

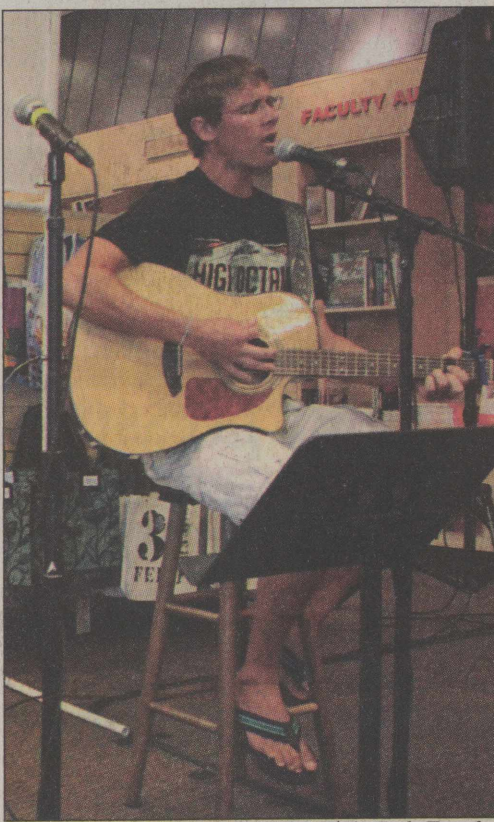
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RANDALL KING, A sophomore business major from Amarillo, performs some original songs Tuesday during TAB's open mic night in the Student Union Building.

FROM LEFT, RON Macdon, a senior English major from Guam, and Jeffery Lance, a senior English major from Lubbock, perform some original songs Tuesday during TAB's open mic night in the Student Union Building.



Earthbound Moon kicks off art project

Contemporary sculptures to be accessible worldwide



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEIDI HOVE
SCULPTURES LIKE THE one pictured, will be created for Earthbound Moon, an artistic project in Lubbock aimed to create publicly accessible contemporary sculptures around the world.

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

23E Studios has begun a new, not for profit, artistic project in Lubbock called Earthbound Moon, which will aim to create contemporary sculptures that will be publicly accessible all around the world.

According to Earthbound Moon's website, the aim of the project is to create a non-contiguous sculpture garden where discrete parcels of land spaced across the face of the Earth will be home to a publicly accessible sculpture. Each sculpture will be built with the hope of encouraging people to imagine their future with the human community.

Heidi Hove, an artist from Denmark, will be the first artist to contribute to the global sculpture garden and will speak about her involvement with project moon at Texas Tech as part of the school of arts Landscape as Knowledge series.

Hove said the sculpture she is designing is to be constructed at a desert field just outside of Bledsoe, Texas.

"I will now design a site-specific and illuminated sculpture, which will take shape as a sign from a gas station," she said. "The sign will consist of a base of cement, an iron pipe and a red light box with the yellow text."

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SGA hosts first SORC meeting of year



PHOTO BY DEREK MOY/The Daily Toreador
NATHAN BARKER, RIGHT, a junior wildlife management major from China Spring, signs in for his organization, Techsans for Concealed Carry on Campus while Amber E. Hastings, of Tech Democrats, and SGA President Drew Graham look on.

Student organizations schedule times to discuss funding, planning

By DEREK MOY
STAFF WRITER

The first meeting of the Student Organization Representative Council was held Tuesday night at the Red Raider Ballroom in the Student Union Building. Student organizations met their representatives and scheduled times to meet for funding and planning purposes.

Laura Stout, chief of staff for SGA and SORC overseer, said the first meeting was mainly informational for the organizations.

"(It was) a chance to get as many organization representatives here as possible to get them a general rundown of how SORC is going to be operating this year," she said.

The organizations were into under 16 categories such as Agricultural, Business, Multicultural and Special Interest. Stout said once the groups were made, organizations could meet with their representatives to schedule meeting times.

"It was to try and find out where they're going to be going throughout the year, who they'll be talking to, who they'll be contacting and to meet the other organizations in their groups," she said.

Last year there were some problems with communication between the organizations and SGA, Stout said. A steady flow of communication between organizations and SGA is required to make legislation that the overall student population wants.

"That's something I'd like to change from last year," she said. "I'd like to get more ideas out of the organizations and keep more of a flow of contact and communication."

Drew Graham, president of SGA, said the SORC program is a new way to regulate funding. The organizations are required to attend their scheduled meetings and through that process, Stout will determine funding.

The importance of groups and the SGA were stressed at the meeting as well as going over procedural information such as funding, what organizations are supposed to accomplish, and attendance.

"We're supposed to be a representative voice, we want to make sure that we're making that voice heard to all students," Graham said.

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
Detron Lewis and the Red Raiders aren't looking past New Mexico, even after the Lobos lost by more than 70 points last weekend. STORY, Page 6

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Driftwood
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: The Blue Light
So, what is it?
 This band hailing from New York plays American roots music.

THURSDAY

The Orbans
Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Bash's
So, what is it?
 The Orbans had their single "Like a Liar" featured as NPR's Song of the Day last week. They're based in Fort Worth, and are touring behind their debut CD.

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Where: Hemmle Recital Hall
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Jeffs fighting extradition to Texas

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs on Tuesday refused to sign a waiver that would have allowed his extradition to Texas, where he faces bigamy, aggravated sexual assault and assault charges over alleged incidents with underage girls at a church ranch.

Dressed in a dark grey suit, Jeffs attended the short hearing in a West Jordan courtroom where he refused a waiver of extradition from Utah. It was his second refusal; Jeffs also refused in June, when Texas authorities brought a similar warrant to the Utah State Prison, where he is incarcerated.

Both the Utah and Texas governors have signed extradition warrants, setting up a legal mechanism for Jeffs' transfer.

Jeffs, 54, is the ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The southern Utah-based church practices polygamy in arranged marriages that have involved underage girls. Jeffs' defense attorney, Walter Bugden, said his client was not trying to avoid facing the Texas charges, but wants a speedy trial in Utah first.

In Utah's Washington County, Jeffs is facing a possible retrial on two counts of rape as an accomplice. The Utah Supreme Court recently overturned his 2007 conviction, ruling that faulty jury instructions denied Jeffs a fair trial and state attorneys misapplied accomplice liability law in the case.

"The reality of the situation is

that if he is sent to Texas now, he won't come back to Utah to face a possible retrial on the Utah charges for several years," Bugden said after the hearing. "Utah filed first."

Bugden will make those arguments before a judge at a Nov. 15 hearing.

Washington County Attorney Brock Belnap has said his office has not decided whether it will retry the case.

Assistant Utah Attorney General Craig Barlow said Jeffs' refusal to go willingly to Texas was no surprise. Barlow said the state believes extradition can only be challenged if there are questions about a defendant's identity and the sufficiency of criminal charges can be used as grounds to challenge extradition. "We do not believe a retrial is necessary before he can go to Texas," Barlow said.

Utah's Attorney General Mark Shurtleff has said the state would not retry the case until after Texas authorities get a chance to prosecute Jeffs. Shurtleff has asked the Utah court for a rehearing and a clarification from justices on proper jury instruction.

The Texas charges stem from church and family records seized by authorities during a raid on the Yearning for Zion Ranch in April 2008.

Jeffs remains incarcerated despite his overturned conviction. In addition to the charges in Texas, he faces federal charges of being a fugitive from justice.

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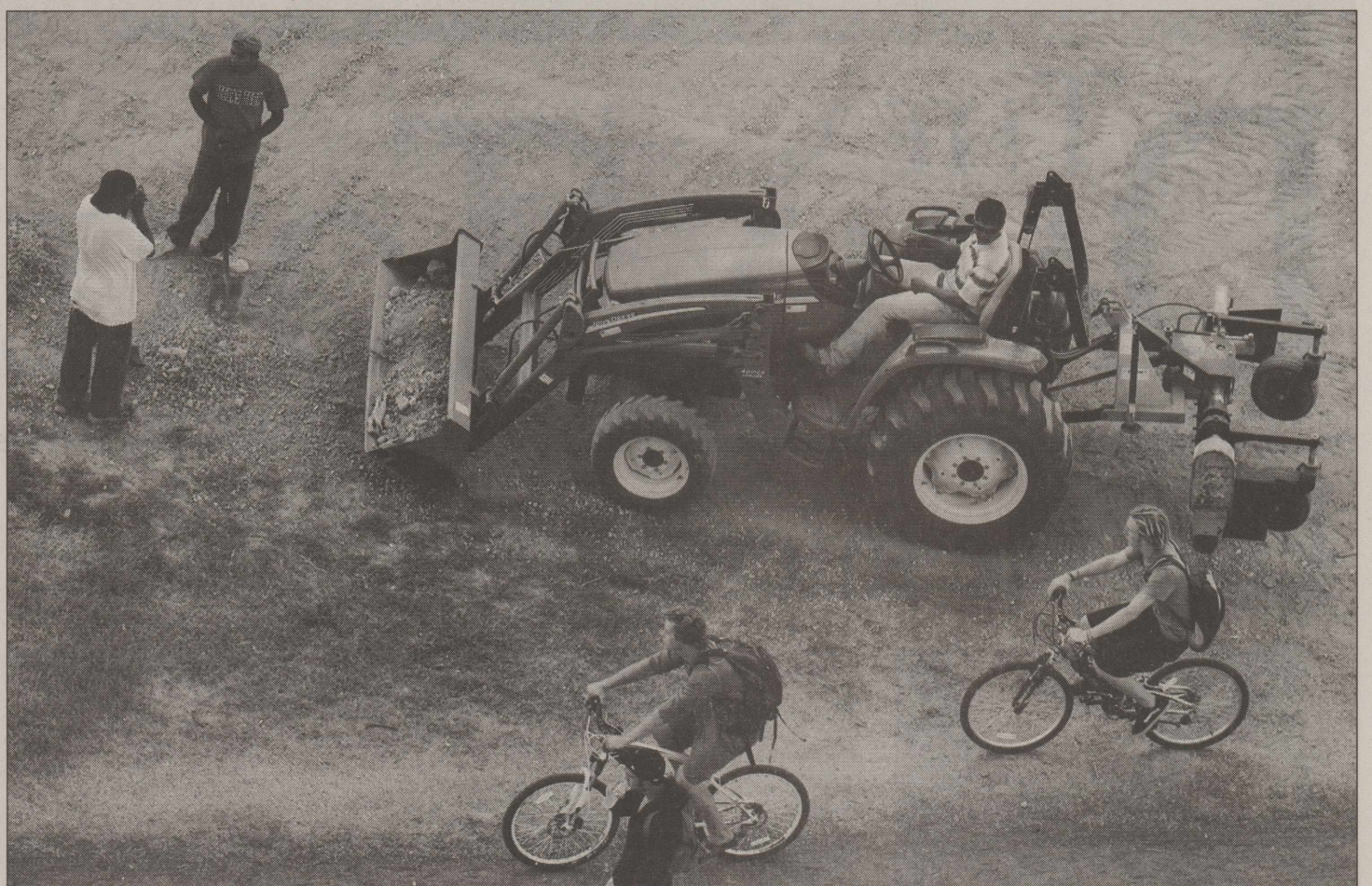


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WORKERS LEVEL A section of Urbanovsky Park at the Northwest corner of 18th Street and Flint Avenue Tuesday.

Pastor who wants to burn Quran under pressure

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The government turned up the pressure Tuesday on the head of a small Florida church who plans to burn copies of the Quran on Sept. 11, warning him that doing so could endanger U.S. troops and Americans everywhere.

But the Rev. Terry Jones insisted he would go ahead with his plans, despite criticism from the top U.S. general in Afghanistan, the White House and the State Department, as well as a host of religious leaders.

Jones, who is known for posting signs proclaiming that Islam is the devil's religion, says the Constitution gives him the right to publicly set fire to the book that Muslims consider the word of God.

Gen. David Petraeus warned Tuesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press that "images of the burning of a Quran would undoubtedly be used by extremists in Afghanistan — and around the world — to inflame public opinion and incite violence." It was a rare example of

a military commander taking a position on a domestic political matter.

Jones responded that he is also concerned but is "wondering, 'When do we stop?'" He refused to cancel the protest set for Saturday at his Dove World Outreach Center, a church that espouses an anti-Islam philosophy.

"How much do we back down? How many times do we back down?" Jones told the AP. "Instead of us backing down, maybe it's time to stand up. Maybe it's time to send a message to radical Islam that we will not tolerate their behavior."

Still, Jones said he will pray about his decision.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the administration hoped Americans would stand up and condemn the church's plan.

"We think that these are provocative acts," Crowley said. "We would like to see more Americans stand up and

say that this is inconsistent with our American values; in fact, these actions themselves are un-American."

Meeting Tuesday with religious leaders to discuss recent attacks on Muslims and mosques around the U.S., Attorney General Eric Holder called the planned burning both idiotic and dangerous, according to a Justice Department official. The official requested anonymity because the meeting was private.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton added her disapproval at a dinner Tuesday evening in observance of Iftar, the breaking of the daily fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"I am heartened by the clear, unequivocal condemnation of this disrespectful, disgraceful act that has come from American religious leaders of all faiths," Clinton said.

At the White House, spokesman Robert Gibbs echoed the concerns raised by Petraeus: "Any type of activity like that that puts our troops in harm's

way would be a concern to this administration," Gibbs told reporters.

Jones said he has received more than 100 death threats and has started wearing a .40-caliber pistol strapped to his hip.

The 58-year-old minister said the death threats started not long after he proclaimed in July that he would stage "International Burn-a-Quran Day." Supporters have been mailing copies of the Islamic holy text to his church to be incinerated in a bonfire.

Jones, who has about 50 followers, gained some local notoriety last year when he posted signs in front of his small church declaring "Islam is of the Devil." But his Quran-burning scheme attracted wider attention. It drew rebukes from Muslim nations and an avalanche of media interview requests just as an emotional debate was taking shape over the proposed Islamic center near the ground zero site of the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York.

Project

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Across the sign the message 'welcome' will appear in large yellow letters, Hove said.

The sculpture will be economically friendly as well.

"Since there is no electricity in the area, the light box will be powered by solar cells and/or energy from a windmill," she said. "During daylight hours the batteries in the sign will be charged by solar and wind energy and then light up after dark."

Hove said she wants to create a type of scenery where random

passers-by on their way to and from Bledsoe might wonder about the message, design and location of the sign.

"An object as this in the middle of nowhere might seem completely detached and isolated from its surroundings," Hove said, "but on one's own it will also insistently light up in the rugged surroundings and thereby provide a fertile soil for optimism and perhaps a brighter future for the area."

For others the sign may represent a different meaning.

"On the other hand, the sign also seems to be dislocated to such a degree that it empha-

sizes Bledsoe's perhaps cinematic character, which leaves the area in a surreal identity that is even more disturbing and abandoned, and maybe now you will rather doubt the assertion of the sign," Hove said.

Jonathan Whitfill, the Texas liaison for Earthbound Moon, said he began working with the Earthbound team on the welcome sign sculpture five or six months ago.

Whitfill said the sculpture is placed in a remote location like Bledsoe so that when people see it they can appreciate it more.

"I think it's important the sign is hard to get to," he said.

"Things that are close to you get de-valued more."

Students wishing to meet Hove and discuss her artwork have the opportunity to do so when she comes to speak at Tech on Sept. 16.

Jason Kopp, senior cell molecular biology major from San Antonio, said the Earthbound Moon project intrigued his interest.

"It's a pretty unique idea," he said. "I like that they are aiming to do something different by changing people's perspective or at the least making people think with a public sculpture display."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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SGA

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Nathan Barker, a junior wild-life management from China Spring, said he was new to the whole process but the SGA has been very helpful getting his organization together.

"This is something that a group of guys got together and felt pretty strongly about and wanted to push for on campus and thus far it's been a fairly seamless process," Barker said.

His organization, Techsans for Concealed Carry on Campus, provides information to Tech students about concealed carry license laws and explains the need for them on campus.

"Right now we're just trying to gain support as a new organization and let people know who we are and let them know what having a concealed carry permit is really about," he said.

The funding process is something that will be looked at in the future, he said. Right now they are focusing on growing the organization and looking for senators to back their group.

Tech gives special priority to organizations that bring recognition, enhance Tech's image, involve recruiting activities, encourage minority development and provide support for continuing projects.

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Groups aim to stop on-campus discrimination

By CAROLINE COURTNEY
STAFF WRITER

An issue the Founding Fathers fought for hundreds of years ago — the freedom to practice one's own religion — is under attack some students say, and some groups on Texas Tech's campus are trying to change that.

"A lot of people think that Muslims are terrorists," said Khabirat Abioye, a freshman psychology major from Houston, "but we're not terrorists. I'm not trying to blow anyone up. I'm just trying to go to class or get something to eat."

Abioye said she faces religious discrimination on a daily basis. People ask her questions that range from insulting to ignorant, but she has learned how to answer them and educate the person in the process.

She said it is difficult being hated for something she did not do or say, but something she believes. However, many Muslim students are making an effort to build a relationship or at least a mutual understanding between Christians and Muslims.

Nikole Freeman, a senior physical therapy major from Post, said ignorance is the number one reason why students at Tech insult Islam. Therefore, she makes efforts to educate non-Muslims about the details of the religion.

Freeman was raised as a Christian and said she made discriminatory remarks about Islam before she understood the religion. After understanding the truth, she discovered many stereotypes are simply untrue and hopes Tech students can do the same. She converted to Islam more than a year ago.

"Everybody wasn't religious fanatics that were constantly screaming and praying every five seconds," Freeman said. "We're just normal teenage girls or women in their young twenties leading normal lives."

Freeman said the most obnoxious stereotype she faces is that Muslims are extremists and terrorists. She said all religions have had someone take it to the extreme.

"The KKK started as a Christian group," Freeman said. "Hitler endorsed Christianity and the Roman Catholic Church was responsible for the Inquisition and the extinction of numerous tribes of Indians. What is so peaceful about that?"

Abioye, who attends the Islamic Student Center with Freeman, said she also dislikes the extremist label students at Tech place on her. Instead of becoming angry at those comments, she breaks down their questions in the hope that they will realize she is not that different from them.

"I ask what is so extreme about it," Abioye said. "I'm not extreme. Is it extreme that I choose to conceal myself and keep my body pure for my husband? Or that I pray five times a day? Some Christians pray 10 times a day and they aren't considered extreme."

She said people don't understand that it is not a contradiction to be a Muslim and a U.S. citizen. She said people must realize Islam is not extreme, only people are extreme. She tries to stay involved in religious groups that educate people on different religions and spread a common understanding.

One group is the Interfaith Dialogue. Students from different countries and regions of the world celebrate religions and are united in joining people of different religious backgrounds.

Jobi Martinez, director of the cross-cultural academic advancement center, said this group brings people together based on faith in the hopes of creating a common understanding of different religions.

"This group tries to find common ground and make the statement that religion shouldn't be the cause of warfare and divide," Martinez said. "It should unite us and bring peace."

Martinez said different groups at Tech aim to spread this spirit of peace through cultural programs and celebrations. By doing so they

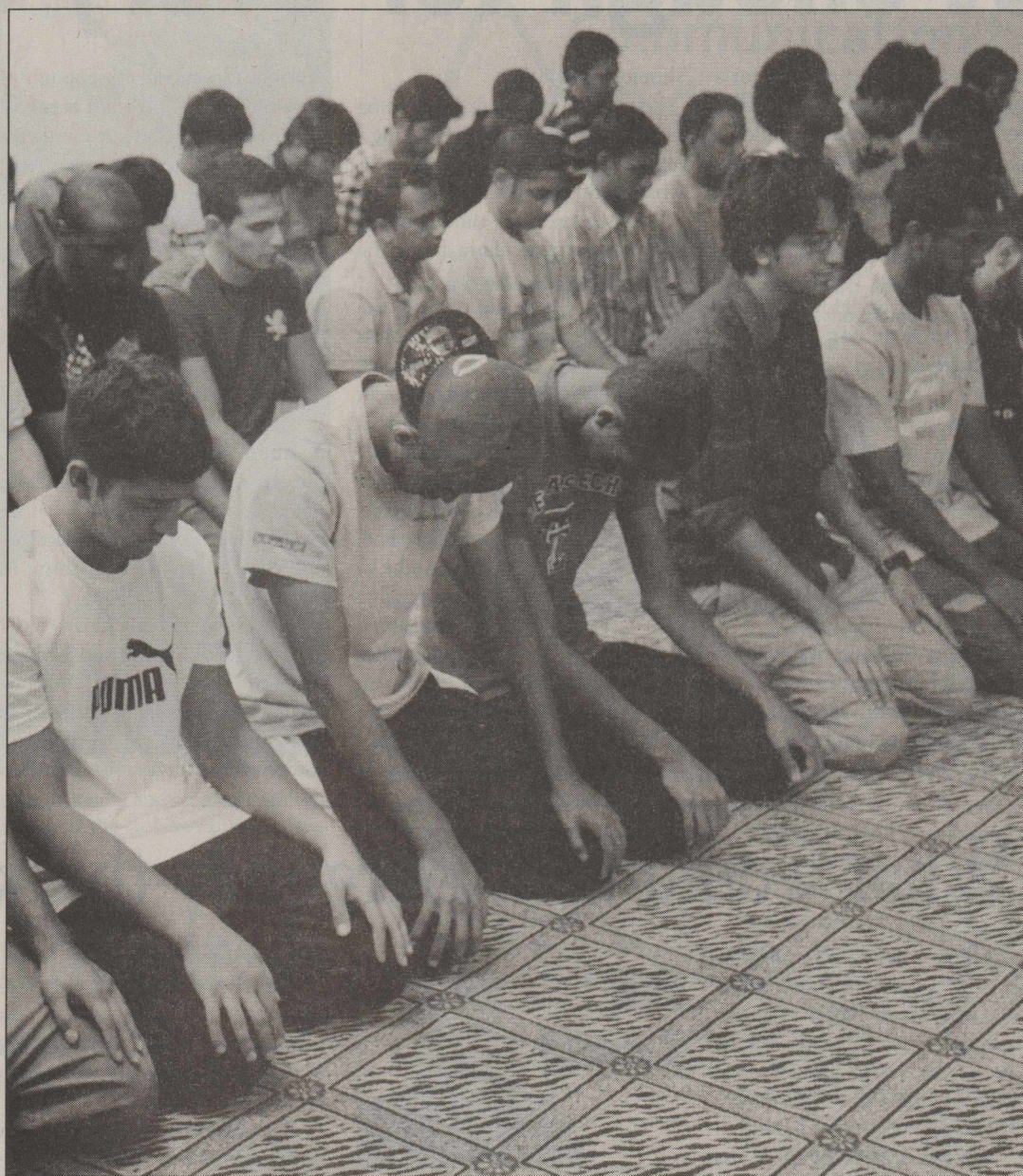


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STUDENT MUSLIMS JOIN at the Islamic Cultural Center Sunday night to break their fast and pray.

bringing an awareness of tolerance to see past the differences and see the similarities between different religious groups.

"They let students know that because someone celebrates something different," Martinez said, "it doesn't mean that they are different in general or deserve to be treated differently. If students can reach a common understanding, we will go beyond tolerance and see peace."

Cameron Carter, a Christian and a senior history and geography major from Willcox, Ariz., said people often place Muslims into distinct stereotypes such as those described by Freeman and Abioye. "Muslims are associated with

terrorism and it is easy to slip into believing that stereotype," Carter said. "Here in the United States if someone says terrorism, most people would immediately think of a Middle Eastern Islamic terrorist."

While that stereotype is prevalent, Carter said he believes the multiple student associations on campus show Tech's dedication to diversity. When he sees the different religious organizations, it is a reminder that there are other religions that deserve respect.

He said discrimination against Muslims is what the Founding Fathers were attempting to prevent in the Bill of Rights and through such groups as the Interfaith Dialogue.

"Islam was a known religion to the Founding Fathers and an exception could have been written into the Constitution," Carter said, "but the United States was a place of acceptance, unlike anything the world had seen. The Founding Fathers did not mean freedom of religion for only Christian denominations."

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Celeb sighting prompts large student turnout



PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Toreador
FANS CROWD OUTSIDE Crickets Grill Monday night in hopes of catching a glimpse of Robert Pattinson.

By SARAH SCROGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Screaming girls, and guys, were crowded around the front door of Crickets Bar & Grill around 2 a.m. Tuesday morning to get a glimpse of "Twilight's" Robert Pattinson. Girls frantically fought their way to the front of the crowd, some with cardboard cutouts of the actor in tow, just to sneak a peek through the window.

Kevin McBride, the general manager at Cricket's, said that Pattinson was just passing through with a couple of friends. While his friends enjoyed some karaoke and pool, Pattinson just tried to relax and keep to himself, he said.

"He was a real nice guy," McBride said. Although Cricket's capacity is 253, they only let about 100 people stay in the building once Pattinson arrived, he said.

Roxane Fahim, a senior marketing and advertising major from Dallas, showed up to Cricket's right when the superstar arrived. She said it was hard to tell if it was real or not, but once she sat down next to him, she realized it was Pattinson himself.

"You'd get kicked out if you tried to talk to him or take a picture with him," she said.

Devoted "Twilight" fans Jessica Ramos and Angel Alvarado, both sophomore education majors from Lubbock, were waiting outside the back door of the bar to get a glimpse of Pattinson. They said they saw a picture on a teacher's Facebook and proceeded to call and confirm from that teacher Pattinson was really in Lubbock. Once they had verification, they were on their way to Crickets, Ramos said.

"We just took off," Alvarado said. "We just grabbed our keys and left." >> sarah.scroggins@ttu.edu

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Ten minutes not enough for every student

Currently, the university sees it fit that students have only ten minutes between consecutive classes. I feel that this is unreasonable.

To get from the second floor of Holden Hall to the third floor of the Business Administration building in less than ten minutes is a stretch, even with a bike and the bus system. Professors don't like it when students are late, and serious students don't want to miss any valuable class time, either.

Some professors even lock the door after class has started. While I applaud their efforts to help students become more responsible in college, the time between classes can be hard to manage when the two buildings are so very far apart.

In high school, students are usually allowed around five to seven minutes, which is plenty enough for someone to check their locker,

Colleen Gartner



go the restroom, or go across the school grounds. After all, it is just a high school building – not a college campus. Yet, Texas Tech is one of the largest campuses in the nation, and we are subject to the same scheduling standard as smaller universities.

Texas State has a "walking times between buildings" document published online, and those times range between mere seconds to 27 minutes. I would love to see Texas Tech generate one of these documents and try to prove that 10 minutes is enough time for every-

one. Sure, it may be enough for a majority of students, but shouldn't every student matter? Shouldn't every student have the opportunity to be on time? Or does the whole "time is money" approach matter more to this university? After all, five minutes here and there does add up. However, it adds up for both professors and students; not just professors.

I know on days when there was light snow, I just flat out gave up on rushing across campus to be on time. I knew that drudging through the snow would slow me down anyway. Even the busses run slower, understandably. No one wants to have an accident, either in a vehicle or by

slipping on the ice.

At the point where I was being forced to decide between breaking a leg and missing a few remarks about what might be on the next test, I had to insist on more time between classes, particularly during the spring semester.

On top of that, the last person to class does not get to pick a preferable seat to sit in. It is really whatever seat is not taken already by that time. Sure, beggars cannot be choosers, but it punishes those who have otherwise come early to a class that they are now being forced to arrive late in.

If the Student Government

Association can make enough of a push to let us have fall break (a generous one at that), it should focus on making the very essence of education – attendance – obtainable for every student. Three to five minutes more would make all the difference between a student being late and a student being on time both on regular days and on adverse weather days.

Plus, there is always the need beyond actual travel time for a restroom break between classes. Surely, the tick-tock of a clock never seemed so stressful before figuring out you have to do just one more, very pressing thing in between class.

Now, I make this clear that I am only referencing the time it takes for someone who has consecutive classes on opposite ends of the campus. There are plenty of students who have hours between

classes, don't use that time effectively and still end up being late for whatever excuse of the day. It happens, even to me, to the chagrin of professors.

I took eighteen hours last spring, and that felt like a truck ran me over every day. The best way to describe it would be to say I felt like I had partied every day for an entire semester minus all of that fun. Long story short, I was most definitely late to a few classes, and I cannot blame any consecutive time schedule on that.

However, the university does have the power to let students who have consecutive classes have that extra time, and that is what matters here.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Raider Power

Before I get to the "but" portion of this letter, let me give my compliments to our students for the enthusiasm they show for Tech football at every game. The environment created by the student section is one I wish we had when I was a student at Tech back in the 80's. Continue to give your support to our football team and contribute to an atmosphere that makes the Jones a very difficult place to play.

Now to the "but" portion of this letter. For any student who might read this letter I ask you to consider a suggestion for the Raider Power chant. In recent years, the chant seems to have fallen to only the students. You do a great job with it and are loud, but the chant is meant to roar like thunder from one side of the stadium to the other.

I ask you to return to the tradition of the Raider Power chant, a chant that began with the Tech – USC game in the late 70's at the Jones. I don't particularly care if it starts on the east side or the west side, but it needs to alternate from east to west or vice versa in order to get the whole crowd involved. To the cheerleaders, Saddle Tramps and students. In two weeks time when UT comes to town, let us return Raider Power to a roar that gets 60,000 fans involved rather than a cheer that only involves the students. The fans are yearning for this to happen and trust me, you will enjoy it tremendously. Beat New Mexico and go Tech!

Jeff Castro is a Tech alumnus from Houston.

What would Ron Burgundy think of us now?

By now you've probably read numerous pieces from elderly people about how quickly information moves, but the pace at which we get our information really is remarkable, even for those of us who grew up with the Internet.

Case in point is the Labor Day visit of Robert Pattinson, my favorite actor from *Twilight*. To be honest, when I first saw pictures of his night at Cricket's Monday, I had to pull up other pictures to see if that was really what he looked like. Hundreds of students were at the bar within minutes (surely not the first time this sentence has been printed in this paper), most seeking to get a glimpse of or chat with the star.

Nearly everyone found out via social media. With a *TwitPic* here and a *Facebook Mobile* picture there, I made my first foray onto the blog of one Perez Hilton. Then, I made another and another. All these Perez

Jon Arnold



Hilton reading sessions made for your sake, dear reader.

Friends from back home sent me messages about Pattinson's presence. I tweeted about it, hoping for some confirmation in the early stages and ended up being messaged by several blogs dedicated to his life.

It's not just celebrities though. Now Facebook lets you tell all of your friends where you are, although the most practical use of Places seems to be to let everyone know where you're drinking and who you're with. No longer do we have to scope out places, but we can evaluate whether or not we want to go

through a simple post.

Other news travels fast as well. Take the story of the Florida pastor, if that's what you want to label him as, hoping to have a good old-fashioned Quran burning Sept. 11 this year.

According to my extensive research on Google News, the story of the ironically-named Dove World Outreach Center's plan to host an event to burn the Muslim holy book first got major media play Aug. 11. Tuesday morning it was receiving extensive discussion on the BBC radio show I was listening to during my morning commute.

It's understandable why the story is getting international attention, but in the past a small group of crazies from Florida probably wouldn't be getting round-the-clock coverage from a number of national and international news organizations.

People are getting fired up about it on their social networking sites, so organizations are covering it. The consumer is

driving the coverage, which is a good thing in some cases and bad in others. Every organization needs accountability, and the public should keep the media in check. By the same token, media organizations can't let their sites become all Robert Pattinson, all the time.

The process of getting information was much different five years ago, and even more different when most of our parents were going through their formative years.

This era is immortalized in the 2004 film "Anchorman." Sure, it's a comedy, but TV news really was in its heyday in the 70s.

I'd love to explain more, but I'm off to read Perez Hilton.

As Burgundy himself once said "Boy, that escalated quickly... I mean that really got out of hand fast."

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Let celebrities live, drink in peace

While I'm far from a frequent visitor to the blog of Perez Hilton, I've seen enough from his site in the past to make the judgment that I will rarely, if ever, agree with him.

So it's weird that I think he hit the nail on the head with a headline he posted early Tuesday morning, in which he said to let Robert Pattinson (lovingly referred to as R-Patz in the headline. A pet name, I'm sure) get drunk in peace.

I was actually getting my much needed beauty sleep when Facebook and Twitter were set aflame by the news that Pattinson, of the "Twilight" and "Goblet of Fire" fame, was spotted here in Lubbock, drinking at Cricket's. My fiancée informed me of the news that morning before I left for class, and sure enough my Twitter feed was full of "ooooohs" and "ahhhhhhs."

I'll just be blunt: You people are crazy.

I understand that this is Lubbock and big celebrities don't generally just wander through here unannounced – if this had happened in Dallas, it would have been less of a deal.

But still, he's just one guy, trying to have a relaxed drinking session with some friends.

I'm not even a "Twilight" hater, like many of my male peers. Believe it or not I've actually read all four main books in the series (mostly prompted by my younger sister, but I still wanted to see what all the fuss was about) and don't really have a problem with them, in general. I don't really care that there's a huge fanbase for the franchise or that the crappy movie

Britton Peele



adaptations bring in a lot of box office money. That's fine, and I actually get it. But we need to draw a line somewhere with celebrities in general.

Judging from reports and Facebook statuses, fans (particularly females) grabbed their keys and rushed out to Cricket's the second word hit that Pattinson was present. I imagine that many of the fans in question probably weren't old enough to get into the bar anyway, so they would have been stuck waiting outside regardless of whether or not the place had been essentially closed down.

And all to get a mere glimpse of a guy they've seen on TV. And they wanted to see him with a rather unflattering beard, no less (no offense, Rob).

Now, it's one thing to see a celebrity by chance and tell them, "Hey, I really like your work," or whatever. Major stars probably get sick of that after awhile, but I'm sure plenty of people, especially minor celebrities, appreciate such a gesture.

But to drop everything you're doing, or maybe even hop out of bed, just to rush out the door and stand outside a bar just to look at a guy? Kind of creepy. Kind of desperate. Extremely crazy.

Don't get me wrong, it's really

cool to meet famous people who you admire. I've managed to have brief conversations with some favorite stars of mine (one is an author, so many of you probably wouldn't have shared my excitement), and it can be a thrill. But those conversations only happened because the fans around stayed calm and didn't freak out. Also, the stars in question knew fans would be there. I didn't interrupt their lunch meeting or pool game.

A co-worker of mine brought up the point that if this had been a female celebrity and there was a pack of men outside waiting to see her, women would call it creepy and disgusting. I could write a lot about the problems with that double standard, but I already did it a couple years ago for a *Daily Toreador* column titled "Twilight objectifies men," so I don't want to repeat myself. But keep that in mind. Would you really like it if you were mobbed by fans everywhere you went? Really?

Now, if Yvonne Strahovski from "Chuck" had been at Bash's last night and I missed it, I might have been bummed (my fiancée would not be), but I wouldn't have gotten out of bed at 2 a.m. to go wait outside a bar to see her.

I would have said, "Dude, Yvonne Strahovski was in Lubbock last night. That's crazy and random." Then I would have gone back to bed. Maybe you guys and girls should do the same.

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Obnoxious dissention plagues universities, should involve more peaceful protest, respect

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One of the most exciting components of attending such a prestigious university, for me, is the opportunity to hear first hand the ideas and opinions of an incredibly diverse group of invited speakers. In the two years I've spent here, I've been fortunate enough to sit in on lectures by John Cleese, Amartya Sen, Toni Morrison and Billy Collins, just to name a few. Most of the time, these speeches and lectures are met with considerable enthusiasm, but every now and again we hear from someone a bit more controversial than a former poet laureate.

Cornell, of course, is not unique in this regard. Each year, thousands of politicians, authors, activists and the like are invited to universities around the country. And each year, unfailingly, we hear about how some speech turned into chaos with the help of protestors with a modus operandi of disruption.

Consider, quite recently, a speech at U. California-Irvine by Michael Oren, Israeli Ambassador to the United States. The divisive nature of the affiliation of the speaker, coupled with the discussion at hand, naturally lent itself to protest. That students disagreed with the speaker, and wished to voice their concerns, is perfectly understandable, reasonable and within their rights. But the way they proceeded with voicing their concerns, in my opinion, was misguided.

Throughout the speech, protestors interrupted Oren by yelling, chanting and otherwise preventing him from being heard. Despite rather emotional appeals to stop from a both a political science professor and the University chancellor, students continued to disrupt the speech, until, at last, the event was cut short.

Watching footage of the spectacle play out is cringe-inducing. If these students were justified in disagreeing, their message was lost in theatrics. And to clarify, my criticism here has nothing to do with the respective opinions of the speaker or the protestors; my point is simply this: The protestors' choice of tactic was an insensitive strategy at best, and counterproductive at worst.

A similar situation played out at Columbia U. in 2006 when Jim Gilchrist, head of the Minutemen Project, spoke on immigration. Protestors stormed the stage while Gilchrist was speaking, and in the ensuing maelstrom, protestors, supporters and security personnel tussled and fought. Again, very reasonable opposition to a highly controversial stance was mired in a histrionic display of condemnation.

Cornell hasn't been entirely immune from such demonstrations either. At a 2007 speech by former Attorney General John Ashcroft, protestors stood up and donned black hoods, in reference to policies on torture and detention. Another protestor began yelling questions at the Attorney General until police managed to quiet him. Towards the end of the speech, a loud whistle was

blown, and those who had stood in protest quietly exited the room. While not quite as dramatic as either of the protests at Irvine or Columbia, some of the same elements of disruption were present.

With respect to these situations and others like it, I have a hard time envisioning what these protests accomplish. What's more upsetting, on a personal level, is that I often agree with the message, but strongly disagree with the delivery. Such brazen displays of emotion only undermine the dissenters' credibility. Rather than articulating a coherent counterargument of their own, these protestors attempted to prevent the dissemination of the argument of their opponent. But such efforts invariably backfire insofar as the speaker, however insensitive, off-color or just plain wrong he or she may be, becomes the victim and the object of sympathy.

We are fortunate enough to be on a campus with a vibrant array of ideologies, beliefs and perspectives. As such, it is inevitable that at some point, someone will come to campus with whom you vehemently disagree. It is my sincerest hope that when these situations arise, this campus collectively has the sagacity to be respectful and attentive. This, doesn't, however, mean being passive: Protest peacefully outside, give out quarter-cards, hold a forum, hell, write a column for your school's paper. But for our own sakes, and for the sake of this university, our protests should remain intellectual in nature, and not devolve into meaningless interruption.

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PINGPONG PRO



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ALEX OLIVARES, A sophomore electronic media and communications major from Austin, plays pingpong Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Iraq displays hundreds of recovered artifacts

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq displayed hundreds of recovered artifacts Tuesday that were among the country's looted heritage and span the ages from a 4,400-year-old statue of a Sumerian king to a chrome-plated AK-47 bearing Saddam Hussein's image.

The 542 pieces are among the most recent artifacts recovered from a heart-breaking frenzy of looting at museums and archaeological sites after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and in earlier years of war and upheaval. The thefts swept a stunning array of priceless antiquities into the hands of collectors abroad.

So far, 5,000 items stolen since 2003 have been recovered. And culture officials said they hoped the display would encourage more nations to cooperate in the search for 15,000 pieces still missing from the Iraqi National Museum, one of the sites worst-hit by looters after the fall of Baghdad seven years ago.

The director of the National Museum, Amira Alawan, praised the international community for helping Iraq find and recover its cultural heritage. But he said not all countries are cooperating, naming Spain and Lebanon as among the nations that have refused to hand over missing Iraqi artifacts.

The items displayed at the Foreign Ministry included relics of the world's most ancient civilizations.

The most prominent was the headless statue of a king from the ancient Sumerian civilization, which is more than 4,000 years old. It was discovered in the 1920s at the ancient city of Ur in southern Iraq and was stolen from the National Museum.

The FBI listed its theft among the world's top 10 art crimes. Experts say the statue, carved from black diorite with

cuneiform inscriptions along the back and the shoulders, is the oldest known representation of an Iraqi monarch.

Officials with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security located the statue in the United States in May 2006 and handed it over to Iraqi diplomats in Washington two months later.

Among the newest pieces of Iraq's recovered past was a chrome-plated AK-47 with a pearl hand grip and a small image of Saddam next to the gun sight. It was taken from Iraq to the U.S. as a war trophy by an American soldier who found the rifle during a 2007 raid in Baghdad.

"Today is a celebration in Iraq. This is bringing back the civilization and the cultural heritage of Iraq," said Mohammed Muhsen Ali, deputy director of the National Museum.

Iraqi and world culture officials have for years struggled to retrieve looted treasures but with little success.

The U.S. military was heavily criticized for not protecting the National Museum's trove of relics and art after Baghdad's fall in 2003. Thieves ransacked the collection, stealing or destroying priceless artifacts that chronicled some 7,000 years of civilization in Mesopotamia, including the ancient Babylonians, Sumerians and Assyrians.

The display also included more than 5,000-year-old cylindrical seals used by the Sumerians to seal written documents and a centuries-old pair of golden earrings from the ancient Assyrian city of Nimrud, just south of the present day northern city of Mosul.

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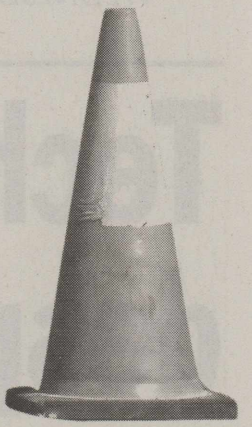
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Part one of a three-part series examining communication barriers students face

BREAKING BARRIERS

Communication barriers affect students at home and abroad

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
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Imagine being in a different country, staying with a host family and knowing next to nothing in regard to their language.

Each night, the host mom makes the same meal — and you hate the stuff. You try telling her you aren't a fan of the food, but it keeps appearing on your dinner plate. It isn't until you speak with one of your study abroad advisers who tell you that instead of expressing your dislike of the food, you're really saying how much you love it.

Then you are able to find variety in your menu.

The inability to communicate with the people who surround you can be one of the most challenging situations, said Donna Wright, coordinator for the Texas Tech Center in Seville, Spain.

Students abroad in and out of the United States face situations like these and are forced to find ways of communication, whether it be by facial expressions, hand gestures or by remembering the slim vocabulary they learned from restaurant menus and popular culture.

"I was overwhelmed at times, but once I started to understand Spanish better it didn't bother me as much," said Kerry Lentz, a senior public relations major from San Antonio who studied in Seville, Spain. "Luckily, most people in Spain know just enough English and I knew just enough Spanish to get my point across. If that didn't work, pointing with hands always helped."

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Tech students studying abroad don't always go overseas to study a foreign language and sometimes know little to nothing of the country's native language.

For students studying in Seville at the TTU center, coordinators work with them to provide basic survival Spanish cheat sheets that aid them when living with a family that knows no English.

This basic guide to Spanish is a list of questions and phrases designed to have students fill in the blanks with what they need, Wright said.

This gives students a way to communicate with their host families while also picking up on the language.

"Our students who don't go over to learn a language really end up learning more language than they thought they might," she said. "Because they're in an environment and a culture, they're going to want to go shop, want to go out in the evenings, they'll have Spanish friends they'll bump into, and so they're using language."

At the Seville center, Tech students are paired with local

Spanish students who become their language partner. These students can act as the Tech student's guide around town, their friend, shopping buddy and more.

During this time, their partner will speak only Spanish to them, helping work on their language skills. The pairs are free to do whatever they wish, Wright said, as long as they are outside of the TTU Center.

The worst-case scenario, Wright said, is the student ends up with four or five new friends.

Americans aren't the only people who struggle with communication when studying abroad; there are over 40 exchange students studying at Tech this year for one or two semesters.

Exchange students are required to have prior knowledge of the English language before studying abroad. But much like learning any language, Wright said, there is a difference between passing a class and actually being able to speak and understand a language.

"(Learning English) was not an easy task, that's for sure," said Amir Ravassipour, a sophomore

mechanical engineering major from Plano who moved to America from Iran during high school. "You have to rebuild your whole brain to be able to fully learn a new language."

Students must understand English to the extent of sitting through and comprehending a lecture taught in English, but sometimes need help understanding various phrases and cultural events.

Mentors not only help explain the cultural activities exchange students may have heard about, but also give them a chance to experience them. Things like American football games are different to international students, Wright said.

The mentors are encouraged to bring international students to events and explain what's happening. If a student is from another country, they may not know why over 50,000 people crowd a stadium to stand on the seats — sometimes breaking them — why the band is playing or why a woman on a black horse is running across the football field, she said.

"They may speak proper English and do great, but there's a lot of cultural things our Tech students can help them with," Wright said. "On an exchange-type-thing, our students are going to learn some things from them. It's not right, it's not wrong, it's just different and that's the beauty of being in another country."

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John Lennon's killer is again denied parole in NY

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — John Lennon's killer was again denied parole in New York, nearly 30 years after gunning down the ex-Beatle outside the musician's New York City apartment building.

A parole board decided not to release Mark David Chapman after interviewing him Tuesday by teleconference at Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York.

It was Chapman's sixth appearance before the board since becoming eligible for parole in 2000. He will be eligible again in 2012.

Chapman, 55, had been scheduled to appear last month, but the hearing was postponed by parole officials, who said at the time they were awaiting additional information. They did not elaborate.

After Tuesday's decision, the

board wrote to Chapman that it remains concerned about "the disregard you displayed for the norms of our society and the sanctity of human life when, after careful planning, you travelled to New York for the sole purpose of killing John Lennon."

The panel said "release remains inappropriate at this time and incompatible with the welfare of

the community."

Among those who have opposed his release is Lennon's now 77-year-old widow, Yoko Ono, who said last month that she believed Chapman is a potential threat to her family and perhaps himself.

A call seeking comment from a spokesman for Ono was not immediately returned.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
 Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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1	Bit of cat chat
5	Phobia
10	Cell signal strength indicators
14	...mater
15	Unconventional
16	Atty.-to-be's challenge
17	Indian princess
18	Flightless birds
19	Where some descents start
20	Elite socialite
22	Place for a fiancée major
24	Dick and Harry's leader?
25	...name: computer ID "size fits all"
26	Delivery method
31	Russian coins
33	Grinders
34	1960s Canadian prime minister Pearson
36	Pound of poetry
37	Planned attack times
38	Middle ...
42	Ironic tales' tails
44	Sharapova of tennis
45	Low parts
48	Online investing
50	Bambi's aunt
51	"Baseball Tonight" channel
53	Like some stocks, for short
54	Camera lens ratio
56	Bare wear
60	Wasatch Mountains ski resort
61	Body-care brand named from the Latin for "snow-white"
63	Sch. with Riverside and Irvine campuses
64	Soup vegetable
65	Stunning weapon
66	Tableland
67	...majesty
68	Like some bars
69	Pitt in films

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1	Kate of "We Are Marshall"
2	Airline to Burlington
3	Prefix with bus
4	Oxford vests
5	Moola
6	German coal valley
7	Riviera season
8	Emirate natives, mostly
9	Menu heading
10	Not at all scintillating
11	Comparable to a cucumber
12	Punk rock icon Joey
13	Inscribed slabs
21	Young 'uns
23	Rock's Mötley —
25	Yet to be had
27	Revolutionary Guevara
28	"Oh yeah? ... who?"
29	Misjudge
30	Auto pioneer
32	Bit of a fairy tale trail
35	Process: Abbr.

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Tech wary of New Mexico despite Lobos' 72-0 loss



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TECH RECEIVER TRAMAIN Swindall catches a pass at home against the Lobos last season. Tech will play at New Mexico 7 p.m. Saturday.

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
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The New Mexico football program appears to be in turmoil entering the Lobos' game against Texas Tech Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Lobos were blasted in their season-opening game against No. 7 Oregon 72-0, but the Red Raiders learned their lesson about comparing scores last season in a loss to Texas A&M.

"Honestly I don't pay too much attention to that score," linebacker Bront Bird said. "Like I've mentioned, we've played (Kansas) State and beat them so much, and they beat A&M by so much and A&M came in and beat us. If anyone should learn from that, it should be us."

"We're not paying attention to the score at all."

Last season, Tech blew out K-State in Lubbock 66-14. The next

week, the Wildcats thoroughly defeated Texas A&M 62-14.

A week after A&M lost to K-State, the Aggies upset the Red Raiders 52-30 in Lubbock.

Tech comes into the New Mexico game with a 1-0 record, defeating SMU this past Sunday 35-27.

However, some Tech players believe there needs to be a significant improvement in their game this week — even to beat the Lobos.

"I've told these guys they can't get into comparing scores," Baron Batch said. "We've watched the film where they played Oregon and the score doesn't reflect the way the game was played. Oregon had a lot of big plays and a lot of big plays on special teams which will kill you."

"When you watch the film you won't just say, 'Man they just played horrible.' But there were about five critical plays Oregon made and it turned into a blowout. We can't do that, last year we looked at scores."

Another history lesson the Red

Raiders can learn from is their meeting with the then-winless Lobos last season.

New Mexico entered its week four game last season with a 0-4 record but seemed to sneak up on Tech in Lubbock. A last-minute touchdown gave the Red Raiders a halftime lead and the Lobos kept within striking distance in the second half before losing 48-28.

At the same time, New Mexico finished last season with a 1-11 overall record and this year's team has started off with a dud in the form of the 72-0 loss.

It is safe to say the New Mexico football team is facing its own distractions.

After last Saturday's loss, some New Mexico fans are calling for the university to fire head coach Mike Locksley, who has a 1-11 record as the Lobos' head coach. Locksley would have a 12th loss already but served a 10-day suspension during one of the losses after punching one

of his former assistant coaches in the midst of an argument last season.

Furthermore, there may not be more reason for optimism in Albuquerque after the Tech game because the Lobos take on No. 20 Utah afterwards.

None of that seems to matter to Tech though, a team that wants to show fans improvement from last week's game and knows New Mexico is a better team than their most recent score indicates.

"We'll see a different team. This is a big game for them, they consider it a rival game and it's their first home game," said head coach Tommy Tuberville. "If I was a coach in their situation I'd say, 'OK, we're tossing that film out. This is our opening game of the year, we're going to play much better.' They will, they'll play much better."

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Tech winning streak ends, team looks to start another

By **TOMMY MAGELSSSEN**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech coach Tom Stone wants his players to focus less on their recently snapped winning streak and more on starting a new one.

"One streak stops, another one starts," Tech forward Dawn Ward said.

But the streak and its impact should not be overlooked.

Tech's loss to No. 3 Notre Dame on Sunday brought the end to one of the most successful stretches in Red Raider soccer history.

The Red Raiders (5-1) won their first five games of the season, outscoring opponents 13-0 and outshooting them 93-46.

Not only was it the best start for Tech, but it was also the first time the Red Raiders put five consecutive shutouts together. Goalkeeper Colleen Pitts earned all five wins for Tech while logging all 450 shutout-minutes between the posts.

Pitts also was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week following opening weekend wins against TCU and Texas State.

Tech midfielder Tiffini Smith said she was most impressed with how the team was able to earn a shutout each game. She also said the variety of teams they played was a good potluck of opponents.

"That was definitely good for us," Smith said. "As a growing team that was a good ego booster knowing that we can beat five teams (at home) and on the road. Those were very different teams so we faced very different styles. It's good for us as a team knowing that we can do that."

The five-game winning streak may have proven to skeptics that Tech is a legitimate contender for not only

a spot in the postseason, but also the Big 12 Conference crown.

Although Tech still has 13 games left in the regular season; it isn't ever too early to speculate about the team's chances for postseason play.

"I definitely think this team is capable," Smith said. "I mean, if we can hang with No. 3 there's only two spots ahead of that so I think we're definitely doing well and I'm excited for the rest of the season."

Tech's road trip to South Bend, Ind., proved the Red Raiders can compete — and win — against top teams from the country. Tech's fifth win of

the season came against an Ole Miss team one year removed from an NCAA tournament appearance.

Additionally, players felt good about their play against the Fighting Irish in spite of the outcome.

"I think we were a bit nervous going up there," Smith said. "It's always good to play teams from different conferences because it helps us gauge who we are as a team and building wise."

"But I think once we got there we realized we were just as good as those teams, and we found our rhythm. We ended up doing very well over the weekend."

Tech takes on North Texas at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the John Walker Soccer Complex. Junior attacking midfielder Taylor Lytle said she is looking forward to getting through the rest of the nonconference slate, as she is eager to start Big 12 play.

Tech has games against the Mean Green, Oral Roberts and Alabama before opening up conference play at Oklahoma Sept. 24.

"It just makes us want to definitely win the next three games, so we can go into conference with a good record," Lytle said.

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Wyo. tries to maintain routine after player death

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming coach Dave Christensen says his team is trying to maintain its normal routine to help players cope with the death of a teammate in a car accident and prepare for the Cowboys' game against No. 5 Texas.

"We think it will help the kids get their mind on something different at different points of time throughout the day," Christensen said Tuesday during the Mountain West Conference's regular coach's conference call. "And we'll take

it one day at a time. There's not a manual on how to do these things."

The team held its regularly scheduled position meetings on Tuesday morning, he said. Practice was to be held Tuesday afternoon as usual.

"What we're trying to do now is just get back on track to do everything we can to prepare to go down to Austin, Texas, and play a very good Texas team," he said.

Freshman linebacker Ruben Narcisse, 19, of Miami, died in a wreck

Monday after he and several other UW teammates visited friends in Fort Collins, Colo., over the weekend.

"Just a great young man, had a smile on his face all the time," Christensen said of Narcisse, who preferred to be called Rube.

One player remained hospitalized Tuesday, while two others were treated and released.

Christensen said wide receiver Christian Morgan, 18, of Aurora, Colo., had surgery on his elbow and may be released Wednesday.

The Colorado Highway Patrol says the accident occurred about 5:30 a.m. Monday when the players' pickup drifted off U.S. 287 south of the Wyoming state line and crashed.

Narcisse was a passenger in the back seat of a vehicle driven by freshman cornerback Trey Fox, 19, of Glenwood Springs, Colo., the patrol said. Another passenger was redshirt freshman linebacker J.J. Quinlan, 19, of Everett, Wash.

Police said it appeared that Fox fell asleep and that alcohol and drugs weren't believed to be factors.

None of the four played in Wyoming's 28-20 win over Southern Utah on Saturday.

Christensen said the team plans to wear a decal with Narcisse's initials and he hoped his team would pull closer together because of the tragedy.

"You know kids are fragile, they're invincible at this age, they think, and how they react to the situation it yet to be seen," he said.

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Falls' impact felt in Tech volleyball

By JOSHUA KOCH
STAFF WRITER

When a coach goes in to a high school gymnasium in hopes of recruiting a potential star, a good first impression is key to landing that recruit.

For freshman Brandy Huskey, who hails from Columbus, her initial impression of Texas Tech assistant coach Beth Falls was a positive one.

"My first impression on her was just that she's a very down to earth country girl that just understands where our small town girls come from," Huskey said. "Because she also came from a small town, played two or three sports. I just really liked her personality and how open she was and how sweet she was to us."

Falls, a Caldwell native, enjoyed a successful career at SMU. She accumulated several awards such as being named to the All-WAC team three times, one of which was a first-team honor her senior year.

After concluding her collegiate career — Falls graduated in 2005 with a degree in business management and a minor in psychology — she decided to test the international volleyball stage.

Falls made her way to France and became a member of Lyon Saint Fons Volley, playing for the team from August 2005 to May 2006.

"It was just one of those experi-

ences that you have to do when you're young or you'll never do it," Falls said. "So I knew that was going to build me as a person, and it kind of helped me figure out what I wanted to do with my life."

After her trip overseas, Falls earned a job with the Texas Tech volleyball team as an assistant coach under then-head coach Nancy Todd in 2006.

Now entering her fifth season as a member of the Red Raider coaching staff — second under head coach Trish Knight — Falls has done her part in recruiting quality players.

"She knows Texas and she is a great recruiter in Texas and I knew we needed that on our staff."

TRISH KNIGHT
COACH
TECH VOLLEYBALL

One of those players is junior Amanda Dowdy, who has had two productive years thus far.

"Beth Falls is a lot of the reason that I chose to come to Texas Tech," Dowdy said. "She has played a huge part on this team ever since I was a freshman, even before that. She's such a great encourager, she's a great coach. I've learned so much from her."

A great supporting staff is important for any head coach, something Knight will acknowledge.

Falls not only is in charge of recruiting for Red Raider volleyball, but also helps with scouting and game planning.

Knight said Falls is one of the top assistant coaches in the state, and believes Falls is a great asset to Tech volleyball as a whole.

"She knows Texas and she is a

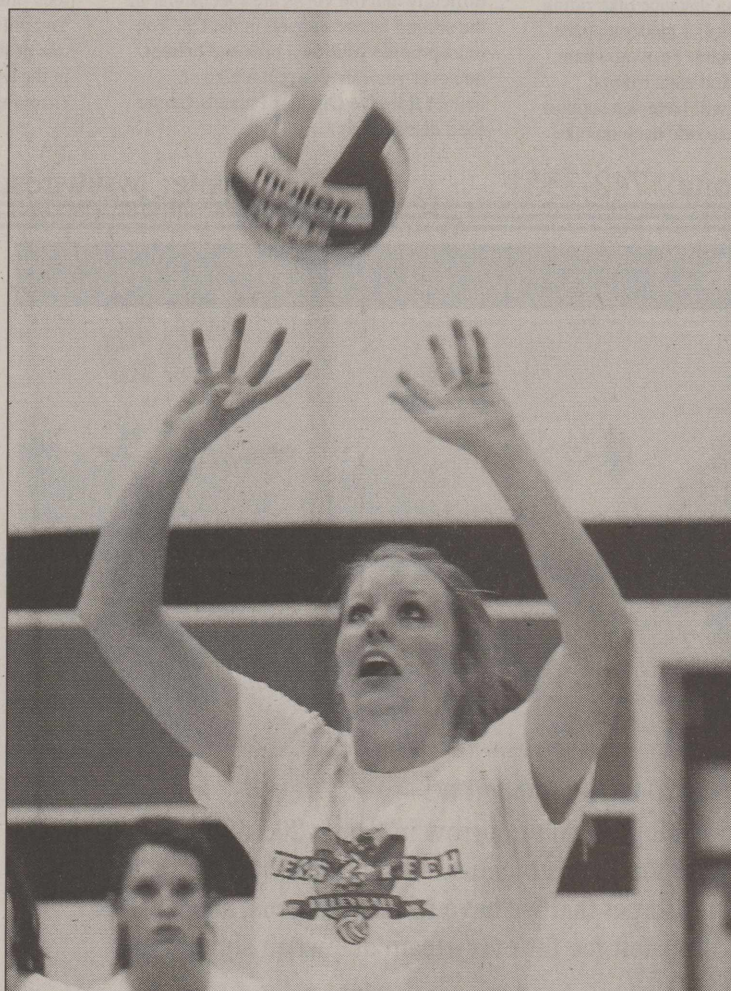


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FRESHMAN BRANDY HUSKEY sets up a play during practice in the United Spirit Arena. Huskey, a Columbus native, was recruited by assistant coach Beth Falls.

great recruiter in Texas, and I knew we needed that on our staff," Knight said. "She's a great fundamental coach, but she also brings all those things that you want."

As a coach, developing recruits into top-notch athletes is something that probably comes as a natural responsibility.

But for Falls, her focus does not solely target how good the player be-

comes on the court, but also the person they become off of the court and how they carry themselves throughout life.

"I don't want to teach them just volleyball," Falls said. "I want to teach them everything; I want to build them as people. So when they look back they can think I learned a lot from my four years at Tech and it was great. "So that's my ultimate goal."

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Lady Raiders search for male practice players

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

In an effort to put the best product on the hardwood this fall, the Texas Tech women's basketball team is searching for male volunteers to come out and serve as a practice team for the Lady Raiders to compete against.

"Basically what we're looking for are male practice players to come out and join the Texas Tech women's basketball team," said Grant Fausset, Director of Operations for the program. "Basically they're used for preparation and scouting purposes throughout the season."

The male practice squad serves as a more efficient way for the Lady Raiders to prepare since it provides them with opposition different from themselves.

Fausset said the idea of using a male group is something that has been used at other programs across the country.

"We had a practice player squad when I was at Purdue (University) and there was one here that was in place," he said. "We just kind of continued that. As far as the success of it, it just allows us to focus on our team against someone else."

The practice squad meets with the Lady Raiders six days a week once the regular season has begun.

Tech starts the year off against New Mexico Nov. 12 in Albuquerque, N.M.

INFORMATION

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

WANTED: 15-20

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Grant Fausset, Director of Operations office: (806) 742-7730

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With so much time spent competing against one another, the Lady Raiders respect and embrace the effort the practice squad puts forth, Fausset said.

"They enjoy it, they treat these guys as a part of the team," he said. "We're not allowed to do a lot of stuff for them because of NCAA regulations and these guys show up just on their own time because they love the game of basketball and want to help out our team."

"The girls appreciate that, and really treat them as a part of the family."

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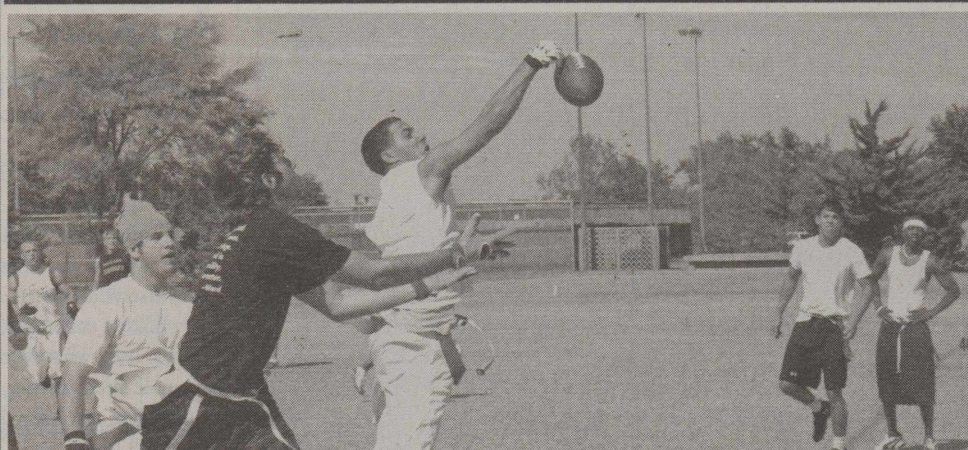
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Flag Football Sign-ups are now!

Sign-ups for Flag Football go until tomorrow in Room 203 of the Rec Center! Get your team signed up for Tech's biggest fall sport and have some fun on the gridiron! And don't forget that we have Mens, Womens, and Co-Rec Teams! There is a \$50 forfeit fee for every team due when signing up.

Don't have a team to call home? Come to the free agent meeting on tonight at 7:00pm in Rm. 206 of the Rec!

Sand Volleyball

Registration for Sand Volleyball has begun! Register in the Intramural Office, Rm. 203 by Wednesday, Sept. 15. Play starts Friday, August 17. FREE!



Need a job?

Become a flag football official and make \$10 a game!

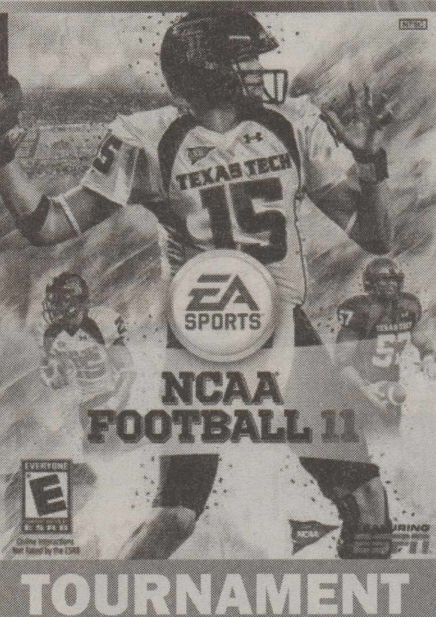
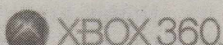
Last chance meeting will take place tonight from 5:00pm - 8:00pm in Rm 201 of the Rec Center! No officiating experience necessary! Knowledge of American football is needed. And you can still play too!



NCAA 2011 Tourney

TEXAS TECH REC CENTER
REGISTER IN ROOM 203
REGISTRATION 8/26-9/10
TOURNAMENT 9/14-9/16

STARTING AT 6:00PM



TOURNAMENT

FREE PIZZA
1ST AND 2ND PLACE WIN
A COPY OF THE GAME

Outdoor Pursuits

Apple Butter Bike Ride

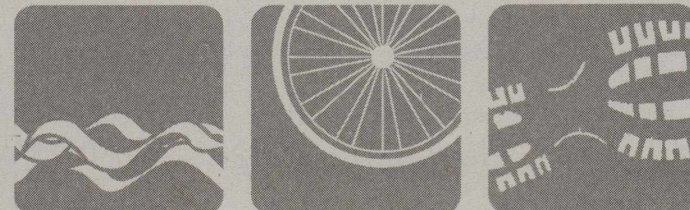
Register by tomorrow for the Apple Butter Festival Bike Ride! For \$10, you get admission and food to the Idalou Apple Butter Festival at the Apple Country Orchard. There will be food, music, and apple picking all day long! Get admission, lunch and dessert for \$10!

****Need a bike to ride? Stop by the OPC to inquire about renting a road bike!****

Check out the Apple Butter Festival website for more information about the festival!
<http://www.applecountryorchards.com/festivals.htm>

Contact the OPC for more information about the ride! 742-2949!

Broadway Bikes REC TRIATHLON



September 12, 2010 7:30am

COMPETITIVE

400 meter swim
12 mile bike
2.5 mile run

*awards given to first place finishers

RECREATIONAL

300 meter swim
9 mile bike
2 mile run

*no awards given

COST

Tech Individual	\$28
Community Individual	\$35
Tech Team	\$45
Community Team	\$65

Entry Deadline:

Wednesday, September 8

(\$5.00 late fee for entries received after Sep. 8th)

Register in Fit/Well or on Active.com

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF EARLY REGISTRATION!

Fit/Well



RAIDER X and X2 Classes have started!

All Raider X2 classes are now in swing! So make sure to register for your favorite classes now! We always have great classes like Spin, Yoga, and Pilates, but did you know we have Belly Dancing, Latin Dance, and Meditation? Try them out for free now, and register to claim your spot today!

Raider Fit Rewards

Win prizes just by coming to fitness classes! All you need to do is pick up a card from one of the fitness studios or in the Fit/Well and start attending classes! You only have to go to 10 to get your first prize!

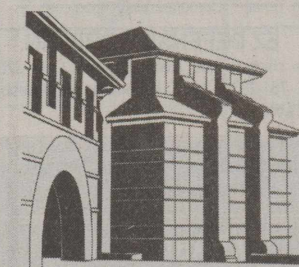
Beat the Longhorns Game Day

TEXAS TECH vs UT

Beat the Longhorns

GAME DAY RUN, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

9:00 AM



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION AND ACTIVITIES

EVENT CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2010



TODAY, 9.8.10

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Orientation
Student Union
Lubbock Room, 12:00pm
Learn how to use free resources that the University has to offer. This is a great session to attend if your organization plans on having an on-campus barbecue, on-campus raffle, or on-campus concert. Find out more about OrgSync and how it can help your organization! BRING YOUR WIRELESS LAPTOP IF YOU HAVE ONE

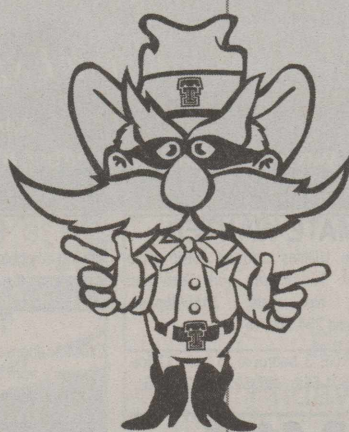
Movie Premiere:
Get Him to the Greek
Urbanovsky Park, 8pm
Swing by with your pals and enjoy a FREE flick on TAB. Come watch at night, during the matinee, or both! Got questions? Check Facebook, Twitter, or TechAnnounce for further information.

THURSDAY, 9.9.10

Matinee -
Get Him to the Greek
Student Union
Escondido Theatre,
3:00pm

****Visit the Texas Technology Store****
for all your
computer, software
& accessory needs!
Monday - Friday
8am-5pm

FRIDAY, 9.10.10



**Student Union Building
Fall Semester Hours**
Sunday 12pm-11pm
Monday - Friday 7am-11pm
Saturday 8am-11pm

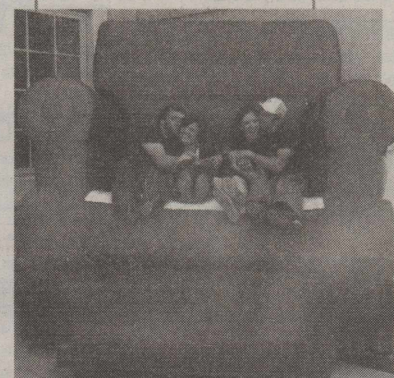
SATURDAY, 9.11.10

SUNDAY, 9.12.10

MONDAY, 9.13.10



TAB
TECH ACTIVITIES BOARD
Big Chair Photos
Student Union West Plaza,
11:00am - 3:00pm
Get all of your friends
together to take a silly, classy,
or casual picture in a big red
chair! Each picture is printed
on the spot for a laugh that
will last a lifetime.



TUESDAY, 9.14.10

COMING UP:

- S.O. Advisor Orientation (9.15.10)
- Mr. Gatti's Night (9.15.10)
- Volunteer Fair (9.16.10)
- Comedy Night with Ryan Reiss (9.16.10)
- RaiderGate feat. Kyle Park (9.18.10)
- Hub City BBQ Cook-off (9.23.10)