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Engineering fair hosts about 130 companies

More than 1,500 Tech students attend job fair

By YACKJAIIRA RUIZ
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Engineering Job Fair hosted 135 companies at the Lubbock Civic Center Wednesday in attempt to give students an opportunity to meet prospective employers.

Shelli Crockett, director of the Engineering Opportunities Center, said she has been preparing for the job fair since last spring.

"We typically start working on the job fair about six months before," Crockett said. "To lead up to the job fair, we did a four week seminar series to prepare the students. We started the first week of school and covered a different topic each week."

Crockett said in the first three hours of the fair, 1,700 students visited with prospective employers.

"Last fall, we had 2,100 students come and we will probably surpass that this year," Crockett said.

There has been an Engineering Job Fair twice a year for 11 years at Tech, Crockett said. She also said the fair outgrew the facilities on campus and as a result, the fair was moved three years ago to the Lubbock Civic Center.

Since the fair was off-campus, Crockett said a shuttle provided students the ability to attend the fair.

"The shuttle helps bring students from campus so students don't have to drive or for students who don't have a car or who don't want to give up their parking on campus," Crockett said. "We provide a shuttle all day, starts at 9:30 a.m. and goes until the last student is back and does nothing from go to campus to job fair and back."

Adam Venn, a freshman petroleum engineering major from The

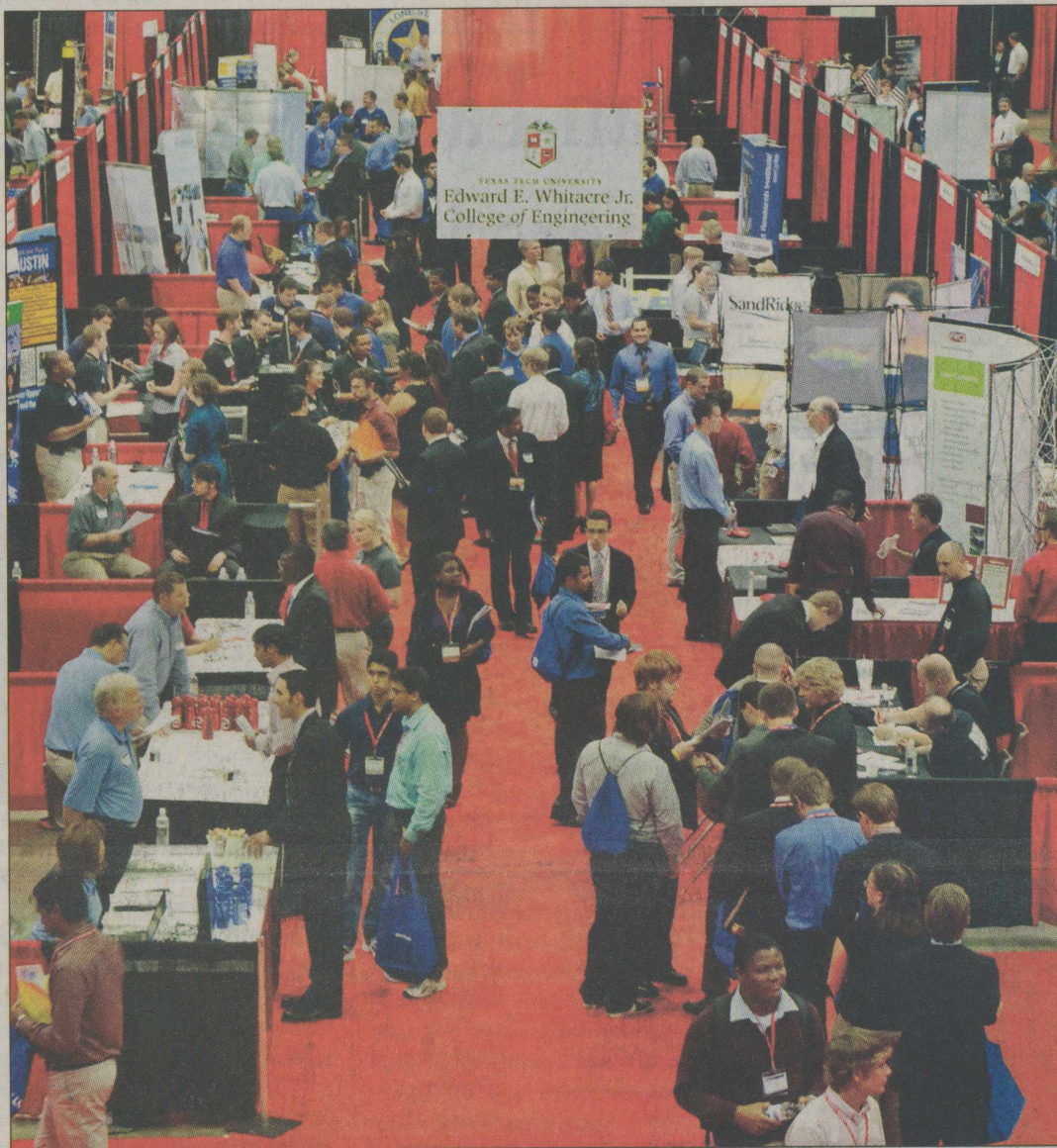


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ENGINEERING STUDENTS BROWSE through the booths set up by companies at the College of Engineering Job Fair Wednesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Woodlands, took the shuttle to the job fair.

"I think the shuttle is a good thing because I don't have to find a ride or walk in the inclement weather," Venn said.

Crockett said more companies attended this year's fair when

compared with last year's turnout.

MLN Company was new this year to the job fair. Stan Whitfill, a representative of MLN, was impressed with the fair.

"The fair is done well and is very well organized," Whitfill said. "The facility is great and big. Everything

is first class."

MLN Company, based out of Houston, has mainly recruited engineering students from Texas A&M and the University of Oklahoma, Whitfill said.

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Sarah Palin to visit Lubbock in January

Former VP candidate and governor of Alaska to speak at fundraising event

By BROOKE BELLOMY
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Palin, the 2008 vice presidential candidate and former governor of Alaska, will speak at a fundraising benefit for Lubbock Christian School on Jan. 24 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the school's operational budget, Superintendent Peter Dahlstrom said. Currently, Lubbock Christian School educates children from preschool through 12th grade and currently has 343 students.

This will be the school's 21st benefit dinner, and, although he was not allowed to discuss how much the school is paying Palin to speak or how much he expects the school will make, Dahlstrom said this would likely be the school's most successful benefit dinner yet.

Before the school's announcement of the event on Tuesday, Dahlstrom said, half of the 1,397 tickets available were already sold. Tickets range from \$2,000 for 10 to \$50,000 for corporate sponsors. Dahlstrom said he anticipates the event will be sold out by the end of the week.

In bringing Sarah Palin to the area to speak, Dahlstrom said the school has three goals.

"We want to raise funds to help with tuition," he said. "We want to increase our exposure to let the area know who we are and what we do and help us grow, and we want people to listen to a good speech and have a good time."

The school chose Palin for this event because of her exciting, high-energy speeches and because she would be able to draw a large crowd and help get the school's name out and into the public, Dahlstrom said.

Before Palin takes the stage, there will be a social fellowship reception hour with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, he said. Corporate sponsors will get face time with Palin in a VIP room and have the option to take a picture with her.

Although Dahlstrom does not know the content of Palin's speech, he expects it will not be politically charged.

"She's not coming to us as a Republican or Democrat," he said. "Based on her other speeches, she'll probably be talking about her life, her love for America and her positive outlook for the future."

Those interested in attending the benefit are asked to visit the school or call 806-796-8700 to purchase tickets.

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Baron Batch and the Red Raiders experience both positives and negatives from having a bye week this early in the season. STORY, Page 8

Alumni Spotlight: Movie Guru

Tech alumnus achieves fame, success in Hollywood, Walt Disney Studios

By DEVIN SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

Success is measured in many different ways, and people have different standards for what they define as being a successful person. Andy Fickman can be defined as successful on all accounts. If Fickman's name sounds familiar to you, it should. Not only is Fickman a 1988 graduate of Texas Tech, he is also a renowned film director/producer.

Since arriving in Los Angeles after graduating college, Fickman has worked on numerous

film projects, including the 2009 Disney movie "Race to Witch Mountain" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. This Friday, Fickman's new movie, "You Again", starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Sigourney Weaver, will hit theaters. Having such a star-studded cast is something Fickman is really proud of.

"It is such a wonderful ensemble cast," he said. "It really is A-list actors in A-list roles."

Fickman, who majored in advertising and public relations, really credits his time at Texas Tech with preparing him for life in the film industry.

"I was very active on campus, in student government and as president of my fraternity," he said, "and that really helps build skills that are useful in the real world."

Fickman, like many others who go to Hollywood to chase their dreams, didn't start out directing; in fact, he started off giving tours at Universal Studios, and later worked in the mailroom at Triad Artists Agency, where he was "discovered."

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Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, Tech School of Music
So, what is it?
Come support the Tech music department and hear two of its bands perform.

9th Annual Hub City BBQ Cook-off

Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Wells Fargo parking lot, 1500 Broadway St.
So, what is it?
Find out who makes the best BBQ in West Texas by sampling ribs, brisket, fajitas and more. Presented by Suddenlink West Texas, the event is open to the public, and the Kinky Wizards will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$20.

Belly Dancing for Women

Time: 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Where: UMC Activities Center, 5217 82nd St.
So, what is it?
This class can increase stamina

and flexibility, relieve stress and even improve your memory. Have fun and use some core muscles you didn't even know you had.

FRIDAY

Men's Choir Festival

Time: Noon
Where: Tech School of Music, M01
So, what is it?
Come see the Tech men's choir perform.

Name for a Nation

Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane
So, what is it?
Listen to the Lubbock Symphony perform its national-pride season opener with three famed composers.

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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.

Correction

In the Sept. 22 issue of *The Daily Toreador*, in the story "Tech couple reminisces about Raiderville meeting," the couple

has not been married for three years but is set to wed in May 2011.

The DT regrets the error.

Court reverses conviction for Texas dog scent case

DALLAS (AP) — A man convicted of murder after three bloodhounds allegedly matched his scent to the victim should be set free because the evidence against him was not legally sufficient, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Wednesday.

The court acquitted Richard Winfrey Sr., reversing his 2007 conviction in the murder of high school janitor Murray Burr in the small town of Coldspring, about 60 miles north of Houston.

Under the ruling, prosecutors will not be allowed to retry the case.

Winfrey remained in state prison Wednesday. His attorney, Shirley Baccus-Lobel, said she planned to immediately file a motion for his

release with the state appeals court. It is possible he could be freed by Friday, his 57th birthday.

"We thank God first and then Shirley second," said Vicky Winfrey-Daffern, the defendant's sister. "We are so overjoyed. Everybody's turning flips."

The main evidence against Winfrey in the 2004 murder was a positive scent identification from three bloodhounds named Quincy, James Bond and Clue. The dogs belong to former Fort Bend Sheriff's Deputy Keith Pikett, who retired earlier this year after being targeted by the Innocence Project of Texas, a group that claims the ex-lawman passes off junk science as legitimate investigative techniques.

MAKE IT SHINE



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

CLAYTON TATUM, A senior art major from Dallas, polishes a pinball machine leg Wednesday outside the art building.

Tech Human Factors and Ergonomics Society honored for gold medal status

By BRIAN HOWARD
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Human Factors and Ergonomics Society student chapter was recently awarded gold medal status for the third year in a row due to their outstanding work effort and achievements.

According to the national HFES website, a student chapter of HFES must meet nine out of 13 criteria, which include activities such as field trips, volunteering and exploration, to receive gold medal status.

Johan Hendrikse, president of Tech's HFES student chapter, said the organization sets goals to accomplish, which usually

fall in one of the 13 categories.

"The national society has a list of several categories, including areas such as recruitment, student membership and student services," he said. "We focus a lot on volunteering, including setting up things for the national HFES conference."

In the past, the president had to do almost everything, but this year we made changes to alleviate some of the duties associated with the position, Hendrikse said.

"We decided to set up committees for various activities, including the major topics we try and address," he said. "My role as president now is to organize most meetings and oversee the decisions that we make."

"I believe they only give these awards to eight students in the country, so it's pretty special that three of us were honored."

JOHN MORRIS
PREVIOUS PRESIDENT OF TECH'S HFES CHAPTER

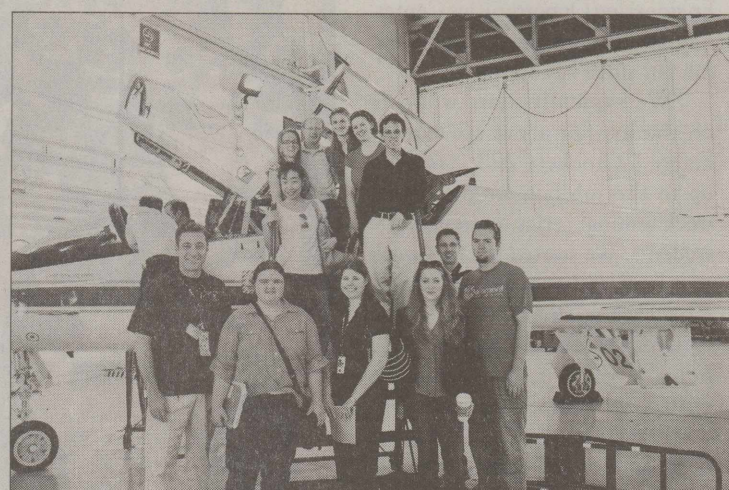


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STUDENTS FROM THE Tech Human Factors and Ergonomics Society attended a conference in Houston and were given a tour of the Ellington Air Force Base.

Hendrikse said although the chapter does a variety of activities at different times, there are some activities the organization does on a regular basis.

"We always do something for Arbor Day," he said, "and we do a lot of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity."

Many of the chapter members conduct research as well, Hendrikse said.

"The chapter is made up of mostly graduate students, so almost all of us are involved in research at some point," he said.

Keith Jones, an associate professor in the psychology department, is one of the advisors for the chapter. He said the chapter takes a trip each year. "We do a variety of activities," he said, "including an annual trip to far-reaching places such as Austin, Houston and San Antonio."

Several students involved in the chapter were recently given awards by the national HFES, as well.

A few of our members received Student Member with Honors, which means they were good students who contributed to the society nationally and locally, Jones said.

"One was Kerstan Cole, who conducted research on why cell phone use is dangerous while driving," he said, "and another was Paul Derby, who looked at the replication of research in the area of psychology."

John Morris, the previous president of the chapter, said the chapter has evolved a lot over the past few years.

"We sat down a few years ago and put into action a plan to revitalize our student chapter," he said, "and we based that plan off of criteria from the national society."

Although he recently stepped down as president, the national chapter also recently recognized Morris for his achievements.

"This is the second or third year they started recognizing student members who excelled at research and industry contribution to the field," he said.

The national society has stringent rules on handing out Student Member with Honors, Morris said.

"I believe they only give these awards to eight students in the country," he said, "so it's pretty special that three of us were honored."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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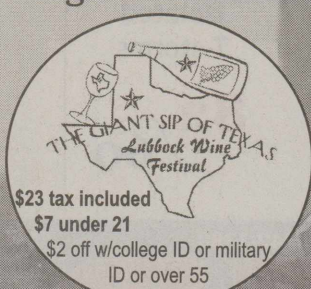
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Judge denies bail for Chicago bomb suspect

CHICAGO (AP) — A 22-year-old Lebanese immigrant accused of placing a backpack he thought contained a bomb near Chicago's Wrigley Field is no terrorist, just someone seeking quick fortune and fame in America, his attorney and a friend said Wednesday.

But a federal judge denied bail for Sami Samir Hassoun, determining he is dangerous and a flight risk.

"It's hard to imagine a more serious crime ... Although it was thwarted, it had the potential to kill many people," U.S. District Judge Susan Cox said Wednesday afternoon at Hassoun's detention hearing.

Prosecutors allege Hassoun took a fake bomb given to him by undercover FBI agents and dropped it Sunday in a trash bin near the historic home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team. While harmless, the device appeared ominous — a paint can fitted with blasting caps and a timer.

Earlier Wednesday, restaurant owner Joseph Abraham told The Associated Press that Hassoun is well educated but also prone to big boasts, lies and bluffs. Those may have led his friend of more than a year to plant the bogus bomb, Abraham said.

"Half of the stuff he told you you couldn't believe — lies to show people he was a big shot," said Abra-

ham, 49. "I think what got him into trouble was he was bluffing, and he got caught in a bluff."

Outside the courtroom, attorney Myron Auerbach also described his client as prone to embellish. He said Hassoun had difficulty backing away from dangerous situations but insisted, "My client is not a terrorist."

Auerbach said Hassoun was born in Beirut but spent much of his childhood in the west African nation of Ivory Coast, where his father had a business. The family was forced to flee for their lives as fighting broke out among various factions, he said.

"He saw death, mayhem and destruction as a small child," said Auerbach, who contends the trauma may have affected Hassoun's development.

The judge set Hassoun's next court date for Sept. 30. Auerbach is seeking a psychological evaluation for Hassoun, although he told the judge he believes his client is competent to stand trial.

Hassoun wore an orange jumpsuit over his slight frame at Wednesday's hearing, hunching his shoulders as he stood next to his attorney.

When a marshal removed his handcuffs, Hassoun nodded at relatives seated in the courtroom. One responded by appearing to blow a kiss at the defendant.

Study: Mammograms offer little benefit for women older than 50

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mammograms don't help women over 50 as much as has been believed, new research suggests.

Only a third of the reduced risk of death credited to breast cancer screening is actually deserved — the rest is due to better treatment and greater awareness of the disease, a large study in Norway found.

The research, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, is the latest to show that the benefits of mammography are limited.

"It's not the great lifesaver that people think it is. It's not a magic bullet," said Georgetown University researcher Dr. Jeanne Mandelblatt who was not involved in the study.

Mandelblatt headed six teams that helped shape the new mammogram guidelines issued last year by an influential government task force. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force concluded that women at average risk for breast cancer don't need mammograms in their 40s and should get one just every two years starting at 50.

The World Health Organization estimates that mammograms reduce the breast cancer death rate by 25 percent in women over 50. Other groups put the figure at 15 to 23 percent.

The latest study found that while mammograms cut the risk of dying, the benefit was disappointingly low. Women who were screened had a 10 percent lower risk of death from breast cancer, but only a third of that reduction was due to screening itself.

Some 2,500 women would have to be regularly screened over 10 years to save one life from breast cancer, Dr. H. Gilbert Welch of Dartmouth Medical School noted in an accompanying editorial.

In the study, scientists were able to

tease out the benefits of mammography by studying Norway's breast cancer screening program, which began as a pilot in 1996 and later expanded to the entire country. As part of the national screening program, teams of doctors were set up in every county to treat any breast cancer cases that did occur, whether they were found by mammograms or other ways.

Some 40,000 women with breast cancer were included in the study. Women ages 50 through 69 were offered screening every two years.

Researchers compared the breast cancer death rate in four groups: a screening group of women living in areas where mammograms were offered; a non-screening group in regions that did not have screening; and two comparison groups of women from the decade before the screening program began, from the same counties as the women in the other two groups.

When you can't think of the right words...

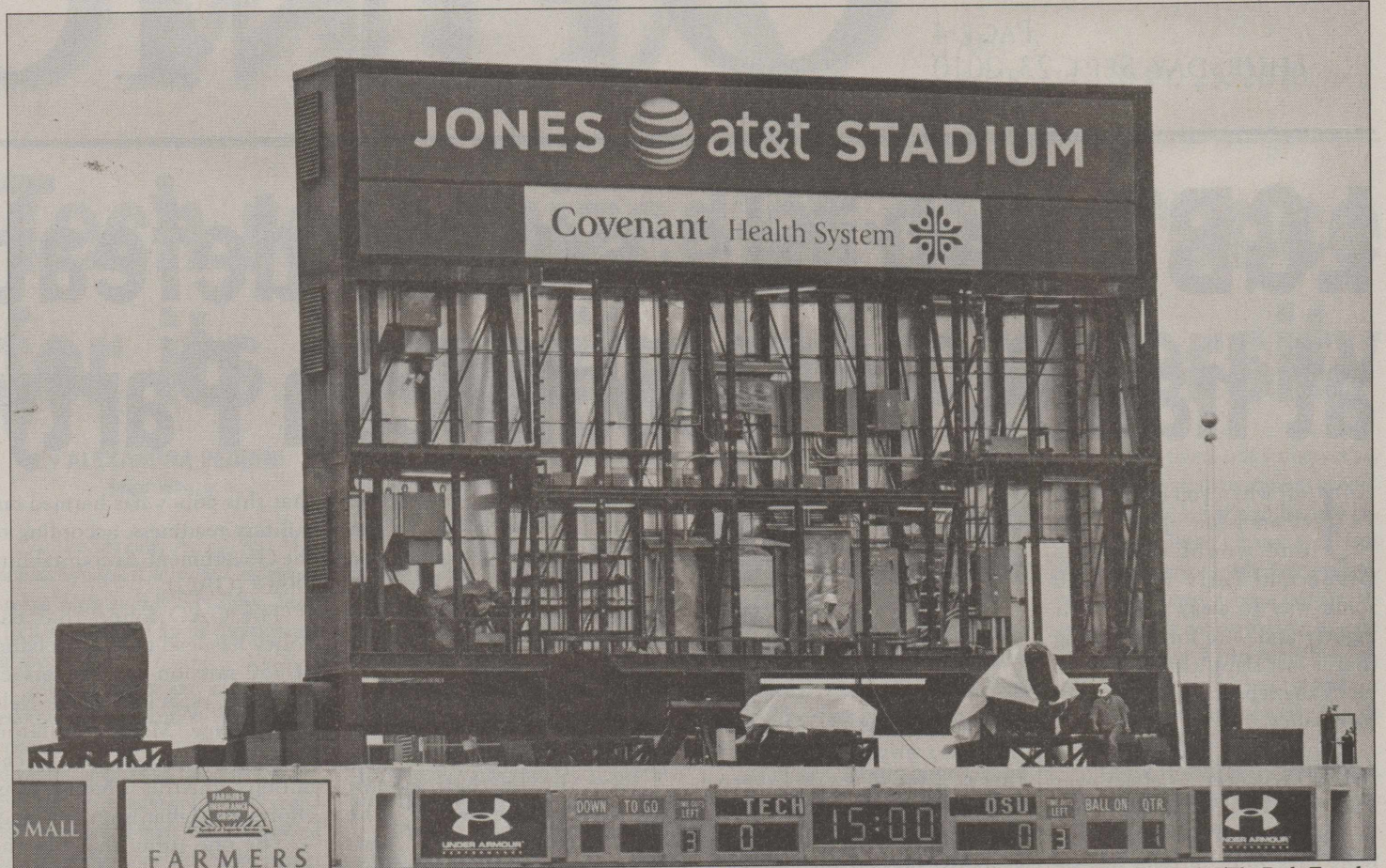


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THE NORTHSIDE SCOREBOARD at Jones AT&T Stadium was being worked on and expanded 10 to 12 feet wider Wednesday. It is expected to be finished in time for the next home football game against Oklahoma State on Oct. 16.

Fair

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"I read some articles regarding the student body at Texas Tech and they said overall the reputation and students were of higher quality, so I came here," Whitfill said. "I think Texas Tech is one of the leading universities with well-rounded, well-qualified students, and I have been impressed with Texas Tech."

Whitfill said MLN Company would return to the Tech job fair in the future.

Katie Coyle, a representative of Austin Bridge and Road Inc., said her company has been a part of the job fair for over four years. She said she was impressed with the job fair and the students.

"The career fair is one of the best that I have seen put on," Coyle said. "We go to about seven or eight a semester, and Tech is one of the best. The students are the most prepared, their resumes are put together and they have basic interviewing skills. It is a different environment here than you see at different colleges. One of the things I really like is that Tech supports their alumni and allows them to come back to job fairs. It's my favorite thing."

The job fair is a critical part

for engineering students since students are expected to have internships in the field before they graduate, Crockett said.

Anthony Esch, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Liberty Hill, said his main reason for attending the job fair was for a prospective internship this summer.

Britrani Dillard, a junior chemical engineering major from Sulphur Springs, said her goal was to get an interview for an internship as well.

Dillard is a transfer student

from Tyler Junior College. She transferred to Tech because it has one of the best engineering schools in Texas, she said.

The job fair is another great aspect of the engineering school.

"The fair is a good thing for the engineering students because it gives us an opportunity to find jobs and internships, not just on our own," Dillard said. "The university puts all these people together for us, and we meet them all at once. Most of the people here know Tech is a good engineering school and

they want Tech students. It gives us more of an opportunity to get out there."

Jordan Park, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Spring, said the fair is an opportunity to network.

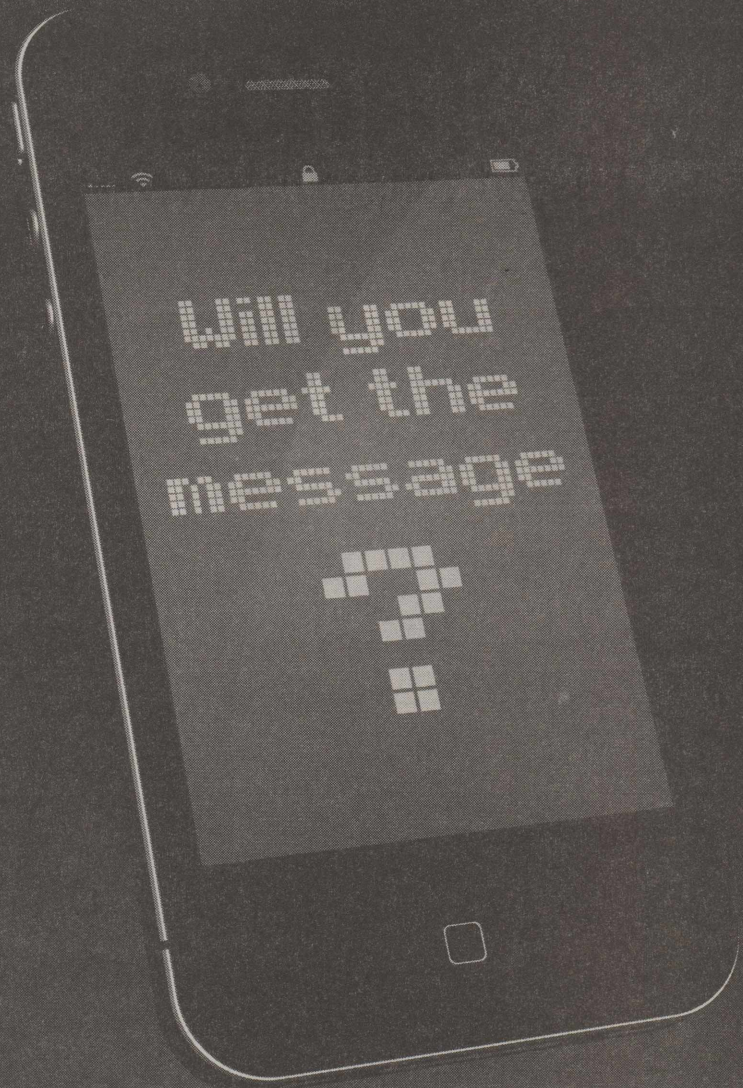
"Networking in the petroleum industry in particular is extremely important," Park said. "Being able to communicate and knowing who is in the industry is important because you never know who you are going to run into. Getting your name out there is important because you will be seen again. The job fair teaches you how to network, how to communicate with companies and lets you know what they are looking for," Park said. "It prepares you for the real world."

Other companies present at the job fair included Oxy Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Shan Smith Associates Inc.

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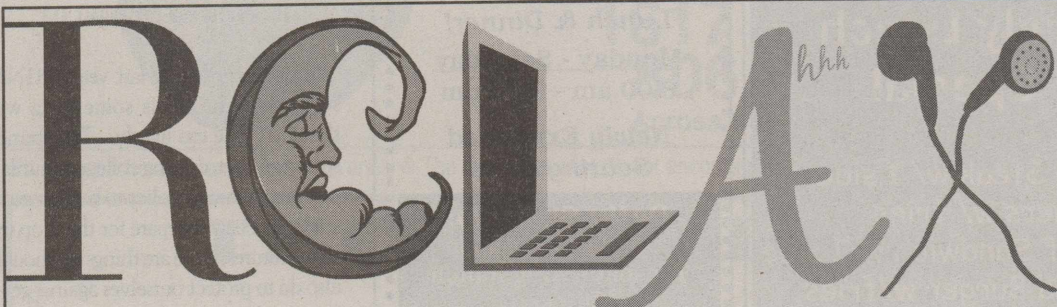


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LGBT patriots suffer defeat at hands of Republican Party

Just when you think there is an issue upon which one would think the Grand Old Party would find some way to sway from their bigotry and vote for something that is just right, they decide to block the repeal of a discriminatory policy.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (or DADT) has been in effect ever since Bill Clinton made it law in the 1990s. It is a law that bans gays from serving openly in the military. If you are gay and want to serve in the greatest military in the world, you must hide yourself and pretend to be something you are not.

It is a policy that says that if you are gay, you are not good enough (not American enough) to fight for your country.

It is a law that has pretty much been determined to be flawed in its very nature with exception to the far right-wing evangelicals.

This is quite funny because many of the same senators screamed that the Obama administration was cramming health care legislation down everyone's throats despite public polls, supposedly, showing opposition.

The Wall Street Journal

Paul Williamson



(owned by Rupert Murdoch, who also owns FOX News, so this is a bit of a conservative source of information) reported in February of this year that 66 percent of people believed this policy amounted to discrimination.

According to the same report, 57 percent voiced their support for gays to serve openly in the military.

A May CNN poll found that 78 percent said "people who are openly gay or homosexual" should be able to serve in the armed forces.

"The results are similar to what CNN found in December of 2008 (81 percent) and May of 2007 (79 percent)," reported The Hill.

Note that these numbers are consistent with most every other poll I found. As opposed to polls on health care, where I

can find polls going both ways.

Not to mention the 73 percent of military personnel that is comfortable with gays and lesbians, according to the Service Members Legal Defense Network.

The Service Members Legal Defense Network also reported top military officials have thrown their support behind the repeal. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen, former chairman

John Shalikashvili and defense secretary Robert Gates (secretary for both Bush and Obama) have all voiced their opposition to DADT.

Even Dick Cheney has stated the law needs to be re-examined.

And even conservatives agree with me. (Which makes me want to rethink my position for a second because this cannot be good, right?) A 2009 Gallup poll found that almost 60 percent of conservatives supported repeal.

If this was not enough for our fine senators to vote for the repeal, it should be noted

that this policy has harmed our military readiness, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The GAO found that the policy has led to the discharge of 750 mission-critical service members, especially in the field of language. Many translators have been kicked out of the military, and this is harming our efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The one thing that has the GOP going on a bit of the offense is the DREAM Act provision that allows a path to citizenship for undocumented minors who join the military or attend a United States college for two years.

This act is critical to increase numbers in the military and allow for many undocumented minors, who had no choice but to follow their family members into the country, to be productive members of our society. It is nonsensical to allow their strict anti-immigration views get in the way of preventing discrimination against honorable men and women.

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Bystander effect plagues all of us

Do you remember that story in the news about a homeless man, Hugo Alfredo Tale-Yax, who was trying to help a woman from being robbed and instead got stabbed to death by the attacker?

He fell to the ground and lay in a pool of his own blood for more than an hour while more than 20 people walked right by him. It wasn't until firefighters were out responding to another call that they discovered Tale-Yax's body on the sidewalk.

Shocking, right?

If you're anything like me, you're probably thinking, "Why didn't anyone call 911?"

See, now this is where things get interesting. There is a social psychological term (what I refer to as a societal disease) called the bystander effect.

This phenomenon is basically saying that everybody is so consumed in their own lives that a person could be choking and collapse in the middle of the Student Union Building, and everyone nearby would continue walking around with their iPods in, casually stepping over the body and maybe snapping a quick picture with their phone as they walk by.

Diffusion of responsibility is what happens when people witnessing an emergency give the responsibility of helping the victim to the person standing next to them. "Oh, I'm sure someone dialed 911," etc.

Yes, I'm exaggerating things a little bit here, but the honest truth is that it happens every day around us.

There is a method to my madness, I promise. In one of my previous articles, I talked about suicide prevention. My call of action was for students to help look for warning signs from their fellow peers and offer a helping hand to anyone who seems at risk.

My idea was misconstrued in that I supposedly had found a cure-all for suicide attempters.

I simply proposed that if students were at least willing to talk to their friends who might be suicidal, that it was (at the very least) a step in the right direction. Not a cure.

There was also a rebuttal to

RoAnne Romo



my "sex sells" column from Sept. 16. I quote, "Can we challenge both these epidemics in society today? No."

Wrong. Isn't an effort better than nothing at all? Everyone has this naive idea that someone else is going to come along and change the way our society thinks.

I'm not saying that one person will change the world. But just because you don't get immediate results, or you don't make a massive worldly impact, why assume it's doomed to be a lost cause, so why even try?

There is power in numbers. Everyone keeps saying, "Someone else will do it."

Well, I hate to break it to you, but that "someone else" is you.

If we don't "challenge both these epidemics," who will?

We are all diseased by this bystander plague, and everyone refuses to do a single thing about it.

Where did that Golden Rule go that we all learned in elementary school? "Do unto others as you wish done unto you."

I'm looking at my apartment door right now and it's unlocked. Knock on wood, but if someone were to barge into my living room right this moment, I can only pray that a neighbor would answer my cries for help.

Call it what you'd like, but I'm going with lazy. Now, I'm not saying "do this, this and this" and then you'll be a well-rounded contributing citizen. I am simply saying that if we, as a whole, keep putting our epidemics off (whatever they may be), the following generations are going to do the same thing.

Monkey see, monkey do. If we don't stop to help, who will? We will be the death of our own society, and when our world caves in, we're all going to be looking at each other asking where the hell we all went wrong.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By John Ponderers

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1 A teaspoon, maybe
5 It may involve splashing
9 Old hat
14 Quechua speaker
15 Return from the Alps?
16 Sticky resin used in paint
17 Hot quaff
18 Love god
19 "Thelma and Louise" car
20 "Oh, yeah?"
23 ___ manual
24 Canadian sentence enders?
25 Start using
28 High degree
29 Prone
33 "Carnival of Harlequin" surrealist
34 Angler's accessory
35 Silas Marner, e.g.
36 "Oh, yeah!"
41 Garden bulb
42 Sharp ridge
43 Repose
44 Journey
46 Merit badge org.
49 Quarterback's cry
50 Time in a pool
51 Willow tree twig
53 "Oh, yeah..."
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60 Cranny's partner
61 First name in Indian music
62 Church chorus
63 Tackle box item
64 Mars counterpart
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Be prepared, flu season is coming

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We learned after last year's H1N1 scare that the flu is something we shouldn't take too lightly. The strand spread all over, causing college administrations to change policy to help protect students. As we prepare for the drop in temperatures, there are things we should also do to protect ourselves against getting the flu.

The CDC says one of the most important things we can do is get a flu shot. While there are a few side effects that include low-grade fever and soreness around the injection site, the sooner one gets a flu shot, the better. A nasal spray is also available to help fight the flu.

The CDC also says to wash your hands with soap and warm water often and to cover your mouth when you cough. We are also advised to limit contact with people experiencing flu-like symptoms. Students living in dorms should be especially careful as illness easily spreads where large groups of people are together in close quarters.

While these tips seem like common sense, they are also things we all easily forget to do. If you get sick, take time to rest to allow your body to recover.

Rockers Kansas carry on, play with college groups

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — College students who weren't alive the last time the rock group Kansas had a hit are playing with the band on its latest tour — a series of performances with university symphonies.

The '70s supergroup known for songs like "Dust in the Wind" and "Carry On Wayward Son" is touring several states to play with student musicians after what it thought was a one-time performance last year for its 35th anniversary. But the orchestra and band complemented each other so well a tour was born.

"If our music didn't fit so well symphonically we might give it a second thought, but it's a natural progression for symphonies and Kansas to play together," said

drummer Phil Ehart, adding that the group "didn't have to do a lot of shoehorning to get the orchestra to fit."

The band whose members are now in their 50s and 60s released its first album in 1974 and had hits including "Point of Know Return," "People of the South Wind" and "All I Wanted," which in 1986 became its last major hit. "Even still today, those are songs that everybody should know," said 23-year-old Oklahoma State senior Colby Bunch, a drummer in the school's symphony who will play with Kansas on Thursday and Friday as part of the tour that includes stops in Alabama, Missouri, Texas and, of course, Kansas.

Fox crowns J-Lo, Tyler as new 'American Idol' judges

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler will join Randy Jackson as "American Idol" judges next season, after months of turnover and speculation about the future of TV's top-rated show.

With pomp rivaling that of a U.S. Supreme Court appointment, Fox finally assembled the new pieces of the "Idol" panel that will be returned to its original three-member format for season 10.

Actress-singer-dancer Lopez and Aerosmith frontman Tyler will have the job of trying to match the offbeat chemistry of former judges Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul.

"This is 'American Idol!'" host Ryan Seacrest said after the new judges joined him on stage at

the Forum arena, where the final national audition for next season's singing contest was held Wednesday.

The announcement was made before a crowd of several thousand who had gathered to try out, some cheering loudly for the cameras and all hoping to make it to the next round, when they'll be judged by the revamped panel. The minishow was streamed live online by Fox.

Tyler said he wanted to join the show because "it's being a part of something much bigger than yourself. ... I want to bring some rock to this rollercoaster and show if you've got the heart, the talent, the feeling to do this you could be the next American Idol."

Tech recognized at conference for its commitment to diversity

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

At the Minority Access, Inc. 11th annual National Role Model Conference in Las Vegas in early September, Texas Tech was awarded for its commitment to diversity.

Minority Access, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization that supports various institutions in the attempt to diversify campuses and worksites by improving the recruitment, retention and enhancement of minorities. This award recognizes the efforts Tech has been making with different activities, scholarships given annually and outreach programs, said Juan Muñoz, vice president for institutional diversity, equity and community engagement and vice provost for undergraduate education.

Diversity encompasses more than race, Muñoz said. It includes everything from cultural differences to economic and experiential backgrounds. Tech is committed to institutional diversity, meaning that everyone has a chance to be successful, he said. With a diverse

campus, students will become more well rounded and prepared for the work force that now has global implications.

"People graduate from Tech and go work in Europe, South America, Central America, New York, so the idea is to make our graduates successful anywhere in the world," he said.

Although Minority Access, Inc. is dedicated to supporting minorities in various institutions around the country, a representative declined to comment on what they consider to be diverse.

"Diversity is not exclusive to racial, ethnic or cultural characteristics," Muñoz said.

Tech students come from different backgrounds, he said. For example, an 18-year-old college freshman is different than someone who has held a job for several years and has chosen to come back to school to get a degree. Although the state is interested in increasing the number of identified minorities, that does not define the university's efforts, he said.

Muñoz said the programs and activities hosted by the

school have been what garner national and statewide attention.

"When you have people interacting and learning from one another, that is when you have a true diversity of experience," he said.

When it comes to how diverse the student population is, some think the school is an example of a "melting pot," while others believe it's quite the opposite.

Josh Rogers, a senior Spanish major from Fort Worth, said he believes Tech has a diverse campus in comparison to other places he's been in the state.

"I think it's diverse because if you look at my soccer class, there's African Americans, there's people of European descent, Middle Eastern descent, there's a lot of diverse people coming together to play a game," said Gabriel Rogers, a freshman business major from Fort Worth.

Although some students find a mixture of races

surrounding them, other students say most of theirs are the complete opposite. Afua Asiana, a freshman business law major from Tema, Ghana, and Nana Kwarteng, a senior supply chain management from Kumasi, Ghana, said they are often the only person of color in some of their classes. When being the only person of a particular race, it makes it easy for people to notice when they are and aren't there.

"I like it," Kwarteng said with a laugh. "Because it makes you known to the teacher or professor."

Both said it is sometimes hard meeting people of the same racial background without joining clubs specifically designed for that ethnicity.

"People here are very nice, but being the only bit of color in (a group) is awkward," Kwarteng said.

Based on the Fall 2010 enrollment numbers, approximately 20 percent of students are African American or Hispanic, and this number continues to grow. These numbers are better than many other Texas universities and have almost doubled since schools, Muñoz said.

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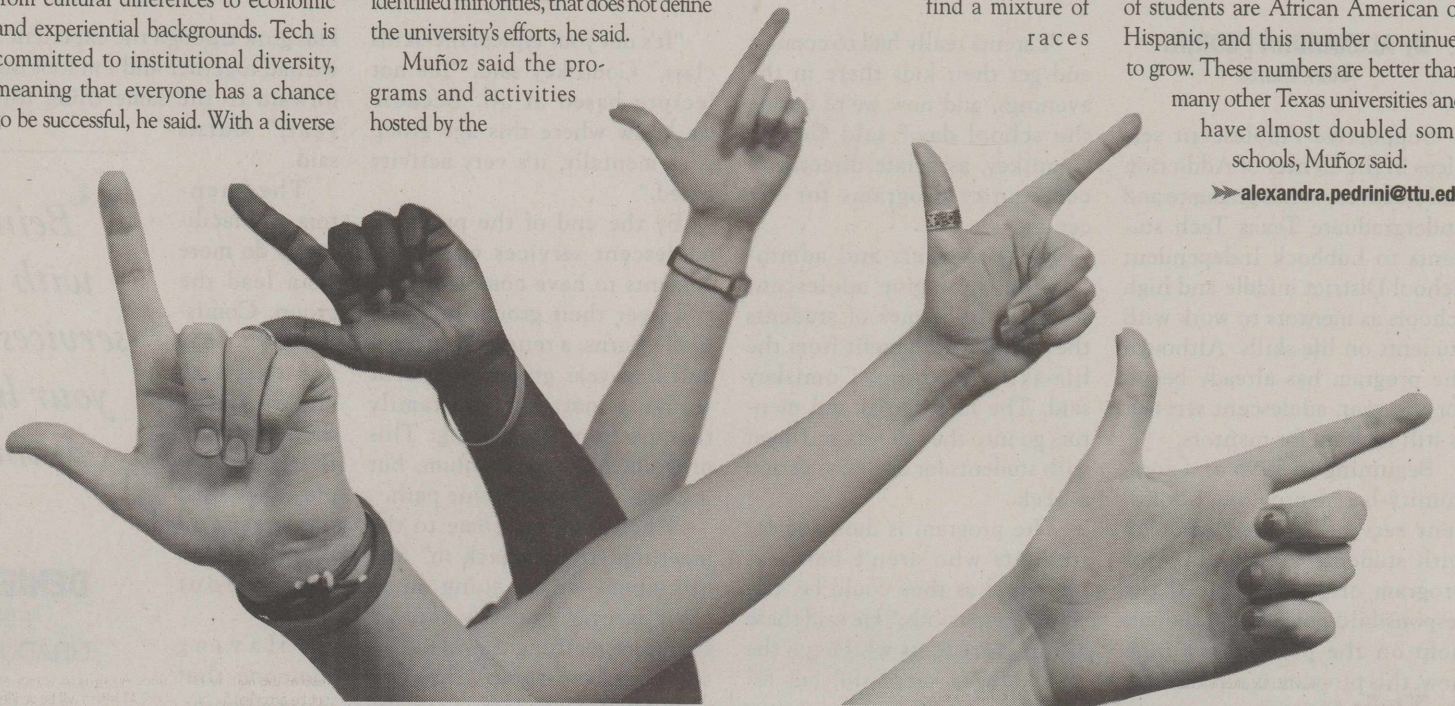


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"From that point is when things got going for me," Fickman said. "But really my only goal when I came out to L.A. was to get a job."

Once discovered, job opportunities just kept coming to Fickman, who started a theater company where Molly Shannon later performed.

He also worked with companies that were run by Hollywood veterans Gene Wilder and Bette Midler. Fickman was also the assistant director on the 1997 movie "Anaconda," starring Jennifer Lopez and Ice Cube. He said he credits his big break to the musical "Reefer

Madness." "Madness," which stars Kristen Bell of "Gossip Girl," Alan Cumming and Neve Campbell, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for numerous awards, including the Emmy for outstanding music and lyrics, which it won.

"This movie changed everything for me," Fickman said. "After 'Madness' is when I was offered 'She's the Man.'"

"She's the Man," starring Channing Tatum and Amanda Bynes, was a hit for Fickman and led him to "You Again." "You Again," which, in addition to Curtis and Weaver, stars Bell and Betty White, is about being forced to deal with someone from the past that you would rather not deal with. Fickman feels that audiences of every

age will relate to this movie because of its premise. He also believes guys will enjoy this movie because it's not a typical chick-flick.

"Audiences will really connect to this movie," he said, "because everyone has that person, whether it's from high school or college, everyone has that one person they wish they could avoid forever."

Despite all his successes, Fickman still remembers where he came from and credits a lot of his success to Texas Tech. "The professors I had, the things I did, all were preparation for my life now," he said. "I still always pinch myself; I feel as if I just left Tech."

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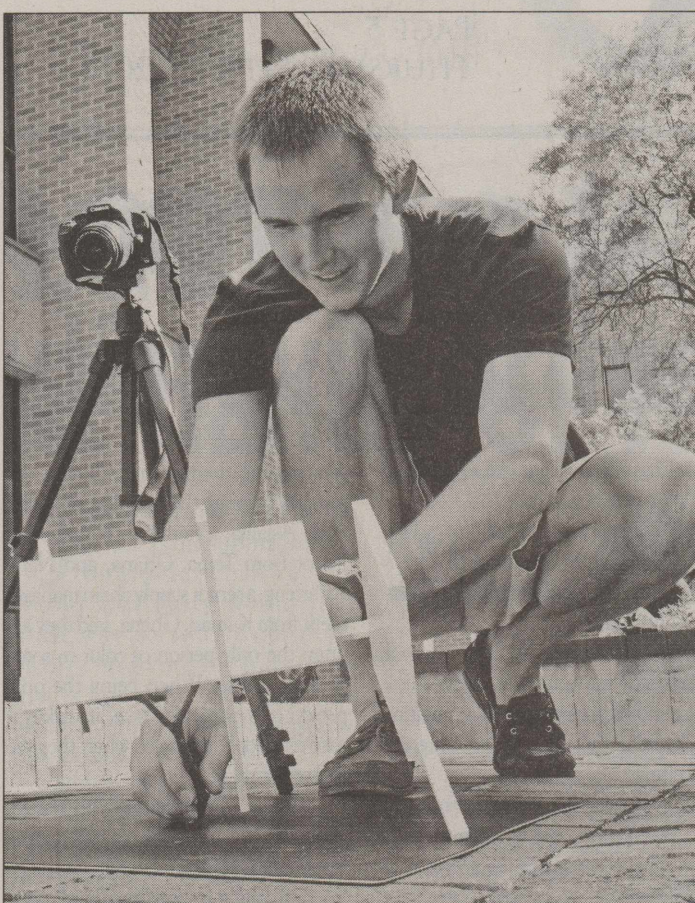


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ANDREW NELSON, A sophomore architecture major from Burn-
ing, repositions his studio model for a different viewpoint, on Tuesday
outside the Art building.

Students cherish memories of loved ones

By JASMINE BRADFORD
STAFF WRITER

Grieving the death of a loved one is a natural part of life that involves moving on from the pain, and some students find ways of holding on to memories of their lost ones.

Every individual copes with death differently. Some imprint their love permanently with tattoos while others have a special item that they treasure in order to keep their loved ones close to their heart. Either way, dealing with the loss of a former family member or friend can ultimately have a lasting effect on a person.

Alyssa Malone, a Texas Tech freshman cell and molecular biology major from Fort Worth, dealt with the death of her mother not too long before her admittance into Tech. In honor of her mother, Malone got a tattoo to represent the strong bond that she had between her and her mother.

"Two weeks before my 17th birthday, I lost my mother. I'm not sure what to call it, I just know that she was sick," Malone said.

As a result of the loss of her mother, she got a tattoo in Chinese characters of the word "mother" located on her foot. With its significant meaning, Malone cherishes her tattoo as a reminder of the love and mother-daughter relationship that once was there.

"It's a physical reminder of an emotional bonding that will not go away," Malone said through tears. "That's why it is on my foot, because she is with me every step of the way."

Stephen Cook, associate professor and director of the psychology clinic, works with students and people within the community in terms of mental and behavioral health issues. His take on how students cope with death relates to what many psychologists call the principle of classical conditioning.

"Basically, (classical conditioning) talks about learned associations where if an object that is closely associated with someone we love, the feelings associated with that person can be associated with that object," Cook said.

Although tattoos may not fall in the same category as keeping a

sentimental object, it does have the same concept and effect as classical conditioning, which deals with those types of associations and feelings.

Carissa Conyers, a freshman architecture major from Copperas Cove, experienced a similar loss of one of her close friends.

"My friend was the kind of person that knew everybody. Everybody loved him", Conyers said.

On March 19, 2010, Conyers lost a dear friend to a car accident. She keeps a backpack that they both purchased when he was still alive to remember what it was like when they were together. Ever since his death, she says that she never uses the backpack.

"I try not to use it anymore because I don't want to ruin it," Conyers said. "If I lose it, then I feel like I lost my friend all over again."

Even though death is a major part of the life cycle, it still has a lasting impact on the lives of the ones that suffer.

"Research shows that 80 to 90 percent grieve, but the feelings pass," Cook stated. "But for those who keep objects with sentimental value, it might be their effective



PHOTO BY SAM GRENAIER/
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CARISSA CONYERS HAS kept a backpack as a memento to her friend who died in a car accident in March. The two purchased the item together before his death.

way of coping."

As we continue to experience the natural process of grieving, we all have a unique and significant way of dealing with the loss of our loved ones, whether it is with tattoos or keepsake items that represent the bond that was once there. >> jasmine.bradford@ttu.edu

Student adolescent support group still seeking applicants

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
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Supportive Adolescent services in the Center of Addiction and Recovery sends graduate and undergraduate Texas Tech students to Lubbock Independent School District middle and high schools as mentors to work with students on life skills. Although the program has already begun for the year, adolescent services is still looking for mentors.

Beginning in 1995 as a community-based program, adolescent services started its work with students in schools. This program originally placed the responsibility of getting students help on the parents, whereas now, this program is run through the school districts.

"Parents really had to commit and get their kids there in the evenings, and now we're during the school day," said George Comiskey, associate director of community programs for the center.

LISD teachers and administrators now give adolescent services the names of students they think will benefit from the life-skills training, Comiskey said. The facilitators and mentors go into the schools and meet with students for one class period a week.

The program is designed for students who aren't being as successful as they could be, not the "problem kids." He said these are good students who have the ability to be successful but for some reason aren't.

"It's not your typical life-skills class," Comiskey said. "It's not lecture based at all. Because we know where this age group is at mentally, it's very activity based."

By the end of the program, adolescent services wants the students to have complete control over their group, said Denielle Burns, a returning mentor and first-year graduate student studying marriage and family therapy from Big Spring. This program has a curriculum, but it doesn't follow just one path.

When students come to the meetings, they "check in" and talk about what's going on in their lives, Comiskey said. If there is something they'd like to talk about and discuss, they do.

"Last year was great, I saw the

kids grow through the experience we had together and I'm looking forward to the same thing this year," Burns said.

The mentors and facilitators do more than lead the group, Comiskey said. They are there to show these students that there are people other than parents and teachers who care about them.

"Having someone that is not a parent, not a guardian or someone directly responsible for you show

up in your life and really care about you and commit to being there for you even in a group

mentoring situation, that person can be as integral or more integral a role in you being resilient in overcoming amazing odds for you not to be successful," he said.

With over 40 groups in the Lubbock community meeting weekly, ado-

lescent services doesn't have enough mentors for each group, Comiskey said. Each group has a graduate student as their facilitator, but because the mentor positions are strictly volunteer-based, few students have been willing and able to work with the pro-

"Being involved with adolescent services can impact your life as much as the kids you help."

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Good time for a tune up

Red Raiders use off week to fix problems



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS SAFETY KENNY Vaccaro breaks up a pass intended for Texas Tech running back Baron Batch during Texas' 24-14 victory Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts loses grip on the ball during Texas' 24-14 victory over Texas Tech Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

After losing to Texas Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, the last thing Texas Tech football wants to do is have another full week to think about a loss.

But that's what the Red Raiders' schedule calls for. Tech has to wait until Oct. 2 to play its next contest against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

Head coach Tommy Tuberville said Tech has essentially re-entered "spring practice mode," where practices revolve around coaching up the Red Raider players rather than game planning for an opponent.

"A lot of technique and fundamentals," Tuberville said after Wednesday's practice. "Not much work on Iowa State in the last two days. We've been focusing on what we need to do to get better and

we can't focus on anybody right now. We've got a lot of work to do but we've worked hard and done a lot of conditioning."

There are multiple areas Tuberville and the rest of the coaching staff can examine, especially on offense where the Red Raiders had -14 rushing yards and 144 total offensive yards against No. 7 Texas.

The performance was so lackluster that Tuberville did not name any players of the game from that match against the Longhorns.

But more goes into a bye week than just correcting mistakes.

Usually, bye weeks allow players who are playing with minor injuries to get back to full health without risking further damage by playing in a game. It also provides players that are more seriously injured another week to recover without missing a contest.

Unfortunately, Tech's bye week has come so early into the season it's not even helping in the injury department.

"We really don't have any injuries," Tuberville said. "We have some players that are beat up a little bit, but I'd love to have a couple of more weeks before having an open date. We're not really worried about getting anyone back; we're 100 percent healthy right now. "We've got to practice and work

on being a lot more physical on both sides and protecting the quarterback and running the ball and doing a lot of things. We've got a lot of work to do there so we're using this week as more of a spring practice week."

Tuberville mentioned cornerback LaRon Moore, who suffered a broken leg this past spring, is ready to play. Moore was actually sent into the Texas game to help the secondary, but the Longhorns called a timeout, giving the starters enough time to catch their breath.

Tuberville also said offensive lineman Beau Carpenter, who has not played yet due to an appendectomy, is ready to play.

The off-week does allow some of the Tech coaching staff to focus more on recruiting than during a typical in-season week, Tuberville said.

"We had some coaches leave about halfway through practice today," he said. "They'll be out Thursday, Friday,

and a couple of guys will be out Saturday and Sunday. We'll see a lot of our guys who are committed and start evaluating for 2012."

One final thing the bye week has done for the Red Raider program is prolong the amount of time until Tech's next true home game which is scheduled for Oct. 16 against Oklahoma State.

That might not be a terrible thing from a fan's perspective, though, because it has allowed enough time for the football program to install a new high-definition Raidervision to replace the aging standard definition screen that was in place during the Texas game.

While current visual equipment won't allow for the new screen to become high-definition until next season, Tuberville said the new board could help the team when it plays its next game in Jones AT&T Stadium.

"It's going to be double the size (of the old one) and HD, which is huge because right now you can't see anything on there," Tuberville said. "(With the old one), you have to be real close and it's real fuzzy. That was one of the first ones that came out, so this one is going to be a refreshing view for coaches, players and fans alike.

"I wish we had a better one the other night. I would have called a timeout and challenged the ball that they dropped. But you just couldn't see anything. It's a big help to both coaching staffs to see instant replays."

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September 14 - October 3, 2010



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Wild West

Bikini Contest Thursdays

Win Cash!! • \$500 Weekly

Finals - September 30th

Win a trip to the Virgin Islands & your share of \$1500

Friday, SEPT. 24th

\$1.50 COORS LIGHT & BLUE MOON DRAFTS

CORY MORROW

Saturday SEPT. 25th

FREE BY 10PM!

ROB BAIRD

\$1.50 MAKER'S MARK, WELL DRINKS & COORS LIGHT (until 11pm)

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