you can tell the traffic between said points, and even the quality of the hamburger they had for lunch.

**Tony Cardone**



Unfortunately, they are the ones who give Twitter a bad name — this is the group that contains the "tweeting-en-route-to-the-restroom" crowd.

Less annoying, but perhaps contributing to an even bigger waste of space, are the linkers. These people are probably politically charged (or wanna-be politically charged people). If not, then they definitely remind you of your mother and her e-mail habits. They clog your feed with the most adorable puppy in the world twice a day. Notably, these are different puppies, so they likely have the attention span of a 4 year old.

Perhaps they think nobody else uses the Internet. Or, perhaps, they've never heard of Digg or Reddit. Either way, you can be assured they believe the URL shortening service bit.ly is the coolest thing ever. Now, they can annoy everyone with their opinions and links.

Very much like the linkers, the retweeters are quite proud of themselves. They may have stumbled upon the feature before it was fully

rolled out by Twitter, or perhaps they really have nothing exciting to add to the conversation. Either way, they enjoy retweeting anything hilarious or important. Their tweets are likely uninteresting or already on my feed because I follow them.

For example, they tweet "cool RT @Engadget CONFIRMED: The iPad 2 will have supersonic flight capabilities." That sentence, aside from being completely likely to happen, includes my bashing of gadget blog Engadget for the week.

The most despised, in my book, are the MySpacers and Facebook people. They started on MySpace, and then transitioned to Facebook when MySpace became not cool. Now, they've migrated their online time to Twitter, much to the disdain of their followers.

Luckily, they're easy to spot — simply look for the text messaging language. Finding a complete word in their update is as difficult as spotting the gold at the end of the rainbow. You can usually find them also spouting absurd statements, like the numerous ones who ardently disapproved of the aid the US government sent to Haiti.

Most people know what they post on their blogs is likely to come up in a job search. Potential employers are running searches on personal profiles now. Facebook and MySpace already

are scoured by employers. In fact, a study released by the Internet security firm Poofprint said 8 percent of companies have fired someone based on material found on Facebook or LinkedIn. Employees now realize they have to be careful what they post there.

They don't, however, feel the same way about Twitter. Many of the stereotypes I listed earlier are fun caricatures of people. However, several of them can result in real-life consequences. The every-seconders could show employers someone who is unfocused. The linkers and re-tweeters are likely in safe harbor, depending on the appropriateness of the source material. The Facebook/MySpace refugees have the most to be concerned about, perhaps because they are the most oblivious.

Twitter is still fairly new. Precautions taken on Facebook don't carry over because it could be reasoned employers don't read Twitter. Although the Oregon Business Report stated that only 7 percent of employers read candidates' tweets as of August 2009, as the service becomes more and more popular, that number will only increase.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Friday's article about the Student Government Association voting down a bill designed to provide a check on the executive branch appalled me. As a senator for three terms, one as the Budget and Finance Chairman of the SGA, I have never seen a senate so dead set on protecting the executive branch.

How can this senate vote down a bill that basically states the SGA office should not be able to spend student's money without having some sort of legislative check on it? The argument that we should trust our elected leaders is just outright absurd. Have these people ever read the history books or watched the news? There are not many people you can trust in this world and elected leaders would be right below convicted felons in most people's book.

That is not to say this year's administration is untrustworthy. Honestly, I have no idea whether they are or not, but shouldn't we put checks in place for the next 50 administrations? Surely one of them might not be the definition of responsible and trustworthy.

Then there are the excuses presented that the executive officers are liked, and senators do not want to pile on more work for the SGA, but these not only show laziness by the senate, (and perhaps any executive officers who influenced the senate) but shows a total disconnect of the majority of SGA and real students here at Texas Tech.

Senators who voted against this bill, consider this: If you asked every student at Tech's campus this question, "Knowing that the 21- and 22-year-old executive officers in the SGA can spend up to \$200,000 or more of your tuition at their own discretion for whatever they feel necessary (including their own frivolous banquets and trips), do you think the rules should change to allow at least one check on executive spending?"

You would probably find that out of all the students asked, the only ones to answer no would be you and the people sitting in the SGA office right now.

**■ Kyle Crowl is a senior political science major from Conroe.**



## Cell phones, Facebook, Twitter great, don't overuse them

About a few weeks ago my sister asked me what I would do without my phone. The answer was simple; I would probably have a panic attack.

Being without my phone is like being without an arm — it's just impossible to function without my small, all-important, heavily utilized handheld device. In fact, my phone dependency has not only questioned my value of communication but real, face-to-face human interaction (you know, the thing our parents always talk about).

People can't be that addicted to their phones, right? There's no possible way we have grown into social-networking, text-crazy maniacs void of proper social contact that doesn't include

**Marcia Ramos**



Facebook, Twitter or text, right? Wrong.

To illustrate my point let's rewind a few weeks back to the grocery checkout line where I was waiting. I couldn't help but notice the overwhelming silence that came over two 17-year-old girls after they had just been talking up a storm about whatever high school girls talk about. So what happened? Where did the conversation go? Why wasn't I being annoyed by their chatter anymore?

When I looked to see what had happened I saw them both facing each other with their heads down, phone in hand, texting and Facebooking away in the most focused and firm manner capable by giddy high school girls. I was amazed at how intensely involved these girls were with their phones.

The more I thought about it, the more I realized I was guilty. In fact, I did the same thing a couple weeks later when I had dinner with my best friend. Yes we talked and caught up on gossip, but every five minutes or so I found us reverting back to our phones to text, as if the texting couldn't wait till after dinner. And it wasn't even that it was an important text conversation.

So yes, I'm guilty of treating my phone like a lifeline, it's a device I simply can't put away or go without unless lost, stolen or damaged. If you find yourself not being able to fight the urge to check your Facebook, update your Twitter or text a friend just for the sake of texting, then you,

my friend, are an addict.

Now I know what most of you are thinking, just because we are so involved with our phones doesn't mean we are addicts, we are just part of the millennial generation where everyone loves, lives and breathes the technology and innovation our world has to offer. It's not



rude to text while someone is talking to you, or dangerous to text while driving. All that stuff is simply multitasking, another side effect of being a millennial.

And we would be right. These are side effects; rude, dangerous and ugly side effects of a disease I believe is taking over a lot of my fellow peers, because it's not just high school girls at the grocery store or myself at dinner

— it's the guy in class who sits there texting or Facebooking the entire time, the girl at the help desk that can't even look up to help you because she's too busy texting (yes that happens), it's everywhere.

Don't get me wrong, I love technology and I love the great social networking phenomenon of Facebook. These new avenues of technology are exciting, useful and have revolutionized the way we communicate with the world, do business, and express ourselves, but unfortunately the dark side of all this is that we have effectively isolated ourselves from real human interaction, the rawest and true form of social networking.

Fortunately, there are those out there who don't have this problem, who don't have a Facebook, an expensive over-achieving phone or a desire for anything involving social networking. It's

not that they are computer illiterate or don't know what an iPhone is. On the contrary one such person I know is one of the most tech-savvy people I have ever met. The difference between him and us is he believes in the organic form of communication and networking, the kind that involves really knowing a person on a personal level not behind a computer screen or phone.

So the point is, next time you're having lunch with friends, or at your parents house, waiting for class or in class even, put away the phone take the time to listen, talk or get to know someone while they are actually there to talk to you. Don't worry you don't have to abandon your phone altogether, but sometimes it's actually nice to be able to see and hear someone smile, laugh or even cry when they react to the sound of your voice.

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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By Jerome Gunderson 2/8/10

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- In the sack
- Sci-fi staple
- Small salamander
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- Pool legend portrayed by Jackie Gleason in "The Hustler"
- 1860s White House nickname
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- Mingle at the party
- NBA center who was a three-time MVP

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# Student-run play ignites drama in theater

By JULIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

"Sex, Money and the Corporate Ladder," a drama written, directed and performed entirely by students, will hit the stage in Texas Tech's Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Lab Theatre tonight.

Following the stories of three coworkers whose struggles intertwine them, the performance presents topics such as sexual harassment, disabilities and family feuds.

"I wrote a play a few years ago called 'Red Tape' about the most annoying aspects of bureaucracy," said Rodney Donahue, the play's author. "The three characters going through problems in this play come from that one, but they were static and didn't change. I decided to write their backstory and what led them to the way they were in that story."

This performance is deeply concerned about the separation of the Stone Brothers, Rudy and Kevin, who appear in "Red Tape" as very estranged, said Donahue, a doctoral student in fine arts from St. Louis. The central

motif to his play is no matter what the problem is, it can be sorted out.

Mandi Tapia will perform as Corporate Ladder's president, Lauren Tops. She said the play has been fun to work on, even though it hosts very serious topics.

"Any of my scenes with Rudy in particular are a lot of fun," said Tapia, a second-year doctoral student in acting and directing and history, theory and criticism from LaMarque. "They are the most difficult for me, because they rely on a lot of physicalization of the character and throwing things. What makes this character hard for me is toeing the line between making the character a stereotypical woman and trying to find where I can actually make her human."

The story revolves around a special ladder, developed after one Stone Brother fell and severed his spinal cord. Having made the company, the Corporate Ladder, the characters are now going through their journey to find the importance in life and are learning to balance their executive and personal

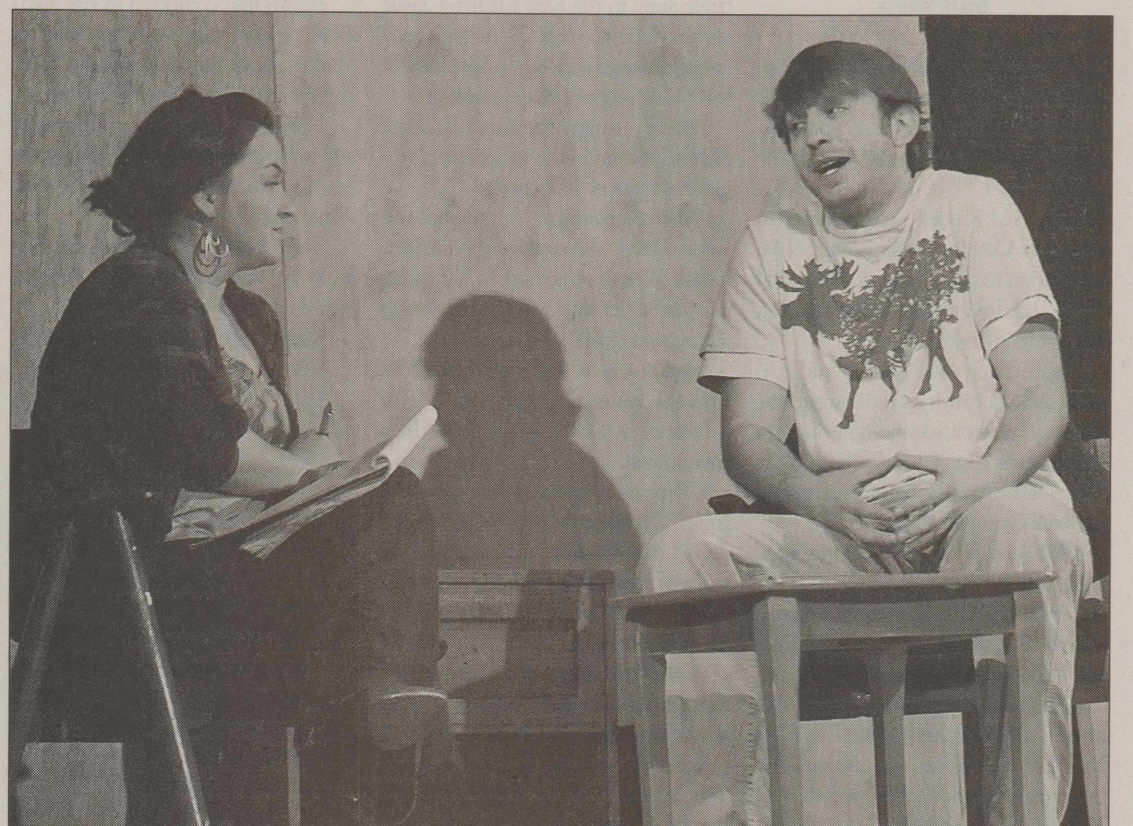
responsibilities, said Meagan Bailey, a first-year performance and pedagogy master's degree student from Lubbock.

Jessica, the Corporate Ladder's counselor, tries to keep everyone mentally stable, said Bailey with a laugh.

"It's a very intimate cast and setting so the audience will get a 'slice of life' look into these characters and the corporation," she said. "It's not just entertainment. It provokes you to think about aspects of your own life, and the audience needs to be prepared to go there. All four characters are dynamic and play a role that interferes with every other role."

Under the direction of Amber Ward, a third-year performance and pedagogy master's degree student from Lubbock, "Sex, Money and the Corporate Ladder" will be presented to the public tonight through 8 p.m. Saturday. The final performance will be 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult tickets are \$10 and student tickets are \$5.

"Every playwright wants to see their work come to life on the stage. This is a full production.



MEAGAN BAILEY, A graduate student in fine arts from Lubbock, and Richard Power, a junior theater major from Dallas, rehearse a scene from "Sex, Death, Money & the Corporate Ladder" on Monday in the Maedgen Theatre.

It's not just a stage reading," said Donahue, smiling. "The designers and director have been

working on this play for months. The cast's been working on it for six weeks. They are very profes-

sional, and it's been a wonderful experience here at Tech." [julie.davis@ttu.edu](mailto:julie.davis@ttu.edu)

## Clouds force space shuttle delay, next try today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Clouds prevented space shuttle Endeavour from blasting off Sunday on the last planned nighttime shuttle launch, delaying its trip with a final few building blocks for the International Space Station.

The band of low clouds started moving in from the north late Saturday. NASA counted down to the nine-minute mark, but the sky remained overcast, offering little hope of a lucky break.

NASA managers said they would try again today, when slightly better conditions were expected.

"We tried really, really hard to work the weather. It was just too dynamic," launch director Mike Leinbach told the six astronauts aboard Endeavour. "We just were not comfortable with launching a space shuttle tonight."

"Sometimes you just got to make the call," replied commander George Zamka. "So we understand and we'll give it another try tomorrow night."

An hour later, the astronauts

crawled out of the shuttle, one at a time.

Endeavour is loaded with a new room for the space station, as well as an observation deck. Once both of those are installed, the orbiting complex will be 98 percent complete.

Launch time today is scheduled at 4:14 a.m. That means the launch team will have to report to work right around Super Bowl time. Leinbach said late last week that his launch controllers knew going in that it might come to this, and that they might have to miss the game. It's expected to be the last shuttle launch in darkness. The pre-dawn departure will mean the graveyard shift for Zamka and

his crew during the entire 13-day flight.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden reminded journalists Saturday that there are only five shuttle missions left.

"You're going to have to figure out what else you're going to do, along with us," he said.

In an hour-long news conference, Bolden accepted the blame for the way the NASA work force was informed of President Barack Obama's plans to dismantle the Constellation moon exploration program. In the proposed budget that was released Monday, Obama set NASA on a new post-shuttle path. Specifics were lacking, but the moon was no longer at the

forefront. Neither were the Ares rockets that NASA had been working on for so long.

Shuttle managers on Friday used the words "shock" and "angst" to describe their colleagues' mood.

"Why wasn't the NASA work force better prepared for this?" Bolden said. "You're looking at the guy who's responsible. I will take the heat."

Bolden, a former shuttle commander, said he did not listen to his advisers on how to present the information, and has spent the past few days apologizing to everyone. "I was stupid, I admit that. I didn't do it right," he said.

As for the future, Bolden said the country needs a big rocketship to carry heavy loads if astronauts are to venture beyond Earth's orbit. He said he wants to use the lessons of Constellation to capture new technologies and build that rocket.

"While we will phase out the Constellation program per se, I don't want to throw away the baby with the bath water," he said.

*"Sometimes you just got to make the call. So we understand and we'll give it another try tomorrow night."*

GEORGE ZAMKA  
COMMANDER

## US colleges court Hispanic families using espanol

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For some Hispanic students, navigating the college application process can be a double-whammy: Balancing high school coursework with essays and interviews, and then translating the whole system for their parents, who don't speak English.

Some venerable East Coast universities are trying to ease that burden — and tap the booming pool of Hispanic students — by offering Spanish translations of their admissions and financial aid material.

Bryn Mawr College, an elite women's liberal arts school near Philadelphia, recently launched a Spanish version of its Web site. And the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania has begun conducting some college admissions sessions in Spanish.

"These initiatives are really geared toward the families ... to take some of the pressure off the students," said Jennifer Rickard, Bryn Mawr's chief enrollment officer.

Family comfort level is extremely important in the Hispanic community, where parental ties are strong and many are wary of sending their children away to school, said Deborah Santiago, vice president for policy and research at Washington-based Excelencia in Education.

"The parents do play a critical role in at least the aspiration of college," Santiago said. "My parents hadn't gone to college but they told me I was going."

Nationwide, only 25 percent of Hispanics ages 18 to 24 were in college in 2006. That compares with 32 percent of blacks, 44 percent of whites and 61 percent of Asian-Americans, according to a report by the American Council on Education. But the same report found that Hispanic college enrollment increased 66 percent between 1995 and 2005.

The U.S. Latino population overall is expected to grow from 15 percent to 28 percent by 2050, according to Census Bureau figures

released in December.

So it doesn't surprise Santiago that mainstream universities are starting to court Hispanic students and their families.

"What we're seeing across the country is a lot more attention than in the past on providing access to the Latino population," she said.

Smith College and Wesleyan University, both highly selective liberal arts schools in New England, posted Spanish-language Web pages a few years ago.

"I think it's very much appreciated," said Karen Kristof, senior associate director of marketing and admission at Smith. "We know that people go to the page."

Bryn Mawr decided to translate its site after watching its Latina population double over the past five years, Rickard said. Overall, about 10 percent of the student body is Hispanic.

Daisy Mateo, a 20-year-old Bryn Mawr junior from Los Angeles, is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and a first-generation

college student.

Though her parents can speak English, Mateo said they feel more comfortable with Spanish; during her high school years, they attended Spanish college-access seminars even as Mateo went to ones in English.

Bryn Mawr's translated site "definitely would have helped" had it existed when Mateo was applying to schools, she said.

Penn gave its first Spanish recruiting seminars to parents last fall in Los Angeles and Miami, and last year printed its financial aid brochure in Spanish for the first time, said admissions dean Eric Furda. Both moves were in response to "the dramatic increase in the number of students coming from families of Latino heritage," Furda said.

## 'Dear John' debut bumps 'Avatar' with \$32 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A sci-fi love story has given way to an earthbound romance at the box office, livening up typically slow times at theaters over Super Bowl weekend.

Released by Sony's Screen Gems banner, "Dear John" debuted as the No. 1 movie with \$32.4 million, knocking off "Avatar" after seven weekends in first place, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"It is very cool to know that it was our movie that audiences just totally embraced and made No. 1 for the weekend," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution at Sony. As for runaway blockbuster "Avatar," he quipped, "I think they're going to be fine in the long run."

"Avatar" slipped to No. 2 with \$23.6 million, raising its domestic total to \$630.1 million. Directed by James Cameron, 20th Century Fox's "Avatar" surpassed his own "Titanic," which had held the domestic revenue record at \$600.8 million.

With a record \$2.2 billion worldwide, "Avatar" also has soared past the \$1.8 billion "Titanic" took in globally.

Factoring in today's higher admission prices, however, "Avatar" has sold fewer tickets than "Titanic."

"Avatar" had been No. 1 do-

mestically longer than any movie since 1997's "Titanic," which held on at first place for 15 weekends. The studio was unconcerned that "Avatar" finally fell out of the top spot.

"It had to happen sometime," said 20th Century Fox distribution executive Bert Livingston. "There's nothing that could disappoint me with this movie."

By the eighth weekend, most Hollywood movies have long since dropped out of the top 10 rankings.

"Avatar" still is going strong after eight weeks, with the added luster of a monthlong buildup to the Academy Awards on March 7. Following the example of Oscar champ "Titanic," "Avatar" tied for the lead at the Academy Awards with nine nominations and is a front-runner to win best picture.

Fox executives would not speculate what number "Avatar" eventually might hit at the box office.

"Who knows what that is? It just keeps on going," Livingston said.

The weekend's other new wide release, Lionsgate's spy story "From Paris With Love," opened at No. 3 with \$8.1 million. The movie stars John Travolta and Jonathan Rhys Meyers as CIA men trying to crack a terrorist plot.

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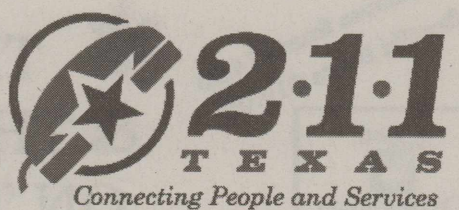
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# Tech track excels in several time zones over weekend

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech track and field team competed in three different cities this weekend across the nation and continued their early season success on the national level.

The Red Raiders sent athletes to New York City and Albuquerque, N.M. in addition to competing in the second Texas Tech Invitational of the season in the Athletic Training Center.

Tech coach Wes Kitley said it is often difficult to attract top competitive teams to Lubbock, so sending athletes to face tougher competition helps prepare them for the Big 12 Championships and national championships.

"We just have to try to get good competition," Kitley said. "This is the third, fourth week of competition, and everybody's getting in better shape and you have limited time now."

On Friday evening in the New Balance Collegiate Invitational in New York City, the women's distance medley relay team set a new school record of 11 minutes, 10.28 seconds.

The members of the record setting team are seniors Trudeann Clark and Gladys Kipsang, and juniors Caroline Karunde and Purity Biwott.

The relay team placed fifth in the race, and its time is sixth best in the nation.

Another school record falling this weekend was the men's 600-yard run, won by junior LaToy Williams with a time of 1:08.46.

The Red Raiders finished with 12 first-place finishes across the three meets, with eight provisional times also set.

Freshman Bryce Lamb won the men's triple jump in the New Mexico Classic with a distance of 16.27 meters, good enough to automatically qualify him for the NCAA indoor championships.

Lamb's teammate Darrell Roddick finished second in the jump with a provisional mark of 16.13 meters.

Also competing in New Mexico was Kelsey Lloyd, who competed in the pentathlon for the first time in her career and placed first with 3,989 points, setting a provisional mark.

Senior Ozie Okolie from Houston, won the women's weight throw with a distance of 17.85 meters in the Tech Invitational.

"Personally today, I thought I did good," Okolie said. "I just need to work on a little bit more technique, but I was real tooled-out from the week so I couldn't go as good as I wanted to, but I thought I was good overall."

Other strong performances from the Red Raiders include first-place finishes in the women's 400 by sophomore Erica Alexander, the women's 200 by sophomore Terra Evans and the men's 55-meter hurdles by senior Omo Osaghae.

Tech hurdlers placed first through fourth in the men's 55m hurdles, including provisional marks by Osaghae, senior Jansen Hyde and junior Bryce Brown.

Brown, unaware he made the provisional mark, said he has been pushing himself more in practice to perform better in the meets.

"I think I ran pretty well," he said. "I didn't make provisional — I ran a 7.38 and I think provisional is a 7.36 — so I was just a little bit off, but each week I've been progressing, so I'm happy

about that."

Brown also competed in the men's 4x400 meter relay with sophomores Markus Henderson and Jamele Mason, and the 600-yard winner Williams.

During the relay, Brown tripped up and rolled during his leg of the race, but got up immediately to help his team secure second-place.

Tech will be on the road this Saturday in College Station for the Texas A&M Challenge.

Kitley said he anticipates this meet

to be above and beyond the most difficult for the Red Raiders, because they will be competing against several teams from the Southeastern Conference as well as Texas and Texas A&M.

"We probably will go pretty hard at A&M, and I'll tell you why," he said. "It's going to be great competition so I think we have an opportunity to have some great marks — even better our provisional and our national marks, to get more people on the list."

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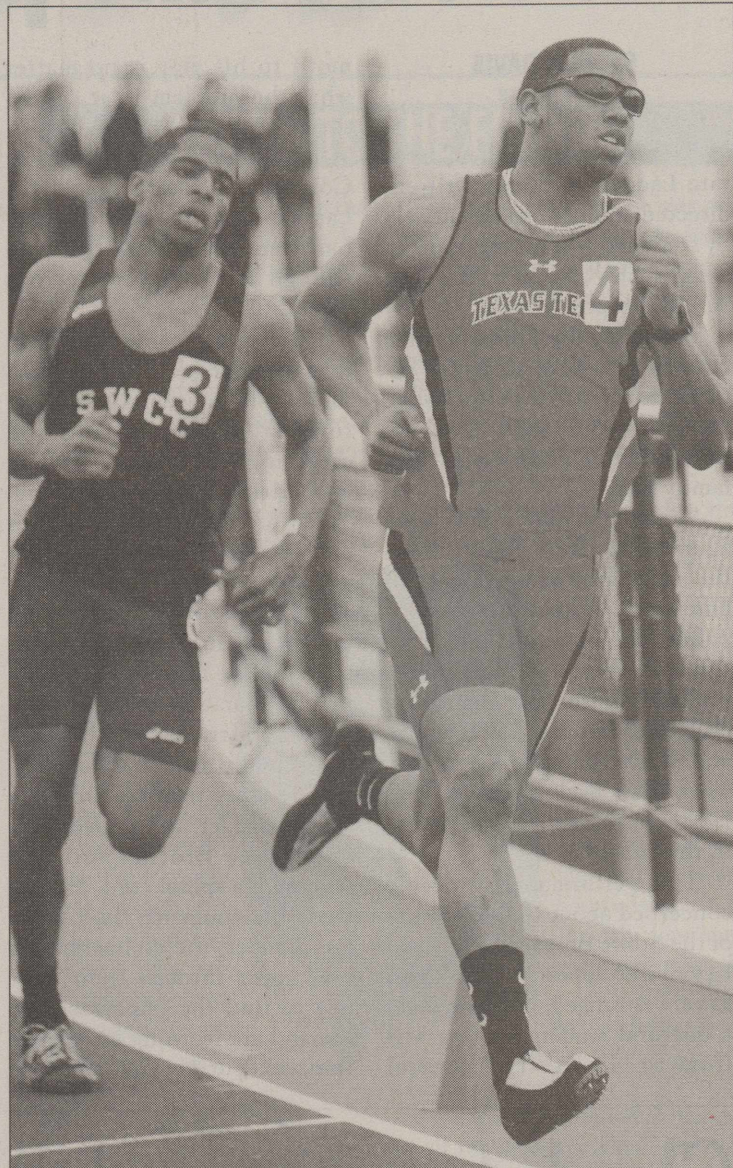


PHOTO BY SAM GRENAIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH'S Gil Roberts competes in the 400m during the weekend in the Texas Tech Invitational in the Athletic Training Center.

## Roberts returns after suspension

After serving a four-week suspension, track and field all-American Gil Roberts competed for the first time this season Saturday in the Texas Tech Invitational.

Roberts was suspended along with teammates Tim Foster and Lamont Adams for allegations surrounding theft of clothing items on Jan. 6 at the Academy Sports and Outdoors in Lubbock.

Tech coach Wes Kitley suspended both Foster and Adams indefinitely.

Kitley said all three athletes have had their troubles before, but Roberts has a different situation than Foster and Adams in regards to discipline and character.

"I can't elaborate on grades, but the overall package he is doing better," he said. "That was one of the decisions. It was a tough decision to get rid of the two other guys."

"I want them to do well, but I just felt like each one situation was dealt with independently and differently and each one had a little different situation."

Roberts ran in the 400-meter-dash and placed fifth with a time of 47.85 seconds.

Kitley said Saturday was Roberts' first time running since the IAAF championships on Aug. 18 of last year in Berlin.

Although Roberts did not win his race, Kitley said he expects him to run much faster in his next race.

Roberts was unavailable for comment Saturday.

"He has missed a lot," Kitley said. "I think it's obvious when you saw him run today. He's not as sharp as he would have been had he been in the program the whole time. But he is very outstanding."

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## Men's golf finishes seventh in Hawaii

Texas Tech men's golf coach Greg Sands knows seventh place usually is not much to be excited about.

But considering the field in the Mauna Lani Invitational in Kohala Coast, Hawaii, seventh placed doesn't sound so bad to the 10th-year Tech coach.

"We beat several teams in the Top 10," said Sands, whose team competed in a tournament that boasted six squads in the Top 10. "We beat TCU, they were ranked seventh. We beat Southern Cal, UCLA, Florida State and we beat some really good teams."

The No. 19 Red Raiders grabbed a top-10 finish in a 22-team field in the Mauna Lani Invitational, which started Wednesday and ended Friday.

Along with the teams Sands pointed out, Tech was matched up against other top-notch squads — most notably No. 1 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Stanford.

The Red Raiders carded rounds of 296, 298 and 287 for the seventh-place

finish. The Cardinals took the top spot, shooting 2-over-par.

Two of the most noteworthy performers for Sands in the Mauna Lani Invitational were Jacob Simon and Tyler Weworski.

Sands said this was Simon's first tournament at the Division I level. Simon entered this season as a redshirt freshman. He turned in rounds of 76, 74 and 73 — the latter being his most solid round.

Weworski, also playing in his first tourney, dropped throughout the Invitational with a 76 and a 79 in the second and third rounds, respectively. But Weworski's best round was his first, shooting a 74 on Wednesday.

Chris Ward and Nils Floren were the most solid for the Red Raiders last week.

Ward carded a 4-over 220 and Floren shot 3-over 219. Floren had the highest finish for a Red Raider individu-

ally at 19th place. Ward finished in 21st place.

The highlight of Ward's rounds was the 2-under 70 he shot Friday. Floren had that score in the first round Wednesday, but followed it up Friday with a 72. Matt Smith was good for par Friday as well.

Sands said he expects the Red Raiders to climb the rankings a little bit after their performance in the Mauna Lani Invitational.

He also said playing against a tough field like the one in this tourney only prepares his players for tougher fields down the road.

"Anytime you get to play a team that is No. 1 in the country regardless if it's in conference or not, it's exciting," Sands said. "We've had that opportunity a few times this year already."

"I think it makes these players understand that they can compete at a real high level."

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## Women's tennis suffers first loss

The first road challenge for the Lady Raiders and Texas Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty did not go well, as the team recorded its first loss of the season.

No. 73 Tech took a 5-2 loss to North Texas Saturday in Denton. The win gives UNT some revenge, considering Tech handled the Mean Green 6-1 in Lubbock last season. It also was UNT's first win against a ranked opponent in school history.

"They had this one circled on their schedule," Petty said of UNT. "They were hungry, our girls were hungry. I don't think it was a lack of motivation, I think it was just a lack of execution. They definitely came out with some confidence and looking for an upset. I give all the credit to them the way they performed in the pressure situations."

The match started with doubles, where the Lady Raiders (3-1) have limited experience this season. Tech had played doubles only one time this season.

At the top of the doubles lineup, Kelsy Garland and Natalie Leitch defeated sophomore Irina Paraschiv and junior Amy Joubert 8-6.

This was Tech's only victory in the doubles play, giving UNT the doubles point.

"Definitely a little bit hindering to us," Petty said of Tech's strength in doubles play. "That's no excuse. We gave ourselves a chance in all three. We were at 6-0 in all three of the doubles, two games away from each one. Didn't win the big points and North Texas did, and that was the case all day."

UNT (3-2) dominated the singles play earning victories in

the No. 1, No. 2, No. 4, and No. 5 spots. Paraschiv beat freshman Sandra Dynka in straight sets, 6-0, 6-4, in the No. 1 spot. Madura Ranganathan defeated Garland in the No. 2 spot, 6-2, 7-6.

The Lady Raiders continue their road trip as they face Arizona on Saturday and Rice on Sunday in Houston.

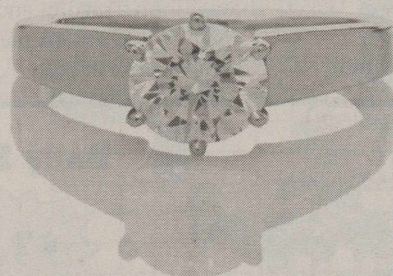
Petty said his players should understand the competition will get tougher and losses like Saturday's are expected from a young team.

But he also said credit has to go to the Mean Green.

"It was one of those eerie feelings from the beginning," he said. "From the warm up on it just didn't feel right. The girls fought hard, but give it to North Texas they went out there and took it from us, and played very well."

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Oklahoma State forward Matt Pilgrim was disappointed with his team's performance after the game and said the loss was surprising considering what happened in the first meeting between the two teams.

"I felt we should have beat them the same way we did last time," he said. "Nothing in my mind ever told me we were going to lose to Texas Tech. No disrespect to their culture and team, but that's just how I felt."

The Red Raiders have a 3-4 record since falling to the Cowboys and has a date against Oklahoma — a team they already beat in Lub-

bock — on Wednesday.

But before Tech moved to preparing for a rematch against the Sooners, Saturday was a time to celebrate Roberson's accomplishment and Tech's improvement.

Being a junior, Roberson has another year to put the assists record out of reach.

"That's a heck of a record to get so soon," Tech coach Pat Knight said. "Usually you hear about guys in their senior year with maybe two or three games to go who get that. I just feel bad for him because if we could have had some better teams his first two years he might have gotten it last year."

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## Ban on 3-point stance possible as NFL looks make game safer

MIAMI (AP) — A ban on the three-point stance? NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says it's possible.

Concerned about concussions, Goodell said the league will keep looking for ways to make the game safer. Speaking on CBS's "Face the Nation" hours before the Super Bowl, he didn't rule out the idea of banning the three-point stance for linemen to reduce the ferocity of collisions at the line of scrimmage.

"As you'll see tonight, you'll see a lot of players that never get down in a three-point stance," Goodell said Sunday. "So it's possible that would happen."

While science is still trying to determine the long-term effects of concussions, Goodell said, the league has made progress in increasing awareness about the severity of such injuries.

"For many years the culture had been quite different — that concussions weren't serious injuries," he said. "I think we have changed that culture and made sure that people understand

they are serious, and they can have serious consequences if they're not treated properly."

Goodell has met with NFL competition committee co-chair Rich McKay to begin evaluating possible rules changes.

Another priority for Goodell is the league's stalled labor negotiations. He predicted players' salaries will still grow under a new agreement, even if their share of revenue is reduced as owners have proposed.

Goodell said the owners need more money to cover rising costs for international ventures and infrastructure projects such as new stadiums.

"You have to invest in these stadiums that we're in today," the commissioner said. "You need to find new ways of creating revenue, whether it's international or otherwise. And that takes investment. And we need to make sure that the owners have the capital to be able to do that. And then the pie grows, and everyone benefits."

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# Raven leads Texas to rout of Tech

AUSTIN (AP) — Brittainey Raven scored a game-high 22 points to help No. 17 Texas rout Texas Tech 81-51 on Sunday.

Raven hit four 3-pointers as the Longhorns shot 50 percent from behind the arc. Kat Nash and Cokie Reed each scored 13 points for Texas (16-6, 5-3 Big 12).

The last time these two teams met, Texas was forced into double overtime by the Lady Raiders and narrowly escaped with a 95-90 win. This time, the Longhorns wouldn't let that happen.

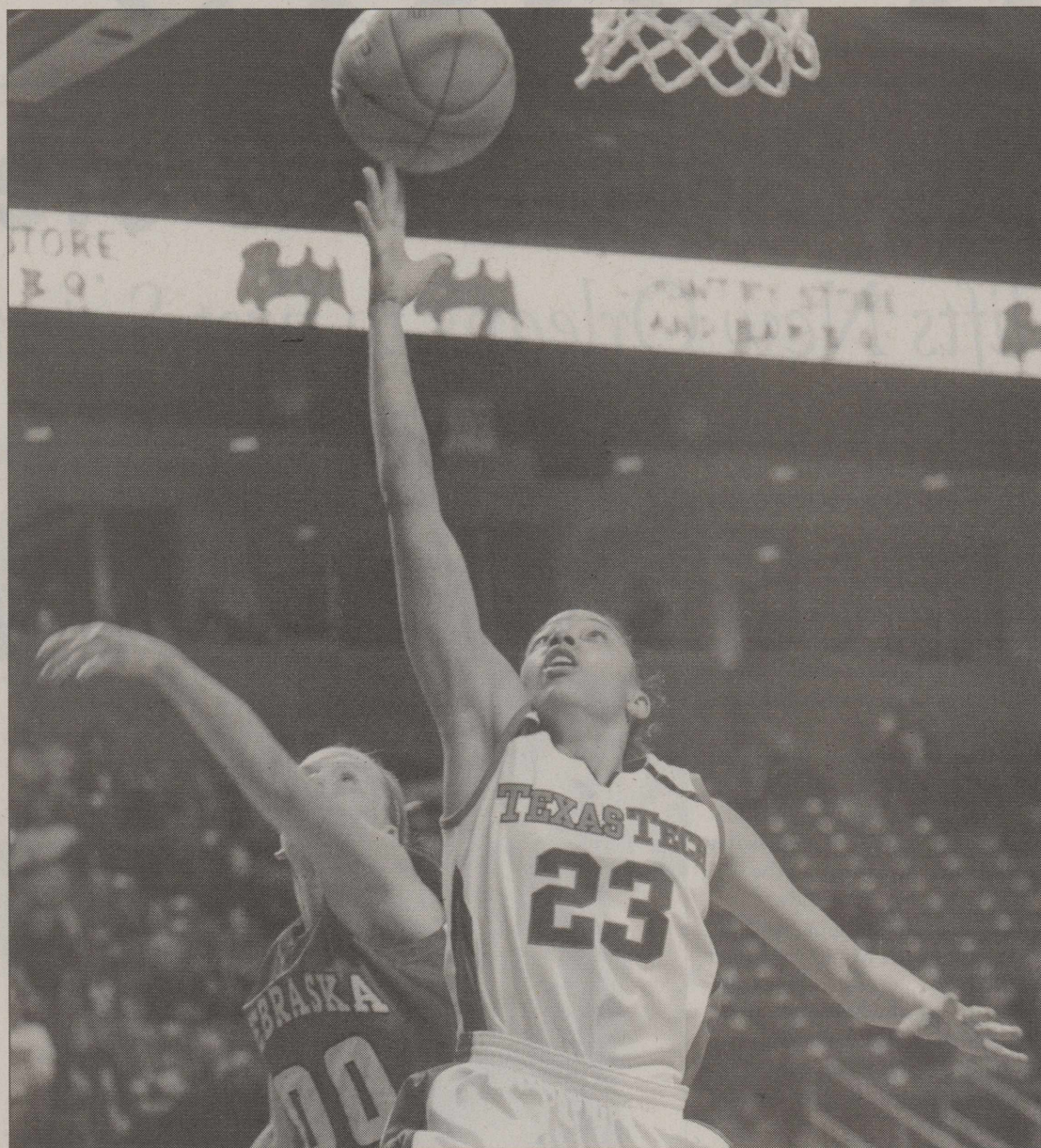
Ashlee Roberson had a double-double for the Lady Raiders (13-9, 1-7) finishing with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Nash helped spark Texas after the half, scoring eight points in the first eight minutes. Raven continued to cut through Texas Tech's interior defense as the Longhorns jump out to a 67-45 lead on a fastbreak lay-up with just over five minutes left in the game to seal the win.

Texas Tech jumped out to a 17-14 lead on a fastbreak layup by Christine Hyde with just over 10 minutes in the first half.

The advantage was short-lived as the Longhorns went on a 19-2 run over the next five minutes to take a 33-19 lead.

Roberson scored eight consecutive points for the Lady Raiders to close the gap. Raven led Texas with 13 points in the first half and hit a 3-pointer from the wing as time expired to give the Longhorns a 43-32 advantage at the break.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador  
TEXAS TECH GUARD Monique Smalls and the Lady Raiders took their second loss to Texas this season after an 81-51 drubbing Sunday in Austin. Tech fell to 1-7 in Big 12 Conference play this season. Tech had to do without sophomore center Kierra Mallard, who has been suspended indefinitely.

# Labor issues loom over NBA All-Star weekend

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL's party week was briefly interrupted by a sobering message about the league's labor situation.

Now it could be the NBA's turn. The league's collective bargaining agreement also will expire in 2011, and management and the players' association will meet next weekend during the All-Star events in Dallas as they try to negotiate a new one.

Indications are it won't be easy. CBSSports.com, citing a person familiar with the document, reported that the first proposal the league sent the union last week called for a reduction of the players' share of the basketball-related income from 57 percent to below 50, as well as reductions in the length and amount of maximum value contracts, and elements of a "hard" salary cap to replace the current system that forces teams exceeding the cap to pay a luxury tax.

Neither the league nor the union have commented about the proposal, but it will surely be a topic when commissioner David Stern, and perhaps players' association executive director Billy Hunter, meets with the media on Saturday.

Last week before the Super Bowl in Miami, DeMaurice Smith, the executive director of the NFL's players union, strongly warned of a potential lockout. He called the chances of football not being played in 2011 after the league's CBA expires a "14" on a scale of 1 to 10.

Stern said he will not ask Hunter

to avoid saying anything similar that would spoil the good times in Dallas, where the league is expecting Cowboys Stadium to host the largest crowd ever to watch a basketball game.

"There's nothing that I could or would do with respect to Billy's ability to say anything," Stern told The Associated Press. "That's his job, that's his obligation and we understand it. We could go to the table and switch sides and argue the other side. That's just the reality of it and so eventually there will be a deal, and we hope it's going to be sooner rather than later."

Hunter sometimes appears with Stern at the commissioner's annual state of the league press conference on All-Star Saturday night, but it's not clear if he will do so this year — especially if Friday's bargaining session goes poorly.

The sides already held some informal meetings last summer and exchanged some financial documents, getting an early start on what could be difficult negotiations. The economic downturn hit many team owners hard and they are seeking significant changes in a system that the players argue has largely worked.

Stern has said the central issue will be the division of revenues, though a reduction in maximum deals would surely anger some of the league's superstars — especially with LeBron James and Dwyane Wade among those hoping to sign some this summer. Players can currently re-sign with their own teams for up to six years and with other teams for five.

# Tech's Kierra Mallard suspended indefinitely

While the Lady Raiders were on the road to play Texas on Sunday, Kierra Mallard was forced to sit out and watch.

The sophomore center has been suspended indefinitely, according to a release from the university late Friday afternoon.

Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry made the announcement Saturday that Mallard was suspended effective immediately for

undisclosed reasons.

"Some times you have to make decisions that are best for your team, and I believe this is the right thing for our program at this time," Curry said in a formal statement.



MALLARD

Curry has a policy not to discuss personnel decisions and said she will not comment further on the issue.

Mallard has started every game this season at center for the Lady Raiders while leading the team in scoring with 12.6 points per game. She also is second on the team in rebounds with 7.1 per contest.

Curry announced Tuesday

that Kaylan Talley will not continue her basketball career because of chronic knee injuries. The loss of the 6-foot-8 center coupled with Mallard's suspension leaves the Lady Raiders with some holes to fill in the post.

No announcement has been made as to whether Mallard will be reinstated this season.

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## Saints win Super Bowl, 31-17 over Colts

### Late interception lifts New Orleans to first Super Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — Who Dat won the Super Bowl? The New Orleans Saints, that's who.

Ain't kidding. Put away those paper bags forever: Drew Brees and the Saints are NFL champions, rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 Sunday night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a 2-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining. The Pro Bowl quarterback was chosen Super Bowl MVP.

"We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' second-half comeback. Their 25th-ranked defense made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning, of all people, clinched it.

Manning gave futile chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began. Who would have thought the biggest mistake of the game would have come from Manning?

"It's time for the Saints to celebrate," he said. "It's their field and it's their championship."

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance, led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, climaxed with Shockey's touchdown and Lance Moore's 2-point conversion catch. The conversion pass originally was ruled incomplete, but Payton

challenged the call and won.

Porter's pick, just as dramatic as his interception of Brett Favre's pass to force overtime in the NFC title game, was the game's only turnover. It's one Manning will forever regret.

The Saints (16-3) won three postseason games this winter after winning only two in the previous 42 years. They beat Arizona, Minnesota and Indianapolis (16-3) — all division winners — for their first title, scoring 107 points and allowing only 59.

The championship came 4½ years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, making the Saints nomads for the 2005

season. There even was some doubt they would return, but the NFL refused to abandon the Big Easy. The Superdome was rebuilt and the Saints won the NFC South in '06, their first season with Brees and Payton.

That was the season Manning won his only Super Bowl. He had the Colts, favored by 5 points, in front for much of this one, but New Orleans' league-leading offense, which scored 510 points this season, outscored Indy 31-7 after falling behind 10-0. That matched the biggest comeback in a Super Bowl.

Payton held the Vince Lombardi Trophy high over his head and ran into the end zone toward several hundred fans chanting the Saints' rally cry: "Who dat, who dat, who dat say gonna beat dem Saints?"

Nobody can say it now. "Everybody back in New Orleans gets a piece of this trophy," he said.

"I think I could kiss him," owner Tom Benson said.

Before many of the 74,059 fans got settled following the Who's halftime show, the Saints worked a little voodoo. Garrett Hartley's onside kick was touched by the Colts' Hank Baskett, then recovered by Chris Reis at the

New Orleans 42.

"I just told our guys you've got to make me look good on this," Payton said. "That really becomes like a turnover."

Looking like the NFL's most potent offense, the Saints seized the opportunity to take their first lead. It came on Pierre Thomas' brilliant 16-yard run with a screen pass, capped by a dive into the end zone.

Manning simply shrugged, found Dallas Clark for 45 yards on a 76-yard drive, and Joseph Addai used a spin move a figure skater would envy to score from the 4-

But that was it for Indy.

Hartley, the hero of the NFC title game with his 40-yard field goal in OT, made a 47-yarder later in the third period. After Matt Stover was wide left on a 51-yarder early in the final quarter, Brees led the biggest drive in Saints history.

Manning looked sharp on the Colts' first two series, taking them 53 yards to a 38-yard field goal by Stover, at 42 the oldest player in Super Bowl history.

Then Manning led a 96-yard, 11-play drive that appeared almost routine, even though it tied the longest march in a Super Bowl. Addai rushed for 53 yards on the series, and Manning found Pierre Garcon behind backup cornerback Osama Young for the 19-yard score on third down.

New Orleans couldn't match that, but did get a 46-yard field goal by Hartley to make it 10-3. Brees was sacked on third down by All-Pro defensive end Dwight Freeney, who sure looked frisky despite ligament damage in his right ankle that made his availability uncertain for two weeks.

Then Indy's defense, ranked 18th during the season but staunch in the playoffs, really showed some power. After the Saints marched 71 yards, including 40 yards on two receptions by Marques Colston, New Orleans had third-and-goal at the 1. Mike Bell slipped running right behind All-Pro guard Jahri Evans, and Thomas was stacked up at the line by Gary Brackett and Clint Sessions on fourth down.

But the Colts went against type and ran three times, leaving 35 seconds for the league's most prolific offense to get in position for Hartley's 44-yard field goal and a more manageable 10-6 halftime deficit.

Shootout? More like a slow-down. Indy had two three-and-outs and New Orleans had one.

But the points came quickly after halftime — mostly for the Saints.

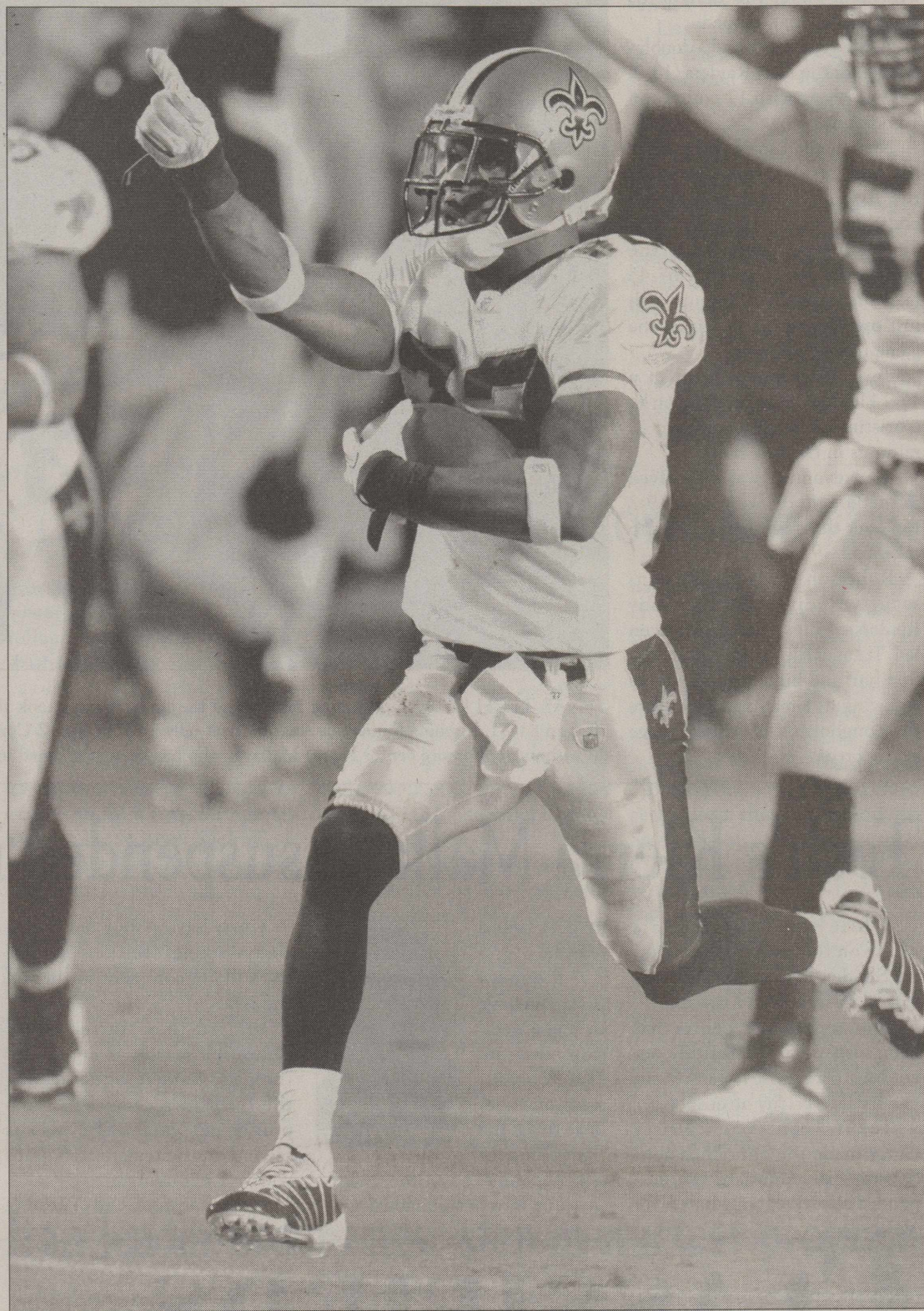


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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS cornerback Tracy Porter celebrates as he returns an interception for a touchdown during the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLIV against the Indianapolis Colts at Sun Life Stadium in Miami.

### Who Dat Nation: Saints become America's Team

MIAMI (AP) — Marshall Faulk ran as far as he could from the dead-end Desire Projects. He bolted the New Orleans streets to play college ball in San Diego, then blossomed into an NFL star with the Indianapolis Colts.

Forced to take sides in this Super Bowl, it was easy. Faulk rooted for his roots.

From President Barack Obama to a Queen, from Mr. Big to Miss America, the retired All-Pro had lots of company. For one game, the Saints were America's Team — champions, too, after a 31-17 win over the Colts

on Sunday night.

"We played for so much more than ourselves," quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees said.

That's for sure, Faulk said.

"This is very important to the city," he said a few days ago. "For the last five, maybe 10 years, whether it's Katrina, or the crime rate, the city's always in a bad light. Now ... you're getting to see some of the great things that we have to offer."

French Quarter hotels and restaurants filled up as Sunday's game between the Colts and Saints approached, with fans streaming into Louisiana

hoping to begin celebrating a week ahead of Mardi Gras.

Almost 4½ years after flooding from Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and nearly chased the Saints out of town for good, the club's first Super Bowl win may well represent the city's rebirth.

"You can't put it into words," receiver Marques Colston said after the win. "This city and region have been through so much."

Even the Colts grasped the soulful connection between the Saints and their town.

"There's a reason America is pulling for New Orleans, and why wouldn't they? They've been through a lot," Indianapolis safety Antoine Bethea said recently. "Sports tends to pull people together, so it's commendable for New Orleans to be, as I guess you'd say, America's Team right now."

Who Dat! That's the shortened version of the team's rally cry: "Who dat, who dat, who dat say gonna beat dem Saints?"

Egged on by New Orleans players, Saints fans started that loud, familiar chant inside Sun Life Stadium an hour before kickoff. Adorned in black-and-gold beads, toting parasols in team colors and stirred by a brass band, they paraded outside. Clearly, they needed no prompting to start the party.



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