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GSA hosts candlelight vigil

Vigil remembers those who've taken own lives

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
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Students, faculty and Lubbock community members met Wednesday night in Memorial Circle for the Gay-Straight Alliance's Light the Night: Candlelight Vigil in remembrance of the gays and lesbians who have taken their own lives due to social discrimination and bullying.

This year five homosexual students have received media attention for their suicides committed because of bullying by their peers.

The deaths of 18-year-old Tyler Clementi from Ridgewood, N.J., 15-year-old Billy Lucas from Greensburg, Ind., 13-year-old



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THE GAY-STRAIGHT Alliance hosts a candlelight vigil Wednesday to remember homosexual students who took their own lives after being bullied and discriminated against.

Asher Brown from Cypress-Fairbanks, Texas and 13-year-old Seth Walsh from Tehachapi, Calif., sparked a national movement against bullying.

Nonnie Ouch, sophomore public relations major and GSA president, said the close proximity in the time of the suicides and the young ages of the

victims played a major role in the large amounts of publicity they've been given.

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\$10M donation to help establish nursing program in El Paso

Contribution to aid TTUHSC's efforts to improve El Paso branch

By KASSIDY KETRON
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A \$10 million donation, made by the Hunt Family Foundation, was announced at an event in El Paso Wednesday. The money will be put toward establishing an independent nursing program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of El Paso.

Woody Hunt, chairman of the Hunt Family Foundation and CEO of Hunt Companies, said his hopes with the donation were to put El Paso's health care system on the same level as other large

cities in the state.

"Last December, Chancellor Hance made a commitment to elevate our program similar to what is in Lubbock," Hunt said.

The new program will help boost the Health Sciences Center to becoming leaders in the nursing field, he said. The program will not only give students the ability to enter the nursing program earlier than what most universities offer, but it will also expand the focus from hospital nursing to other aspects of nursing.

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Alumni spotlight

Davis continues work at NASA

Tech alumna has had several jobs in her 21 years in Houston

By BRITTANY HOOVER
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When man stepped on the moon in 1969, 11-year-old Sally Davis watched at home from beginning to end.

"When I was a little girl watching it all on TV, I thought, 'What are the guys in the big room with the white shirts and skinny ties doing? I want to do that,'" Davis said.

Now, Davis, a 1980 graduate of Texas Tech, has worked for NASA in Houston for 21 years.

Davis was born in El Paso and moved

to Monahans when she was 9 years old. Her mother was a teacher and her father was a civil engineer.

As a young girl, Davis was interested in school and learning, said her father, Phillip Parker.

"School work and homework were always the most important thing in her existence because she was so interested in new things and math and science," Parker said.

After the landing of Apollo 11, Davis stopped following the NASA program.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TECH COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING
SALLY DAVIS, A 1980 graduate of Texas Tech, has spent the last 21 years working for NASA in Houston.

HUMANS vs ZOMBIES

Nerf tag battle spreads across campus



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

SEVERAL HUMANS WALK toward the Hands of Knowledge fountain ahead of the group to protect their general from the zombie hordes during a mission Tuesday.

By HALLIE DAVIS
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The mission began like any involving a group of the undead, with a rallying cry of "What do we want?" and the crowd's response of "BRAINS!"

We were on our way to intercept a group of humans trying to escort a military general, Admiral Mackbar, back to their base — and their armory.

The Texas Tech game of Humans vs. Zombies is underway, and the infection is spreading quickly. "It's a game of tag that's going on all week," said Sam Svetlik, a junior Spanish major from Angleton.

All but two of the 537 players began the game

on Monday as humans. The two zombies began "killing" humans by tagging them and logging the kills on the website. Those tagged became zombies, and so the virus spread. Humans are identified by a bandana on the arm, zombies by one tied around their heads. Humans can defend themselves with Nerf blasters. A zombie who has been shot or just tagged is "stunned" and can't "feed" for 10 minutes.

The game revolves around a very loose plot line: A mad scientist needed to test his virus in a remote location and chose Lubbock, said Svetlik, one of the game moderators.

The rallying ended, and we split into smaller groups to run and try to catch humans, most of whom were traveling in huge groups.

I would have been a part of that group, had it not been for that afternoon.

I was walking back from the English building when the two zombies spotted me. We faced off, walking back and forth across the crowded sidewalk until I finally darted in front of a car to cross the street, and I lost them. I continued across the parking lot, very excited about my escape.

About 30 seconds later, I felt a tap on my shoulder. I was dead. The girl who tagged me took my human ID card and then ran off to get to class on time. I removed my bandana from my arm and reluctantly tied it around my neck.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Mainstage Play: Equus
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Maedgen Theatre, Tech Campus
So, what is it?
 Presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, the play is a detective story of sorts, with an English psychiatrist treating a stable boy found to have blinded six horses.

For the Public Good Luncheon
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Where: Jones AT&T Stadium Club Level
So, what is it?
 Sponsored by Covenant Health Systems, the proceeds from the event benefit children and families served by the Legal Aid Society of Lubbock who help victims of domestic violence. Charles Perry will speak and reservations are \$25. Please e-mail graham@nts-online.net.

FRIDAY

Tech Soccer vs. Iowa State
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: John Walker Soccer Complex

University Singers and University Choir in Concert
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, School of Music
So, what is it?
 Come support the School of Music and listen to the University Singers and University Choir perform, featuring Quinn Patrick Ankrum in Aaron Copland's "In the Beginning."

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Tech debate team notches second place finishes at two national competitions

By **BRIAN HOWARD**
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The Texas Tech debate team took second place in two recent competitions at William Jewell College and the University of California-Berkeley after coming off a strong year in 2009-10 in which debaters took home multiple national championships.

Joe Gantt, an instructor of communication studies and head coach of the debate team, said the format of the debate in each competition is parliamentary.

"Students are given 20 to 25 minutes to prepare for a different topic in each debate round," he said. "Some of the topics addressed in the last two competitions included Mexico's drug policy, immigration reform, tax cuts and United States' relations with Pakistan."

At the start of each school year, the debate team is split up into partnerships of two, allowing for cohesive teamwork to bring about stronger ideas and information for debate, Gantt said.

"All of our teams were ranked in the top half at the last two competitions," he said. "Every time there was a high pressure debate, they were able to rise to the occasion."

Gantt said much of the success the team has had is due to vigorous preparation and practice.

"We have practices every week designed to improve critical thinking skills," he said, "and all of our debaters are required to keep up on current news and events in order to be prepared for the vast amount of topics they may see at competition."

According to the Texas Tech website, the young talent of this year's debate team was on display as seven out of the eight Tech debaters at the competition were freshmen, sophomores or juniors.

Although the debate team is much younger this year, the amount of successful finishes so far shows promise for future competitions,



TESTERMAN

Gantt said.

"Joey Donaghy and Lauran Schaefer were one of our top teams at the previous two competitions despite Joey only being a freshman," he said. "I am looking for each team to continue to get better, but I would say right now we are ahead of schedule in terms of progression."

Paul Williamson, a senior mass communications major from Crosby, said the recent debates covered many topics.

"We debated on a variety of things like capitalism, economics issues and foreign policy issues," he said.

Along with his partner Tyler Cashiola, Williamson was able to defeat one of the top teams in the nation from Colorado University.

"It was a really close debate," he said. "They are easily one of the top five teams in the nation, and our debate against them came down to the one final argument."

Adam Testerman, a senior mass communications major from Springfield, Mo., and returning national champion from last year, finished in fifth place at the Berkeley competi-

tion along with his new teammate Christopher Neill.

"One topic Chris and I debated on at the competition was environmental policy, which is quite common to see," he said. "Usually, debate topics are pulled from news and current events."

The debate team's continued success has much to do with a strong overall team work ethic, Testerman said.

"A lot of the success we have had is due to putting time in and out of tournaments," he said. "This year, we are lucky to have enough people on the team with the effort and dedication to put extra time in on their own outside of scheduled practices and competitions."

The younger student teams have been impressive thus far in competitions this year as well, Testerman said.

"One of the cool things is that our younger teams are already showing competitive success," he said. "It's great to see that all of our teams are already able to be competitive against some of the top teams in the nation."

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Appeals court decides to keep military gay policy for now

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Wednesday granted a government request to temporarily freeze a judge's order telling the military to stop enforcing its ban on openly gay troops.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals instructed the lawyers for the gay rights group that brought the lawsuit challenging the policy to file arguments by Monday. The 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" rule says gays may serve but only if they keep secret their sexual orientation.

Government lawyers sought to suspend U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips's ruling while appeals were pending, arguing that it would pose a major problem for the military. They

said it could encourage service members to reveal their sexual orientation before the issue is fully decided.

President Barack Obama says he supports repeal of the policy, but only after careful review and an act of Congress.

A lawyer for the Log Cabin Republicans said the group was disappointed with the appeals court's action.

"We view the decision as nothing more than a minor setback," Dan Woods said. "We didn't come this far to quit now, and we expect that once the Ninth Circuit has received and considered full briefing on the government's application for a stay, it will deny that application."

NASA

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She lived in Monahans until after her high school graduation, when she moved to Lubbock to study math at Tech in 1976.

"I scored well on the SAT in math, and I knew I wanted to do something in math," Davis said. "My parents tried to steer me toward engineering, but I was kind of scared, and there were a lot of guys, so I majored in math. I stuck with math the whole time, even though it was really hard."

Davis described herself as an introvert in college and said she spent most of her time studying for her difficult math classes. Sometimes she would see movies showing on campus for \$1, which was a special treat since it was before the time of VCR's and DVD players.

Some of her fondest memories from her time at Tech are from the Carol of Lights.

"That was one of my favorite things," Davis said. "Even today, I'm a crazy Christmas person. We love to go all out at Christmas and do a lot of lights out front."

When it came time for Davis to apply for jobs, a company that worked with NASA was hiring.

"I got an interview with Mc-

Donnell Douglas Contractor," she said. "It was my first interview. I got called to come back down for a trip. I just thought, 'They're not going to offer me a job. I'm not smart enough to work there.'"

But they did. Davis went to work for the company right after graduation. She worked for the contractors at Johnson Space Center for nine years until she changed jobs to work for NASA.

Since then, Davis has had several different jobs at NASA. She started working at the ground navigation and control center, where she tracked the orbit of the space shuttle. After that, she designed trajectory parameters for flights. Then, she worked as a Russian interface officer that corresponded between the control centers of Russia and the United States.

She then became a flight director and worked as one for 12 years.

"I don't know if you've seen the movie Apollo 13, but the guy in the white vest who ordered everyone around, that's the job I had," she said. "I also worked on putting the space station together. That was the pinnacle of my career."

Many important accomplishments in the space program have taken place with Davis on NASA's team. When Russia launched its first element into space, Davis experienced it from NASA.

When the Space Shuttle Atlantis docked with the International Space Station, Davis was in charge in Mission Control. The last mission she took part in was when Columbus was added to the space station, Davis said.

"(Being a flight director) was really interesting and challenging and time consuming," she said. "It became my life for 12 years, working in the control center. When I showed people around, I said 'Welcome to living room' and pointed to the control room. It's where I spent most of my time."

One of the great parts of her job was working with the hardware and getting to see it, Davis said. She enjoyed solving technical problems and got to see engineers grow into accomplished people who solved important issues.

"To be the leader of those teams was an indescribable event to have happen," Davis said about her former position. "It's hard to verbalize how significant it is to be part of an accomplishment like that, to fly people in space, talk to astronauts every day and know they trust you to keep them safe, busy and in touch with their families."

Although Davis was an accomplished flight director, her favorite part of being part of NASA is working with the team she calls her family.

"When I got to be a flight director, it came home to me that putting people in multi-billion dollar pieces of hardware in space is about doing it because it's the national will to do it," she said. "It's about people that risk their lives to fly in space; it's not about any single individual. It's about being part of a team, accomplishing goals and keeping people safe."

Davis recently learned she has arthritis and has been in ill health for a couple of years. She said she now realizes family and health, not work, come first and is now making it a point to spend time reconnecting with her husband, Larry, her two

children, three stepchildren and four grandchildren.

She also is considering entering the mentoring program at the Johnson Space Center.

Davis has recruited for NASA at Tech and is currently mentoring one Tech senior, Shelton Burnett. She strongly encourages students to get into contact with people at NASA who will help students fill out applications, conduct tours or show how they do their job.

Burnett, a mechanical engineering major, said his father graduated from high school with Davis and attended Tech at the same time she did.

It has always been Burnett's dream to work for NASA, he said, and when his dad told him he knew someone who works there, Burnett immediately wanted to contact her.

At the time, Davis was a flight director, and she took Burnett on a tour of the facilities. He was impressed by her presence among other NASA employees.

"When we walked in the room it was like, 'Yes, Ms. Davis,' and everyone stood at attention," said Burnett, who grew up in the same small town Davis did. "She is a powerful person there. But she was so sweet, she took us to see where the astronauts train; I even got to fly the astronaut simulator, I got to speak with astronauts that had been in space and see the Mission Control room."

Davis helped Burnett choose mechanical engineering as his major when he decided to go to Tech and has continued to take him under her wing. Burnett said he plans on getting his master's degree at Tech, and when he graduates and is looking for a job, he will call Davis.

To Burnett, his father's former classmate from Monahans is an inspiration.

"It really does show that it doesn't matter where you come from; if you try hard, and you do different things, it's going to work out," he said.

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Tour coming to Lubbock to raise money for humanitarian group

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI
STAFF WRITER

San Antonio-based minister and author Max Lucado will be making a stop in Lubbock tomorrow night, along with Christian bands Michael W. Smith, Third Day, TobyMac and Jason Gray on their Make a Difference Tour.

As a supporter of the tour's sponsor, World Vision, Lucado thought this tour could be an interesting way to spread awareness about the organization, said Cheryl Anteau, co-owner of the tour's public relations representative, Southside Entertainment.

"It was his idea to put this tour together, and he went to World Vision and got their support to do it," she said.

World Vision is a humanitarian organization that works with 100 million people in 100 countries around the world dealing with poverty and injustice.

The tour will be raising money for World Vision and its causes while offering audiences opportunities to sponsor underprivileged children from around the world.

"There will be several mer-

chandise booths around the concourse, so not only will they be providing merchandise for the show, but they will have more information about Make a Difference and the awareness of what the tour is trying to do," said Meredith Imes, United Spirit Arena assistant director.

Opening the "high energy" act will be Jason Gray, followed by TobyMac, Michael W. Smith and Third Day for the roughly two-and-a-half to three-hour show with a 20-minute intermission, Imes said.

"I think it's a great opportunity to see these artists all in one night," Anteau said. "It's the only opportunity to see multi A-level artists together."

Although each artist will be performing their own acts, Anteau said audience members can expect the groups to collaborate on some songs.

Lucado will speak twice during the show, once about a topic related to his latest book, "Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference" and another about World Vision, Anteau said.

"What we're being told is

What we're being told is the message will be very clear on what Make a Difference is about.

MEREDITH IMES
UNITED SPIRIT ARENA
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



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the message will be very clear on what Make a Difference is about," Imes said.

Although each act and World Vision revolves around Christianity, Imes said, this show still appeals to people of other religious practices.

"These artists in and of themselves are entertaining," she said. "Whether (audience members) are Christian, Buddhist, Muslim or whatever religion they may hold, (the artists are) entertaining. So I'd hope that people would want to be a part of that."

After playing for more than 40,000 people in the first leg of the tour so far, the show will open for a half-house in the United Spirit Arena. Because the stage is taking up so much space, only a portion of the seats will be available, Imes said.

If there is a complete sell-out, additional seats might be available for sale, Anteau said.

The concert begins 7 p.m. Friday at the USA; doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are available from Select-a-Seat locations.

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Clinique Fresh Faces Tour offers makeovers



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

SARA ARNETT, A sophomore public relations major from Denison, gets her makeup done at the Clinique event in the SUB on Monday.

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The lines in the Student Union Building are notoriously long, but on Oct. 18 and 19, they were not just for the lunch rush.

The Clinique Fresh Faces Tour, in partnership with Teen Vogue, stopped in Lubbock and offered free makeovers to anyone interested.

The purpose of the 10 campus tours is to find someone for a paid internship next summer with Clinique and Teen Vogue, said Clinique trend and makeup expert Christine Valenti.

"What they have an opportunity to experience is having their makeup done by a professional, have their hair touched up, and they get a professional photo taken at the end," Valenti said.

The young women also had the opportunity to speak with executives from both Clinique and Teen Vogue about how to get careers in fashion and cosmetics.

"We're bringing a little more than just a makeover," Valenti said.

The young women also received

free samples and another perk—getting pampered, said Melissa Weber, a junior public relations major from Frisco.

"It's always nice to have someone else do your makeup," Weber said.

She was also interested in the internship, as she said she had been looking for one recently and paid internships are the hardest to find.

As for the free makeover, Weber said she thought they were also trying to appeal to younger people, which she thought was working. Weber said before the makeover, she would not have purchased any of the Clinique products, but now that she's seen them in action, she probably would.

Valenti said Tech had the most patient and nicest group of the four schools she had been to so far. In the two days, the team has made over about 450 women.

In the end, for some it wasn't about the end result or getting a job.

"To promote the products, it works," said sophomore Ninon Zander, a theater major from San Antonio, "and the whole experience is fun."

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It's important in both a clinical sense and an economic sense, Hunt said. Not only will they be delivering better health care, but it also puts a focus on helping the local economy.

"Our relationship with Texas Tech is very good," Hunt said. "We appreciate their commitment and as a community, we will remain focused on doing our share."

In a news release Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the university is honored to name the future El Paso nursing school after Gayle Hunt.

"The Hunt family has been a tremendous friend and supporter over the years, and thanks to this contribution, we will continue to serve our communities through unrivalled teaching, research and patient care," he said.

Josefina Lujan, regional dean for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of El Paso, said with the state's major budget cuts from the school of nursing, the donation came at just the right time.

The program will allow the curriculum to be culturally competent, as it needs to be, Lujan said.

"Now these students are going to be able to learn a curriculum that is tailored to their own needs," Lujan

said. "If they are bilingual or bicultural, or interested in working with a population such as the Hispanic population, they will have those resources here."

With the program bringing in more students and providing them with the option of being more multicultural, Lujan said it will allow students to practice these niche skills.

She said because El Paso is so close to the border, the program will allow them to bring to light a growing problem within the community.

"This program will address the very urgent need for healthcare in the El Paso community," Lujan said. "We are a federally underserved community."

The donation was a combination of the donor's support of Texas Tech and their understanding of the community's needs, she said.

"I'm exhilarated because this donation is transformational for our community as well as historical," Lujan said. "This donation is going to allow us to evolve."

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Road trip tips: Obey your driver

Road trips are a common event for many college students. Especially colleges like Texas Tech, where the location of the university (Lubbock) is close to nothing.

With my experience on a debate team for the past nine years of my life (at Texas Tech, Crosby High School and San Jacinto College), I have traveled to many places by car. This means I have made a few observations about proper road trip etiquette and basic rules to follow.

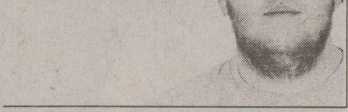
So with this, it is essential that rules for the road trip are established if you decide to travel with multiple people.

There will be many points in the road trip where conflict and confusion will arise. Some of these points will be who called shotgun and when can shotgun be called, what music will be listened to, when a stop will occur and where the stop will happen.

Ultimately, the driver will have a final say on all decisions. This has to be true for a few reasons.

First of all, there needs to be a single point of authority for these decisions to be made. There has to be a quick resolution to the conflict. Mass confusion and no decision means no action is taken.

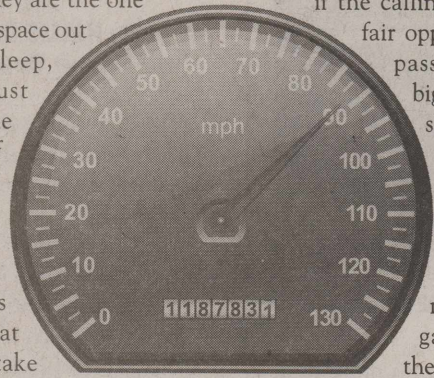
Paul Williamson



This could mean standing outside the car arguing over who sits shotgun. It could mean people bickering over what music to be played instead of any music getting played.

All of those situations warrant that an action be taken because without it, you have inaction, which ultimately will hurt the whole population of the car.

Also, the driver is the one that must have the utmost comfort available to him/her. They are the one that is taking you to your destination. They are the one that cannot space out and fall asleep, so they must be given the courtesy of being able to make the decisions. However, it is essential that the driver take



into account all passengers. While it is true that the driver is the final decision maker, the driver must be considerate of many factors.

For one, if a person is clearly the first to call shotgun, then that person must be granted shotgun. There are some caveats to the rule.

If there is a particularly big individual, it is not very nice to force them to ride in the back with significantly less leg room. This is especially true for me. I am a rather plump fellow.

Also, there are other issues, such as calling "blitz" after shotgun is called. This allows a race to the passenger side door handle, and the first passenger to reach the handle wins shotgun, regardless of who called shotgun.

It is up to the driver to decide if the calling of blitz was a fair opportunity for all passengers. If the bigger person calls shotgun but gets blitzed, it is obvious that the bigger person will not win the race. So, it would be nice if the driver gave shotgun to the biggie.

Also, the car must be in sight for shotgun to be called. No one may call shotgun until the car is visible and all passengers are outside. So, no calling shotgun from inside the store or restaurant.

Deference to the driver is never more important than when it comes to in-car situations. Things like music, food stops, bathroom breaks, etc. are all things that must be decided by the driver. While it is nice if the driver takes into account the passengers that might be in pain trying to hold in their excrement, they need to manage the time of the trip.

If the car just stopped less than an hour ago, it is understandable for the driver to decide the passenger is responsible for not using the restroom at the last stop.

I do know that there are many other issues that were not addressed (such as not being a back-seat driver and shotgun riders having a responsibility to stay awake). I feel like these rules can make many road trips more enjoyable for all.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student senate shouldn't reward itself

I have not long been a member of the student senate of Texas Tech. Previously, I was just an average student, going to classes and trying to get things done. I have the utmost respect for this office and feel a deep commitment to helping make the lives of the students I represent a little better.

I also have the deepest respect for my fellow colleagues, as they represent some of the fantastic dynamic leadership at this university. However, I did feel the need to address a recent vote in the senate, and the more I think about the 96 percent approval vote on Senate Resolution 46.08, concerning early registration of senators, the more angered I am by it.

I must first say that I was not present at that meeting and therefore did not cast a vote. I regret that I was not there.

We were elected or appointed to serve the best interests and the most valuable asset of this institution: the students. We were not elected to serve ourselves. I agree that there are many hardworking senators and that they deserve a reward. We cannot, however, reward ourselves on the backs of our fellow students. We

cannot succeed and ensure our own comfort and security at their expense.

My colleagues and I must hold ourselves to a higher standard. Representatives should be happy to sacrifice a little comfort to allow a fellow student to step forward. It's simply the right thing to do. The reward comes from knowing you did the right thing and that our students and our university will be better because of it.

I was able to meet recently with the Veterans Association at this campus, an organization that I encourage all students to visit with and become involved in. If anyone on this campus deserves priority registration, it should be them, not the members of the senate. They served our country, and they deserve the reward, and as of yet, the university woefully and incredibly ignores them.

To my fellow senators, I ask that instead of rewarding ourselves, we work for priority registration for our fighting men and women, returned safely from danger to study here beside us. They and the students of our university deserve this more than we do.

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Money buys experiences, not happiness

Where are you right now? Are you on campus? Are you in class, walking to class, on the bus, in your office?

Here's another question: Why are you here? Because you're at work? Because you paid for this class? You didn't pay for this class, but your parents did, and they'd be pissed if you didn't go? You genuinely want to earn a good education?

Why do you want the education? If you're working, why are you at the job? It pays well? Or are you at a job that is a "resume builder?"

If you sit down and lay out the plan of your life, it's something along the lines of: go to school, get a good education, get a grown-up job and eventually make lots of money, right?

In comparison to other countries, it's easy to generalize Americans as being materialistic. We are a modern, corporate-run, money-obsessed nation. Though this idea is not limited to Americans, WebMD highlighted a statistic that "the United States had the highest income but ranked 16th in life satisfaction and 26th on positive feelings."

If, statistically, money isn't making us happy, why are we all so obsessed with it?

Unfortunately, not every one of your peers is in class today simply because he or she wants to become a

RoAnne Romo



contributing, civilized, well-rounded citizen of the United States. Most of us need the college degree to secure a decent paying job once we get out of college in order to live a well-off life and pay back all the loans we borrowed to even earn an education in the first place.

In an article in Scientific American, Sonja Lyubomirsky found that "researchers argue that because wealth allows people to experience the best that life has to offer, it ultimately undermines their ability to savor life's little pleasures."

This past weekend, I was driving through Snyder on my way back to Lubbock. I decided to take a turn on one of those random FM roads. I drove until the streetlights and highway sounds were out of range, pulled

over, put in a good CD and lay on the top of my car to listen to the crickets and to find some shooting stars.

I can only help but think that if I actually had the money to pay for a plane ticket, I wouldn't have had the urge to pull over and enjoy the stars in the first place.

The bottom line is that if we want to buy happiness, we need to spend our money on experiences that help us grow as a person, donate to charity that helps the world out as a whole, and stretch the money on many small pleasures, like a monthly massage, instead of dropping a huge check on a plasma flat screen TV.

In Lyubomirsky's article, she also mentions how spending money to buy happiness can only last for so long. She found research that proved that people who did spend a large amount of their money on something they wanted, say a big screen TV, were, in fact, happy with their purchase, but for only a short time.

After the new car smell was no longer detected in their fresh-off-the-lot purchase, they were no longer im-

pressed with what their hard-earned money had bought them.

Now, if you're thinking, "If I had that kind of money, I'd donate at least half of it to charity," well, you're the exception. In reality, "American families who make over \$300,000 a year donate to charity a mere 4.4 percent of their incomes," according to CharitableGiving.org. Even lottery winners "who had won between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000 (in 1970s dollars) were less impressed by life's simple pleasures than people who experienced no such windfall."

If the major you've declared, whether you're a senior or freshman, isn't something that will provide just as much happiness as it will financial security, I advise you to reconsider your choice.

I guarantee that more happiness will be achieved when you buy yourself guitar lessons that you can use for the rest of your life, or a getaway trip to the Caribbean Islands with your mom, than when you buy brand name clothes that won't fit in a few years when your metabolism is basically gone.

Money can't buy happiness, but it can buy memories.

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"If, statistically, money isn't making us happy, why are we all so obsessed with it?"

'Glee' limits religious diversity

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I am a little late to the "Glee" party. My first episode was last week's "Grilled Cheesus." It was slightly hard for me to appreciate the style of the show as many others are able to, what with the singing and musical drama feel.

While I can understand the musical talent the members possess, musicals just are not my top priority when it comes to television. Pushing through this, though, the content of the episode was what caught my interest.

Part of the focus of the episode was aimed at the gay member of the group, Kurt Hummel. Coincidentally, he is also an atheist. After

his father suffers a heart attack and ends up in a coma, Kurt is accordingly offered support in dealing with the tragedy by his fellow glee club members. Many of the members try to share their personal religious beliefs with Kurt, knowing that these beliefs had proven therapeutic for themselves in the past.

It seems that the strongly religious members of the group are also portrayed as the most naive. While Kurt appreciates the fact that his peers are trying to aid him in coping with his catastrophe, he does not have to accept or believe what they are trying to impart to him. When his religious friends gasp in shock upon hearing he is an atheist and insensitive to their prayers, they forget the fact that not everyone believes in God.

Furthermore, they treat it negatively. While a lack of belief may hold negative implications for them, they lack the ability to realize that oth-

ers have differing opinions on the subject. Presenting this view of the religious may have been the writers' intents on a meta-cognitive level.

However, on the surface it appears that one has to be damaged, as Kurt is with the condition of his father, to be atheist. If this is "Glee's" intent, writers certainly ignored the option of atheists coming to their conclusions without pain and suffering. "Glee" depicts a traditional interaction

of atheists and the religious. Another aspect to note is Kurt's singularity in his non-belief — often atheists are in the minority, or even alone in their view when in a group.

The fact that Kurt is gay as well as an atheist paints a mirror-like picture, as both of these

"Ultimately, the show produces a murky view of atheists and the religious alike, casting into doubt their true intentions."

stereotypes hint of an outside or non-majority group. This enforces the common mindset that both of these groups are abnormal. To some, they may even be absolutely wrong. Additionally, it illustrates the opinion that homosexuality leads to atheism or vice versa.

"Glee" writers may be trying to shed light on their views about atheism and religion, be it for better or worse regarding their belief system. Ultimately, the show produces a murky view of atheists and the religious alike, casting into doubt their true intentions.

"Glee" is a popular show; it is important for it to present a fair and balanced look at any issues it chooses to illustrate. Then, viewers can rationally reach their own conclusions rather than be emotionally influenced by any biases in the show.

Whatever "Glee's" intentions may be, this episode gave an accurate depiction of what sometimes happens when the two are seen together.

Reform needed in dealing with forced prostitution

By TONY BUHR
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Prostitution is the world's oldest profession and apparently one of Seattle's biggest businesses.

According to Washington's Most Wanted, which aired a special on child prostitution in the Pacific Northwest, Seattle is first in the nation in child prostitution. Women forced into prostitution have traditionally been treated as criminals and thrown in jail after their arrest.

This system is doomed for failure from the start, for as soon as they are released from jail, prostitutes will go straight back to the streets because they have nowhere else to turn. Instead of imprisonment, social programs should be started that are unique to helping these young women get off the streets and begin new lives.

Seattle detective Sgt. Ryan Long went before Congress in July to argue

for legislation that would change the way law enforcement deals with cases of prostitution. Two bills submitted to the Senate and House are still awaiting passage. At the moment, the only two options for police officers are to either jail the women or place them in mental institutions.

There are no social programs intended to help them. "Historically, law enforcement hasn't exactly been part of the solution when it comes to the minors," Long said in his address to Congress. "It's our responsibility to recognize that they are a victim and try to bring services to bear. So we're going to be part of the solution this time around."

Another disgusting aspect of all of this is how desensitized prostitution is in today's society. Humantrafficking.org states that the word pimp in today's culture refers to someone who is cool, rich and successful with women. The reality

is that a pimp is a slave owner who takes advantage of the vulnerable. It is a grotesque term and to apply it to something like success should be disgusting. As a culture, we must change this perception if anything is to be done about how these women are treated.

Prostitution is the manipulation of young women who may have been emotionally and physically abused into selling their bodies. In most cases, they are not criminals and should not be perceived as such. These girls are usually taken from foster homes or from households where they were already abused. Then a grooming process is started where the pimps seduce the trapped young girls to fall in love with them.

For girls from broken homes or those who never had one, it is easy to forgive a few bad traits just to have someone care. Then the abuse begins. It starts with emotional trauma, being told that they

are worthless. It escalates to physical violence where they can be beaten within an inch of their life. The point is to bring a message across, that they are property and if they try to run away their owners will find them and hurt them.

Human sex trafficking is the second biggest business in the world, particularly in countries like America. Many of us like to believe that something as malevolent as prostitution could not occur so close to home. The shocking reality of Seattle's affiliation with prostitution serves as a call to action.

As a culture, we must change our perception of these manipulated victims if there is any chance of getting social programs to help them integrate into society. These women are not prostitutes or criminals, they are somebody's daughter, and they deserve the opportunity for a regular life and normal childhood just like the rest of us.

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MARA ARREDONDO, A freshman music performance major from El Paso, plays a selection Dvo ak's American Quartet on a viola Wednesday in the music building.

CIA accuses former employee of breaking secrecy agreement

WASHINGTON (AP)—The CIA has sued a former officer who published a book highly critical of the agency without completing the CIA's lengthy review process.

The lawsuit accuses the officer of breaking his secrecy agreement with the U.S. The former CIA staffer worked under deep cover before publishing the book in July 2008 under the pseudonym "Ishmael Jones."

The CIA says his book, "The Human Factor: Inside the CIA's Dysfunctional Intelligence Culture," was submitted to the agency's publications review board under a secrecy agreement that covers books written by former CIA officials. Jones ultimately published the book without the CIA's official blessing.

The lawsuit, filed in July in federal court in Alexandria, Va., seeks an injunction against further violations of Jones' secrecy obligations and recovery of proceeds from unauthorized publication.

"CIA officers are duty-bound to observe the terms of their secrecy agreement with the Agency," Director Leon E. Panetta said Tuesday in a statement.

"This lawsuit clearly reinforces that message."

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Jones, who hasn't revealed his identity, said he did not profit from the book and that it contained no classified information.

"CIA censors attack this book because it exposes the CIA as a place to get rich, with billions of taxpayer dollars wasted or stolen in espionage programs that produce nothing," Jones said. "Despite the talented work force, more than 90 percent of employees now live and work entirely within the United States where they are largely ineffective, in violation of the CIA's founding charter."

Last month, the Pentagon paid \$47,000 to destroy 9,500 copies of a former Army intelligence officer's war memoir, "Operation Dark Heart: Spycraft and Special Ops on the Frontlines of Afghanistan—and the Path to Victory."

The Defense Department claimed the book contained classified information. A redacted, government-authorized version of the book has since been published.

Actress Gwyneth Paltrow to sing at next month's CMA Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Actress Gwyneth Paltrow will be taking the stage at next month's Country Music Association Awards — as a performer.

She'll sing the title track of her new movie, "Country Strong," and will be joined by Vince Gill.

Paltrow stars in the film with Tim McGraw, Garrett Hedlund and Leighton Meester. She plays a washed up country singer who gets romantically involved with a rising singer-songwriter (Hedlund). They try to resurrect her career with a major tour, headed up by her husband/manager (McGraw) and featuring a beauty-queen-turned-singer (Meester.)

Paltrow says she researched a lot of country music history for this role.

"I sort of started at the beginning with Hank (Williams) Sr.

and Johnny Cash and really studied Dolly (Parton) and Loretta Lynn, and kind of just started at the beginning and went all the way through and found the people that I really love and who inspired me," she told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

In addition to classic country stars, Paltrow also has some current country music favorites.

"I really like a lot of the young women in country right now, like Ashley Monroe and Miranda Lambert," she said. "I had never really known very much about country music, and I now am very into it. I know a lot more about it than I did."

The film hits theaters in Los Angeles and Nashville on Dec. 22 and nationwide on Jan. 7. The soundtrack will be released Oct. 26.

GSA

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"It breaks my heart to see little kids their age and in our own community that take their lives for no reason," said Tiffany Serna, a sophomore biology and photography major from Houston. "Kids in that age level don't have that support that college kids or even adults do because there really aren't programs geared to that age level."

Meeting at sunset, the group passed out candles symbolizing the lives lost from bullying because of a person's sexual orientation. Each year, approximately 5,000 people try taking their lives and events like these help bring awareness to students and the Lubbock community about the importance of preventing this abuse, Serna said.

"Bullying in general is a bad thing," said Crystal Duzong, a freshman architecture major from Sint Maarten. "There are straight people that have died because they got bullied for the wrong reasons as well."

Suicides have decreased in age over the past 10 years, Ouch said, and are happening more frequently. Younger students are more impressionable and unsure of who they are, making it more of a necessity for GSA's to be present in middle and high schools.

After the first moment of silence and prayer, students stepped out of the crowd to share

their experiences with bullying. Not all testimonies came from gay, lesbian or bisexual students; some shared their experiences of coming out to their families and another explained how her family and friends treated her differently because his dad had a boyfriend.

Jordan Hollimon, a senior geophysics major from San Antonio, told the group about his experience of figuring out who he was, his sexuality and how his former fraternity brothers reacted towards his sexual orientation.

After completing his pledgeship in a nondenominational Christian fraternity, his big brother approached him and asked if he was gay. Once this information had been told to different members of the fraternity, Hollimon was given two options. He could either tell his brothers he is gay or he could leave the organization. Because he wasn't comfortable with himself at the time, he chose to quit the fraternity, leaving behind all but one of his friends.

Now, he said he knows his former brothers would not have wanted him in the organization because he is gay, but they still allow another member with a history of physical abuse to women to stay active.

"In their eyes of forgiveness, it's OK if it only happens once, even though his was a choice and mine wasn't," Hollimon said. "I don't care if they hate me, if anything I want them to keep those Christian values and treat other people the same."

Each student who spoke used common themes of their need for



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador
PEOPLE HELD LIT candles Wednesday night at Memorial Circle to remember homosexual students who have committed suicide after being bullied or discriminated against.

acceptance and belonging in their testimonies.

"This was a wonderful collection of people to commemorate the lives lost due to bullying," Ouch said. "These people were strong enough to live. Some of these were allies who helped others choose life."

Students struggling with determining their sexuality or who need support are always welcome at the GSA, Ouch said. Anyone in need of an anonymous counselor can call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 and attend weekly GSA meetings.

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Zombies

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I wasn't looking around; I wasn't carrying a gun, or even socks, which are considered in the rules as an acceptable weapon. I knew my "death" was my own fault.

"A lone human is a dead human," said Evan Weinberger, a freshman architecture major from McKinney.

Weinberger has managed to stay human for the entire game thus far. To him, staying alive takes more than just his dual-wielding N-Strike Mavericks, a kind of Nerf revolver.

"The secret to staying human is paranoia," Weinberger said. "Initially, I was kind of expecting to be turned the first day; now that I'm halfway there, I want to go all the way."

Weinberger said he tries to always travel in groups and look behind him, though he's still had a few close calls.

One zombie tried to tag him while in an outdoor class, and the professor stopped it; another time, the attacking zombie was wearing a hat over his headband, which is technically against the rules. Weinberger was still able to get away.

The rules are based on the honor system, Svetlik said at the informational meeting held the week before. Rule No. 1 is "Don't be a douchebag."

"We have a couple of people who are bending the rules," Svetlik said, "or assuming just because it's not explicitly stated in the rules, it means they can do it."

For the most part, Svetlik said, people are playing fairly, and the moderators, Svetlik, Paul Evans and Lauren Goudek, are able to keep it in check.

Humans vs. Zombies also got help from the administration; last year's game went differently, but this year Svetlik said he and the other moderators were able to get permission.

"Administration has been pretty accepting about it; they seemed to not have any problems with it," Svetlik said. "We showed them a Nerf blaster; they realized it was a toy."

Svetlik said the risk management representative of the grounds use committee had actually researched the game and found it to be harmless on all the other campuses where it is played.

Humans vs. Zombies is played across the U.S., according to the website, and there are games as far-reaching as Australia.

This is Tech's second year to host the game, and although the number of

players has nearly tripled, players are hoping for more next semester.

"While almost 600 is impressive, on a campus of 30,000, we can do better," Weinberger said.

Paul Evans, who led last year's game, said it wasn't too hard to look around campus and find the bright green bandanas.

Some players have split off into groups of their own, Svetlik said, though he only knew of one with a name, the Hulen Hunters.

Joseph Cocoran said he is kind of in one of these groups. The sophomore history major from Boerne said he managed to stay human by always being in a group, and he even helped escort other humans to class to keep the human side alive.

"Stealth is very important because if you take the most populated routes, you'll get tagged," Cocoran said.

Not traveling alone was his main defense, Cocoran said. He had just grabbed the cheapest gun off the rack at Wal-Mart, rather than buying a huge Nerf rifle like some players have.

After running back and forth across campus, and a few battles with human groups, we all made it to the standoff in the English-Philosophy Courtyard. The Admiral made it to the fountain, and the mission was over for the night.

The game will end Saturday morning, Svetlik said, with a final mission for whatever humans remain. How many that will be is a complete mystery. Svetlik said it took the zombies a little longer than expected to build up, which is why he accepted his fate as one without much hesitation. The zombies now number 207, which is seven more than it was when I started writing.

The humans seemed to be much more organized than the zombies during the mission, Evans said.

Svetlik stuck up for the zombie side, of which he and Evans are a part.

"While it's not particularly organized," he said, "it doesn't take much for them to want to devour humans' brains."

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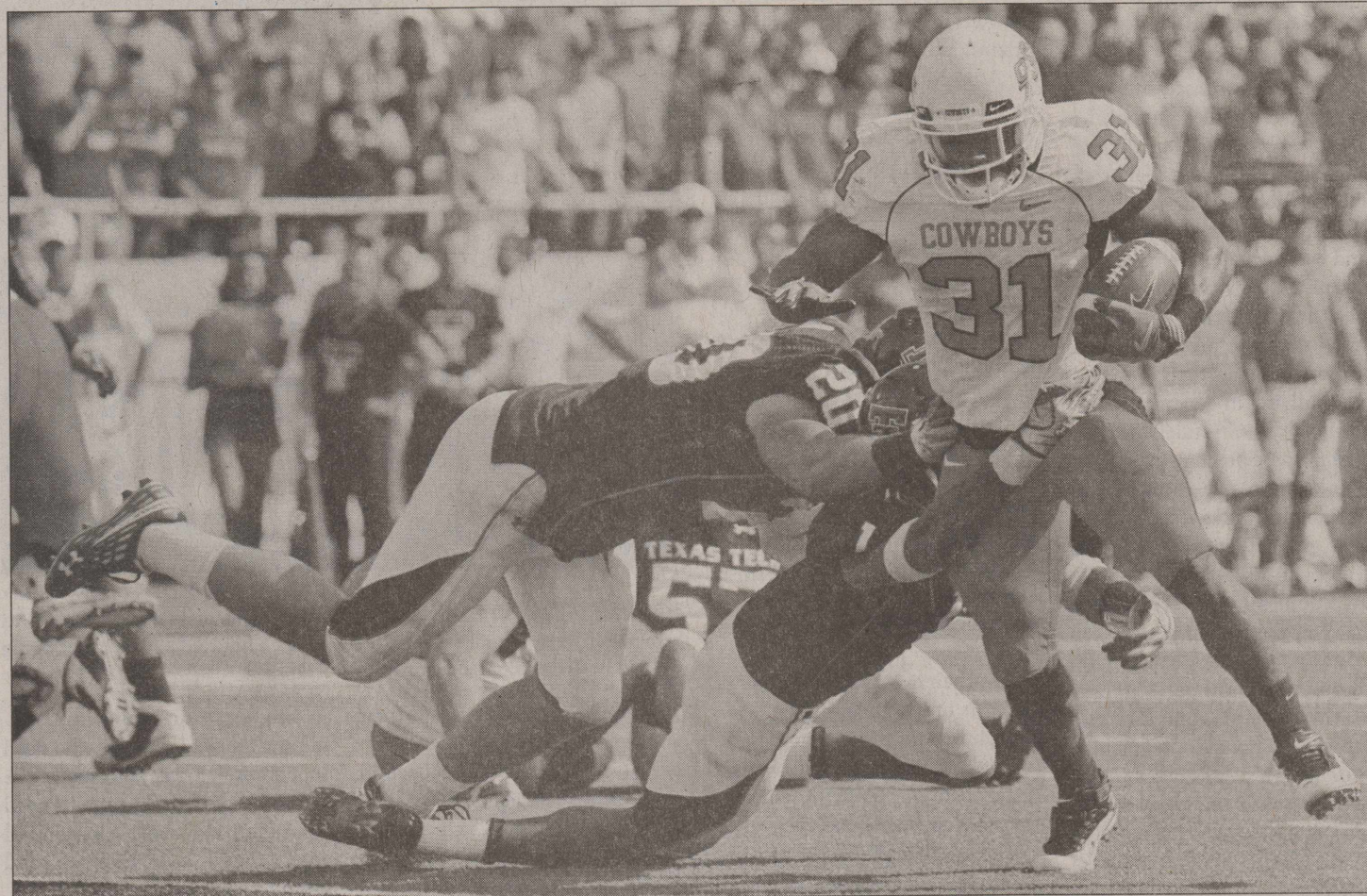


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OKLAHOMA STATE RUNNING back Jeremy Smith scores a touchdown during Oklahoma State's 34-17 victory against Texas Tech on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football could be facing its most unique challenge on the defensive side of the ball when it takes on Colorado.

The Big 12 Conference has gained notoriety for its passing attacks, but Colorado elects to run the ball more often than pass against its opponents.

"They do a lot of tight end; we don't see much of that," Tech head coach

Tommy Tuberville said. "They do a lot of two backs and two tight ends. But they'll take those two tight ends and move them out to play four wide receivers.

"They do it all. They're multiple. This is what (Colorado head coach) Dan (Hawkins) has run for years. They like to run the ball, they like to run play action. They've got a good quarterback that can move in and out of the pocket. We've got our hands full on defense. We've got to make some plays and try to get our offense

back on the field."

Running the ball could bode well for the Buffaloes (3-3, 0-2 in Big 12 play) on Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

Tech (3-3, 1-3) has run into some tough personnel problems — especially at defensive line. Defensive end Scott Smith was suspended for the remainder of the season just before the Baylor game, and defensive end Aundrey Barr was lost for the season after a season-ending surgery.

In part to make up for the losses, senior nose tackle Colby Whitlock has been moved to defensive end, and Bobby Agoucha will get his second consecutive start at nose tackle Saturday.

Colorado averages about 42 rushing play calls per game compared to about 30 passing plays. Its average combined offensive total is 350 yards compared to Tech's 430 yards per game.

The Buffaloes are led by running back Rodney Stewart who is currently on pace for a 1,000 yard rushing season. Through his first six games, he has 618 yards on the ground — an average of 103 yards per game.

A problem for Colorado, however, could be that their reliance on Stewart is increasing. The Buffaloes' second-leading rusher Brian Lockridge was

lost for the season in a 26-0 loss against Missouri two weeks ago.

Despite a preference for the running game, Colorado still has the capability to air it out.

Colorado quarterback Tyler Hansen has 1,040 yards through the air with a 66.9 percent completion rating. Scotty McKnight is Hansen's favorite target, wracking up 288 yards on 26 receptions. However, McKnight only has three touchdowns.

If Tech's offense can get going early, it could be a long day for the Buffaloes.

The Red Raiders' running back combination of Baron Batch and Eric Stephens has about 50 more yards than Colorado's running back Stewart and Tech quarterback Taylor Potts has thrown for more than 800 yards than Colorado's Hansen.

It's up to the Tech defense to give the Red Raider offense the breathing room it needs to be successful. Last week, the defense allowed 581 total yards, and 225 of those yards came on the ground.

"If somebody gives up the run, they're going to run the ball," defensive coordinator James Willis said. "We have to fix that problem."

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Fall slate ends with Landfall Tradition for Tech's women

By **THORN COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Fall golf began a little over a month ago for head coach JoJo Robertson and the Texas Tech women's golf team.

But as quickly as the fall season began, so will it come to an end when Tech begins play today at the Landfall Tradition at the Pete Dye Course in Wilmington, N.C.

Robertson said the quality of the field the girls face this week matches any group they have faced this season.

"This really is the toughest field we've seen since last year's regional tournament," Robertson said.

The tournament is hosted by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and has been in session every year since 2002.

Robertson said the girls still had some work to do before heading into the tournament but have the talent to play with some of the best teams in the country.

Senior Alex Gibson will not be participating with the team this week so she can play in the Women's Pro-Am this weekend. Coach Robertson said she will be looking for some of the younger players to step up this week to fill the void Gibson leaves.

One of those younger players expected to step up is sophomore Kim Kaufman, who is looking to finish in the top five of a tourney this week after falling into a tie for 25th place in the last tournament.

"Kim was not happy with the

way she played last week," Robertson said, "but she's a fighter and will work hard to get back into the top spot."

Robertson said the main way they are going to win this tournament is to finish as well as they start, something the team accomplished during its last tournament.

Tech began the Lady Northern Invitational as the field's top squad before surrendering the lead to eventual winner Purdue. The Lady Raiders finished in fourth place.

"We've started a lot of tournaments off well this year, but we've lost it in the later days," Robertson said. "We just need to finish strong, make a few birdies coming in off the back nine."

Joining the Lady Raiders in the tournament are Big 12 Conference rivals No. 29 Texas and No. 23 Oklahoma State, giving the team a preview of what to expect during the spring when conference play begins.

Robertson said she is pleased with the way this fall season has gone. She said her girls are right on track and are pushing each other in order to improve, which ultimately is how teams win.

Despite some of the success her team has experienced, Robertson said her players could use a bit of a break before they get going again for the arrival of the spring.

"The break after this tournament will be good; the girls have performed well and could use some rest," Robertson said. "We will work hard and be ready for the spring season."

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By Ed Sessa 10/21/10

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Aggies desperate to avoid another loss

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M has dropped three straight games and faces a must-win trip to Kansas with schedule that still includes No. 3 Oklahoma, 14th-ranked Nebraska and rival No. 22 Texas.

The Aggies (3-3, 0-2 Big 12 Conference) insist their confidence hasn't been shaken by the skid, but they'll need to

turn around things soon to reach their goal of taking a step forward from last season's disappointing 6-7 finish.

Texas A&M followed close losses to Oklahoma State and Arkansas with a lopsided 30-9 defeat to No. 18 Missouri on Saturday that has fans restless and some wondering if a coaching change should come soon. The headline on the front page of the campus newspaper, the Battalion, read "Time for change?" over a picture of coach Mike Sherman, with a smaller headline that read "Mike Sherman doesn't have it" earlier this week.

After going 4-8 in Sherman's first season and 6-7 in the second, expectations were high for at least a winning record this year. Now even that could be a stretch.

Sherman, the former Green Bay Packers coach, understands the unease.

"The frustration I'm sure is very intense, and that's part of it," he said. "I want to coach at a place where people expect you to win. I wouldn't want it any other way. If they weren't passionate, I wouldn't be here."

It's been a long wait for those hoping to see A&M return to prominence after a run of seven conference championships from 1985-1998. The Aggies have fallen on hard times since then and haven't had a winning conference record since 2006.

Texas A&M's first two losses on the road were difficult, but Sherman said disappointing the home crowd of more than 80,000 with the loss to the Tigers on Saturday was worse.

"I feel that disappointment when I walk off that field," he said. "And our players feel that. They know they let the fans down. They are bound and determined to get back on track. They are good kids, and they work hard...our backs are against the wall and we have to put it all together."

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N. Texas fires former prep coach Dodge

DENTON (AP) — North Texas fired coach Todd Dodge on Wednesday, declaring its decision to put a high school coach in charge of a Division I program a failure after 3 1/2 dismal years.

Dodge was let go after a 1-6 start that left him with a record of 6-37.

"This is not based on the last seven games. This is based on a body of work of the last 3 1/2 years," athletic director Rick Villarreal said. "At this point in time, we felt like we should be further along."

Offensive coordinator Mike Canales will be the interim head coach the rest of the season.

Dodge was hired before the 2007 season after going 79-1 and winning four state championships in his final five years at nearby Southlake Carroll High School, making North Texas the first upper-division school to elevate a head coach straight from high school since Notre Dame with Gerry Faust in 1981.

Faust's tenure at Notre Dame was considered a failure because he had a mediocre record of 30-26-1 at a tradition-rich school that expected to compete for national championships. North Texas took a similar gamble when it was just trying to contend again in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Mean Green replaced Dar-

rell Dickey with Dodge after consecutive losing seasons that followed four straight Sun Belt championships, hoping Dodge's spread offense and unprecedented high school success would energize fans while they pitched a plan for a new stadium. The \$78 million project went through and will debut next year, but it wasn't because North Texas was winning.

Dodge lost his first game to Oklahoma 79-10, the first of three times the Mean Green allowed at least 66 points in 2007. After one season, he fired the defensive coordinator he brought with him from Carroll, and all four high school coaches that joined him were gone before this year.

The 47-year-old former Texas quarterback never won more than twice in a season and entered this year with a mandate from Villarreal to win at least seven games.

Dodge was fired four days after a 34-10 loss to lowly Florida International that made a seven-win season impossible.

"With all the adversity, I wanted to be with my team through the whole thing," said Dodge, who was in the fourth year of a five-year contract that paid about \$200,000 annually. "But that wasn't to be. It's disappointing, but not shocking."

Tech volleyball to host 'Dig for the Cure'

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

The month of October means more to the Texas Tech volleyball team than just playing Big 12 Conference volleyball.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so Tech will show its support this weekend for the fight against breast cancer by hosting the 'Dig for the Cure' match against Oklahoma.

The Red Raiders will be wearing special pink uniforms on Saturday that will be auctioned off after the match to raise money for the Lubbock affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation.

"We want to raise as much money for (the fight against) breast cancer as we possibly can," Tech coach Trish Knight said of the game's purpose. "Because everybody we know probably has someone in their family or some friend that has suffered from that."

The coaching staff also will be sporting pink at the match, and Knight has promised an additional \$250 donation if 2,500 fans show up to the match.

Regular admission will be \$1 and students get in free with a valid Tech student ID, as is the case with regular matches. The contest is slated for a 1 p.m. start Saturday.

Stephanie Winters, event coordinator for the Lubbock affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

Foundation, said having Texas Tech Athletics' support is a great way to reach out to the community in a different way.

"It's a huge platform in the community, and everyone, especially out here in Lubbock and the surrounding communities, keep up with the athletics going on at Texas Tech," she said. "So, I thank them to be willing to partner with us and get our message out, I think it's a great place to start, and it reaches an audience that we would not otherwise reach."

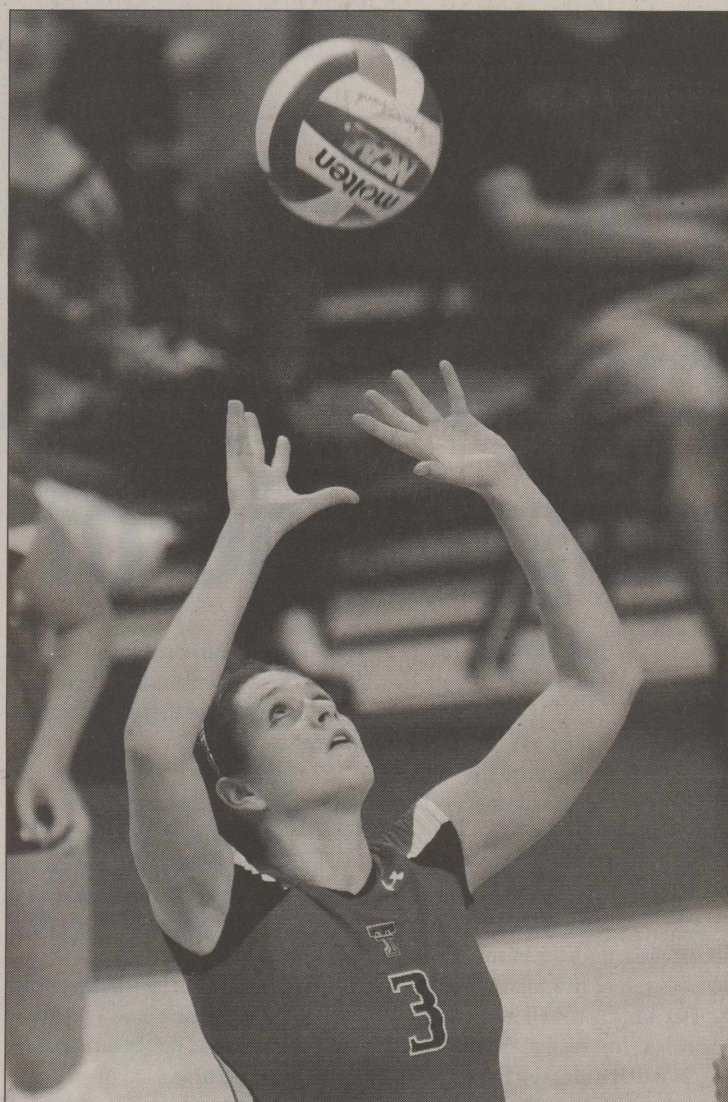
Winters also said there will be a Susan G. Komen booth set up where they will have educational information. They also will sell raffle tickets and Tech athletics has donated three items for them to raffle off.

If fans want to give more to the cause, they can pledge different amounts of money in relation to the number of digs occurring during the match.

Junior setter Karlyn Meyers said she is happy that they can use their sport to show support for a meaningful cause.

"It's great that we're actually going to support and show that we are wanting to help," she said. "I don't think many people are in an opportunity where they get to do what we can do and really show a lot of people and raise awareness like we can."

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TECH SETTER KARLYN Meyers sets a play up during a match in the United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders host 'Dig for the Cure' at 1 p.m. against OU Saturday to support the fight against breast cancer.

Griner, Barncastle haven't spoken since punch

KANSAS CITY (AP) — There was no apology from Baylor's Brittney Griner to Texas Tech's Jordan Barncastle at Big 12 media day. In fact, the two didn't talk or even see each other.

Barncastle was on the receiving end of the punch from Griner that went viral last March. The 6-foot-8 dunking sensation broke Barncastle's nose after the two tussled in the lane during a game in Lubbock, Texas.

Griner, who was suspended two games, issued a general apology for her actions, but she hasn't told Barncastle directly that she's sorry.

"I have not crossed paths with her," Barncastle said Wednesday. "The Baylor team went in the early session this morning. Maybe by coincidence, maybe not, we were in the later session."

Big 12 spokeswoman Joni Lehmann said the conference did not intentionally schedule the two to appear at separate sessions.

"It's not even something we thought about," Lehmann said.

Barncastle hopes to become known for more than her scrap with Griner. She started 12 games as a sophomore, hit 80 percent of her free throws and

averaged 6.3 points in conference play.

"As you can imagine, it's a pretty well-known event," Barncastle said of the punch. "I have not necessarily wanted attention, but, yes, I've received more publicity from that aspect."

Griner, who set a NCAA record with 223 blocks as a freshman, said she received a lot of support from her teammates and coaches.

"They were there for me," she said. "I couldn't have made it without them."

Barncastle, who wore a protective mask after the nose break, said she won't alter her playing style because of the punch.

"It's a physical game," Barncastle said. "I'm not going to change who I am or my game or any aspect because of something that happened in the past. I'm going to continue how I play and how I've been taught to play and the way it is supposed to be played."

The 6-foot-2 Barncastle was called for a foul on the play that preceded the punch. She sent Griner lunging toward the baseline as they battled for position. Griner took two steps toward Barncastle before landing a right hand.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH'S JORDAN Barncastle defends a shot from Baylor's Brittney Griner during Baylor's win against Tech in Lubbock last season.

Barncastle disagrees with those who think she was the instigator.

"The people I care about and matter to me the most, they know," she said. "Ultimately, that's all that matters. I don't really care what other people think."

"I know what happened and most

people know what happened. To make me out to look like a bad guy is fine by me. I'm not really concerned about that. We're looking forward to the future. We're not really dwelling on the past."

Texas Tech plays Baylor Jan. 22 and Feb. 19.

Hamlin ready for short track showdown with Johnson

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Mired in traffic in the closing laps of the March race at Martinsville Speedway, Denny Hamlin bulldozed his way through the crowd determined to be first to the finish line.

"I think no matter what, we were going to win that race," Hamlin recalled this week of his sensational drive through the pack to his first victory of the season.

He needs to have the same mindset Sunday when he goes into the sixth race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship trailing four-time defending series champion Jimmie Johnson by 41 points.

Nobody is in the same class at Martinsville as the top two drivers in the Chase standings — they have combined to win the last eight races at Martinsville — and this short track showdown could be pivotal in determining this year's champion.

"People would think so, and I would think so," Hamlin said of the title implications for Sunday's race. "I'd think that he'd be one of

the guys that I would have to beat." Hamlin held the points lead through the first two Chase races, but dropped behind Johnson after Kansas, and has seen the gap widen the last two weeks. Yet he still feels as if he has Johnson right where he wants him with five races remaining in the Chase.

When the series first stopped at Martinsville this season, Hamlin, the preseason pick to be Johnson's top challenger, was off to a disappointing start. He announced that weekend he'd have surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the coming days, and his critics were quick to dismiss him from the pool of championship contenders.

He then used that stirring comeback victory to prove to everyone that he wouldn't go quietly, and he's matched Johnson all season in performance. Both drivers have a series-best six wins apiece.

Johnson has crept ahead the last three weeks, but not enough to cause Hamlin much concern.

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Pat Knight heads to media day knowing magnitude of season

By JON ARNOLD
MANAGING EDITOR

It looks like there will be no need to talk around how important this season is for Pat Knight's spot as coach of the Texas Tech basketball team.

Since he took over halfway through the 2007-08 season, many fans have circled 2010-11 as the year the Red Raiders should make the tournament, or else try to find someone new to coach the team.

But Knight is well aware of these rumblings.

"Now this is a big year for me," he said at a news conference Wednesday ahead of his trip to Big 12 Conference Media Day in Kansas City, Mo. today. "I look at it as my third year, it's either give me an extension or get fired type of year because I have everything in place."

But the pressure for Knight to find success this year doesn't have him tossing and turning at night.

"I don't lose sleep over it; that's just the way it is," he said.

Joining Knight in front of the media throng in Kansas City will be three familiar faces for fans that have watched the Red Raiders during the past three seasons: point guard John Roberson and forwards Mike Singletary and D'wayn Roberts.

The trio has seen playing time during all three of their previous seasons, and their return, along with the presence of three other seniors who will see time, are boosting Knight's hopes for the team.

"To me, it's all or nothing, we expect to go to the tournament," Knight said. "We'll be upset, and they should be upset if we don't make it."

Knight knows it won't be an easy task to get into the tournament while playing against Big 12 competition, but said this year's team is the best he has coached and one of the best he's seen at Tech, including his time as an assistant under his father.

And since this is his strongest team, and the Big 12 doesn't have a dominant favorite this season, Knight isn't sure why his team isn't getting more attention.

"Now if anybody else had six seniors they'd just be ranting and raving how good they're going to be," he said. "But for some reason, Texas Tech's not a glamorous or glorious thing to some of the experts at these magazines."

But Knight said the preseason magazines are keying in on the same thing he is as the team's weakness: defense.

"They know that we have a chance to be pretty good, but I like that part too because I've been stressing the defense for two years and now that other people are talking about it, it's starting to wake guys up that, hey, if we can buy into the defense, we can do a lot more than just go to the NIT," he said.

Last year's NIT run was the first time Knight and the Red Raiders had experienced any sort of postseason play with the younger Knight at the helm, and Tech played well, losing to Mississippi

in double overtime in the quarterfinals. Knight said this experience left his players wanting more.

"As great as it was going to the NIT, there's still nothing like going to the NCAA Tournament," he said. "I think it made my guys more confident, but it made them hungrier that they got a taste of it."

One facet of the team sure to help the Red Raiders on their quest for a NCAA berth is the team's depth. The Red Raiders lost two contributors from last year's team, but added JUCO transfer Paul Cooper, who Knight said will play immediately.

Also set to hit the ground running is point guard Javarez Willis. Willis, or Bear as he's nicknamed, will allow Roberson to come off of screens and play fewer minutes than in the past.

That depth also will allow Knight to tweak the lineup more during games.

"This year, we finally are in a position where we're ten, eleven deep," he said, "and at every position if I don't like the way things are going out on the court, I can substitute."

This depth and experience are what Knight and the Red Raiders hope propel them to postseason play this March, but the first step for Knight and his trio of leaders is facing the media in Kansas City today.

Knight is scheduled to speak at 9 a.m. and his remarks will be live streamed on big12sports.com.

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TEXAS TECH GUARD David Tairu takes a shot while Javarez Willis defends during the Red Raiders' opening practice Friday. Tech coach Pat Knight, John Roberson, Mike Singletary and D'wayn Roberts will be in Kansas City, Mo. today for Big 12 Media Day.

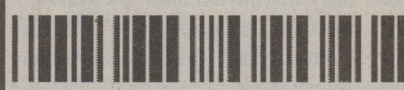
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Yankees beat Rangers 7-2

NEW YORK (AP) — CC Sabathia pitched like a champion, and the New York Yankees are heading for Texas. A whole lot better than heading home.

Nick Swisher and Robinson Cano hit consecutive homers to build an early cushion, Sabathia made the lead stand up and the Yankees avoided elimination, beating the Rangers 7-2 Wednesday and closing within 3-2 in the AL championship series.

"We're right where we need to be," Swisher said.

A late-arriving crowd for the late-afternoon game wondered whether this would be it for the defending World Series champs after Texas outscored them 25-5 while winning three in a row.

But Sabathia bounced back from an erratic opener, staying away from too much trouble against Josh Hamilton and Texas' big bats. Rangers slugger Nelson Cruz made an early exit with hamstring trouble, a day after Yankees star Mark Teixeira was lost for the postseason with a hamstring injury. Curtis Granderson added an eighth-inning homer for New York, his second RBI of the game.

"There was a determination," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We have not played extremely well in this series, to say the least."

Now the teams will go deep in the heart of Texas to decide the pennant in the best-of-seven series.

When they resume Friday night in Arlington for Game 6, Phil Hughes starts for the Yankees against Colby Lewis in a rematch of Game 2, won by the Rangers 7-2.

"It's not disappointing," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "It's a seven-game series."

In the 50th anniversary of a franchise that has never reached the World Series, Texas remains one win away. To get past the Rangers, the Yankees will eventually have to solve postseason star Cliff Lee, who would start a Game 7 against Andy Pettitte.

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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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