

# **Enrollment, financial** aid trending upward

### **By EVAN JANSA** STAFF WRITER

With the summer session in full swing, there have been versity in turn helps it pursue change. changes around Texas Tech institutional goals. regarding enrollment and financial aid.

and more students are opting to quality and quantity of enrollhas increased for the two sum- our intensity because we've got Logan, managing director of that we need to maintain." undergraduate admissions.

"It looks like we're trending up a little bit from last year's summer enrollment," Logan said. "I don't have any certified numbers. Enrollment fluctuates on a day-by-day basis until we get to our census date."

The census date, according to Logan, is held on the 20th class day of a fall or spring semester but should be earlier during the shortened summer sessions. Having the census date after the early weeks of the academic calendar leads to a more accurate enrollment figure after all students have added or dropped classes.

Increased student interest in the continuation of education during the summer is something that has started to permeate schools across the nation.

"The culture of higher educa-

then the fall and spring."

"Part of our growth in our effort to achieve Tier One research On the enrollment side, more level is the development in the continue going to school after ment," Logan said. "We're workfinal exams in May. Enrollment ing hard and trying to maintain months." mer sessions according to Ethan a very aggressive growth pattern take advantage of the Federal

One student that has enrolled

To move through the system on time is a much more efficient, economical approach. There's more of an emphasis on summer education.

### **ETHAN LOGAN** Managing Director of

**Undergraduate Admissions** 

tion is starting to shift — slowly in summer courses is Joseph combination of the students — but it's starting to shift," Lo- Hutchinson. The senior commugan said. "To move through the nications major from Levelland new summer eligibility." system on time is a much more is using the two summer sessions efficient, economical approach. to finish up his last nine under- during the 2009-10 academic

counting in the summer and periods and demanding, intensified curriculum are not a More funding for the uni- burden but more of a welcomed

> "I can get my classes done in two months versus four," Hutchinson said. "I'd much rather do it quicker even if I have to study a little longer each week to get it done in two

> Students will also be able to Pell Grant Program during the summer for the first time. Until now, Pell grants were only allotted to students during the fall and spring semesters unless the students did not use all 100 percent due by not being enrolled full-time.

> Pell grants are need-based grants that are dependent on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid which students complete before attending Tech. The FAFSA, along with the Estimated Family Contribution, decides the amount of aid granted to the student.

> According to senior associate director of Student Financial Aid Paul Blake, Tech students have already received a sizable amount of aid for the summer sessions.

"We've already given out an additional \$1 million in Pell grants," Blake said. "That's a with leftover eligibility, plus the

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TOM OTTERNESS' "TORNADO of Ideas", located outside the Student Union Building, has recently been at the center of controversy on campus due to its subject matter. The Young Conservatives of Texas protested the sculpture in April, claiming it fails to accurately represent the ideals of Tech.

## Tech Board of Regents approves increases in tuition, fees for fall

### **By RALSTON ROLLO** EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Texas Tech Board of Regents approved a plan which includes a 9.95 percent increase in tuition during its meeting from May 13 to May 14.

The plan, which was presented to the board by Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Kyle Clark, also included an adjusted library fee of \$350 — a 30 percent increase — per semester and the standardization of advising fees to a universal cost of \$4 per semester with other universities in Texas.

Because Tech is pursuing Tier One status, he said increased tuition is necessary to promote further development of research.

"We had a (tuition) increase of about \$350 per semester at Texas Tech University," he said. "As we grow, we've got to hire additional (faculty) as far as research is concerned."

Drew Graham, president of the Student Government Association, said the increases in tuition and fees might have been too much all at once in a suffering state economy.

great value and is still highly competitive on public universities such as Tech and the SGA will work to make sure the interests of students are not overlooked by administrators.

> "The reality that we're facing is that, yes, we're in a hard time economically," he said. "Our job is to make sure students are not getting priced out of an education for the wrong reasons."

The standardization of advising fees at Tech is an important step in ensuring all students receive quality advising services from their respective colleges, Patton said.

There's more of an emphasis on graduate hours at Tech. summer education."

Texas lawmakers.

the funding Tech receives is is huge for me." based on the census. They start

"Summer school is very valu-The number of students en- able to me," Hutchinson said. \$16 million," Blake said. "As of rolled at Tech will also influence "I have a full-time job that is helping to pay for my college dispersed \$23.5 million due to "We're going into a legisla- right now. Being able to finish an increase in the Pell grant tive year," Logan said. "Part of in two months compared to four reward and an increase in eligi-

Hutchinson said longer class >>> evan.jansa@ttu.edu

That compares with 11 percent of

years. So far this year assaults are

slightly up, but data is incomplete.

usually with guns or knives.

Easterling.

Overall, Pell grant allocation year has seen an increase.

"Last year, we dispersed about the end of spring we've already bility for 2009-10."

credit hour.

The tuition increase amounts to an additional \$16.49 per semester credit hour and will take effect in the Fall 2010 semester, Clark said in the meeting.

Increased tuition will generate an estimated \$9.1 million in additional funding which the university will use to promote research growth, make strategic faculty hires and adjust faculty salaries, he said.

Despite a 9.95 percent tuition increase, Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the cost of an education at Tech is still a of Texas has put a great deal of pressure

He said Tech's heavy focus on the pursuit of Tier One status may be overriding some efforts to keep tuition and fees affordable.

"I'm not against Tier One, I just want to make sure students are getting the best bang for their buck," Graham said.

Tyler Patton, SGA external vice president, said the suffering economy

Tech administrators are doing a good job of keeping the interests and concerns of the student body in mind amid growing economic concerns throughout the state, he said.

The SGA welcomes student input and its office on the third floor of the Student Union Building is open for any student to voice their concerns or opinions about any matter related to Tech, Patton said.

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## Study finds US-Mexico border among safest regions in nation

### **By MARTHA MENDOZA** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY (AP) — It's one of the safest parts of America, and it's getting safer.

It's the U.S.-Mexico border, and even as politicians say more federal troops are needed to fight rising violence, government data obtained by The Associated Press show it actually the border for the first time in seven isn't so dangerous after all.

The top four big cities in America with the lowest rates of violent crime are all in border states: San Diego, ever been," said U.S. Customs and Phoenix, El Paso and Austin, accord- Border Protection spokesman Lloyd ing to a new FBI report. And an inhouse Customs and Border Protection report shows that Border Patrol agents fewer jobs available amid the U.S. face far less danger than street cops in recession, illegal immigration has most U.S. cities.

of Information Act request, shows 3 the region since 2004.

percent of Border Patrol agents and officers were assaulted last year, mostly and governors say their region is under with it." when assailants threw rocks at them. siege and needs more troops.

police officers and sheriff's deputies U.S.-Mexico border continues to send 1,200 National Guard troops to curity are frustrated by descriptions of assaulted during the same period, increase at an alarming rate. We help and spend an extra \$500 million a wave of violence when the statistics believe that this violence represents on border security. In addition, violent attacks against a serious threat to the national seagents declined in 2009 along most of curity of the United States as well as a serious threat to U.S. citizens said he should send at least 6,000 that live along the 1,969-mile long border," a dozen bipartisan members he said Arizona leads the nation in American public," said immigrant ad-"The border is safer now than it's of Congress from border states wrote President Obama.

gration law takes effect next month, He said one factor is that with requiring police to question suspects' violent crime in Arizona declined. work and be with their families." immigration status if officers be- And violent crimes in southwest lieve they're in the country illegally. border counties are among the lowest who want more security are surprised dropped. And responding to security Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer said in a in the nation per capita - they've by the talk of violence. The Customs and Border Protec- concerns after 9-11, the Border Patrol televised interview last weekend: "We dropped by more than 30 percent in tion study, obtained with a Freedom has doubled the number of agents in are out here on the battlefield getting the last two decades. Of America's 25 overblown," said Gary Brasher of to date."

the impact of all this illegal immigra- largest cities, San Diego - with one Tuboc, Arizona, who is president of

In response to the concerns from crimes per capita. "Violence in the vicinity of the the border states, Obama pledged to

His one-time rival for the presidency, Arizona Sen. John McCain, credible fear across the country about troops, which are needed because marijuana seizures, suffered 368 kid- vocate Isabel Garcia at Tucson-based nappings in 2008 and has the highest Derechos Humanos. "The warnings property crime rates in the U.S.

Nonetheless, border lawmakers tion, and all the crime that comes out of four residents an immigrant the Coalition for a Safe and Secure - has the lowest number of violent

> Opponents of increased border seshow the region to be relatively safe.

"Politicians are hyping up this inthe border, but these numbers show these are lies being perpetrated on the

Even residents of the border region

"I have to say, a lot of this is way

Border.

So why send troops to the region?

"That's really something to ask the White House," Easterling said.

White House spokesman Mike Hammer said "there are other rationales for why those border deployments are occurring" but declined to name any of them. "I would really put this to the Department of Homeland Security," he said.

Homeland Security spokesman about violence are just an excuse to Matthew Chandler provided a writ-But FBI crime reports for 2009 says crack down on migrants who want to ten statement that said more help is needed to build upon "the unprecedented resources the Administration has dedicated over the past 16 months and will serve to expand long-term the successes that have been realized



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# **NIH awards research** grant to Tech professor

### **By MERIDETH MURPHEY** STAFF WRITER

The National Institutes of Health has given the College of Engineering a two-year, \$400,000 grant to fund Zhaoming He's research of a coaptation plate to prevent ischemic mitral regurgitation.

He is an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The NIH is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. According to its website, www.nih.gov, the mission of the National Institute of Health is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce the burdens of illness and disability.

Every year more than 80 percent of the NIH's medical research budget, which is more than \$31.2 billion, is awarded to researchers, research institutions, universities and medical schools in the form of grants. This year the College of Engineering received \$400,000 of that grant money in order to fund exploratory research of a mitral valve coaptation mechanism designed by He.

Although \$400,000 might not

budget, He said it is substantially large in comparison to other grants because of the intensity of the research.

"Usually, a normal grant is \$80,000 per year," He said, "But for ment for mitral valve regurgitation this, because it is quite intensive, is \_\_\_is an annuloplasty ring that goes \$400,000 for two years. That means \$200,000 for one year, so that's quite intensive."

He said the reason he has been given such a large grant is because his research could potentially save the lives of the two to five million people who suffer from mitral valve regurgitation every year.

Jharna Chaudhuri, chairperson of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, said He's work will have a large impact.

"Dr. He is doing really important research in bioengineering," Chaudhuri said, "which (has) a lot of impact (on) the health of people."

Ischemic mitral valve regurgitation occurs when mitral valve leaflets become tethered due to the displacement of papillary muscles and annulus dilatation in the left ventricle of the heart. This prohibits mitral valve leaflets from closing properly and consequently leaks oxygenated blood back into the lungs.

He said this leakage of blood

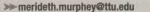
seem like a lot of the NIH's research causes a blockage in the lungs called hypertension and prohibits the blood from distributing oxygenated nutrients to certain parts of the body.

> The current method of treataround the valve and tightens it. He said this treatment method only has a 70 percent success rate. He said his coaptation plate will be placed inside the mitral valve, in combination with the annuloplasty ring, and stop the valve from leaking by inducing the leaflets the to touch the plate and seal the gap.

"This plate can be combined with this annuloplasty ring and tissue, can close normally because tension of the lungs. this coaptation plate is like the plug."

Chaudhuri said this funding will bring more national recognition to Tech as well as attract students.

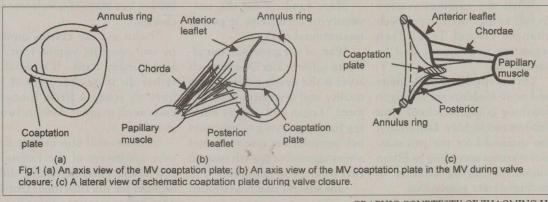
"It certainly helps to move Texas Tech to Tier One status," Chaudhuri said, "and you know when the research increases then the name of the university is out there then it also attracts undergraduate students and helps to make the undergraduate program better."



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put in the valve," He said. "So the ZHAOMING HE, AN assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, hopes to develop a leaflet, that means the soft, leafy coaptation plate which can prevent ischemic mitral regurgitation - a condition which often results in hyper-



GRAPHIC COURTESTY OF ZHAOMING HE



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### **POLICE BLOTTER** Police investigate forged medication prescription

### May 27

3:35 p.m., investigation of the forging and/or altering of a prescription at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

3:40 p.m., accident without injuries in the C11 parking lot.

### May 29

9:57 a.m., driving with an invalid license and two outstanding Lubbock County warrants in the 900 block of Flint Avenue.

3 p.m., accident without injuries in the C11 parking lot. May 30

4:43 p.m., theft of a bicycle from the bicycle rack south of Murray Residence Hall. May 31

10 a.m., criminal mischief in Murray Residence Hall.

1:54 p.m., theft of two bicycles from the bicycle rack south of Murray Residence Hall.

June 1

2:45 p.m., theft of a bicycle from the bicycle rack west of West Hall.

4:08 p.m., criminal mischief in Murdough Residence Hall. 4:11 p.m., theft of a bicycle

and bicycle lock from the bicycle rack west of Wiggins Dining Hall.

4:33 p.m., theft of a bicycle from the bicycle rack east of the Texas Tech University Library.

### June 2

9:50 a.m., theft of cash receipts at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

11:45 a.m., transportation of a student to Covenant Hospital for emergency detention.

1:30 p.m., criminal mischief at the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration. »ralston.rollo@ttu.edu

# Son of Tech employees to help raise funds for UMC

### **By TRISTIN WALKER** STAFF WRITER

Jason and Stephani Biggs, are the Biggs, Alexander's father, is an amazing journey.

Alexander Biggs is no ordi- Network. nary 10 month old baby. He was it corrected.

Their son's journey did not go Miracle Network.' unnoticed and Alexander Biggs was elected as one of this year's Network broadcast will air this miracle kids of CMN by pediatrician, Dr. Kirsten Robinson.

Texas Tech faculty members, economics and geography. Jason ment and care for the patients.

"It was an honor for them to born with a bilateral cleft lip and choose us," Stephani said. "It's nice to hear that there is going to be smiling." cleft palate and would have to go for him to be involved and later he an issue with your child, but at through multiple surgeries to get will get to see the video that he did the same time we knew what a long way on their journey with to help raise money for Children's Alexander had was fixable," Jason Alexander. They said the surgeries

The 2010 Children's Miracle Saturday from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5:30 Eric Finley, communications p.m. on KCBD News Channel 11, adapt to their son's needs. manager for University Medical live from the Children's Hospital Center, said being a miracle kid at University Medical Center, out of University Medical Center and that's all it is.

help raise money for the hospital. helps raise will go back to the com- Alexander to repair his lip. In five His mother, Stephani Biggs, munity and to the hospital. Finley months, Alexander will face a secis an adviser in political science, said the money helps buy equip-

proud parents of Alexander Biggs, assistant director for Campus Life. with Alexander has been hard but She said he's crawling all over the a Children's Miracle Network Both parents said they are very a blessing to them both. They said miracle kid, who has been on an glad to have the opportunity to be they were shocked to learn their and learning to drink out of his involved with Children's Miracle son would be born with a bilateral cleft palate and cleft lip.

Biggs said.

Alexander's parents said they knew they had a tough road ahead of them, but agreed they both felt blessed to have a child and would

means having the opportunity to Finley said. The money Alexander has already performed surgery on »tristin.walker@ttu.edu

### ond surgery to repair his palate.

In the meantime, Stephani Both parents said the journey said Alexander is doing great. place, learning to eat solid foods bottle.

"He's the happiest baby I've "I think you never really want ever seen," Jason said. "He's always

The couple said they have come have provided some hard days, but it has been fun growing with Alexander and learning along the way.

'Whenever you're talking about a baby there's going to be challenges," Jason Biggs said, "and his A team of surgeons working just happened to be very visible,

## Marines, sailors engage in D-Day-style training exercise on Southern Calif. beach

(AP) — Thousands of Marines and Navy League. sailors set out to sea Thursday for an ing obsolete in modern-day warfare.

and sailors.

Afghanistan in the last decade has modernization. relegated them to the status of a kind

has raised questions about whether be needed in the future," said Loren maintain. It's something we do." amphibious skills are becoming out- Thompson, a defense analyst for the when enemy anti-ship technology has difficult to pull off. 'We have to take a hard look at landing again — especially as advances vehicle.' in anti-ship systems keep pushing the potential launch point further from Pendleton exercise kicked off May 24 shore. On a more basic level, in the and will culminate Friday when troops 21st century, what kind of amphibious reach the Camp Pendleton beach capability do we really need to deal on 60 Amphibious Assault Vehicles, with the most likely scenarios, and supported by 16 hovercrafts and seven then how much?" Gates asked military amphibious ships.

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. leaders in a speech last month at the

exercise to storm a picturesque beach cutting Gates of trying to dismiss of all time. More than 160,000 troops in Southern California in a training the value of beach landings and the landed along a 50-mile stretch of the mission that comes amid a debate in needed equipment, like a \$13.2 billion Normandy coast on June 6, 1944, pavthe military about whether D-Day- plan to buy large numbers of the Expestyle amphibious landings are becom- ditionary Fighting Vehicle starting in 2012. The amphibious vehicles, also The effort is the largest amphibious known as EVFs, help get troops from training exercise on the West Coast ship to shore while under fire and mark since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, a significant upgrade over the current capable of doing everything from involving more than 4,500 Marines technology available to the military.

It also comes at a pivotal time for the military in his search for roughly the Marines, who have complained \$10 billion in annual savings to sustain Outgoing Commandant Gen. James about how heavy fighting in Iraq and the combat force and invest in its Conway wants his "soldiers of the sea"

"The United States' Marine Corps of second land army. As such, some has been conducting amphibious said many of the Marines participat-Marines have spent little time inside a operations for 200 years. It's a unique ing in the exercise this week had not ship, much less landing on a beach. capability and there is no analytical done a landing from sea before this Defense Secretary Robert Gates basis for arguing that capability won't drill. "It is a competency we need to

It will wrap up two days before the 66th anniversary of D-Day — the Defense analysts accuse a cost- world's largest amphibious invasion ing the way for the Allied victory.

Defense experts say the lessons learned that day still apply.

The Marine Corps says the exercise with the Navy makes an agile force assaulting an enemy beachhead to Gates is scrutinizing every aspect of bringing food and supplies ashore to a disaster-stricken nation such as Haiti. to get back to their roots.

Navy spokesman Lt. Kyle Raines

Gates has suggested that the dated in an era marked by landlocked Lexington Institute. "Everyone we military has overstated its requireconflict in places like Afghanistan and are likely to fight in the future is going ments in a post-Cold War world to be close to the sea ... like Iran, like and that Congress is unlikely to become increasingly sophisticated, North Korea, like Vietnam, like almost give the Pentagon the sizable budmaking beach invasions much more any place you can mention other than get increases it has enjoyed since 2001. The current defense budget, And he added: "If the EFV is not counting the cost of fighting for \$549 billion for 2011. Gates managed to get Congress to agree last year to stop production of the Air Force's F-22 stealth fighter earlier than previously planned, and he halted an Army ground combat vehicle project that had been a top priority.

## Suspect in 2005 disappearance of Ala. teen arrested in Peru murder case

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A Dutch man long suspected in the disappearance of an Alabama teen in Aruba was arrested Thursday in the murder of a young woman in

Stephany Flores, 21, was killed in a Lima hotel Sunday, five years to the day after Natalee Holloway disappeared.

The suspect, Joran van der Sloot, was arrested in neighboring Chile, where he traveled the day after Flores died. Van der Sloot was taken in a dark vehicle to a police office in downtown Santiago. He made no comment as he entered, walking calmly and without handcuffs as journalists shouted his name.

Van der Sloot was detained while traveling in a taxi, about halfway to the coast on Route 68, said Fernando Ovalle, deputy spokesman of Chile's national investigative police.

The suspect did not resist and has been calm under detention. Ovalle said.

murder weapons in the room, quote-unquote usual suspect when Garcia said.

Flores was killed exactly five years after the May 30, 2005, disappearance of Holloway during a high school trip in Aruba, a Dutch Caribbean island where loway in Aruba. van der Sloot's late father was a prominent judge.

is still their main suspect in the case even though he was never charged.

Guardia said the 22-year-old Dutchman was in Peru for a poker tournament and appears with the dead woman in a video taken at a Lima casino early Sunday. The two were later seen entering the hotel by one of its employees about 5 a.m. and the Dutchman departed alone about four hours later, he said.

"We have an interview with a enter his room," Guardia said.

it comes to allegations of foul play," Tacopina said.

Van der Sloot was twice arrested but later released for lack of evidence in the 2005 disappearance of Hol-

No trace of her has been found and van der Sloot remains the main Prosecutors said van der Sloot suspect in the case, Ann Angela, spokeswoman for the Aruba prosecutor's office, said Wednesday.

"What's happening now is incredible," she said. "At this moment we don't have anything to do with it, but we are following the case with great interest and if Peruvian authorities would need us, we are here.'

The mystery of Holloway's disappearance garnered wide attention on television and in newspapers in Europe and the United States.

Two years ago, a Dutch television worker at the hotel who says she crime reporter captured hiddensaw this foreigner with the victim camera footage of van der Sloot saying he was with Holloway when The victim's father, Ricardo she collapsed on a beach from being Flores, 48, is a former president drunk. He said he believed she was dead and asked a friend to dump her body in the sea. 2/2/2 Townhouse For Sale 2 Master Bedrooms 3202- A 66th **Extra Parking** Large bathrooms Near Tennis Center \$123,950 McQueen Co. Realtors (806) 797-3275

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where it would be necessary or sensible canceled, many marines will die in in Iraq and Afghanistan, is \$535 to launch another major amphibious the future for lack of an adequate billion; the administration is asking

Called "Dawn Blitz," the Camp

Chilean police are awaiting instructions from their counterparts in Peru, Ovalle said.

van der Sloot early Sunday, was found Wednesday lying face down on the floor of the suspect's hotel room in Lima, with her neck broken, Peruvian police Gen. Cesar Guardia told The Associated Press. She was fully clothed, with no signs of having been sexually abused. Authorities found no potential

of the Peruvian Automobile Club who won the "Caminos del Inca" rally in 1991 and brings circuses and foreign entertainers to Peru. Flores, who had been seen with He ran for vice president in 2001 and for president five years later on fringe tickets.

A lawyer for van der Sloot in New York, Joe Tacopina, cautioned against a rush to judgment.

"Joran van der Sloot has been falsely accused of murder once before. The fact is he wears a bull'seye on his back now and he is a

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# The true nature of **Facebook privacy**

### **By CHRIS LEAL**

- has recently been in the spot- of users. light for its privacy standards, or accused lack thereof.

The website, which gener- eration gap of ates 570 billion page views a technology usmonth (yes, billion with a 'b'), ers. We current in order to fix this problem and college kids, or combat all the negative PR it's so-called "Genreceived lately, Facebook has eration Y-ers", recently stated that it is going have grown to streamline its privacy settings up with comand basically make them more puters and the user-friendly.

Now at face value this prob- majority of our lem doesn't seem very significant, lives. other than the fact that the negative publicity isn't good for the it seems we company's image (although, with are much more 570 Billion page views a month comfortable I don't see the site losing its with the techpopularity any time soon); people nology, which would explain the be wise to not disclose your year make a fuss, the company comes lack of complaints on this privacy of birth, physical address, and to out and makes minor cosmetic issue from our age group. changes, criticism is quelled end of story.

and part of the majority demo- their lives without broadband back to hurt you.

graphic of Facebook users, I've connections. never heard anybody complain Facebook, the social network- about the privacy policy of the have to worry only about your ing site created by Mark Zuck- site; not a friend, classmate, physical possessions being stolen, erberg out of his Harvard dorm roommate or anybody. So far but also your intangible assets room — in case anybody was it's only been in the media and, such as your identity, is comfort unaware of what Facebook was subsequently, older generations with relaxed privacy settings

> What I think this issue of privacy highlights is the gen- majority of my contemporaries

internet for a As a result

This is in opposition to our or get tagged in. If you put even parent's age group, which re- this much effort forth, I don't see But, being a college student members a much larger span of

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But in an era when you don't dangerous?

Personally, and I'm sure a would agree,

I don't see

too much of a

threat as long as you're re-

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what you post om Facebook.

you shouldn't

put your social security num-

ber on there

Obviously

What I think this issue of privacy highlights is the generation gap of technology users

(I have yet to ever see anybody do that). Maybe it would monitor what pictures you post

how anything could really come

Recently, however, a pretty iffy IM conversation was released from when Zuckerberg was only 19 and still living in his dorm. He was discussing his early site with a friend and the exchange went as follows:

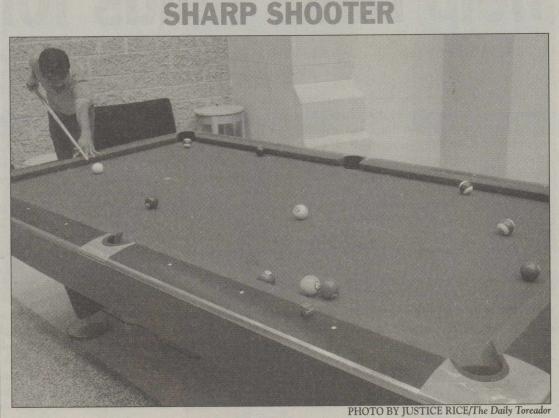
Zuck: Yeah so if you ever need info about anyone at Harvard

Zuck: Just ask.

Zuck: I have over 4,000 emails, pictures, addresses, SNS (Friend's Name): What?

How'd you manage that one? Zuck: People just submitted

w why.



TRIDEEP RIJALE, A doctoral student seeking a Philosophy Doctorate in Chemistry, plays a game of pool Wednesday in the basement of the Student Union Building.

### Obama administration reacted poorly

### **By THOMAS LOTT**

It has been over a month since British Petroleum's oil rig, Deepwater Horizon, caught fire. The incident killed 11 workers and triggered the largest oil spill in United States history.

BP has tried countless ways to put a stop to this catastrophe while firmly shouldering much of the blame for the environmental damage that seems to have no end in sight.

But what so many people are forgetting is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 that states that the President must oversee the spill in association with the United States Coast Guard. This act was created in response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989 because of the indecisive nature of cleanup efforts.

President Barack Obama has decided it is time for him to take over the oil spill. But what he also decided to do was shut down much of our nation's deepwater drilling.

disagree with them. He had all of the resources to stop the oil from reaching the coast. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration developed what is known as 'In Situ Burn' in 1994 which uses barriers called fire booms to collect the oil

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the validity of either of these excuses, though. Wouldn't it be better to stop this flow of oil as soon as we can to prevent the impact upon our coastal waters and the wildlife living there?

While Obama blames BP for its poor safety regulations and puts all the blame on their shoulders for the spill, he is letting the spill itself get worse. But as long as we keep our air clean that is a necessary sacrifice.

I can't help but think this is a way for Obama to put an end to all drilling in and around the U.S. He will find a way to bring this country away from the energy sources we use and force new and more expensive forms of energy upon us.

And there is only one thing this can do in the long run — hurt our economy more. We can't expect to stop drilling offshore and think our economy will recover. How have higher gas prices ever helped an economy? And you can bet that stopping deepwater drilling will do exactly that.

The more I see what is going

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It took him nine days to respond to the spill, but he barely wasted a second in shutting down other rigs - a decision which will inevitably hurt our struggling economy.

This is just one of several instances in which President Obama has found a way to set this country back in an effort to push forth his own agenda. First it was Cap and Trade, second it was health care and now the shutting down of a significant portion of our economy and energy.

Many are starting to call the spill "Obama's Katrina" and I can hardly

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at sea and then burn it off. This was not done largely because it could pollute our air.

of chemical dispersants that would have made the oil much less environmentally harmful once it reached shore but they decided not to do so because they didn't know whether it may have environmentally harmful side effects. I really have to question >>> tlott33@yahoo.com

on around me, the more I worry The government already took control of General Motors and the health care industry. I can't help but expect drilling for oil to be next.

When Obama said he wanted They could have used a form change in our society he meant it. But after all the government has taken over and how much of our money has been used to do so, we had better be paying attention. In the end, change may be all we have left.

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