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DONALD HARAGAN WAS the first atmospheric science professor at Texas Tech and also served as president, provost and interim chancellor throughout his career.

First ever Tech atmospheric science professor still active at university

By HALLIE DAVIS STAFF WRITER

After holding nearly every administrative role on campus, Texas Tech professor and president emeritus Donald Haragan has returned to where he began 40 years ago, as an atmospheric science

Currently teaching one class, Haragan said he never just comes right out and says to his students, 'I have been the president, provost and interim chancellor of Texas Tech,' even though in his time with the university, he has been all three, as well as the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the vice president for Academic Affairs and Research.

"What keeps it interesting is each job is a different job and a different focus," Haragan said.

After receiving undergraduate and master's degrees in meteorology, Haragan said, he received his doctorate in civil engineering in a program of engineering science.

Haragan said he was the first atmospheric science professor at Tech when he first began working here in 1969, and he built up the department, which now offers both a master's and a doctorate degree.

In 1996, Haragan said, he became president and stayed in that position for nearly five years. Two years later, he became the interim president,

and just after that became the interim chancellor.

As provost, one of Haragan's many accomplishments was his consolidation of the Honors College into a single college rather than programs within the colleges.

"It's a different kind of experience," Haragan said of the college. "All the colleges are represented, the students are highly motivated and the students work together.'

His assistant, Jacqueline Chavez, said his creation of the Honors College was one of his greatest achievements.

"(The Honors College) is important; it's not emphasized enough," she said, "but it being one of his 'children,' I think that should be one of his most important legacies; he really emphasizes the importance of education and strength as a student overall."

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Tech student group bonds in the skies

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Air Raiders Skydiving Club members share experiences

By BRITTANY HOOVER STAFF WRITER

When Texas Tech graduate student Phil Gilbert jumped out of a plane for the first time, the only thought running through his head concerned the parachute.

"I hope this thing opens. I hope this thing opens," he recalled saying to himself.

His first skydiving experience included six hours of instruction, Gilbert, from Fort Hood, said. The jump was a solo one, without an instructor strapped

"When we were taking off, I realized, 'We're actually doing this," he said. "There's nothing there but air and ground, nothing to land on. It was a rush."

Gilbert said afterward he called friends and family to tell them his feat, except his mother, who did not want to

hear about the so-called dangerous trip. As of this week, almost one year later, Gilbert has completed 62 jumps. He takes many of them with the Tech student organization for enthusiasts like himself, the Air Raiders Skydiv-

ing Club. Last spring, the group became an official student organization, and Gilbert was the president. Now, as a graduate student, he still remains an active member.

"What we try to do as a club is get as many people as we can interested in the sport," said Gilbert, who is studying elementary education. "Everyone always says they want to go, but no one

The members of the club hope to get students involved in the group and have them take part in multiple skydives, he said.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ADAM LEGLER

PHIL GILBER, FORMER president of the Air Raiders Skydiving Club, makes a jump in July in Tuskegree, Ala.

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Men's team takes 1st in ROTC Ranger Challenge

Women's team finishes 2nd as all four Tech teams place

By KASSIDY KETRON STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Army ROTC program brings an end to their trophy-less dry spell after defeating a number of schools at the annual Ranger Challenge Friday through Sunday.

The men's team won the championship in their division, and the women's team took second place in

the women's division. The men's second team took fourth, and the co-ed team took sixth in the co-ed division.

Lt. Col. John Casper said the Ranger Competition is for all colleges in Texas that have an ROTC program. Because the team was were able to

recruit enough women this year, they were able to put more emphasis on the men's and women's teams, he said.

Because of the cadets' leadership,

Casper said they were able to recruit 30 people to try out for the competition. Once they were trained, they were separated into four groups with the men's first team and the women's team containing the strongest.

"If you look at our ROTC program like you would a Big 12 football team, in the past 10 years, we typically have finished in the bottom half of the conference," he said. "In the last two years, we've moved into the top half of the conference, and then this year, we won it all."

Casper said he would describe the competition as intense, leaving little down time for the cadets. Friday's

competition lasted six hours and was followed by Saturday's 10-hour competition.

The Ranger Challenge is one of those moments you won't forget, Casper said. He remembers participating in the same challenge 22 years ago when he was a cadet.

"I was proud of all the cadets for the effort they put forth, and with a competition of this magnitude, it is something that they can be proud of and remember for the rest of their lives," he said. "To beat every other school in Texas, that's pretty special."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Tech Volleyball vs. Texas A&M Time: 6:30 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena

"Teenage Night of Living Horror" by Tim Kelly Time: 7:30 p.m. Where: CATS Theatre So, what is it? It's wild and it's weird - if you dig classic horror flicks like "Night of the Living Dead" and "Cemetary High," you'll die

laughing over this shudder fun-

fest directed by Tim McIntire.

THURSDAY

Retro Laser Night: Pink Floyd Time: 6 p.m. Where: Museum of Texas Tech

So, what is it? The museum will host its Retro Laser Night featuring Pink Floyd's "The Wall," and general admission

is \$1 for students with IDs. Matador Singers and Women's Chorale Concert

Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, School of Music So, what is it?

Come out and support the music department and listen to the variety of genres sung by the Matador Singers and Women's Chorale.

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Charges dropped against 3 males in NYC anti-gay attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors on Tuesday dropped charges against three people accused of taking part in anti-gay attacks on two men and two teens, citing a lack of evidence.

Bryan Almonte and Brian Cepeda, both 17, and Steven Carabello, 16, had been charged with robbery, gang assault and unlawful imprisonment as hate crimes in the Oct. 3 attacks.

Eight other people remain accused in the case, which city officials called the worst anti-gay attacks in recent history. It's possible more people will be arrested because investigators are still working.

Family members and friends

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cheered outside court after the charges were dismissed, and the three boys' attorneys said they were pleased with the outcome. Almonte's attorney John O'Connell said his client thought he was at a party in the abandoned home where prosecutors say three of the victims were assaulted.

"He's a victim here," O'Connell

Almonte's girlfriend, 14-year-old Paola Suarez, said she was "so happy because my baby is getting out."

Attorney Paul Horowitz, who represented Carabello, said he imagined his client "will try to get his life back together."

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SKULL SWEETNESS



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ROSADRIANA RODRIGUEZ, A Spanish graduate student from Amarillo, decorates a calavera, which is a small sugar skull, on Tuesday in the Student Union Building.

Researchers search for cause of Colony Collapse Disorder

By BRIAN HOWARD STAFF WRITER

A professor in the Texas Tech biology department, with help from a few graduate student assistants, is performing novel research on a specific DNA virus that could lead to discovering the root cause to the sharp decreases in the bee population in recent years.

Shan Bilimoria, a professor of virology in the biology department, said the phenomenon associated with Colony Collapse Disorder has been happening for years, but the rate at which bees are dying off just recently picked up pace.

"I have been doing research into a specific virus called IIV6, or Insect Iridescent Virus No. 6," he said. "There are 24 of these viruses currently known to exist, and the one that I have been working on appears to be closely related to the deadly bee virus."

The research into the IIV6 virus in relation to bees is different and unique,

"While other research teams have shown CCD to be caused by RNA viruses," he said "our group is showing that there is a DNA virus involved in the form of IIV6, making our research different and unique."

There have also been findings of fungus in collapsed colonies that is closely correlated to the DNA virus, Bilimoria said.

According to a news release by Jerry Bromenshenk, a professor of biological sciences at the University of Montana,

Bilimoria's research is only part of the work being done by a team comprised of multiple universities and biological centers to search for the cause of the colony collapse disorder.

Bilimoria said he's worked closely with the group, especially with a team of fungal pathologists at Montana State University.

"I sent samples of IIV6 to Montana, where they have been doing research into the fungus," he said. "After experimenting by infecting healthy bees with both the DNA virus and the fungus, we have shown the amount of dead bees to be far greater with both IIV6 and the fungus, rather than with just one or the other."

The next step in the virus research is to prove the agent actually causes the disease, Bilimoria said.

"We must find and isolate the agent similar to IIV6 and inject it into healthy bees along with the fungus," he said. "If it shows to cause the disease, there would be strong enough evidence to re-isolate the agent and match it up again.'

Due to evidence from experiments combining both the DNA virus and the fungus, there is a high possibility the two agents are intertwined in causing the collapse of bee colonies, Bilimoria said.

"It is possible that the fungus infects bees, weakening and damaging their tissue," he said, "and then the virus comes along, making infection worse and leading to death."

Jason Kopp, a senior cell molecular biology major from San Antonio, has learned about Bilimoria's work as a student in his virology class.

"I would say Dr. Bilimoria's research is



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador SARANYA GANAPATHY, A doctoral student studying biology from Trichy, India, isolated the Chilo Ird Virus by introducing it to Wax Worms and extracting it from their infected bodies.

very important not just in terms of CCD, but for future implications this viral infec-

tion might affect," he said. One large concern would arise if the virus switched hosts and started affecting other organisms, Kopp said.

"Like anything, it is better to understand the mechanism before it gets out of control," he said.

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Cpt. Bradley Carlson, an assistant professor and full-time law student, was the head trainer of the 30 cadets for Ranger Challenge.

Carlson said he implemented a new workout program called Cross Sit, which is also a program that is used by active

military and policemen. The workouts only physically demanding, but mentally varied day to day and were focused on not being too hard on the body.

Colin Haley, a finance major from San Antonio, said the teams' preparation began two weeks before school started and consisted of 5:30 a.m. workouts Monday through Friday with seven-mile runs, five-mile practice run marches and the team practiced throwing grenades.

The actual competition was not

demanding as well, Haley said. It lasted for three days, and during that time, the teams were lucky to get six hours of sleep.

Haley said during the awards ceremony on Sunday, the men's team wasn't quite sure what to expect because of a close call with Sam Houston State

"We had both tied for first place, so it came down to our alternate person from each team," he said. "We really weren't sure which way it was going to go, so when we won, it was an extremely proud moment not just for ourselves, but for the university as well. We knew we were representing more than just the ROTC program."

In years past, the team has only had nine to 12 members, but this year there were 30 members, most of whom were freshmen, he said. This came as a great surprise to Carlson, especially because no one broke down and dropped out.

From the end of August to Oct. 9, the team had been training as a group, but Carlson said on Oct. 9 he had each individual go through every event. What usually spans over three days was done in a single day to test each individual and place them into groups.

"I was ecstatic for the teams because it was a very emotional competition even for our co-ed team, who did not do as well as our other teams," Carlson said. "Watching a freshman, who has never done this before, come across the finish line in tears and knowing that they've accomplished something that most of their peers will never ever do is pretty awesome."

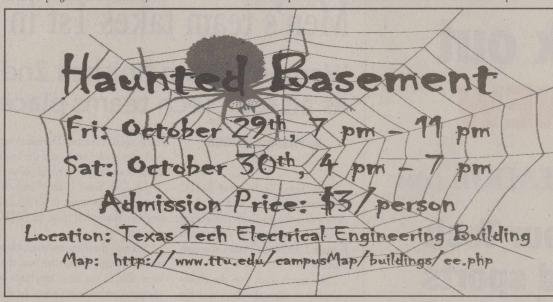
Sarah Herrero, a sophomore chemical engineering major from San Antonio, said the women's team worked to come together to provide each other support in order to become a better team.

After all that went into preparing for the competition, she said it was disappointing to find out the women's team was awarded second place and not first.

Despite falling just short of first place, Herrero said she hopes it only motivates the team to work even harder for the competition next year.

"It was a big sense of accomplishment because it's something that we have never done before," she said. "The fact that we put in all that hard work and we really saw it pay off was very fulfilling. With hard work and dedication, we beat almost

every team there." » kassidy.ketron@ttu.edu





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Spend Halloween with some great video games

I'm not huge on Halloween parties. I'm not much of an alcohol fan and seeing women dressed as sexy versions of the Ninja Turtles creeps me out more than it turns me on (not that my fiancée would appreciate me gawking at other women anyway).

If you're like me and find the idea of staying in with horror movies a more appealing Halloween plan, then might I suggest some great video games to complement your viewing of "Paranormal Activity"?

"Costume Quest" — This downloadable title available on the Xbox Live Arcade and PlayStation Network might not seem like an obvious choice to many, because it looks like a cute little kid's game. But "Costume Quest," from comedy gaming guru and "Brutal Legend" creator Tim Schaefer's Double Fine Studios, is a fantastic RPG for all ages. It's short, but for \$15, I definitely recommend doing a little trick-or-treating and then turning into a giant robot to kill some goblins.

"Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" — This latest "Castlevania" title is extremely different from its predecessors and in fact starts off with bright and pretty gorgeous environments that don't exactly evoke a Halloween-ish feel. However, over the course of the epic adventure, you will fight plenty of vampires, werewolves and other creatures of the night. Dracula may not be the main threat this time, but there are still great references to Frankenstein's monster or Death himself. I highly recommend this title even after Halloween ends.

"Saw" — The "Saw" franchise has become a Halloween staple for many horror fans, and the game from Konami received surprisingly OK reviews when it came out last year. "Saw II" was just released for the Xbox 360 and PS3, but I can't speak to its quality, personally. So, play that one at your own risk for a variety of reasons.

"Alan Wake" — One of my favorite games of the year, "Alan Wake" comes from the developers of the acclaimed "Max Payne" games and follows horror author Alan Wake through a nightmarish journey to save his wife from a dark presence. The story, told in an episodic format – similar to a TV show – is usually very engaging, and the atmosphere

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of Haragan's endeavors with both the

Honors College and his administrative

positions. Since his involvement with

recruitment, fundraising and administra-

today, whether you call it tier one or what-

ever, growing the graduate program and

the research programs without impacting the undergraduate program," Haragan said. Chavez said that ideal was evident in

"He put so much effort into making this the best university in the state of Tex-

"Study abroad has always been a huge

interest for me," Haragan said. "In today's

time, you don't have a complete education

unless you understand culture other than

Haragan's greatest strengths.

many, it's more talk than do."

atmospheric science professor.

said learning always comes first.

to him," Chavez said.

This spirit of open-minded internationalism is what Haragan's co-worker Mohammad Magusi said he sees as one of

"So many institutions in this country

Maqusi said Haragan acted on his ideals of globalization, from recruiting Maqusi in Jordan to being part of a project aiming

Now, Haragan said he continues

"For him, I think (being a professor

Even more basic than that, Haragan

"You should learn from every experi-

ence you have, and you should learn from

to work with the Honors College as an

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to open a private university in Oman.

talk of internationalization or globalization of their programs," Magusi said, "and with

as," Chavez said. "I don't think we would be even close to getting to tier-one status had it not been a foundation by him." Haragan said another of his main focuses has been the study abroad program. During his time as an administrator, Haragan opened the Texas Tech Center in

"(It's) the idea we are still working on

Academics have been at the forefront

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"Left4Dead 1 or 2" — If you just want to spend your Halloween weekend slaughtering zombies, or being a zombie yourself, you won't find a better multiplayer choice than "Left4Dead." It's more action-packed than scary, but working together with three friends to escape a scenario alive can be a great way to spend your time.

"Dead Rising 2" — Want to slaughter thousands upon thousands of zombies with lawnmowers, electric rakes, spiked bats, drill buckets and more? "Dead Rising 2" is your best option. Dropping players in a Las Vegas-esque environment with plenty of tools available for zombie genocide, the game aims for the part of your brain that gets pleasure from dismembering the living dead.

"Amnesia: The Dark Descent"—I'll be honest, I haven't played this one yet, but it might be how I personally spend my Halloween night. From the creators of the terrific and scary "Penumbra" games, "Amnesia" is supposedly pretty terrifying. It appears to be a slow moving adventure heavily inspired by the likes of H.P Lovecraft, which welcomes gamers to play with the lights off. It's received a ton of critical acclaim, so I'm anxious to check it out myself.

There are plenty of other options from years past, of course. Any of the "Silent Hill" or "Resident Evil" games could provide some great thrills, and I'm personally a fan of the horrific sci-fi adventure "Dead Space."

If you want some more light-hearted antics, there are some horror-themed WiiWare titles you can download, as well as gaming classics like "Ghosts 'n Goblins" or the older "Castlevania" titles

available on the Wii Virtual Console. However you spend your holiday, stay safe and have fun.

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every person you meet," Haragan said. "If you can go to bed and say you've done that, it's been a successful day as far as education is concerned.'

Haragan said he is happy to be back in the classroom, but the experiences and opportunities of each title he's held on the Tech campus have been a blessing.

"Every position was a challenge," tion, Haragan said there has always been Haragan said. "You do the things that you think need to be done, you do your best to solve the problems of the day, and then you move on and let someone else step in and take on the challenges."

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CARNIVAL CANDY



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

CALLIE BAKER, A second-year law student from Arlington, passes out candy to children at the Halloween carnival hosted by the Texas Tech Law School on Sunday.

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However, Gilbert said the hobby is not inexpensive. According to the Air Raiders Skydiving Club Facebook page, the first-time static course, where the skydiver jumps with the parachute automatically opening, costs \$140. Each jump after the first one costs \$45. These jumps help to learn barrel rolling, flipping, docking and executing proficiently to become certified as a skydiver.

Tandem jumps cost \$200 and are an option for first-time jumpers who do not wish to be certified.

"A lot of people don't have a lot of money to take a lot of jumps," Gilbert said. "Save up your money. When you have enough, go out there. Then start saving again. When you have enough, go again."

Adam Legler, the club's treasurer, thinks skydiving is a better alternative to other social activities college students participate in.

"I jump for \$45, the price everybody gets to jump for after the static line course," he said. "A lot of people spend money going out to bars on the weekend. Instead, I go to Skydive Westex and barbecue. Sometimes we'll camp out there, have a bonfire, grill and hang out all night."

Legler, a Borger native and senior exercise and sports sciences major, said he has met many friends on skydiving trips and said he keeps in touch even with people he jumped with once.

"A lot of people always want to

skydive," Legler said. "They look at it hanging out, making a bonfire, playing and think, 'That looks like a cool thing I'll try once in my life.' Whenever you get to take them, watch them and share that experience, you develop a bond, especially if you're jumping out of same

The club's next skydiving trip is scheduled for Nov. 20 in Stanton, which is the closest site to Lubbock and about two hours away, said Gilbert, who has Houston and Alabama.

When Lauren Myhre, the club's president, heard about the Nov. 20 jump benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, she thought the event would make a good activity for the club.

"I thought, well, we're going to jump anyway this month, and this is happening, and it's a good cause," said Myhre, who has completed 41 jumps.

One of Myhre's favorite aspects of the group is the camaraderie that forms with participating in the sport.

'We're there all day, waiting our turns," Myhre said. "Sometimes we can't jump because it's too windy or too cloudy. Some days we might only get to make one or two jumps. So we end up



catch. Last time, we flew a kite."

Legler, who has completed 27 jumps, said he enjoys sharing fellow skydivers'

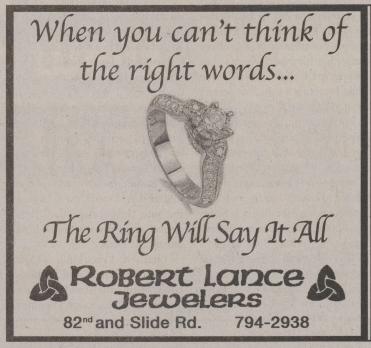
"(My favorite part is) taking the firsttime jumpers because it's a lot of fun to see," Legler said. "Before, some people are scared, some people are anxious to go. Once you go through your first jump, you get the feeling of skydiving and get skydived in Temple, Austin, Dallas, to see what it's like. It's hard to explain to someone who's never done it before.

"To see them go thraough that and see the smiles on their faces when they

land is pretty cool." For first-timers, Gilbert suggests to come to the club meetings and talk to others about their experiences skydiving. Anyone interested in joining the club can attend the monthly meetings held at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month in the Double T room in the Student Union Building. Students interested can even come on the trip and watch, he said.

One of Legler's goals for the club is to start a team that could compete in the United States Parachute Association's National Collegiate Parachuting Championships against other universities.

"I'd love to start a team within the club where we could go to the championship and represent Texas Tech at it," Legler said. "There's other schools that have had skydiving clubs since '70s. Georgia Tech, the University of Florida and the University of Southern California all have skydiving clubs that compete." >>> brittany.t.hoover@ttu.edu





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Infatuation sickens, teaches us about love

Oo, I am sitting down in the Student Union Building with a few friends; we're causally eating lunch, and one of them happens to have brought a bit of fresh meat to the table: a new boyfriend, who we're all ecstatic to meet.

And then, halfway though lunch, they are all over each other, hugging, sitting on each other's laps and stealing little gadgets from one another.

At first, I think they are the suddenly gets old, a little disgust- it past the infatuation stage of their



ing and I want to leave. Both of them are temporarily infected with infatuation, and thankfully, it's not

Sure, it's wonderful to see my cutest couple ever. It starts out as friend "taken," but it is all too immature fun, and then all they much; I suddenly can't wait until do is talk about one another. It they are either broken up or make

relationship. If it were all a helium talking about how prairie dogs can ing the adoring couple or talking guy to her longer, albeit failed, balloon, I would not be able to help myself from popping that balloon with a big ol' pin. Yet, I don't want to ruin such happiness, even if it is not quite genuine. It forces me to be between a rock and a hard place.

On the other hand, every single one of us is guilty of it, even me. It is, at its very root, the involuntary blindness to see any faults in a particular special someone. They might as well be on Jupiter because no matter how much is said about the new person in their life, there is no way they are going to be willing to see any imperfections.

Similarly, I might as well be

be vacuumed out of their burrow. The whole listening system is shut down, and their mind is highly distracted - thinking about how can give your friend is a what-if they'll surprise their new someone scenario at the table. What if that the next time they find a break between

While I'm sure my friends probably find it highly ironic that I am writing about infatuation, there are ways be-

sides avoid-

to others about how obnoxious the "lubby-dubbiness" has become.

A major reality check you

guy didn't have a nice car or didn't have that promising major? Ask about where he stands on core values like abortion, politics or academics. Point out how short

of a time they have been dating or

compare the

past relationships. Even if he is completely different, that's OK. Different can be a good thing.

The whole idea behind briefly taking a look at the negatives is that it provides a reminder that a Mr. or Miss Honey Bun isn't perfect. That way, whether it is real love or just a fling, your friend will remember even the best of the best is still human. After all, acceptance of our imperfect world is virtue we could all use.

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Lower emphasis on finals shows education progress

n article that appeared in The Boston Globe Learlier this month titled "The test has been cancelled" looked into the decreasing usage - and indeed relevance - of classes having final exams at the end of the semester.

One big statistic they mention early on is that a mere 23 percent of Harvard classes last spring semester actually had final exams. This prompted the university to reverse their rules on the examination process - rather than informing the university when their class would not have a final, professors have to request permission to have a scheduled, seated exam.

This doesn't really surprise me, and in fact I see it as a significant step forward. Most of the finals I've ever taken have come down to pure memorization of facts, usually by cramming a day or two before the final. This may not be different from a vast majority of college exams, but it's a pain when a class if the structure of a class doesn't benefit from it.

For example, I'm an English major and a philosophy minor. Generally speaking, neither of these course types lend themselves to typical sit-down exams. I've rarely had exams that are multiplechoice, saving me money on Scantrons but giving me more writer's cramps due to Blue Book usage.

I've had more than one exam that tasked students with identifying the title, author and speaking characters in a given sample of



text. Sure, doing so might prove that I read the books that were on the syllabus, but how can that skill help me really analyze the literature in question?

In philosophy in particular, how helpful is an exam to a student, really? I've had professors outright advise students to write a few short essays ahead of time, memorize them, then write them again in a Blue Book during the final. Where's the benefit in that?

Personally, I'd rather write a 10-page essay on metaphysics due on the last day of class than write a few three-page essays that I have to editor. write by hand in a three-hour final.

Similarly, I was thankful when is expected to have a final even my fellow honors astronomy students and I were tasked with doing a presentation rather than taking a final. While astronomy certainly contains enough facts and data to make exams possible, I felt I learned a lot more by doing a 15-minute presentation on dark matter than I would have by making sure I memorized the orbital period of Io for the three hours during the exam.

> Granted, I wouldn't say that finals should be tossed aside entirely. I think they can be useful in determining how much a beginner

math student has learned during the semester, for example. It was also a good thing my Latin finals were never done at home, because it would have been far too easy for students to cheat with things like online translators.

Some professors at Tech still play by their own rules anyway. One of my professors this semester is rewarding near-perfect attendance with the option to skip the final, if desired. I intend to take full advantage of that offer.

But it's important for professors to not be tied down by the traditional concept of a sit-down final exam. There are often better, more effective ways of judging a student's performance and aptitude. We should perhaps encourage more creativity from professors when it comes to finals.

■ Peele is *The DT's* opinions

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Give our football team time to adjust

As a Tech-ex, I join with consider the Double T, which many Red Raiders who actively support and follow our football team. The current win/loss record has many pointing to a variety of reasons as to why the team isn't achieving what past teams have earned. Perhaps we should stop and

has been a Tech icon for decades. Instead of seeing the Double T as meaning just Texas Tech, it could also mean "tough times" or maybe "transitioning team.

Yes, we changed head coach and coaching staff. Yes, they have brought a new set of strategies and procedures for our team to execute.

Yes, I enjoyed watching the "Air Raid" years, but there are other ways to reach a winning season. Raiders, let's give Coach Double T and the guys their time to transition to become conference champions.

Richard Lewis is a Tech alumnus from Houston.

Congress should make tuition tax credit permanent STAFF EDITORIAL this tax credit, though small, gives

THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN (PRINCETON U.)

In his 2011 budget proposal, President Barack Obama called on Congress to make the American Opportunity Tax Credit permanent.

This provides a \$2,500 college tuition tax credit to individuals whose modified adjusted gross income is \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples filing a joint return, as well as smaller credits to families earning above this threshold. Given the benefits this act provides to students and their families, the Editorial Board urges Congress to listen to Obama and

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make the tax credit permanent. The tax credit is set to expire at the

end of this year. The credit modified and expanded the benefits offered by the Hope Credit — which already offered some families \$1,500 per year in tax credits for education — for 2009 and 2010, making the tax credits available to a broader range of taxpayers and allowing credits to be claimed for four post-secondary education years instead of two. The American Opportunity Tax Credit was part of the \$814 billion economic stimulus bill.

This credit should be made permatuition costs in a still-faltering economy, families a break when it comes to college tuition. According to Obama, the credit is worth \$10,000 over four years and will help families invest in their children's futures.

Though the Editorial Board supports Obama in making this tax credit permanent, if it is to be extended, it needs to be better publicized to students. On Oct. 13, Obama met with college students to discuss how the students benefited from the tax credit and whether they thought the tax credit should be made permanent. Several students told the nent for several reasons. With rising president that they were not aware the tax credit existed.

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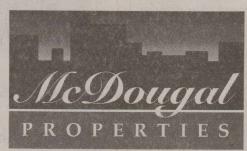
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Johnson's struggles create QB controversy



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AFTER BEGINNING THE season as a Heisman Trophy cadidate, Texas A&M senior quarterback Jerrod Johnson now splits time with junior Ryan Tannehill.

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Texas A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson entered the 2010 season and many college football fans thought he should be considered a Heisman Trophy candidate.

Red Raider fans might have understood that idea in August, and rightfully so after Johnson threw for 238 yards and ran for an additional 89 yards last season in the Aggies' 52-30 win in Lubbock.

But what a difference seven weeks in the 2010 season have made. Johnson is not even guaranteed the Aggies' starting job this weekend.

Johnson, a senior, now splits time with junior Big Spring native Ryan Tannehill, who was a receiver to start the season, and Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman is playing his quarterback decision close to the chest as he prepares for his meeting with the Red Raiders Saturday.

"I'm going to figure it out as we go," Sherman said in his weekly press conference Monday. "I have a plan in mind. Last week, Tannehill played 15 snaps in the first half and 26 in the second. Jerrod played 26 in the first half and 15 in the second. You can't split it down the middle any more than that."

On paper, Johnson looks like he is having a productive season. He's thrown 279 passing attempts and has a 56.6 completion rating and 14 touchdowns through the air.

But Johnson has been a major liability in several Texas A&M games.

Most notably, he threw four secondhalf interceptions against an underdog Florida International team, and that allowed the Golden Panthers the chance to pull of a major upset. Ultimately, the Aggies won that game.

They were not as lucky when they played Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla. Johnson stalled the Aggies' offense with four interceptions in a game Texas A&M lost on a last-second field goal.

The next week, when Texas A&M

lost to Arkansas 24-17, Johnson completed just 14 of 40 passes.

The Aggies also lost against No. 7 Missouri before blowing out Kansas last week.

But that Kansas game was played with a different formula than the other Texas A&M games - splitting time at quarterback between Johnson and Tannehill.

In last week's game, Tannehill completed 12 of 16 passes for 155 yards and three touchdown passes. Johnson completed 12 of 20 passing attempts for 139 yards and no scores.

Consequently, there is a quarterback controversy brewing in College Station, and Johnson, the Aggies' best hope just weeks ago, finds himself fighting for

"Of course I want to play more than anything," Johnson said during Monday's press conference. "I've done so much in the offseason and so much for and with the team. I definitely want to play. I feel like I put so much into what our offense does, and I have such a good relationship with those guys that I want to be out there going to war with them and representing the school.

"At the same time, Coach Sherman >>> michael.graham@ttu.edu

makes the decisions, and I stand by what he does."

While it seems the Texas A&M coaching staff is losing faith in Johnson, Tannehill prefers to believe the Aggies are becoming a two-headed monster at the quarterback position.

"It makes it easier that we are friends. We both want each other to succeed. We don't wish bad things on each other," he said. "When he's in there, I tell him things I saw, and when I'm in there, he tells me

"It could be a tough situation, but the fact that we are friends and we want the team to win and succeed makes things much easier."

The situation will cause Tech to prepare for two different quarterbacks. But it also prevents Johnson from devastating the Tech defense for a second year.

"Tannehill tends to get outside the pocket. Johnson will run but most of his movement is up the field," Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said. "He'll take what you give him. We'll probably see both ... there will be a few things we do differently against both of them, and we'll have to know who's in the game."



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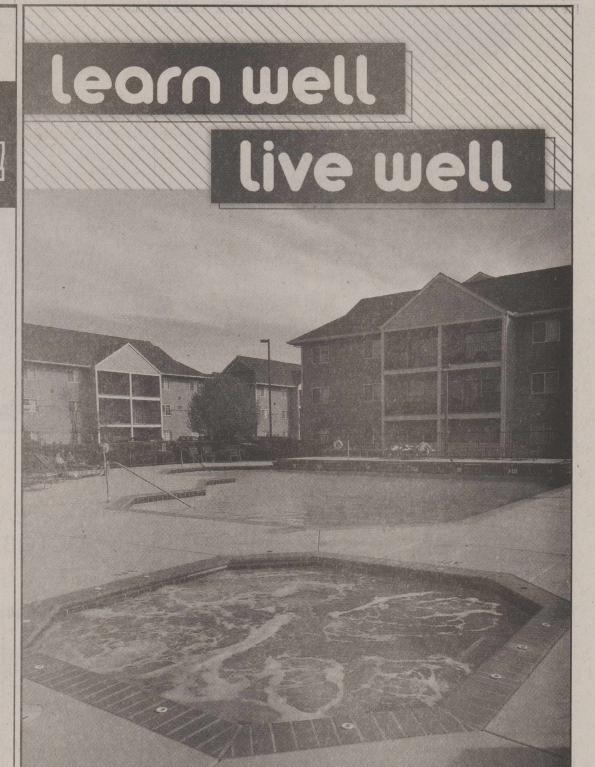
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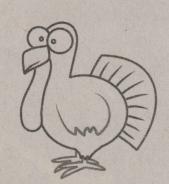
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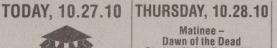


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RED TEAM SECOND baseman Jamodrick McGruder throws the ball

to firstbase during the Red and Black Baseball game Tuesday at Dan

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said before the game. "With all of the

crazy stuff that has been happening in

the first two games today, whoever

gets out in front makes the series 2-1.

I think its going to be a big, big deal."

at home against A&M



TEXAS TECH MIDDLE blocker Justine Young spikes the ball during Tech's 3-0 loss against the Oklahoma Sooners Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

By JOSHUA KOCH

After the sudden resignation of Trish Knight on Monday, it is time for interim head coach Beth Falls to take the reins of Texas Tech volleyball and prepare the team for its next test against Texas A&M.

'Right now, I've talked to all of them today, and I think they are focused on volleyball," Falls said. "We talked about walking in the gym today only focusing on volleyball, and I think they're going to do that. They're a great group of girls, they're strong girls and they're going to get through this."

Players were not available to the media for interview Tuesday.

The Red Raiders (3-17, 1-10 in Big 12 Conference play) face the Aggies (10-11, 4-7) at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the United Spirit Arena.

Along with the match, Tech also will be hosting its annual Halloween Fright Night event.

The first 50 kids in costume will receive a free trick-or-treat bag they can use at the Safe Treat event that will involve more than 30 Tech student organizations. The Safe Treat event will be held on the concourse of the United Spirit Arena following the match.

There will be a costume contest during the match, and the best costume will win four tickets to Tech football's next home game against Missouri on Nov. 6.

All of the ghosts and goblins in the house will do their part to scare the Aggies, but the Red Raiders will still have to do their job if they want the victory.

Tech is coming off a 3-0 loss to Oklahoma on Saturday but is presented with the opportunity to right the ship against a struggling A&M squad.

The Aggies have dropped six of their last seven, with the squad's last victory coming against Colorado on Saturday. giving them a little bit of momentum coming into Lubbock.

These two squads met on Sept. 25, with the Aggies taking the match 3-0 in College Station. After that victory, they dropped six straight.

They've lost some matches, so they're gonna come in here looking for a win, but so are we," Falls said. "We're in the same boat, and I think it's anyone's game as long we put out there the girls who have the mindset to win. I think we have a really good chance at it."

The Red Raiders' last victory in this series came back in 2006 when Tech defeated the Aggies in straight sets in

Tech junior Amanda Dowdy, outside hitter and middle blocker, has been having the season she was expected to have.

Dowdy was a preseason All-Big 12 selection and has lived up to that billing — Dowdy posted her sixth doubledouble of the season and ninth of her career on Saturday against Oklahoma.

But even the offensive surge of Dowdy hasn't been enough to get the Red Raiders over the hump of closing sets and winning matches.

Tech currently is on a five-match losing streak after winning its first Big 12 match on Oct. 2 in Lubbock.

Falls said if her squad wants to break that losing streak tonight against the Aggies, all they have to do is focus.

"They know volleyball; we're going to play instinctive volleyball," she said. "If you put too much thinking into it, nothing good comes out of it. So we're just going to play volleyball, we're going to focus and we're just going to support each other."

This match will be a new experience for a lot of the coaching staff on the Tech bench, as director of operations Amy Gandy was promoted to assistant coach to fill the spot left vacant by Falls.

With all of the sudden changes to the Tech volleyball team in general, Falls said it will take a complete team effort to move forward.

"I mean, it's scary, but I think the girls just need to have confidence in me and I need to have confidence in them," she said. "We have a mutual respect for each other, and I think we'll get through this together."

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Falls era begins for Tech Red-Black series now 2-1 in favor of Black

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ SPORTS EDITOR

Jamodrick McGruder may be swinging the hottest bat of any player for Texas Tech baseball halfway through the annual Red-Black Series.

At least that was the case for the first two games.

"Three triples in Game 1 — it was a beautiful thing to have," McGruder said of his performance in the opening game. "Kind of, sort of a little bit lucky. I had a couple of things here and there happen for me for it to happen. It's pretty much a great thing though."

McGruder, a sophomore second baseman, batted in four runs during that first game to help pace the Red team to a lopsided 16-4 win on Sunday.

Fellow sophomore Barrett Barnes added three RBIs, including an inside-the-park homerun to seal the victory for the Red squad.

But the Black team didn't waste time countering.

Led by Duke Von Schamann, the Black team drove in eight runs — three of those credited to Von Schamann, who homered twice — to defeat the Red team 8-7.

Joining the homerun parade was McGruder's counterpart, Black team second baseman Nick Popescu, who drilled a solo homerun and finsished the game 1-for-3 at the plate.

However, it was McGruder who still was swinging the most efficient bat, ending the second contest Monday having gone 5-for-7 at the plate in the first two outings, with four RBIs to his name.

McGruder said the key to his success at the plate is simply location, not power.

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"Just trying to stay inside the ball," he said. "It's a big part of my hitting is trying to stay inside the ball, go the other way. It's just been working out for me."

Then arrived a pivotal Game 3 Tuesday, providing an opportunity for both teams to regain the advantage in the series.

Prior to the game, McGruder and Von Schamann both acknowledged pitching as the key to a victory which is warranted, considering 35 total runs had been surrendered in the first two games.

The beginning of Tuesday's contest showed exactly why the two players pointed out pitching as a crucial component to a win.

The score was 5-5 by the end of the first inning.

Pacing the Black team was shortstop Kelby Tomlinson, who generated a 4-for-4 outing at the plate, all hits coming as singles.

Pitching, however, made its presence felt from there on out, as pitchers for both teams held opposing batters scoreless for four consecutive innings.

The sixth inning was a different story, thanks in part to Tomlinson.

The junior infielder would drive in the eventual game-winning RBI with two outs, which was then followed by a scoring hit from sophomore catcher Bo Altobelli.

The Black team ended up logging three runs total in the sixth to take the 8-5 lead. Freshman David Paiz took care of the rest, pitching one scoreless inning to earn the victory, and more importantly, give the Black team a 2-1 series lead.

Game 3 to this point is the important game of the series, said Von Schamann.

"I think (Tuesday) is definitely the biggest game of the series so far," he



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Escobar wins regional singles title, advances to nationals

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

A tournament that started with 128 players ended Tuesday with one singles champion — Texas Tech's Gonzalo Escobar.

"There were so many players with better conditions or more weapons than me," Escobar said. "I was successful of (handling) my situation, which I tried to use their weaknesses to my advantage. And I did very good at that; I played very smart against those guys, and it worked."

Escobar claimed the 2010 USTA/ ITA Singles title when he defeated Rice's Harry Fowler in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1 at the USTA/ITA Texas Regional Championships in College Station on Tuesday.

Escobar is only the second Tech tennis player that has ever won the singles title. The last player to clinch the title for Tech was Bojan Szumanski in 2006.

The most recent Red Raider to make it to the finals was fellow teammate Raony Carvalho, who made it to the final round last year.

But this title did not come without some challenges along the way.

Escobar began the tournament as the No. 4 seed, which granted him a bye in the first round. But in the round of 64, Escobar drew Lamar's Diego Snyder and defeated him 6-0, 6-0 to advance to the round of 32.

He then beat both of his next opponents on Sunday — also in straight sets — to become the only Red Raider

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TEXAS TECH'S GONZALO Escobar won the UTSA/ITA Singles title Tuesday, advancing to nationals set for Nov. 4-7 in Flushing, N.Y.

to advance to the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinal and semifinal matches on Monday, Escobar overcame two Big 12 opponents in Texas A&M's Alexis Kiegou and Baylor's John Peers in straight sets. Kiegou and Peers were the No. 10 and No. 5 seeds, respectively.

With these wins, Escobar earned a spot in the finals, where he faced and defeated Fowler to clinch the title and an automatic bid to the USTA/ ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships.

Escobar was perfect in singles play, not dropping a single set throughout the entire tournament.

"I'm just really proud of the way he just played so tough, so disciplined, so smart," Tech coach Tim Siegel said about Escobar's performance. "He just didn't make many mistakes and then took advantage of his opportunity to attack at the right time. But he really stayed focused, and it's a tremendous achievement."

The indoor championships will be held Nov. 4 through Nov. 7 in Flushing, N.Y., in the brand new indoor facilities at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

An accomplishment like this is a big deal individually, Escobar said, but also he believes it will have a positive impact on the team as a whole.

"It means a lot," he said. "It's the second time a Red Raider has won the regionals, but more of that, I think it helps a lot for the next competition. It gives more confidence to all of us."

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Midfield play drives Tech soccer attack

By TOMMY MAGELSSEN STAFF WRITER

Taking the field Oct. 1 against Colorado at the John Walker Soccer Complex, Texas Tech midfielder Sarah Ellison said she gave the Buffaloes "the crazy eye."

"Our energy is what our game is; coming out with what we like to call the crazy eye," Ellison said. "When we play the crazy eye, we just go all out."

Earlier in the season, the her knee as well. sophomore provided the energy from the bench, coming in as a substitute. But more recently, Ellison has seen an increased role on the team. She has nine starts and has played 1,090 minutes, mainly in the midfield. Ellison's 10 points — three goals and four assists - are the third most on the team.

Her role on the team, she says, is bringing the ball down the wing, creating scoring opportunities and corner kicks. Ellison has stepped up her game in the last few weeks, ever since attacking midfielder and co-captain Taylor Lytle injured her ankle in a Sept. 10 win against North Texas.

But Ellison isn't the only Red Raider making adjustments in the midfield this season. Forward Dawn Ward — last year's leading scorer — has played in a midfield role recently, adjusting to the Red Raiders' injuries.

This summer, starting midfielder Conner Williams went down with a knee injury, forcing her to miss the entire season. Nine games into the season, freshman midfielder Hayley Haagsma cut her season short when she injured

As depleted as the midfield might look, there are a slew of midfielders able to play multiple positions in a unique midfield

Tech employs four midfielders in their unique 4-4-2 formation, featuring a box midfield.

The Red Raider midfield often frustrates the other team, forcing them into mistakes and disarray, midfielder Tiffini Smith

"We definitely try to make (the other team) adjust to us because our style is so hard to - I mean, if you don't play it — it's so hard to get used to," Smith said. "You can't start playing

our style in 90 minutes; it's not going to work. Most teams have to adjust to the way we play as long as we do as well as we can in our style."

New to the Red Raider attack, freshman Jessica Disabella showed her passing prowess this weekend with two assists in Tech's 5-2 loss to Missouri. "(Adjusting to the midfield)

was a lot different than club," Disabella said. "Like more runs and a different style of play, but I think with everyone's help and the coaches coaching me a lot, I've adjusted."

The midfield creates plenty of scoring opportunities for the forwards, Disabella said, and since they play up so much, it sometimes seems like Tech plays four up top.

Seeing much of the benefit of the attack-oriented Red Raider midfield is freshman forward Jessica Fuston who earned her third Big 12 Newcomer of the Week award Tuesday after logging a hat trick against Iowa State.

Tech closes its regular season slate against Baylor at 7 p.m. Friday in Waco.

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Lady Raider tennis surprises at tourney

By JOSHUA KOCH STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tennis team made some noise at the USTA/ITA Texas Regional Championships in Waco this past weekend, advancing four players to the round of 16 in singles play.

Caroline Starck advanced to the quarterfinals in singles play and partnered up with Nikki Sanders to advance to the semifinals in doubles play.

"It is only one tournament, but I think they can take away that they can play with anybody," Tech coach Todd Petty said about the squad. "You know, I think they kind of announced themselves being ready for the spring season. I think they're ready to make a run, and I think that they're seeing that their hard work, and their work ethic, and what they've put in is starting to pay off."

The Lady Raiders were perfect in the first round of singles play, with all eight players advancing to the second round. Seven of their eight wins came in straight

In the second round, the Lady Raiders began to feel the pressure as only six players advanced to the round of 32.

No. 1 seed Aeriel Ellis of the University of Texas in straight sets, and freshman Lindsey Tristan fell to Rice's Kim Anicete in three sets. This came after Tristan claimed her first win as a Lady Raider in the first round.

Petty said there was a big difference between the team that was on the court last year to the one he put on the court this

"(This year's team has) a little bit more belief in themselves, maturity on the big points," he said. "I just felt like a lot of the 50/50 matches, we won those because of the way they handled themselves in the pressure moments."

Tech also had some doubles teams entered into the tournament, and two of the Lady Raiders' four duos advanced to the round of 16.

Garland and Samantha Adams were one of the squads to advance to the round of 16, but they had to get through the tournament's No. 2 seed to get there.

Garland and Adams defeated Ana Guzman and Jessica Jackson of Rice to advance in the tournament. Starck and Sanders were the other doubles duo to get through to the next round.

"I thought everyone competed Senior Kelsy Garland fell to in their matches really well," Starck said. "No matter what the score was, I think everyone fought. I was really proud of everyone for that. So I think everyone thought they could go out there and win, and I think we surprised a lot of people with

When singles play resumed on Sunday after rain canceled play on Saturday, the Lady Raiders had four players advance to the round of 16, but only Starck make it out of the round to advance to the quarterfinals.

Starck's run ended there against Baylor's Sona Novakova, 6-4, 6-4. After the duo of Starck and Sanders took care of business in the quarters, they fell in the semis to SMU's No. 1 seed, Marta Lesniak, and Heather Steinbauer,

The Lady Raiders' next tournament will be on Nov. 5 through Nov. 7 back in Waco, as they will play in the Baylor Invitational.

After a tournament like this, Sanders said, the team must continue on the path they're on because it's serving them well.

"I think how hard we've worked is what really showed in this weekend. So, keep working hard and keep working on every-

thing," she said. » joshua.koch@ttu.edu