

A Timeless Tradition

Masked Rider a force in the world of mascots **By HALLIE DAVIS**

STAFF WRITER

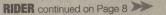
A lot of things represent Texas Tech: the Double T, the football team and the sea of red and black that fills the stadium on game days.

One of the university's most well known representations is now officially one of the nation's best as well. An Associated Press panel of voters named Tech's Masked Rider as the ninth coolest mascot in college football.

The article described the Masked Rider as "swashbuckling," and one panelist, Tom Keegan, from the Lawrence Journal-World in Kansas, said specifically the Tech mascot was much more dramatic than Bevo, the University of Texas mascot who placed seventh.

The Masked Rider's entrances to football games and other events is what makes it stand out as a mascot.

"It's the most dramatic entrance in college football," said Tech president Guy Bailey. "Absolutely nothing else tops it."





1972 MASKED RIDER Randy Jeffers rides his horse.

Burkhart Center names endowed research chair

David M. Richman named to \$1.5M position Tuesday

By MICHAEL PORTER STAFF WRITER

David M. Richman is now the holder of the endowed \$1.5 million Jere Lynn Burkhart Chair in Austism Research for the endowed the Burkhart Center for Autism chair be-Education and Research.

Richman was named to the position Tuesday in the Merket skills and his potential to take the Alumni Center.

Janice Magness, Director of the Transition Academy at the Burkhart Center, said the position has been available since the center opened in 2005 and the center has been actively seeking the right person for the past three years.

Before beginning his tenure at Texas Tech, Richman worked at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as an associate professor in the Department of Special Education, Magness said.

"The committee was looking for someone like Richman who was in mid-career, who had some experience with research, and who was still wanting to look into new ideas and new



Burkhart Center to new heights.

"We were looking for someone who could come and give vitality and energy to our center and make it a national leader in autism research," Bailey said.

He said recruitment talks between Richman and Tech have been going on for about a year. During this time, Richman made two trips to Lubbock.

Magness said it wasn't hard for Richman to fit in.

"Pretty much, everybody liked him on the first trip," she said.

As the Endowed Chair at the Burkhart Center, Richman will be in charge of all research. Specifically, though, his emphasis will be on early intervention in young children with autism. He also will be teaching classes and

MASKED RIDER ORIGINS

THE BEGINNING



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOUTHWEST COLLECTIONS GEORGE TATE WAS the first unofficial Masked Rider in 1937.

THE ORIGINALS

JOE KIRK FULTON, **Texas Tech's** first Masked Rider, sits atop his horse. Fulton served from 1953-1955.



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options and do research," she said. "He has done a great deal of research."

writing grant proposals.

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Workshop to honor memory of Tech math supporter Byrnes' impact was widespread in Tech's math department

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

A workshop will be hosted Sept. 10 through 12 at the Bolinger Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP building in Lubbock.

The workshop will honor Chris Byrnes, a distinguished professor from Washington University in St. Louis who died Feb. 7 in Stockholm, Sweden.

David Gilliam, professor of mathematics at Texas Tech, said Byrnes was well known throughout the mathematics department at Tech.

"Professor Byrnes had many connections with Tech mathematics for over 30 years," Gilliam said.

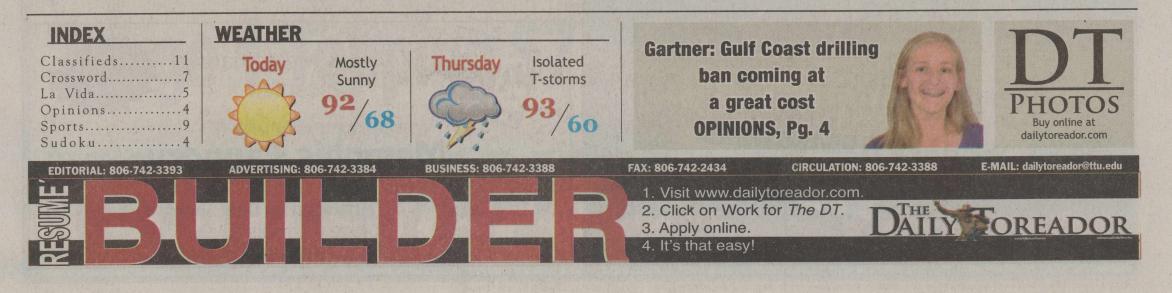
"In particular, he was the Ph.D advisor for two faculty members in the mathematics department: Dr. Wang and Dr.



fessor of mathematics at Tech, was mentored by Byrnes and will be giving a speech in his honor at the workshop. He said Byrnes lent his support to Tech in many ways.

"My first impression of Dr. Byrnes was that he talks very fast and answers before you finish," Wang said. " He is the most intelligent person I have met in my life."

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THURSDAY

Meet Your Librarian Time: 12 p.m. Where: Administration building room 341 So, What is it? The Center for Undergraduate Research would like to welcome you to our Fall Workshop Series. Come find out who your subject librarian is.

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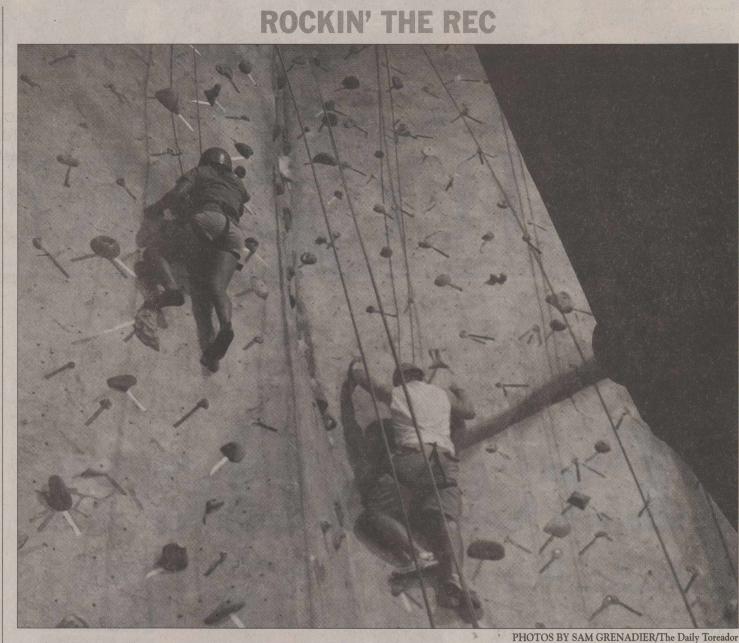
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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.



ANGELA WORSHAM, LEFT, a freshman undecided major from El Paso, and Jesse Gregg, a freshman civil engineering major from Atlanta, climb up the rock walls Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Math

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Gilliam said Byrnes also coauthored papers with several faculty at Tech and has visited and lectured here many times.

"For many years he also contributed to the scholarship fund in the Mathematics Department at Texas Tech," he said.

The workshop will bring people from all over the world who knew Dr. Byrnes and will speak in his remembrance.

'There will be a series of 15 to 18 technical lectures presented by faculty members from around the country as well as other countries, including Germany, Switzerland, "It is not intended to be a for- »brian.howard@ttu.edu

Sweden," Gilliam said, "all places where Chris had held distinguished visiting positions." According to the workshop

website, there will be various events allowing visitors and faculty from Tech to socialize while remembering Byrnes' accomplishments.

On the evening of Sept. 10 there will be a reception allowing attendees to spend time talking about memories of Chris as well as to visit with each other. On Sept. 11 all attendees are invited to a dinner and social gathering at the Annual Fall Social for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Tech. Gilliam said there are various objectives the workshop will aim to accomplish.

cuses on some specific current topics but rather a wide variety of talk titles which you can view on the workshop website," he said.

One objective of the workshop is to collect and archive information about Byrnes' life and to ultimately produce a permanent online memorial in his honor, Gilliam said.

Although there are numerous points the workshop will focus on, there is still one main goal to be achieved.

The main goal of the workshop is to honor Dr. Byrnes," Gilliam said, "who was a world-class leader in research and a very good friend who touched many people's lives."

Mexico captures 'the Barbie'

former Texas high school football player and petty street dealer who allegedly rose to become one of Mexico's most savage assassins became the third major drug lord brought down by Mexico in less than a year, and could provide intelligence on even bigger kingpins.

Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "the Barbie" for his fair complexion and green eyes, grinned broadly Tuesday as police described a life of luxury and violence that made a battleground of central Mexico, where he waged a war for control against his slain

boss's brother.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A agrees, or he could face prosecution in Mexico for drug-related crimes. Mexican authorities say he could be responsible for dozens of murders.

The arrest was portrayed by Mexico's government as a victory for President Felipe Calderon as he tries to recover public support for his war on organized crime in the face of escalating violence.

U.S. and Mexican officials described Valdez's arrest on Monday as the culmination of a yearlong pursuit and stronger intelligence sharing between the two countries.

Mexican police said they chased Valdez across five Mexican states for a year, a pursuit that intensified in recent months as they raided home The 37-year-old Valdez faces after home owned by the drug lord, charges in three U.S. states for missing him but nabbing several of his allies. Among those taken into custody was his girlfriend and her mother, Valdez's U.S. lawyer said.

a while," attorney Kent Schaffer told The Associated Press. "So you figure it's just a matter of time.'

Born in the border city of Laredo, Texas, Valdez grew up in a middleclass subdivision popular with Border Patrol agents, police officers and firefighters. His father was a nightclub and bar owner.

The former Laredo United High School linebacker became a smalltime street dealer as a teen, before rising to become the head of a group of assassins for Mexico's notorious Beltran Leyva gang, allied with the powerful Sinaloa cartel, according to U.S. and Mexican officials.

U.S. prosecutors say Valdez has been the source of tons of cocaine smuggled into the United States

while cartel dealers shipped millions

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trucking in tons of cocaine. As a U.S. citizen living illegally in Mexico, Valdez could be deported to the United States if Mexico

"This has been going on for quite

of dollars in cash back to Mexico in tractor-trailer trucks. Valdez's first arrest came at 19 in Texas, where he was charged with

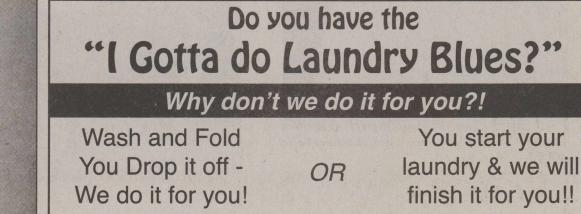
criminally negligent homicide for allegedly running over a middle school counselor in his truck while speeding down a Laredo street. He was never indicted.

Minor scrapes with the law followed: drunken driving, speeding, public intoxication. All the while, Valdez worked as a small-time street dealer - a small fish to state narcotics officers, according to Martin Cuellar, now the Webb County sheriff, who was an undercover narcotics officer at the time.

After leaving Texas for Mexico, police say Valdez quickly rose through the ranks of the Beltran Leyva cartel. He was anointed head of Acapulco operations by cartel leader Arturo Beltran Leyva after serving as the drug kingpin's top bodyguard, according to Federal Police Commissioner Facundo Rosas.

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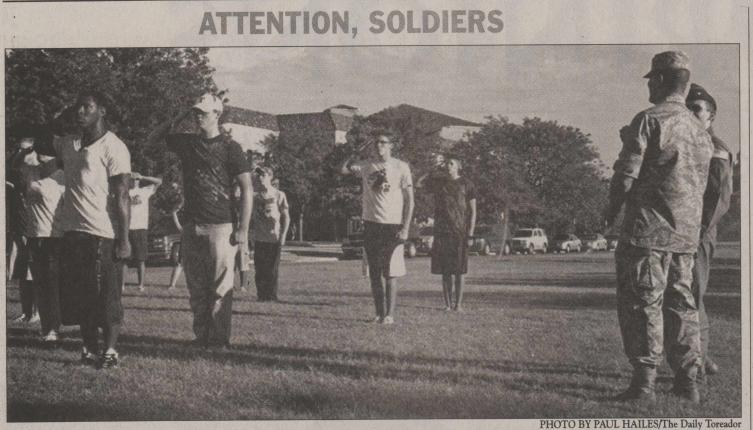
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BRENT RIOS, A junior chemical engineering major from Grapevine, and Michael Sanders, a senior history major from Del Rio, oversee a linecommand contest for the Air Force ROTC, Tuesday in the engineering key.

New bus routes provide faster, simpler travel

BY DEREK MOY STAFF WRITER

Going around Texas Tech counterclockwise, taking student requests and stopping at more used locations, the Masked Rider now helps relieve the amount of students the Double T and Red Raider buses tend to transport.

Tyler Patton, Student Government Association external vice president, said the Masked Rider route maintains its major stops while taking on additional ones to fill the needs of Tech students.

"I think that we've given a chance for more students to use that Masked Rider instead of funneling them into only two routes," Patton said.

Alex McCammon, legislative liaison for SGA, said there are more students on campus that need to be dropped off at strategic, and often busy, locations. The route change still serves the satellite parking lot, however.

"It's not really a new bus route, it's more of a renovation of the old one," McCammon said. "We tried to make everything a lot faster."

The current bus routes will not be fix bus route issues. changed for the rest of the year but the routes have had some reported issues.

At the Commuter West lot, students called in to tell Patton the bus was only stopping at two of four stops. This led to many students having to walk a long distance to the first or last stop in the lot, he said.

"There was a miscommunication that happened somewhere and the buses were picking up only in two locations inside Commuter West when they should have been picking up four," Patton said.

He said the problem has since been fixed and apologized for any inconvenience Commuter West parkers faced.

"It's just one of those things where it's the beginning of school and these things just pop up," he said. "We try our best to make sure that it doesn't happen but for whatever reason there's just these issues that crop up."

McCammon said he is currently working on an e-mail that will be sent to all students about bus route information. He said valuable input can be

'Students are the main source of information we have about what exactly needs to be fixed around here," he said.

An International Express route has also been developed to help international students without cars make grocery trips to Walmart and Amigos.

Katrina Garcia, transit supervisor for Citibus, said she worked with the SGA as well as international clubs to find out what stops were needed most. From the provided locations a simple, but effective, route was formed.

A shuttle will stop at College Pointe and Sierra Crossing apartment complexes every first and third Saturday of the month starting Sep. 4, Gracia said.

Kshiteej Deshpande, president of the India Students Association, said the issue of international students without cars has been a concern of his.

"There are many Indians that do not have a car so they have this issue of getting grocery goods for themselves," Deshpande said.

A similar program was started last year obtained from students in an effort to by CultureConnex. Every Sunday at 4

p.m. there have been shuttles to Walmart on Avenue Q and the newly added route will be another way for students without cars to get groceries, he said.

Mike Lewis, president of CultureConnex, said the nonprofit group was formed in April last year to help international students that needed transportation.

"Several of us that just became aware of the very great needs of international students who come to Tech with nothing but a couple of suitcases and we just felt like we were equipped to help out," Lewis said.

CultureConnex borrows a large passenger van from Bacon Heights Baptist Church to drive students in need of groceries to Walmart. He said they shuttle about 50 students every weekend and do not plan to stop shuttle services anytime soon.

"We've got volunteers to do it, and the need will never go away," Lewis said. "I mean international students will always have the challenge of no cars and need help with transportation." >>> derek.moy@ttu.edu

Obama: US combat in Iraq over, 'time to turn page'

WASHINGTON (AP)-Claiming no victory, President Barack Obama formally ended the U.S. combat role in Iraq after seven long years of bloodshed, declaring firmly Tuesday night: "It's time to turn the page." Now, he said, the nation's most urgent priority is fixing its own sickly economy.

From the Oval Office, where George W. Bush first announced the invasion that would come to define his presidency, Obama addressed millions who were divided over the war in his country and around the world. Fiercely opposed to the war from the start, he said the United States "has paid a huge price" to give Iraqis the chance to shape their future - a cost that now includes more than 4,400 troops dead, tens of thousands more wounded and hundreds of billions of dollars spent.

In a telling sign of the domestic troubles weighing on the United States and his own presidency, Obama turned much of the emphasis in a major war address to the dire state of U.S. joblessness. He said the Iraq war had stripped America of money needed for its own prosperity, and he called for an economic commitment at home to rival the grit and purpose of a military campaign.

In his remarks of slightly less than 20 minutes, only his second address from the Oval Office, Obama looked directly into the TV camera, hands clasped in front of him on his desk,

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"We are looking forward to getting to know everybody in the community and building relationships across the board,' said Wes Dotson, a post-doctoral fellow at the Burkhart Center.

He said he will be working under Richman in starting research programs and finding and obtaining grants to build the center.

Bailey believes Richman will be a great addition to the

family photos and the U.S. and presidential flags behind him. His tone was somber.

Even as he turns control of the war over to the Iraqis - and tries to cap one of the most divisive chapters in recent American history — Obama is escalating the conflict in Afghanistan. He said that winding down Iraq would allow the United States "to apply the resources necessary to go on offense" in Afghanistan, now the nation's longest war since Vietnam.

As for Iraq, for all the finality of Obama's remarks, the war is not over. More Americans are likely to die. The country is plagued by violence and political instability, and Iraqis struggle with constant shortages of electricity and water.

Obama is keeping up to 50,000 troops in Iraq for support and counterterrorism training, and the last forces are not due to leave until the end of 2011 at the latest.

As the commander in chief over a war he opposed, Obama took pains to thank troops for their sacrifice but made clear he saw the day as more the marking of a mistake ended than a mission accomplished.

He spoke of strained relations with allies, anger at home and the heaviest of wartime tolls.

"We have met our responsibility," Obama said. "Now it is time to turn the page."

university.

"I think (Richman) will be a tremendous asset, not just to the community, but to the university, and all of Lubbock," said President Bailey. "We are delighted to have him."

Richman is not the only addition to the Burkhart Center, as the center itself will soon be expanded, too. An extension of the Burkhart Center will potentially be ready for move-in within three years.

Richman began his duties as endowed chair on Aug. 1. >>> michael.porter@ttu.edu



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Chilean miners need support

any times on a job application, or just in L casual conversation the question will come up: Where will you be in five years? But let's be honest that's pretty ambiguous. Instead, I'd like you to think of what you'll be doing four months from now.

Yes, at the end of an entire semester the majority of us will be preparing for exams, some students will have dropped out, others who didn't attend class will continue to hit Broadway. Also, 33 Chilean miners will, officials hope, get out of their earthbound prison.

The miners have been stuck since August 5, and survived for 17 days without any sort of outside contact. They rationed a two-day supply of food and dug for water.

Now rescuers have three small holes that allow for the men to receive food and water, and also allow some contact with loved ones via telephone.

The problem is, to get the men out there must be a rescue hole, hopefully completed by

December. Until then, the men get to live with 32 of their closest friends in a mine. Oh, and at the end they probably have to aid in their own rescue by helping to move rock.

Surviving for 17 days is a huge human triumph. If these men make it out of that mine after being stuck for five whole months, it's over. Call it a done deal. Name them the people of the year, heck the century.

Overreacting a bit, you say? Think if you were stuck below ground with 33 of your coworkers for four months. No showers. Also,



Not these guys. They're just chilling in a mine. Sure, they get some reprieve, since there's limited communication, but for the most part it's just them.

What could you do to entertain yourself for four months? No reading, no Internet, no TV, nothing, for four whole months. There are plenty of companions to chat with, but after the first month you've surely heard everyone's best stories.

> You can always propose, as one miner did during his allotted 30 seconds of a phone call. You try to fend off disease by using vaccinations sent down one of the holes. You try to keep the five miners who are reportedly depressed in good spirits.

But even in Lubbock

there are times when I don't feel like there's much of anything to do.

Oh, and here's the other thing, they don't actually know they'll be down there that long. In the English paper The Guardian one of the miner's wife said her husband "is aware the rescue is not going to happen today."

Well, at least he's not that optimistic.

I'm rooting hard for these guys, and everyone else should too. They've already broken the record for longest amount of time surviving

Change not free for Gulf spill victims

1 o, the oil spill isn't really a big deal anymore. Maybe it is because we're all tired of hearing about it; maybe it is because it looks like the end of the world is not going to happen quite yet.

However, for workers along the coast, the oil spill continues to affect them, along with the gulf coast economy. Not only has the fishing industry been hurt by the spill, but also the hardworking jobs involved in the offshore drilling process.

The moratorium put in place preventing offshore drilling in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico will likely remain until the Obama administration decides the oil industry has been punished enough.

Of course, Judge Martin Feldman, a New Orleans Federal Judge, overturned the moratorium in June, a ruling which has since been appealed by the U.S. Even so, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said he would sign another moratorium, which just scares oil companies from further planning or investing money when it is uncertain whether there is even an immediate future for that section of the industry.



The original moratorium's end date was set to be Nov. 30. Now, do not get me wrong:

an oil spill is unnecessary. It is unforgivable and inexcusable. It's all around unfortunate for everyone involved. Eleven workers even died in the April 20 accident, which is beyond unacceptable. However, BP and its partners are the ones who made the mistake. On the other side of all of this are oil companies

that pride themselves in safety on and off the rigs. Those companies are being punished, and are pinching their cash flow in effort to ride the moratorium out.

administration wanted to halt for its excesses, but jobs are jobs. deepwater drilling until it was determined exactly what caused the accident, but a moratorium down to its knees in order to bring until the end of November is extreme. Offshore oil and gas drilling is essential for our independence from foreign oil. Yet, few companies will even touch the Gulf of Mexico until the whole legal mess has been cleared up, which will likely stretch into 2011.

What could be just as devastating, however, is the estimated loss of 23,000 jobs in the coastal region – some of which may never return. All of the additional regulatory red tape may hinder the entrance of new companies into the industry in the future. On top of that, those jobs aren't just mediocre jobs. Those jobs are

well-paid jobs that allow for discretionary income to drive the economy. Complementary industries like construction have already slowed in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Of course, the oil and gas I can understand that the industry has long been known

The Obama administration does not have to bring the oil industry the changes that are needed. There should not have to be a large price tag on change.

Sure, change doesn't come free in the way that bailouts come free, but to unnecessarily domino jobs is pushing it too far. No matter the industry, no matter the region of the United States, unemployment is highly unpopular.

Hopefully, in the coming months, progress will be made in this front. For instance, shallow water drilling less than 500 feet is currently allowed. Also, before the ban was overturned, the Obama administration noted that it was interested in lifting the ban earlier than expected if enough progress was made. Eventually, the appeals process will pan out as well.

It is still safe to say there is still a light at the end of the tunnel for those whose livelihood rests upon the decisions of our national leaders, but I would not hold a breath on it. It will not be a quick journey.

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Government expansion limits health care choices

By SETH ROBINSON UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

You make an incalculable number of choices in a day. You decide whether to eat lunch at the underground or at the union.

You decide what to eat. You decide whether you should study for that test on Friday, or go out to bars instead.

I'm sure you get the idea by now. After college, the decisions you and I will be making will be a bit more serious.

government possesses, the bigger it becomes.

The American Spectator, a conservative magazine, said "Government authorities will dictate to insurance companies exactly what health insurance they must sell, to whom they must sell it, and what they can charge." This you should I get a bad vibe from this state-

ment. Ask yourself this common sense question: Would you want government authorities to know about your medical history no

you. You probably know what is best for yourself.

Commenting on the health bill, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said "We will have to pass it first to know what's in it." Common sense tells me that this is a very sketchy statement. Exactly how is it beneficial, to any American, to pass a bill before we know the contents? Shouldn't we, the people, know what is in the bill before anything happens? The bill

however, shouldn't be dictated to Common sense dictates that we shouldn't have a bill that a majority of our country is opposed to.

This bill won't fully go into effect until 2014, though. If it is as great as Obama claims it to be then it should have gone into full effect immediately. That would be the sensible thing to do. This should raise questions, since Obama's term ends in January 2013.

Almost half of all states have filed lawsuits against the health care bill. Coons vs. Geithner is a new and recent lawsuit that was filed by the Goldwater Institute that claims the bill to be in violation of the First, Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Amendments.

they're all men, and they still need to use the non-existent facilities.

Think about how much you get done in four months. Relationships begin and end in as long. You'll eat more than 240 meals, and that's if you skip breakfast. In an entire semester you do literally hundreds of different activities.

being stuck in a mine

Eyen if you really want to land your name in the Guiness book, trust me on this one, find something else.

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Take, for example, decisions we make about health care.

After Obama's health care bill fully goes into effect, the government will possess more power than they ever have before. The more power the matter how personal it is?

These are some of the serious decisions that need to be made during and after college. You should have an option as to which health insurance to purchase. There is also the option to not purchase insurance at all or to choose when to purchase it. The decision,

might not have passed if we had known its contents ahead of time.

A CNN research poll taken at the end of March "finds that 59 percent of Americans now stand opposed to the health care legislation in Congress." There could be a slight fluctuation in the numbers since it was taken in March.

A government with less power gives us the power to make important decisions regarding our health care and overall well-being.

'No homo' phrase outdated, pointless

By KRISTIN BEAL THE GATEWAY (U. NEBRASKA-OHAMA)

homo."

As I was walking across campus the other day, I couldn't help but overhear a conversation between a few guys. They were talking, laughing and discussing how excited they were to have an upcoming class together. Then I heard the aforementioned phrase.

Seriously?

Maybe I'm not as informed as, everyone else, but that was the first time I'd ever heard someone declare "no homo" after a statement. So I did the natural thing and Googled it.

Apparently it stems from the early '90s rap scene, where it entered the hip-hop lexicon thanks to rappers like Cam'ron. It became more mainstream in songs with the help of Lil' Wayne.

Nowadays, it's commonly uttered by people (usually men) all over the place, including some men on this very campus. As soon as I took note of the phrase, I began hearing it in more and more places. My own brother admitted it's a common statement in his high school. When I asked him why that was, he responded, "It's just something everyone says."

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I have only one question then. Why?

Why is it necessary for a guy "Dude, I love you guys. No to say, "No homo!" after he says something that may have given a homosexual impression? Assuming the person you're talking with knows you well and is your friend, why would they need clarification that something you just said was not meant in a homosexual context?

I just don't get it. A YouTuber I ran across in my online research by the name of Tessa Violet makes a very good point. It's not like when I'm rubbing my dog's belly I say, "Boo, you're just the cutest little thing. No bestiality." Isn't that something that is just implied?

Maybe there's some macho, testosterone-fueled aspect at play here. Perhaps some guys are afraid that declaring something that could be misconstrued as homosexual somehow diminishes their manliness. Cue the "No homo."

And I would just like to digress for a moment and point out here that a gay male is still a man. It's not like he magically transforms into a woman or anything. I know homosexual men that are superior athletes, eat mountains of food, watch SportsCenter and do whatever else falls under the definition of being a "manly" man.

Whether it's insecurity or just a

derogatory pop-culture phrase that's being mindlessly tacked onto a sentence, I just don't like "No homo." It baffles me.

Telling someone you're familiar with that you love him or her shouldn't need clarification. Based on your already acknowledged relationship, it should be obvious what kind of love you're exclaiming. Plus, you don't see gay couples walking around telling their significant other "I love you. No hetero." That just sounds stupid, because their relationship is obviously not of that nature and it needs no clarification.

In addition, "No homo" is terribly offensive. It has a homophobic ring to it, almost like it is derived from a fear of being associated with homosexuals.

So, next time you find yourself about to utter "No homo!" just think about why you're saying it. What exactly are you afraid will happen if you don't? Will your reputation be corrupted forever if you don't add those two little words? Will you "defend your manliness" and let your homophobia and insecurities get in the way? If you decide to say "No homo," just remember this article. If it doesn't make any sense in the context of your conversation, then don't waste your breath.

Simple as that.

MLK's message must not be misconstrued, become political leverage for any party,

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This weekend, thousands of activists rallied on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for conservative show host Glenn Beck's "Restoring Honor" event.

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message, but the one entirely by codelivering it, and The rally whom he was turned out more like a religious revival than a politi-

civil rights

Beck encouraged attendees to bring back traditional American values, honor King's message and pray

He said, "America today begins to with Communist and Nazi ideology. turn back to God."

Nearby a counter rally was held by an actual reverend, Rev. Al Sharpton, and was organized primarily in

protest of Beck's event. The problem that Sharpton and other civil rights activists had with

Beck's event was not necessarily its message, but the one delivering it, and whom he was delivering it to.

Sharpton and the civil rights activists with him protested Beck's rally because of most attendees' affiliation to the Tea Party, which has been accused by the NAACP of carrying "racist elements."

What Beck fails to realize is that King advocated support for a strong central government that protects equal rights.

Tea Party supporters, such as U.S. Senate candidate Rand Paul, have called for the repeal of the part of the Civil Rights Act that requires businesses to abide by the law.

We don't mean to say Sharpton is right and blameless either. While known for his role in advancing equal rights, he has had his own share of offensive remarks that contradict King's message.

In 1991, after a Jewish man ran over a black child in New York, leading to tensions between blacks and Jews in the community, Sharpton said, "If the Jews want to get it on, tell them to pin their yarmulkes back and come over to my house." He also referred to Jews as "diamond merchants.'

Regardless of whether or not you agree with Beck's ideology, he shouldn't act like his ideology aligns entirely with King's message when it clearly doesn't.

And civil rights leaders such as Sharpton should always hold themselves to King's standards, no matter what.

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Mama Josie cooks up burritos from the heart

By KATHERINE ROWE STAFF WRITER

In 30 years of business, "Mama" Josie Castaneda has made thousands of burritos for and her business expanded, she the Lubbock community. With the help of her husband and five children, she has grown

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home for sale on Avenue Q to a full menu served at five locations.

Castaneda said she didn't invent the burrito; but she has built her company on making many different kinds.

"The reason I got started making burritos is that I had five kids," Castaneda said. "My husband was the only one supporting us, and I needed extra things for my kids like school clothes.

"One day

when I had sent my kids outside to play in the front yard I made them some burritos to eat. There was a business from across my working outside asked, What

She told them that she had

"And then she would take us to school and sell her burritos down Avenue Q."

As Josie's children grew older opened her first réstaurant on Clovis Road in June 1983.

"All of my kids started growfrom making burritos in her ing up and getting involved," she said.

"Lisa, my old-

est daughter,

started help-

ing me when

she was 14.

We all work

together as a

kitchen,

each child

had a job.

Josie's oldest

son, Frank Jr., now 39,

would have

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Lisa made

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JOSIE CASTANEDA FOUNDER MAMA JOSIE'S BURRITOS

> She would get up early the next morning, sometimes at 3 a.m., to prepare the burritos

for sale. "Mama Josie", as her customhouse, and the guys who were ers call her, said it's like eating at home for some of the students

to the guys at work," Lisa said. used to make when we were in the fields," Castaneda said.

Even with the current success of her business, she wants to expand it more, along with changing the menu to add new breakfast burritos and non-meat items.

Frank Castaneda, Josie's husband, would like to open another burrito restaurant in Dallas, Josie said. She doesn't want to move from Lubbock but would follow her husband anywhere.

"This year was a hard summer for us," Josie said, "but we're hanging in there, hoping it's going to get better. I'm very grateful to Texas Tech because we have a lot of students that come to the store. I really enjoy having them. I miss them when they're not here."

Thomas Dunnam, a senior chemistry major from Lubbock, said that since he moved to Lubbock when he was 13 or 14 years old, he has been eating breakfast burritos at Josie's restaurant.

"It would definitely take a lot of work to break into the restaurant business, especially here in Lubbock where we have so many Mexican food restaurants," Dunnam said. "And to be really successful at that? It'd really be something."

Josie hopes that with the new additions to the menu she can keep the business going and pass it to further generations.

"I hope that one of my grandkids would go on," she said. "The things that I haven't been able to accomplish, they could do it. That's my dream. My kids have already got it. I don't know about my grandkids," she said with a laugh.

"We are just going to work

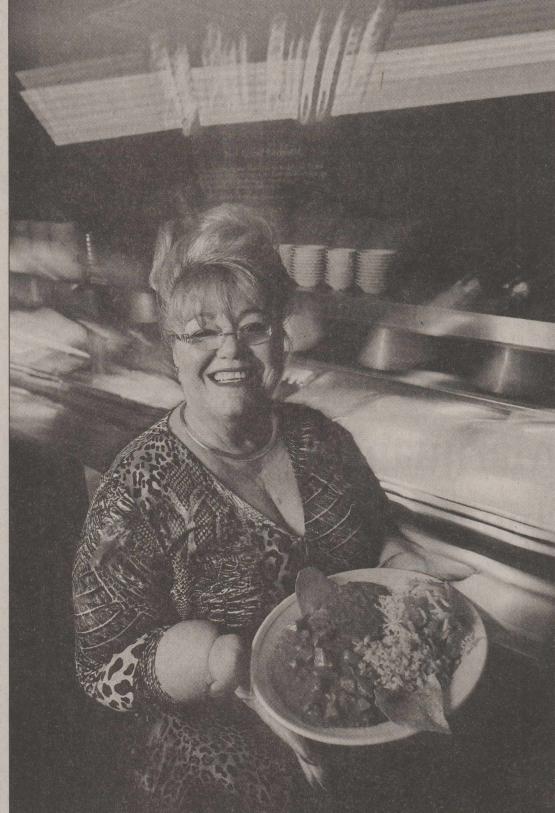


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador Josie Castaneda shows off a plate of Mexican food served at one of her Lubbock restaurants. She started the chain after workers near her home requested she make lunch for them.



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Tech student runs with bulls at festival

By SARAH SCROGGINS STAFF WRITER

Shortly before jumping out of a helicopter hovering 14,000 feet in the Switzerland sky, Laura Stout ran with the bulls while studying abroad in Spain.

Stout, a senior general business major from Arlington, said since arriving in Barcelona, Spain, she and her program members were tossing around the idea of participating in the running of the bulls in Pamplona. As the week before the actual event came around, everyone became more serious about the idea.

"I always thought about running," Stout said. "It was definitely a spur-of-the-moment, feeding off the energy kind of thing."

Although many wanted to run, a person must possess a certain criteria in order to participate.

Stout said all runners must be in the blocked off street, where the run will take place at 6 a.m. After that, the police patrol the street to pull out any runners who are not physically

fit enough, seem too drunk, didn't have on the right shoes or were not properly dressed in the traditional attire of all white clothing with a red scarf around the neck and a red sash around the waist.

After hearing the three whistles signaling that there's a minute until the bulls are released — Stout, the only girl participating from her study abroad program, took off in a light jog, waiting for the bulls to come to ents because she didn't want them her stretch of the half-mile course.

Because of the crowd, she said she could hardly see anything behind her. It wasn't until the people around her started to sprint down the street that she knew the bulls were getting closer.

Sounds of rolling thunder echoed behind her and she ran as she heard the bulls charging at her heels.

"I've honestly never been more terrified in my life," Stout said. "All I could think about was that I needed to run as fast as I humanly can."

After she ran into the arena and was out of harm's way, she took a

second to take in what she had just participated in and how she came out unscathed.

She said her first thought was that she couldn't believe what she did and her second thought was the reaction of her parents' after they found out.

Stout's parent's, Jan and Lee Stout, didn't know about her adventure until they saw pictures of her with the bulls.

Stout said she didn't tell her parto worry and because they had asked her not to do it before she left to go study abroad.

However, Jan and Lee were not surprised to find out that she had forgone their wishes and participated.

Though they wouldn't have wanted Stout to take part in the run, Jan and Lee would have been confident in their daughter's decision because of her knack to take time to research anything that might be dangerous.

"She's really just an adventurous spirit," Lee said. >>> sarah.scroggins@ttu.edu



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA STOUT

Senior Laura Stout, the only female pictured, ran with the bulls while studying abroad in Spain this summer. The general business major from Arlington didn't tell her parents about the adventure until she had completed the run.

Marijuana alternative use appears low in Lubbock

By SARAH SCROGGINS STAFF WRITER

K2 Incense has been dubbed the substitute substance for smoking marijuana. Laws ban its use in several places such as Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, parts of Texas and Indiana, and even countries in Europe, where it was first introduced.

In those regions, an individual caught with the drug will be punished as if they were in possession of marijuana.

Although Dallas officials have approved the law that bans this faux marijuana, a representative for the city's Drug Enforcement Administration Terri Wyatt, said that she could not discuss K2 with the public because they have not seen a problem in their labs and do not want teens to experiment.

"It is kind of a double-edged rate. sword to talk about it," Wyatt

spice made of different herbs mixed together and gives the smoke shops around Lubbock, same sensation as marijuana. He said there are a few effects attributed to the substance when smoked which make it dangerous.

For example, he said some of the short-term effects can belowered body temperature or inability to feel pain for a short amount of time. There are also tests being run in labs searching for cannabis or marijuana-like effects on the brain when used.

Because the drug is so new, Gilster said, no information is completely concrete, and there has yet to be any long-term effects determined due to a lack of research. However, he said the side effects of using K2 are very similar to those of marijuana. This can include a change in perception and increase in heart

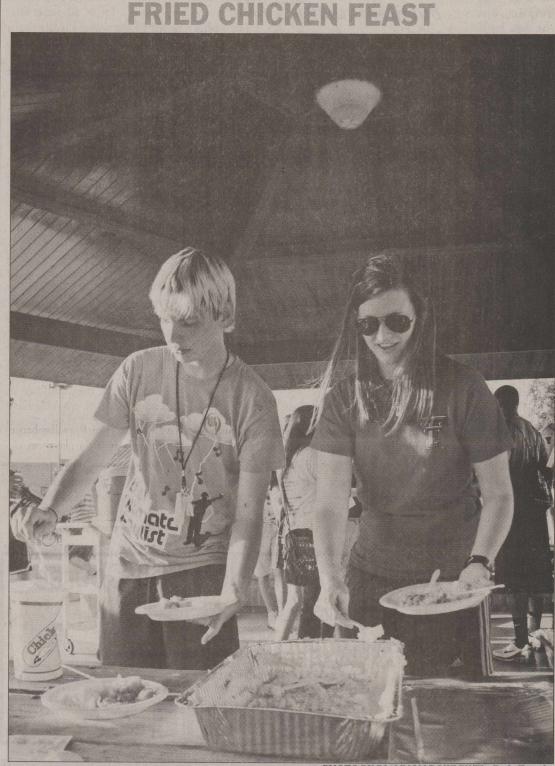
Gilster said he has yet to have

Even though K2 is sold in several community drug and addiction help centers have never heard of the replacement drug.

Mario Roberson, an employee at the Smokehead Shop, said he feels once the product leaves the store it's no longer the shop's responsibility for what happens with the product.

He said he tells customers that the K2 is for aromatherapy purposes only and is not for human consumption and points out the warning on the package.

Misty Giesler, the Raider Assistance Program manager, said that she has come in contact with a limited number of students who have admitted to using K2. She said that it is hard to tell if K2 is really a problem since she has only talked with a small amount of people who



said.

Brandon Gilster, a corporal for the Texas Tech Police Department and a drug recognition expert, describes the incense as the newest drug on the scene.

According to Gilster, it is a

a personal experience or has not seen or heard of anyone in the department come across K2 at Tech.

"Sometimes the police are a step behind with new drugs," Gilster said. "But we will be quick to catch up."

have tried it, but it is an issue that does concern her because so little is known about it.

"I think that because people can get it easy and they probably underestimate the potential effects," Giesler said. >>> sarah.scroggins@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreado

On left, Michael Brunsor, a leader of the Wesley Foundation Church Group, chats with Kerry Anderson, a junior mechanical engineering major from Tyler, while getting food, provided by Chicken Express, outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Tuesday.

Michael Douglas optimistic about cancer recovery

cer but is optimistic about his reaction from Letterman. chances for recovery.

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael the actor said he had just finished talk-show host said, drawing cheers Douglas says he faces an "eight- his first week of radiation and cheweek struggle" against throat can- motherapy. That drew a surprised

"You've never looked better to During an appearance Tuesday me, and this proves that you're a on David Letterman's "Late Show," tough guy, for God's sakes," the



from the studio audience, according to a CBS news release.

"Let's just say ... I'm pretty lit up right now," Douglas replied.

The disease was diagnosed three weeks ago, he said, although he had complained of a very sore throat earlier this year and had undergone testing that failed to find a cause.

Douglas, 65, who has two children with Catherine Zeta-Jones, said he enjoyed the summer traveling with his family before returning to the doctor. A biopsy found he had late, stage-four cancer, "which is intense, and so they've had to go at it," he said.

However, Douglas said, the cancer remains above the neck and that means expectations are good, with an 80 percent or better chance of recovery.

Asked by Letterman about his personal habits, he said he had smoked and consumed alcohol, adding: "This particular type of cancer is caused by alcohol and drinking."

According to a National Institutes of Health website, use of tobacco or alcohol are among the factors that put people at risk of developing throat cancer. Combining tobacco and drinking increases the risk.

Study finds hearing loss prominent in teens Secret testimony reveals

By BRITTANY HOOVER STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students may need to think twice before cranking up the volume on their personal music devices.

A recent study published in the Journal of American Medical Association showed that 1 in 5 teenagers has slight hearing loss.

Although it may not be noticeable at first, affected teens could have trouble hearing in a crowded restaurant or on the telephone, said Steven Zupancic, audiologist and assistant professor at the Health Sciences Center.

"They'll still be able to have normal conversation; it just depends on the severity," he said. "In most high school and college students, we're seeing mainly mild to slight hearing losses. Primarily it shows up as muffled sounds and hearing background noise. "

The study is based on findings of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

It included two groups of participants ages 12 to 19, one from 1988 to 1994 and one from 2005 to 2006.

According to the study, 1 in 5 adolescents demonstrated hearing loss, the majority being slight loss. Compared with results from the 1988 to 1994 results, this shows a one-third increase in the prevalence of hearing loss.

Teenagers and young adults should look for signs of slight hearing loss, Zupancic said.

"You may turn up your television

ing loss)," he said. "They're little you wear headphones for eight hours are exposed to excessive noise or changes, like turning up your cell phone louder.'

Associate professor at HSC and audiologist Candace Hicks said she thinks personal music players are to blame for many of these cases. She said the majority of people who listen to music through headphones probably have the volume too loud.

"I think that the majority of it would be the way that we have iPhones and iPods and MP3 players," she said. "Everybody has one and has it turned up. Generally if you have one on and someone else can hear it, it's too loud."

This type of hearing loss is not treatable in most cases, Hicks said.

"When people get hearing loss from turning the volume up too loud, it's permanent," she said. "Any kind of loud noises, loud concerts where you come out and your ears are ringing, the sound is loud enough to be potentially damaging to your hearing."

She said people who hunt, use pitches; you will notice power tools, mow the yard or turn a bit of decrease up the radio too loudly in the car in high-pitch can also partially lose their hearing.

Although the loss is permanent, it is preventable, said Julie Hubik, owner of and audiologist at Cornerstone Audiology in Lubbock.

"Be careful; wear hearing protection when you're around loud sound," she said. "Listening to music

at a time, you need to be cautious.



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hearing protection and limit long-term exposure to noise."

Hubik said laws are in place for workers around occupational noise; if someone is working in an environment with noise that is 80 decibels or louder, he or she can only work for so long.

"Over time the loudness of sound and duration can affect your sensitivity for hearing," she said. "It will probably start in high

regulating the volume of music is more difficult. She suggested purchasing custom-fit headphones or noise-cancelling headphones, both which will keep down background noise.

It is also good idea for adolescents >>> brittany.t.hoover@ttu.edu

louder to compensate for that (hear- isn't dangerous, but when it's loud or to get annual hearing tests if they use headphones regularly, Hubik said.

Students on campus using headphones should keep the volume of the music at a level where they can comfortably hear it, Zupancic said. If exercising, they should not try to turn up the volume to compensate for other noises and if in band or attending a concert, they should wear earplugs.

Zupancic said the results of the study did not surprise him since audiologists at the HSC's

> Speech, Language a n d Hearing Clinic have seen

many young patients with slight hearing

"With the prevalence of not just iPods and those things, but general lifestyle issues, they can play a role in how well your system can handle the noisy world we live in," he said. "Anything from MP3 players or recreational noise like if you hunt or listen to loud music, occupational noise, or noise in school like if you're in band, any of those things can play a role in hearing loss."

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stars' loss to burglars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roughly two weeks before a judge would sentence her to jail, Lindsay Lohan sat in a downtown courtroom and recounted to a grand jury how a burglar's black fingerprints on her wall left her so unnerved that she had to move.

told the same panel how a break-in at his home had left him distrustful of those around him, especially after he realized his carefully hidden collection of watches had been plundered.

and four other celebrities in late June before a Los Angeles County grand jury went unnoticed. Yet their testimony helped indict five young people who authorities claim desperately craved what the stars had and were willing to cut through fences and climb through a doggie door to get.

The stars' reactions revealed in recently unsealed testimony obtained by The Associated Press offers the most detailed account so far of the personal toll that resulted from the rash of celebrity break-ins by the socalled "Bling Ring" between October 2008 and August 2009. One ring member pleaded out and served time; the five others face trial later this year.

fear felt by the celebrities whose homes had been targeted: "That night I went back to the house, I just felt, to be honest, so violated and uncomfortable that I literally packed

as much stuff as I could," Lohan told the jurors, "because it wasn't about the things that were taken, it was just the fact that someone came into the only private space that I have in my life at this point."

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One-by-one, Rachel Bilson, Audrina Patridge and Paris Hilton also recounted for grand jurors how they walked into their supposedly secure Hollywood Hills homes to find them ransacked and looted.

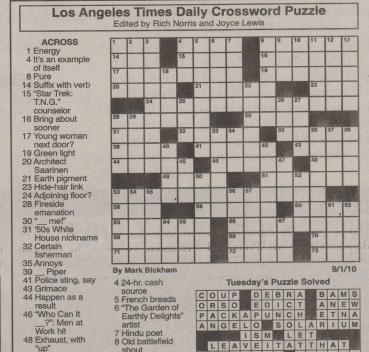
Brian Austin Green told the jury how the burglary of his home — the last one targeted - was so stealthy that he thought his missing items were simply misplaced. It wasn't until a detective called and told him his stolen Sig Sauer handgun had been recovered that he realized he'd been robbed.

Some of the items stolen were eventually returned. But still outstanding are several irreplaceable personal items, including Bilson's mother's engagement ring that she gave to "The O.C." star.

For a while, the actors told jurors, their belongings had been replaced with a sense of vulnerability and dread

"It took me a while to feel comfortable staying there," Bilson said of her home. "I wouldn't sleep in my bedroom for about a month.

"And I was convinced that I needed to sell my house and get out of there, because I was very scared," she told jurors. "But I'm still there."



Tech study abroad program continues expansion

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI STAFF WRITER

With more than 850 Texas Tech students sent over seas in the 2009-2010 school year alone, the study abroad department continues to grow

Hundreds of students study abroad each year at Tech centers in Germany and Spain, on faculty-led trips and with other exchange programs. At Tech, students typically study with the university's centers. The recent increase of students in the programs is partly because of better publicity to students about the programs available overseas,

makes them more marketable after graduation and is demand driven by leading firms in particular fields, it has now become part of the curriculum, Nagy said.

"You have to live under a rock not to realize the world is becoming globalized," he said.

Students in the College of Architecture and Rawls College of Business who are international business majors are required to spend time in another country because potential employers want people with broad and cultured experiences.

"If our students are to make an formed impact on our environ-

part of their degree plan. Because it popular destinations. With more than 300 students who visited last year alone, the TTU Seville center is the most popular destination by far, Crosier said.

> Although most students attend one of the two Tech centers, more students tend to go on faculty-led trips, which is becoming a national trend, Crosier said. This gives students a chance to learn about a topic, but to have an experience that will enhance what they learn in the classroom.

"As the world becomes ever smaller thanks to technology, we have more opportunities for contact with other cultures, but only through our technology," Ellis said. "Living in a foreign city for 10 weeks and focusing on the culture that created that city is really a remarkable experience for a student that actually changes the way they think about their culture

and ours.' >>> alexandra.pedrini@ttu.edu

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sounds. It causes damages to your inner ear.' She said unfortunately,

said Sandra Crosier, director of study abroad.

Methods such as t-shirts, a more user-friendly website and classroom demonstrations for more than 10,000 students have all been beneficial to making students aware of the programs offered, Crosier said.

"Our numbers (of students traveling) have gone up, and our destinations have gone up," said Tibor Nagy, ambassador and vice Provost for International Affairs at Texas Tech.

For the first time, Tech has included global competence in the strategic plan, he said. This plan, which came out before the fall semester began, is changing the focus of the university to become more global and international.

"Everybody is becoming globalized," he said. "And it's necessary to have global skills. The best way to have global skills is to have an experience abroad while you're in college."

Some colleges are now requiring their students to study abroad as ment in the future, they need to understand how other countries have learned to maintain their cities even as they have redeveloped them during over the centuries," said Clifton Ellis, associate dean of the College of Architecture.

Spain and Italy are the two most



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CHRISTI CHADWELL TOOK Midnight Matador's reins in 2010.

Rider← **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Bailey said he knew people from Alabama who saw the first Masked Rider's entrance at the Gator Bowl in 1954, and he said they still talk about how electrifying it was.

It's been 56 years since then, and the Masked Rider continues to be a staple at Tech football games.

"(The Masked Rider) stands for pride, dignity, and tradition," said sophomore Jordan Kirk, a mechanical engineering major from Idalou. "Every time I see the Masked Rider running down the sidelines, my heart skips a beat."

When Kirk heard about the results of the AP article, he said his initial reaction was Rider advisory committee said disbelief that

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However, Stephanie Rhode,

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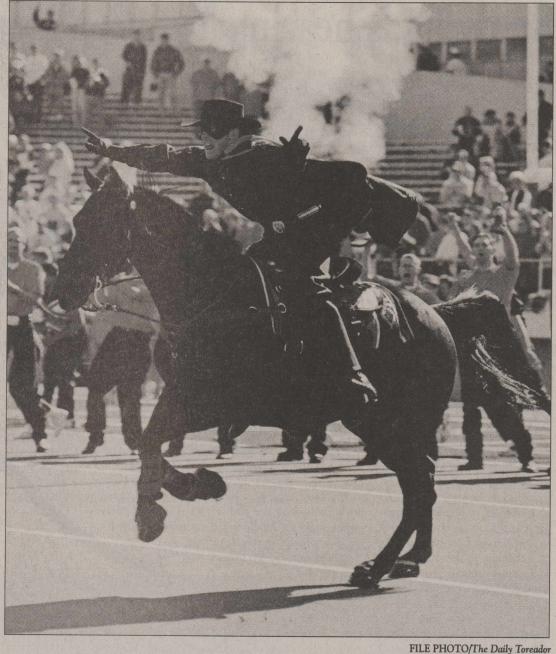
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"We are

the chairperson of the Masked

phorically head and shoulders above a the Ghost Rider, said current buffalo," he said.





The Masked Rider was named the No. 9 coolest mascot in college football according to The Associated Press.

The riders would come unannounced to sporting events and the rider's identity was a secret.

Now, the Masked Rider is the official mascot of Tech, she said, and the horse and rider team makes about 175 appearances yearly.

"It's the best job I could ever ask for," said the junior agricultural communications major from Garland. "It's still pretty surreal, but I think it will set in after the first game." Chadwell was handed the reins to Midnight Matador last April and she has been going strong ever since with multiple appearances weekly throughout the summer.

"Being the Masked Rider is a huge responsibility," Chadwell said. We travel all over the state . . . lot of people will come up and ask me if .I'm the real Masked Rider; they get so excited to see me at their party, their event."

ship to driving.

After that, Chadwell said the Masked Rider is in nearly complete control of the truck, trailer, and the other half of the horse and rider team - Midnight Matador must be fed twice a day, ridden often, cleaned and generally taken care of.

Chadwell said Midnight Matador has been with Tech for nine years and has never been substituted. The horses before him all had different names. But finding just the right allblack horse for the job can be a challenge.

"He has a great disposition and attitude," Chadwell said. 'We don't dye him or drug him. he has to be OK with kids and be able to handle football games."

Rhode said the Masked Rider and Midnight Matador are set

Bailey said imitators were really just flattering the Masked Rider, a tradition he said he and the university are very proud of.

Matt Shields, a junior civil engineering major from Amarillo, said he was in awe when he got to watch the first time the Masked Rider rode around the Dan Law baseball field. To him, the mascot is dramatic, but not distant.

"It's cool you can interact with the Masked Rider," Shields said. "And it's still a nationally recognized symbol because we've had it for so long; it's something that will always represent us"

Interaction with fans is one of the best parts of the job, Chadwell said. If either she or Midnight Matador is having a bad day, seeing people's excite-

To become the real Masked must provide references and pass numerous tests, from horseman-

apart from other horse and rider mascots because the other schools use people outside of the university.

"Texas Tech is unique in Rider, Rhode said an applicant that," Rhode said. "It's always been a student, and that's very admirable."

ment can always cheer her up.

At the game this weekend, the Masked Rider will be interacting with fans and representing Tech, as well as wearing the trademark mask and carrying on this campus tradition.

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SPORTS

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making strides early on

By JOSH KOCH STAFF WRITER

Nerves may come naturally for most freshmen student-athletes, as Brandi Huskey could probably tell you of her first year as a member of Texas Tech volleyball.

This past weekend, Huskey made her debut against Ole Miss contributing with 10 assists and six digs.

Despite posting quality numbers in her first appearance, Huskey said the other team wasn't the only thing she was battling.

"It was very nerve-wracking to get put in just because you are going into a different environment and playing much better teams than what you have faced before," she said. "It was scary but once I got going I wasn't as nervous as when I started.'

Even though Huskey didn't get to play against UTSA Sunday she did get to watch older sister, Elise Huskey, play for the Roadrunners against her fellow Red Raiders.

Elise plays outside hitter for UTSA unlike Brandy, who plays setter for Tech.

Huskey said although she didn't get to play her sister on the court it was still a treat to see her in action.

"I didn't really get to get in the match but it was really exciting getting to see how their team has progressed," she said. "And just everything that has gotten better for her and what she's learned."

Huskey, a native of Columbus, enjoyed a successful high school career

before coming to Tech. As a mem-

ber of the volleyball team Huskey was named the MVP of her district in 2007 and 2009.



She also earned consecutive All-State selections and was named Academic All-District all four years in high school.

Huskey was not just involved with volleyball in high school but also was a member of the softball and basketball teams.

Huskey also had played volleyball outside of school, starring as a member of the TexStar volleyball club.

The process of going from the high school level to the faster tempo of college forces some players to change their individual game.

Huskey falls in that category, as she has had to change a few elements of her game throughout the course of the preseason up to this point.

But Tech volleyball coach Trish Knight said she has done well at accepting change and making adjustments.

"She's just had a really good attitude about doing that," Knight said. "And I think she gets frustrated about that some days, but one of these days when that thing clicks it's just going to be very easy for her to be a successful player here."

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Tech women begin season at No. 4

see the Texas Tech Lady Raiders beginning the year at the same spot they ended it last November - No. 4.

"That's just really exciting for us to share because we've fought for a couple of years just to get up there," senior Michelle Guzman said

The 2010 cross country season will rado at No. 13 and Iowa State at No. 16. Tech begins its 2010 campaign this weekend at the Texas Tech Ruidoso Open in Ruidoso, N.M.

The weekend marks the beginning of a season Guzman believes could result in a top finish at not just the Big 12 Championships, but at nationals as well.

improved from the last time Tech and SMU squared off in 2008.

"They're a lot better than they have been in the past," running back Baron Batch said during Monday's media conference. "SMU is a good team. They have a lot of guys who can run well. They are a better football team all around. We're going to have to come to play.' In 2008, Tech quarterback Graham Harrell threw for 418 of Tech's 693 total yards offensively, en route to a 43-7

By MIKE GRAHAM

STAFF WRITER

defense when thinking about

Texas Tech's high-powered

offense; the Mustang defense

mostly competes in a non-BCS

Red Raider roster would tell

you the Mustang defense has

But anyone on the 2010

conference after all.

It's easy to shrug off SMU's

on to allow 5,754 yards of total offense and composed a 1-11 overall record.

But 2009 was a resurgence of sorts for the Mustangs.

The 2009 SMU defense allowed 5,162 yards of total offense but the offense was able to pick up the slack and narrow the negative gap. SMU still didn't gain as many yards as the defense lost in 2009, but the Mustangs went to everyone's on the same page," a bowl game — and won it — for the first time in more than 20 seasons.

victory. That SMU team went 87 yards against SMU in 2008. "That's the best part of their defense. Their secondary is pretty good, I'm not downgrading them by any means, but I think their strong suit is their defensive line.

"They look better. Their head coach (June Jones) just came in two years ago so now everybody is learning and I'm sure they have a better looking defense now that Lewis said.

The SMU defensive line is anchored by Taylor Thompson, SMU should be poised for an a 6-foot-6, 276 pound defensive even better defensive campaign end who led the team with 5.5 in 2010 as it returns a large sacks last season, had 40 tackles Playing together last year has helped and was selected as an All C-USA honorable mention. SMU returns other veterans Arguably the best sign for the from its 2009 defense in addition

83 tackles, 7.5 of them for losses.

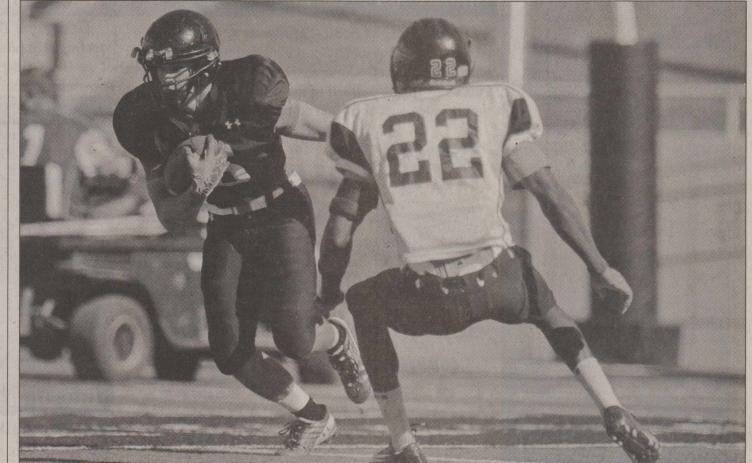
Sophomore linebacker Taylor Reed rounds out SMU's top five defenders still on the roster with 57 tackles, a turnover and a sack.

Tech brings a lot to the table on offense, however.

The Red Raiders return starting quarterback Taylor Potts in addition to seven-of-eight of the top receivers and all of Tech's running backs from the 2009 squad.

"I have played a season, and you can learn a lot from it," Potts said at the Monday media conference. "I feel like another year of experience has helped me, and this whole team. us coming back this year. We all understand each other this year and that is really going to help." lust how much the Tech offensive and SMU defensive units have improved will be answered when the two teams square off Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech freshman Huskey Tech ready for SMU defense



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THE RED RAIDERS will put their revamped offesive attack to the test against SMU Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium. Red Raider offense prepares for what will be a refined Mustang defense

The No. 4 ranking in the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Poll to start the season is the highest preseason ranking for the women's program in Tech history. Tech is ranked behind defending national champion Villanova, Florida State and Washington in that order.

The women's squad had its best season in school history last year, notching both a Big 12 Conference title while finishing in fourth place as a team in the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

The Lady Raiders are the two-time defending Big 12 champions.

Guzman is one of seven seniors in this year's group of fifteen runners, a list that includes the likes of Caroline and Winrose Karunde along with junior Purity Biwott.

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We obviously want to do better than fourth," Guzman said. "We have a really good chance if all of us are healthy and we run hard and just get our rest and stuff.

"I really think we can do better than fourth this year — I really think it's a possibility even first or second at nationals."

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amount of last season's defense, including three of its top five tacklers.

SMU defense though is the fact to Thompson.

that Tech respects it. Watching game film, I think their strong suit is their defensive line," said Tech receiver Detron Lewis, who caught passes for

Senior safety Chris Banjo was second in tackles last season with 86 and forced three total fumbles. Linebacker Pete Fleps fell just short of Banjo's numbers with

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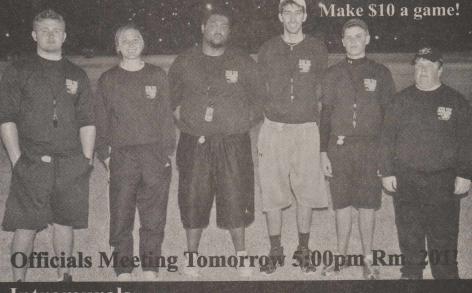


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Tech soccer credits wins to versatility Houston wideout sues

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

is quickly becoming a jack-of-all trades of the field. on the field.

soccer to a program-best 4-0 start.

Fowler said she played left back, midfielder and center back last weekend, and would gladly play anywhere midfielder, Lytle said playing defense on the field to help her team.

"I kind of find it a blessing that midfielders. (Tech coach Tom Stone) thinks I'm capable of playing that many positions," Fowler said. "But I also think it's really fun that I get to interact with so many of my teammates and combine with them. any other defender - it's just your job."

"Other players don't really have that experience."

She also believes she has been playing at many positions because of how has quickly developed an important ability to win balls in the air, some opposing teams fits up and down the thing Stone continuously preaches to pitch each game. his team.

defensive side of the ball.

on the ball which helps the midfieldthink we would have had a zero goals been for the forwards and midfielders

Newcomer of the Week.

undefeated Red Raiders.

pressing into the ball on defense." The Red Raiders have outscored opponents 11-0 this season, thanks to

Sophomore defender Haley Fowler a complete defensive effort on all parts

Attacking midfielder Taylor Lytle Fowler played three different posi- said the team's hot start to the season tions last weekend, helping Texas Tech is a result of pressure-filled training and offensive players pressuring defensive players during practice.

> Even though her label is attacking isn't a problem for her or any of the

"(Stone) stresses the fact that he wants everyone to come back and defend as a team," she said. "To come back as an attacking midfielder, like Lytle said Tech soccer has come a

opportunity and it's kind of been a cool long way the past few years, and is the result of year-round hard work.

aggressive she is on the field and her role with the Red Raiders as she gives

Categorized as a right wingback, But Fowler isn't the only player Sharpe's role is going coast-to-coast on the field making an impact on the when attacking as part of the offense, and bunkering down on the backline because our team is focused first on been," Lytle said, "and we definitely "The forwards have great pressure when dealing with an opposing offense. defense and then on scoring goals."

Sharpe transferred to Tech from ers and the defenders be able to set up UCLA this fall, and said she is not shutout soccer this season, all with lacked in past years. behind them and put pressure on the surprised by her team's 40 start. She goalkeeper Colleen Pitts between the ball," Fowler said. "And honestly I don't also said the four consecutive shutouts posts. Last weekend also marks the first that we're better than we have been. are a result of strong play, but it is not time since the 2002 season Tech logged and we can prove to everyone else against at this point if it wouldn't have necessarily something they focus on.

"I think as we keep going with games

FRESHMAN FUSTON EARNS SECOND HONOR



THE RED RAIDERS credit their undefeated start to versatility. Tech Tech newcomer Whitney Sharpe will put its unbeaten record on the line against Ole Miss Friday at 4 p.m.

> get the shutout. But we don't go into prediction. the (game) saying, 'All right lets get a shutout.' It just kind of always happens belief that we're better than we have

two wins in a single road-trip.

Picked to finish sixth in the Big >>> thomas.magelssen@ttu.edu

and shutouts it makes us nervous, but 12 Conference, the Red Raiders it's a good nervous," she said. "We already are making long strides have the adrenaline that we want to to finish above and beyond that

"I just think that we have the have the strive and the confidence in Tech has logged 360 minutes of ourselves which I think we kind of

> "But we definitely just believe that we're good."

league for 2008 injury

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) that might be hazards to players. - Houston wide receiver Patrick Edwards, who broke his leg when he ran have advised our attorneys," Conferinto a metal service cart in an October ence USA said in a statement. "It was 2008 game at Marshall, accused the an unfortunate accident and we are school in a lawsuit of maintaining an glad that Patrick has recovered so well unsafe playing field.

a long pass when his right shin crashed zone. Edwards suffered a compound fracture and a rod was inserted in his lower right leg during surgery the next declined to comment on pending day in Huntington.

KRIV-TV in Houston.

Kanawha County Circuit Court was shown thousands of times on the seeks unspecified damages and a jury Internet - even Edwards said he saw trial. Also named as defendants were the replay of the gruesome injury. Conference USA and game referee Gil Gelbke, whom the lawsuit said was in ward and several Thundering Herd charge of inspection and notification. players and then-coach Mark Snyder

its football field in a reasonably safe manner, including the removal of held no animosity toward Marshall, obstructions, the lawsuit said. It cites missed the remainder of the 2008 NCAA football rules requiring the season but returned to catch 85 passes officials to remove any markers and for 1,021 yards and six touchdowns as obstructions from the playing surface a junior in 2009.

"We are aware of the lawsuit and from it. We will have no further com-Edwards was running full speed for ment regarding ongoing litigation."

Gerald Austin, the league's diinto the cart just beyond the end rector of football officials, declined comment.

Marshall spokesman Matt Turner litigation, but said the university had The lawsuit was first reported by not received a copy of the suit.

The Conference USA game was The lawsuit filed Tuesday in televised nationally and the accident

Marshall officials apologized after-Marshall had a duty to maintain visited Edwards in the hospital.

'Edwards, who said at the time he

Alabama's Mark Ingram to miss season opener due to knee injury

Mark Ingram's run for a second State and we will manage this on a Heisman Trophy has been put on hold, week to week basis beyond this week," and possibly even derailed, before the Saban said. Alabama tailback had a chance to gain a single yard.

Ingram will miss No. 1 Alabama's opener against San Jose State after in- ning back Archie Griffin as the only juring his left knee late in practice Mon- two-time Heisman winners than it day, coach Nick Saban said Tuesday.

Saban said in a statement the star national title. tailback had an arthroscopic procedure and should make a full recovery in a but the Crimson Tide face a much stiff-"relatively short time."

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If the absence proves short-lived, it figures to have more of an impact on Ingram's bid to join Ohio State rundoes on Alabama's hopes for a repeat

San Jose State went 2-10 last season, er test in the second week of the season. "Mark will definitely be out for No. 19 Penn State visits Tuscaloosa on this week's game against San Jose Sept. 11, then Alabama travels to Duke.

"She's a young pup who's gotten spring, Fuston has acclimated player of the week honors last week. www.dailvtoreador.com Web site to get started! Payments Line Ad Rates **Terms & Conditions** Deadlines Classifications There is a 15-word mini-Please check your ad care- Classified Line Ads: sterca Help Wanted Typing DISCOVER rd) VISA 15 words or less mum on all classified ads. Furnished Rentals fully on the first day of Placed and paid for by 11 a.m. one Tutors \$5.00 per day publication and notify **Unfurnished Rentals** For Sale The first 2 words (max. day in advance. All classifieds ads must be prepai prior to publication by credit card,

Tuesday as the Big 12 Conference Stone said. "We know that she has a the team in order to find her niche people are taking notice of how lot to work on but her comfort level quickly, Stone said. The freshman forward scored in front of the goal is exceptional...

against Rice Sunday and had four around the goal area." shots, including one on-goal, for

Northwestern State 4-0 on Friday. when he recruited her, and so Texas State. Fuston has four goals this season far she has found a great fit with while starting each game for the Stone's team.

Jessica Fuston was recognized off to a great start," Tech coach Tom herself with the upperclassmen on

two goals in Tech's 2-0 victory she's really driven by being in and ton this season after being named 12 honored just one Red Raider to TopDrawerSoccer.com's team of with a weekly award. Stone said Fuston was the best the week for her efforts in opening the Red Raiders when they defeated forward in the south Texas area weekend wins against TCU and Stone said. "I think there's some

> The Big 12 has recognized Tech while that have been working twice this season. Goalkeeper Col- really hard - to see our program Enrolling in Tech early last leen Pitts took home defensive recognized."

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