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## Miller named interim dean of Graduate School

### Former president of South Dakota St. could stay at Tech for up to two years

By BROOKE BELLOMY  
STAFF WRITER

Peggy Miller, retired president of South Dakota State, began her tenure as interim dean of Texas Tech's Graduate School on Monday.

She was contacted regarding the interim dean position by the Registry for College and University Presidents, an organization that matches former university presidents with open interim leadership positions.

Miller said she could be employed as the interim dean for up to two years but expects it

will take less time for the university to find her permanent replacement.

Chancellor Kent Hance said he was pleased with Miller's appointment.

"I think she is fabulous," he said. "Looking at her background, she is exactly what we need at the graduate school."

Citing the university's strategic plan, she said one important goal



MILLER

she will be working to achieve is increasing the graduate student enrollment by 25 percent or at least 3,000 students in an attempt to help Tech reach tier-one status.

"One thing we are doing to increase enrollment is looking at new populations to recruit students," she said. "We're also looking at adding new degree programs."

Christina Fanelli, a graduate student pursuing a master's in romance languages from Tomball, said she thought an increase in the number of graduate students could be a positive change for the university as long as profes-

sors were still accessible to their students.

"(An increase in graduate students) would be good as long as Tech maintained the same ratio of students to professors," she said. "Part of the responsibility of the graduate school is to have professors be available to students, so if (Tech) can do that, great."

Carrye Syma, assistant librarian and member of the Graduate

Council, said she is excited about the changes Miller will make to the university and the potential

increase of graduate student enrollment at Tech.

"It's always great to have more students on campus," she said.

Besides being president of South Dakota State, Miller was also the president of the University of

Akron and chancellor of Indiana University-Northwest.

Because of her past experi-

ence as president and chancellor, Hance said, Miller will be familiar with the whole university and do an excellent job as interim dean.

Fanelli and Syma both said they agreed that the new interim dean's past experience as president and chancellor will help her achieve her goals for the university.

"It's good that she has experience as president of other universities," Fanelli said. "She probably has new ideas of how to raise enrollment."

Although she has only been in Lubbock for two days, Miller said she has enjoyed her time at Tech and noted the "lovely" campus.

"Everyone told me Lubbock was full of wonderful, nice people, and so far, they've all been right," she said.

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"I think she is fabulous. ... she is exactly what we need at the graduate school."

KENT HANCE  
CHANCELLOR  
TEXAS TECH

# SPICE World



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### International chess tourney draws highly ranked players

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday Jones AT&T Stadium could hold up to 60,454 fans. While most of Lubbock will await the results of what happens on the field, between 30 million and 40 million people will be awaiting the results of what is going on in the Student Union Building.

The Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence is hosting its third annual SPICE Cup, a chess tournament that draws the biggest names in chess worldwide and will be going on all this week.

Brett James, a sophomore geosciences major from Richmond, Va., broadcasts the games online to FIDE, the World Chess Federation, which Paul Truong, the SPICE director of marketing and public relations, said is only second to FIFA, soccer's governing body, in number of countries involved.



ABOVE, GRAND MASTERS from around the world gather to play in the SPICE Cup, hosted in the Student Union Building on Friday afternoon. Below, Grand Master Gerely Antal, a Texas Tech economics graduate from Hungary, surveys the chess board during his match Friday in the Student Union Building.

"It's a matter of awareness," said Susan Polgar, founder of the tournament and four-time world champion, of being known worldwide but receiving almost no recognition on campus. "I'm quite

positive it's only a matter of time before everybody in town knows about us."

Polgar began the tournament and the institute in 2007 and has been able to build it up to its cur-

rent state — the 'A' group of the tournament is the highest-rated international chess tournament in U.S. history — in just three years.

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## Today is Election Day

For a complete list of polling locations, visit

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Be sure to check Wednesday's issue for results and reaction

### Organizations sing and dance for homecoming

Theme is 'let the games begin'



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

DELTA GAMMA AND Delta Chi dance their Candyland routine on Monday night during the S.O. Sing event in the United Spirit Arena.

By CAROLINE COURTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Jumanji, Monopoly and Scrabble are not merely games played with miniature pawns.

Student organizations brought the games to life Monday night as they performed song and dance numbers to this year's homecoming theme, "let

the games begin," in Student Organization Sing.

S.O. Sing Chair Kerriann Gray, a junior agriculture and applied economics major from Comanche, said this event is the perfect way to jump start homecoming week and awaken students' school spirit.

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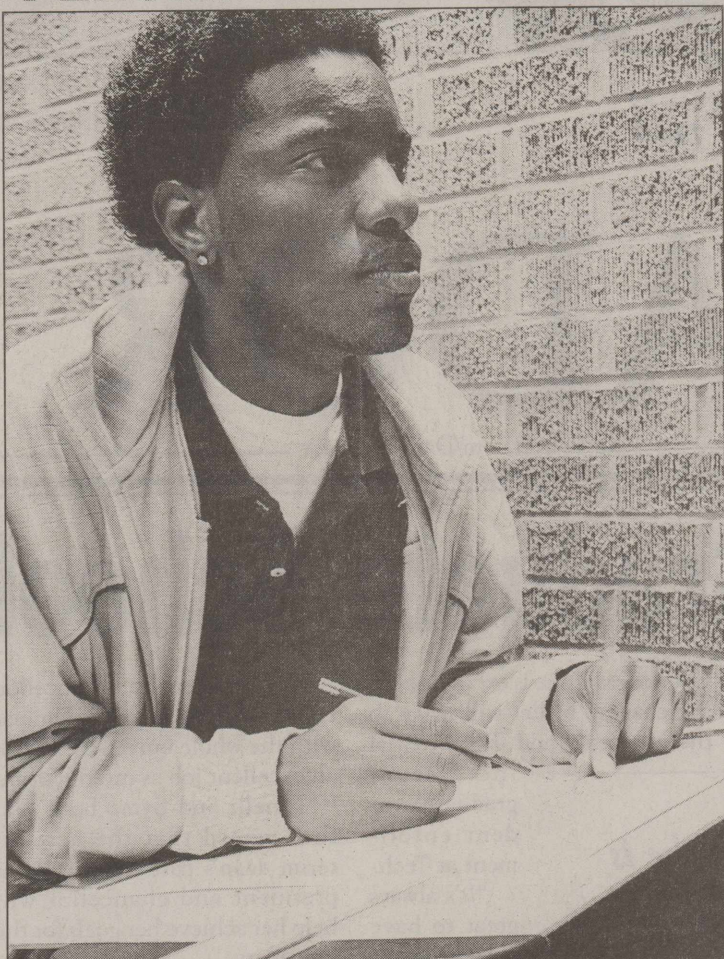


PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador  
RICKY JEFFERSON JR., a junior architecture major from Houston, works on a perspective drawing on Monday in the Architecture building.

**Al-Qaida mail bombs 4 times larger than Christmas plot**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Al-Qaida's top bombmaker raised his game, officials believe, by following his miss on a crowded U.S.-bound passenger jet last Christmas with four times more explosives packed into bombs hidden last week on flights from Yemen.

The two bombs contained 300 and 400 grams of the industrial explosive PETN, according to a German security official, who briefed reporters Monday in Berlin on condition of anonymity in line with department guidelines. By comparison, the bomb stuffed into a terrorist suspect's underwear on the Detroit-bound plane contained about 80 grams.

Early forensics on the two bombs packed inside computer printer cartridges point to Ibrahim al-Asiri, the

master bomb maker for the Yemen-based group known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

"It shows that they are trying to again make different types of adaptations based on what we have put in place," said John Brennan, President Barack Obama's counterterrorism adviser. "So the underwear bomber, as well as these packages, are showing sort of new techniques on their part. They are very innovative and creative."

Al-Qaida's propaganda machine remained unusually silent about the attacks Monday as U.S. counterterrorism officials looked for new ways to root out the Yemen-based group. Its members number about 300 people hidden in an area of rugged desert twice the size of Wyoming.

**Community Calendar**

**TODAY**

**Steel Band and Percussion Concert**  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Where: Allen Theatre  
So, what is it?  
Come enjoy the steel band and percussion concert at the Allen Theatre Tuesday night. The event is free of charge.

**2010 Fall All-Media Exhibition**  
Time: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center

**So, what is it?**  
Nov. 2 is the day to bring artwork you wish to enter in the 2010 Exhibition for the Art League of West Texas. Bring your work, labels and entry fee to the Garden and Arts Center between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**Cake Decorating at Lubbock's Garden and Arts Center**  
Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
So, what is it?  
Susie Soldevila brings her talent to instruct students in the art of cake decorating at Lubbock's

Garden and Arts Center. This particular class will focus on creating life-like flowers using a gum paste technique

**WEDNESDAY**

**Ralphie May**  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Where: Allen Theatre  
So, what is it?  
For only \$17, you and your friends can laugh the night away with nationally renowned comedian Ralphie May.

**Feminists of Lubbock**  
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Sugar Brown's Coffee House  
So, what is it?  
The Feminists of Lubbock is a discussion group aimed at getting feminists within the community talking. The theme is "Love Your Body."

To make a calendar submission, e-mail [dailytoreador@ttu.edu](mailto:dailytoreador@ttu.edu).

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

**HSC instructor honored, receives Medical Hispana of the Year Award**

By BRIAN HOWARD  
STAFF WRITER

A certified health worker instructor with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing's Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center was recently named one of the five 2010 Hispana of the Year award winners.

According to a Health Sciences Center news release, the Hispanic Association of Women recognizes five women with the Hispana award for their outstanding community achievements in separate categories, including education, medical, civic/church, business professional and youth.

Debra Flores, an instructor at the Combest Center, was the award winner in the medical category for her continued involvement in the local Lubbock community.

"It was an honor to be recognized by my peers," she said. "It signifies that I need to set an example for other women receiving scholarships from the Hispanic association, showing that perseverance and hard work pays

off in the end."

The award denotes that each winner in each of the categories has gone beyond the call of duty in their respective areas of expertise, Flores said.

"I am always looking to inspire others to continue their education by doing volunteer work to help raise scholarship money for girls to give them the opportunity to do so," she said. "I'm always on the lookout for opportunities in the community to help out and provide inspiration."

Flores said she is currently working on a new program entitled "Transformation for Health Model Program," which will implement a model to apply to the management of disease in patients.

"We will use the model to manage patients through the health care system," she said. "It could bridge the gap between the health care system and patients, which is an extremely important issue now, in the midst of health care reform."

The program will aim to help the local, medically underserved community in Lubbock to better understand diseases and treatment options, Flores said.

"Community health workers can often communicate important information to patients that a primary health care provider may not be able to," she said.

The program will essentially navigate uninformed patients through the health care system, since they may not have the knowledge or understanding to do so on their own, Flores said.

"We will even go to their homes," she said. "Someone can't learn if they are having other things to worry about, such as hunger or financial problems due to job loss."



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH PHILLIPS  
DEBRA FLORES HOLDS the 2010 Hispana of the Year award, which is given by the Hispanic Association of Women to five women who have shown outstanding community achievements.

Christina Esperat, a professor with and associate dean of Clinical Services and Community Engagement, said Flores' work and involvement in the local community should not be overlooked.

"Debra has singlehandedly developed the Community Health Worker (CHW) certification program within the school, which is the first within the region, and has created a cadre of certified CHWs available to organizations within our health care system," she said. "This is an extremely valuable and singular contribution, not only to the SON's mission of community outreach, but institutionally to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, as well."

The CHW program has been a signif-

icant help to the medically underserved community in Lubbock, Esperat said.

"By creating the pool of certified CHWs, she has contributed to health care access for vulnerable populations in the Lubbock and surrounding communities," she said, "and she has led these CHWs in conducting community needs assessments."

Flores' hard work has provided services to patients at the Combest center to help them effectively manage their chronic diseases, Esperat said.

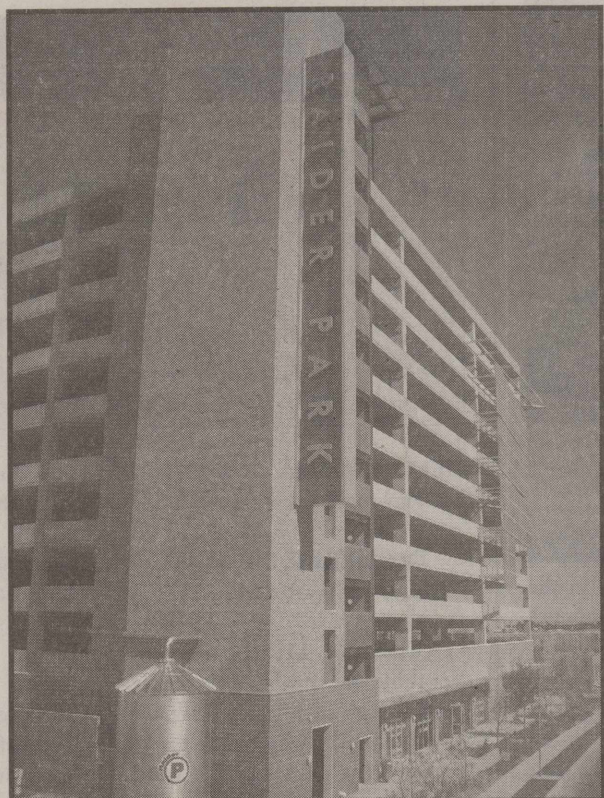
"The School of Nursing is very proud that Debra has received the Hispana Award," she said, "and certainly would like to congratulate her for the honor that she brings to the school for her efforts."

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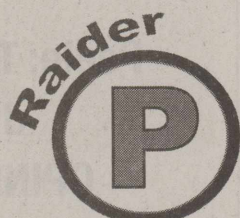
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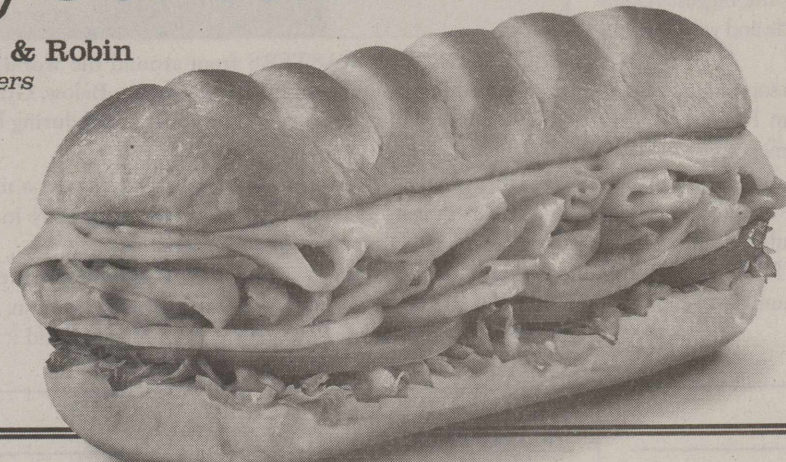
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## Alamo Drafthouse brings 'Four Lions' to Urbanovsky Park for free screening

By **DEVIN SANCHEZ**  
STAFF WRITER

"Four Lions," British comedian Christopher Morris's first film, will have a free screening tonight at Urbanovsky Park.

The film, which premieres in select cities Friday, Nov. 5, has a satirical take on terrorism and jihad and was called a "comic tour-de-force" at the Sundance Film Festival.

Daniel Metz, with the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, worked to have a screening of the film at Texas Tech. Metz talked to the Treador via phone interview about why this film is so important to our culture.

**Daily Treador: What is "Four Lions" about?**

**Daniel Metz:** It takes a satiri-

cal look at terrorism and jihadists. It debunks the coolness mystique of terrorists and presents them as idiots.

**DT: Why did you all choose Lubbock to screen the film?**

**DM:** We are having promotional screenings in order to show that the film plays very well with conservative audiences. Since having heard

Lubbock was one of the most conservative cities in the South, we thought Lubbock would be the

perfect place to screen the film.

**DT: Why is the film important to Americans?**

**DM:** It is from a British point of view, but it does translate into American culture; it engages Americans. Because of the subject matter, the film was a hot issue, but the film played at the Sundance Film Festival to a huge acclaim, which is a big deal.

**DT: How did Alamo Drafthouse become involved with the film?**

**DM:** We actually formed a film distribution company, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, just to release this film because it wasn't going to be released. The film will be released on Nov. 5.

**DT: What sort of reaction are you all hoping to get from the screening in Lubbock?**

**DM:** We are looking to get reactions. There will be someone there from our company, with their own film crew, looking for crowd reactions. So we just ask the people who attend to be ready to voice their opinions.

The screening will begin tonight at 8 p.m.

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*"It debunks the coolness mystique of terrorists and presents them as idiots."*

**DANIEL METZ**  
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## SHARP SHOOTERS

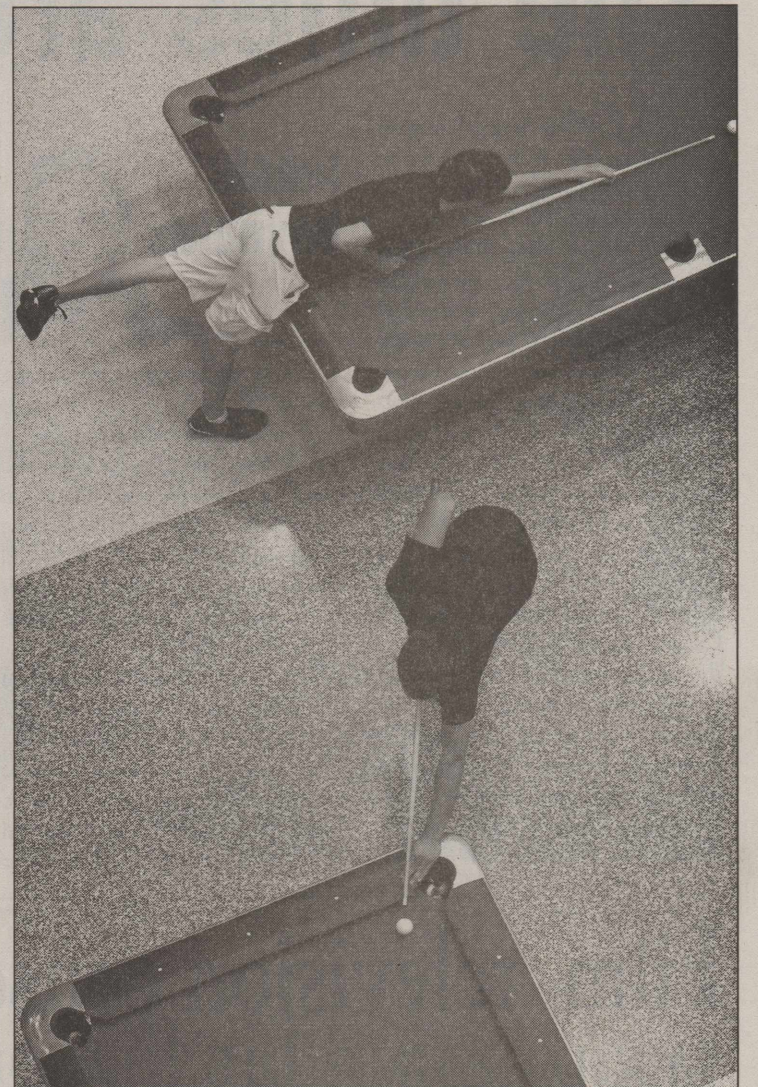


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador  
STUDENTS PLAY POOL Monday in the Student Union Building.

## At No. 1, Lil Wayne redefines stardom behind bars

NEW YORK (AP) — He had the top-selling album in the country a few weeks ago. He's on the president's iPod. He's on the charts with two singles and a collaboration on a third. He's on Facebook with updates for the more than 14 million people following them. He is, in every respect, on.

By the way, Lil Wayne's in jail. But his public persona is anything but locked away.

The rapper, who's on track to be released Thursday after serving eight months in a gun case, is the first artist in 15 years to release a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart while serving a sentence. His "I Am Not a Human Being" spent a week in the top slot and has sold more than 323,000 copies since its Sept. 27 release, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

It's hardly a coveted distinction. But it is both a reflection of Lil Wayne's popularity — he went to jail a multi-platinum-selling Grammy Award winner — and a result of astute maneuvering in the multimedia landscape that now envelops pop stardom. Staying relevant? Try omnipresent.

"The challenge was to make sure you feel like he never left," says Bryan "Birdman" Williams, the Cash Money Records co-founder who has fostered Lil Wayne's career since the rapper's teens. "We came with a good strategy, and it worked."

Members of the rapper's management team carefully scheduled releases of music and saw to it that his responses to the deluge of fan mail that has descended on the city's Rikers Island jail complex were typed up

and posted online. They have become regulars at Rikers' visiting hours and have played, and recorded, music over a jail phone.

The Lil Wayne campaign even comes with its own insider-sly slogan — "free Weezy," one of his nicknames — circulated through channels ranging from T-shirts to a Twitter hashtag.

For the rapper, his jail term has been a difficult exile from the recording studio where he generally likes to spend time every night, his associates say. "When you take somebody's passion away, it's got to be frustrating," Williams said in an interview.

But for his fans, it has provided not only a steady stream of new music, but an unusually direct connection to one of music's megastars. On a blog he set

up for fans, he's offered insights into his day-to-day doings and responses to some of the listener letters that, he says, anchor his day.

"I never imagined that I could have such an impact on people's lives," he wrote in July on the site, Weezythanxyou.com.

Known for his workaholic output of witty, manifold and sometimes weird wordplay, Lil Wayne had the best-selling album of 2008 and won a best rap album Grammy with "Tha Carter III." Time magazine weighed him for its most-influential-people list last year; President Barack Obama recently told Rolling Stone he has some Lil Wayne music on his iPod.

The rapper, born Dwayne Carter Jr., pleaded guilty in October

## Sing

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To compete in S.O. Sing, organizations must pick a song pertaining to this year's board game theme and perform a dance number to it, usually containing intricate partner dances and often stunts.

"This is such a great way to get involved and show school spirit," Gray said. "It's a fun way to meet the homecoming candidates and get students excited about the rest of the week."

Tech has a week packed with homecoming activities, including a spirit board display, a tarot card reader, a rowdy raider rally, a step show, a pep rally, a bon fire, and to top it all off, a parade.

Gray said all these activities spark school spirit, but S.O. Sing does one thing better than any other activities — it brings people closer together.

Tara Carpenter, a freshman pre-nursing major from Fort Worth, said participating in S.O. Sing brought her Alpha Phi sorority sisters closer than she ever imagined.

"It's been so much fun," she said. "I've met so many new people and became really good friends with girls I didn't even know before. I also met lots of guys from the fraternity we're dancing with."

While she enjoyed preparing for the event, Carpenter said it has simultaneously been very draining on her time and energy.

"We've been working on it for like two weeks," Carpenter said. "And yesterday we were here for six hours. It's been fun, but it takes so much work."

Carpenter's organization performed back flips and back handsprings in addition to signing and dancing.

"Some people underestimate the work that goes into this," she said. "It's a good way to get Greek organizations out there and show we don't just party all day. It shows how many talents people in Greek organizations actually have."

While S.O. Sing is open to all homecoming candidates, it is dominated by sororities and fraternities, with only two non-Greek organizations participating.

Carpenter said she tried to extend invitations to S.O. Sing to her non-Greek friends in an attempt to end the stereotypes of girls in sororities.



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILLES/The Daily Treador  
DELTA DELTA DELTA and Phi Gamma Delta dance their Ouija routine, Monday night during the So Sing event in the United Spirit Arena.

"We obviously do more than party," Carpenter said. "I don't know if S.O. Sing would make non-Greeks like us more, but it would at least show them we can have fun without drinking."

Cole Taylor, a junior marketing major from Fort Worth and homecoming chair for Kappa Sigma Fraternity, said he encourages every member of his fraternity to participate because it provides an opportunity for great public relations.

"S.O. Sing is a positive thing for Kappa Sig and Greek life in general," Taylor said. "I did it when I was a freshman and it was so much fun."

While S.O. Sing was fun for every-

one, only one group could win.

In the non-Greek category, Saddle Tramps and High Riders took home the prize. And amidst the fierce

competition in the Greek category, Alpha Phi and Delta Sigma Phi came out on top.

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## Charlie Sheen files for divorce in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlie Sheen filed to end his marriage to his third wife Monday and stated in documents that the couple separated the same day as a Christmas 2009 altercation that led to assault charges against the veteran actor.

The divorce came less than a week after the "Two and a Half Men" star was briefly hospitalized in New York City after security at a luxury hotel reported he was being disorderly.

Sheen cited irreconcilable differences for the divorce and indicated in court filings in Los Angeles that the

couple have a prenuptial agreement. He and Brooke Mueller Sheen were married in May 2008 and have twin sons together.

He is seeking joint custody, but is asking a judge not to award his wife any spousal support.

Within hours, Brooke Sheen had filed her own petition for divorce, seeking sole custody of the former couple's sons and spousal support. Her filing did not offer any additional details, but also cited Christmas as the date of separation.

The divorce was first reported Monday by People magazine's website.

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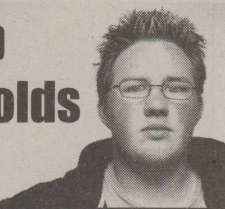
## The times are a-changing, for the worse

It goes without saying that unless some form of divine intervention occurs, the Republicans will take control of at least one house (possibly both) of Congress this week. I'm going to go against some pundits and say that this is cause for concern.

Why, you might ask? After all, the last time we had a Republican-controlled Congress and a Democrat-controlled executive was in the late 1990s, and most of you will remember that as a time of rapid job expansion and fiscal responsibility.

But times have changed both politically and economically. In 1994, when the Republicans took control of Congress, the nation's economy was on the rise. Consumer debt was at a much lower level than it is now. Plus, the industrial sector was experiencing rapid growth thanks mostly to the advancements of information technology and opportunities created therein, which were on a much broader scale than the

### Jakob Reynolds



IT bubble and its eventual burst in the early 2000s.

In that day and age, the only economic management needed was for the government to keep the economy from over-clogging itself and thus creating inflation. The Federal Reserve could handle that responsibility by itself by raising interest rates, no Congress necessary.

The same simply cannot be said about our current economic status. The consumer debt of the '90s doesn't hold a candle to the debt we have now, thanks primarily to the Bush-era economic bubble. Our major concern now should be deflation, not inflation. The Fed, as

powerful as it is, cannot handle this job without the help of much-needed activist policies from Congress.

Will we get those policies from a Republican-controlled Congress? Absolutely not. Anyone with a rudimentary knowledge of American politics can tell you that the one of the staples in the Republicans' political diet is cutting federal spending and taxes and decreasing the deficit.

The problem with that is that it's a double whammy for an economic situation such as ours. They will do nothing to stimulate the economy and

will increase long-term deficits with short-sighted tax cuts.

The political scene of the '90s was also completely different than it is now. Democrats and Republicans then were able to cooperate, to an extent. President Obama likes to think we can do the same now, as was illustrated by his campaign promises of bipartisan cooperation and repeatedly calling for both parties to work together rather than debate legislation to death.

I admire President Obama for his faith in Congressional cooperation, but I can't say I agree.

*"(Republicans) will do nothing to stimulate the economy and will increase long-term deficits with short-sighted tax cuts."*

See, back in the '90s, Republicans partially cooperated with Democrats only after effectively shutting down Congress in an attempt to get approval for massive Medicare cuts from President Clinton. However, they lightened up after public opinion showed that voters were not impressed with the way they were composing themselves in Congress. After that debacle, they were much more open to working with Democrats rather than against them.

Presently, though, the Republicans have made it a well-known fact that they are going to be as stubborn and uncooperative as possible. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said in an interview with *The National Journal*, "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president."

It sounds to me like President Obama may need a new game plan if he wants to get anything done after

the midterm elections. Somehow, I don't think Republicans are going to be playing nice this time around. Moreover, if any of them do come to their senses and think about maybe acting with some logic or reason, they will definitely think again after the Tea Party (another new twist to our country since the mid-'90s) are done jumping on them.

It's true that past experience has shown occasional good results from a divided government. However, I'm not expecting the outcome of this election to be quite as bright and hopeful. If anything, this will go down in the history books as a disastrous election that sent our great nation into years of political and economic turmoil.

Buckle up, readers. We've got a bumpy ride ahead of us.

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## Film, television censorship always 'so gay'

Director Ron Howard's upcoming movie "The Dilemma" stirred up some controversy recently for a joke present in the trailer, and by extension the film. In the clip in question, Vince Vaughn's character claims that electric cars are "gay."

Before you jump to conclusions, it's not the electric car companies up in arms. There have been so many insensitive cracks at electric cars lately that they have every right to be upset. Electric cars are vehicles, too, and all they want to do is save the environment.

OK, maybe that's not the conclusion you jumped to.

No, it's the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) that's upset. It's Anthony Cooper that's upset. It's American audiences upset about another lame-looking comedy cluttering up their movie theaters.

GLAAD and others are upset because they feel that calling things "gay" is in bad taste, and they're probably not wrong. Especially considering the trailer for "The Dilemma" hit in the wake of many gay teen suicides recently, it's easy to understand why they're not very happy about the word "gay" being used as a derogatory term in a big Hollywood movie.

However, I believe they crossed the line when they tried to force Howard to remove the line from

### Britton Peele



the film. They say that by leaving it in, the makers of the film are "contributing to the problem" of gay bullying and intolerance.

The offending line has been removed from trailers of the movie, and rightfully so. From what I can tell, Universal Studios was quick in cutting the trailer and avoiding further outcry, so good on them. But Howard has refused to remove the line from the film, and I think he's in the right.

"I believe in sensitivity but not censorship," Howard said. He says first of all that the film is for adults, not kids, and that the line is completely in the character's nature to say, whether people like it or not.

He's right. The movie is a work of fiction, and characters in fiction rarely if ever say exactly what the author is thinking. The main character in Plato's works was Socrates, but it's obvious to most philosophers and historians that Plato didn't actually agree with everything the character of Socrates said.

Characters in fiction should

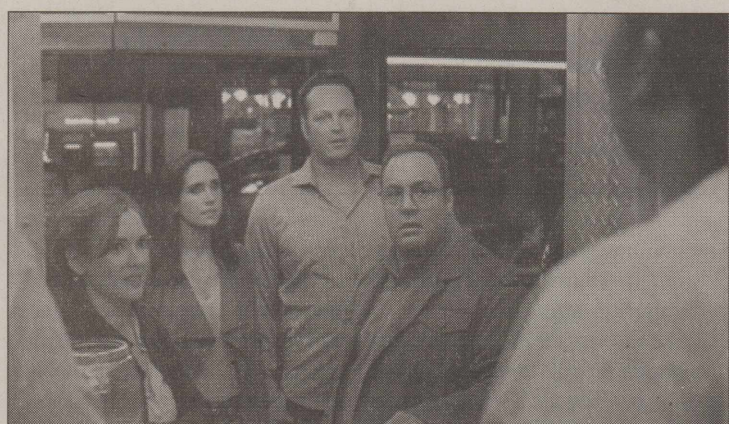


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not always be politically correct, even if they're the heroes of the story. Doing so would be bowing to the pressure of outside sources, rather than staying true to the story. That's not effective narrative. That's not effective art.

While I highly doubt that most people who see "The Dilemma" will consider it a masterpiece of art, it would be wrong to deny it the same rights that we give other works of fiction.

What GLAAD seems to be demanding is censorship, but I don't think they would like it if the tables were turned. Would they be supportive of religious groups who try to remove homosexual content from movies and television just because it doesn't fit into their worldview?

We've dealt with (and continue to deal with) the same issue in other forms, such as the movement

to ban characters from smoking on screen. There's a large group of people that think smoking in television and movies promotes unhealthy habits, and should be done away with.

Yes, smoking is bad for you, but without characters who smoke, what would happen to "Mad Men," or other stories set in an older era?

How are we going to examine tough issues if we always have to carefully step around what we say? Sure, "The Dilemma" is a comedy that probably won't have us examining social issues by the end. It won't be "Citizen Kane." However, that doesn't mean a group — any group — can step in and decide to tell its creators what they can or cannot say on screen.

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## LimeWire's demise has no effect on piracy war

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It's a sad day for music lovers. A huge force in the industry has fallen.

Like so many more before it, and after years of investigation, file sharing and peer-to-peer network LimeWire has been ordered to be shut down after a ruling Tuesday by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood of New York issued the permanent injunction, stating LimeWire must disable the "searching, downloading, uploading, file trading, and/or file distribution functionality" of its website.

The site must also inform its workers, investors and customers of the injunction — as well as file a progress report to Wood within 14 days to make sure all conditions are being met.

When visiting LimeWire's homepage, I was met with the following notice:

"This is an official notice that LimeWire is under a court-ordered

injunction to stop distributing and supporting its file-sharing software. Downloading or sharing copyrighted content without authorization is illegal."

The Recording Industry Association of America said in a statement the injunction "will start to unwind the massive piracy machine that LimeWire and [founder and Chairman Mark] Gorton used to enrich themselves immensely," according to *The New York Times*.

This move follows the pattern of other popular peer-to-peer sites such as Napster, Grokster and Kazaa being sued and eventually shut down because of file sharing.

The RIAA can make statements all it wants about how it will start to end piracy with this new injunction, but its statement is about as similar as people claiming they are going to end world hunger by sending one french fry to each starving person in the world.

Sure it helps for now, but soon everyone will be starving again.

LimeWire formed in 2000,

one year before Napster — easily the most recognized file sharing site — received its injunction to shut down in 2001.

When one falls, another will rise.

Even though LimeWire received its injunction Tuesday, that doesn't mean the case is necessarily over.

LimeWire chief executive George Searle said the injunction only applied to LimeWire's file-sharing product. "Our company remains open for business," Searle explains.

He also says the company is deeply committed to working with the music industry.

LimeWire and the RIAA will appear before Judge Wood in January to begin arguments on damages of the injunction — as well as file a progress report to Wood within 14 days to make sure all conditions are being met.

When Kazaa was shut down, a settlement was reached at \$100 million.

That would buy a lot of CDs.

While it's obvious to understand why the RIAA is coming down so hard on these sites — users are effectively stealing music — it seems as if

*"If the RIAA plans to bring down every single file-sharing website, it has a lot of work to do."*

## Is the generation gap in views on gay marriage as wide as cyberspace?

By DIANA K. MCKEAGE  
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Sometimes it's hard to believe that in America the separation between church and state is as black and white as blue and red. Yet a recent survey conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute has found that attitudes toward gay marriage are changing.

From 2008 to 2010 there was an eight percent increase—from 29 percent to 37 percent—in support for gay marriage across religious groups. Furthermore, relative to those who changed positions, gay marriage gained three supporters for every new opponent, and the study found the most movement among Catholics.

Yet the Christian Church is certainly not changing its standpoint on gay marriage: With the release of the Manhattan Declaration in November 2009, Orthodox, Evangelical, and Catholic Christians created a veritable manifesto deeming gay marriage "a loss of the understanding of the meaning of marriage" and one of the three most pressing concerns in our society today.

Unfortunately for the Manhattanites, the fact that no Evangelicals under 40 initially signed the Declaration symbolizes the group's greatest problem. The generation gap is pushing the priorities of younger Americans farther and farther away from those of older generations with regard to homosexuality.

The PRRI study found that 75 percent of Americans aged 18 to 29 support gay marriage or civil unions, in stark contrast to the just 51 percent of Americans 65 and older. And according to Dan Cox, the Director of Research at PRRI, the data indicate that "nearly two-thirds of Americans under 30 say that one of the biggest problems in the country is that not everyone is given an equal chance in life," versus "less than half of adults 65 and older."

Initiatives like the Manhattan Declaration do not seem to be bridging the generation divide; they do not encourage discussion and youth involvement but rather make broad appeals with unequivocal labels such as "A Call to Christian Conscience,"

What galvanizes this generation

is movement and lateral communication, specifically through the Internet. The lateral and interlocking function of the Internet is perhaps the most insurmountable distance for the elder generation to cross.

I'm not saying that older people don't know how to use the Internet, or even that all young people use it as much as we're accused. Rather, it is the difference between a native speaker of a language and someone who learns it in school: The Internet is a resource and a refuge for our generation in a way that feels natural and organic rather than applied.

As a sphere, the Internet can be as private or as public as the user needs it to be. It becomes a space where people can explore identities, probe taboos, and answer questions on their own, seeking the advice and experience of others as anonymously or vocally as they want.

The implications for LGBT youth, then, spread as quickly as the gap between the priorities of younger and older Americans. And as Robert Jones of PRRI notes, the more our social networks fill with LGBT friends, the more

it matters to us that they have access to the same rights as everyone else.

Anyone who regularly sifts through Facebook "Page" and "Cause" solicitations knows this to be true. The recent tragedies of Tyler Clementi and others reverberate through these networks, perturbing anyone with a familiar stake in the matter far more deeply than someone outside this social network.

In such a context, it is easy to see how the older generation of discussion dominators are falling behind on the gay marriage issue. How could the vertical nature of edicts such as the Manhattan Declaration appeal to a laterally oriented generation? How could such a statement trump the constant viral network of exchange, support, and discussion?

What better suits our generation is interactive projects such as "It Gets Better," a LGBT support website created in September 2010 as a "video archive to share the stories of people overcoming bullying and finding happiness." The traditional churches could never have made this website, and this is their problem.

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GRAND MASTER ANDRE Diamant, the top rated Brazilian junior chess player and a member of the Texas Tech Knight Raiders, waits for his opponent to make a move Friday in the Student Union Building.

**SPICE** ←

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"She used her charm, and her fame managed to get people here," said Hal Karlsson, one of the founders of SPICE. "They figure if a world champion is putting this on, she knows what she's doing."

When foreign players first heard about it, Karlsson said, he was forced to nearly beg them to come. This year, chess champions from around the world are already asking if they can be invited for next year's tournament.

However, not everything happens outside of the U.S., or even Texas. Some of Tech's success is very close to home.

"Look at our football game against UT-Austin every year," Truong said. "When we beat them, it's big news, but (the chess team) crushed them four to zero and no one really heard about it. We got revenge for our football team."

As Tech becomes a bigger name in the chess world due to SPICE, the Knight Raiders are becoming stronger as well.

"I've had students from Princeton and other schools come up to me and say 'Oh my gosh, it's Texas Tech, look out,'" said tournament director and sophomore Spanish major Zach Haskin. "When it's something intelligence related, Texas Tech is not predicted to be higher than Princeton, Yale, Stanford."

But it is; Haskin, from Wichita Falls, said the team beat all three of the schools he mentioned by a wide margin.

Truong said SPICE is helping to make it clear that Tech is not a "jock" school. With the chess team's GPA averaging at 3.28, he sees the tournament as just another way to recruit quality students to the university.

"The kind of students we attract, these are the kind of stu-

dents any university would love to have," Truong said.

The SPICE Cup is in its fifth of six rounds, with players from around the world here to compete. Many will be staying for the next weekend as a part of SPICE's first FIDE-rated open, which will feature a top team from Norway.

Competing now are 16 players from everywhere from Germany to Brazil.

Ray Robson, who has had two games end in a draw this tournament, may not be from anywhere terribly exotic, but he does hold the title of Grandmaster and was the youngest in U.S. history to earn the title when he did it at 14.

Karlsson said.

*"There aren't so many really strong events in the U.S., so it's great for people in the U.S. to play in such a great event."*

**RAY ROBSON**  
SPICE GRANDMASTER

"There aren't so many really strong events in the U.S.," Robson said, "so it's great for people in the U.S. to play in such a great event."

Robson, from Clearwater, Fla., attested to the quality of the tournament, saying it is probably the strongest tournament he's been in.

Polgar said spectators are welcome to watch the games in the Matador Room in the SUB; they will start every day at 2 p.m. until Nov. 7. The only rule is that anyone who watches must be very quiet.

"The difference is we don't have 60,000 people screaming in the stands," Truong said. "So it kind of gets lost somewhere; people don't realize how big this is. If you talk pure numbers, it's impressive."

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**POOL PLANNING**

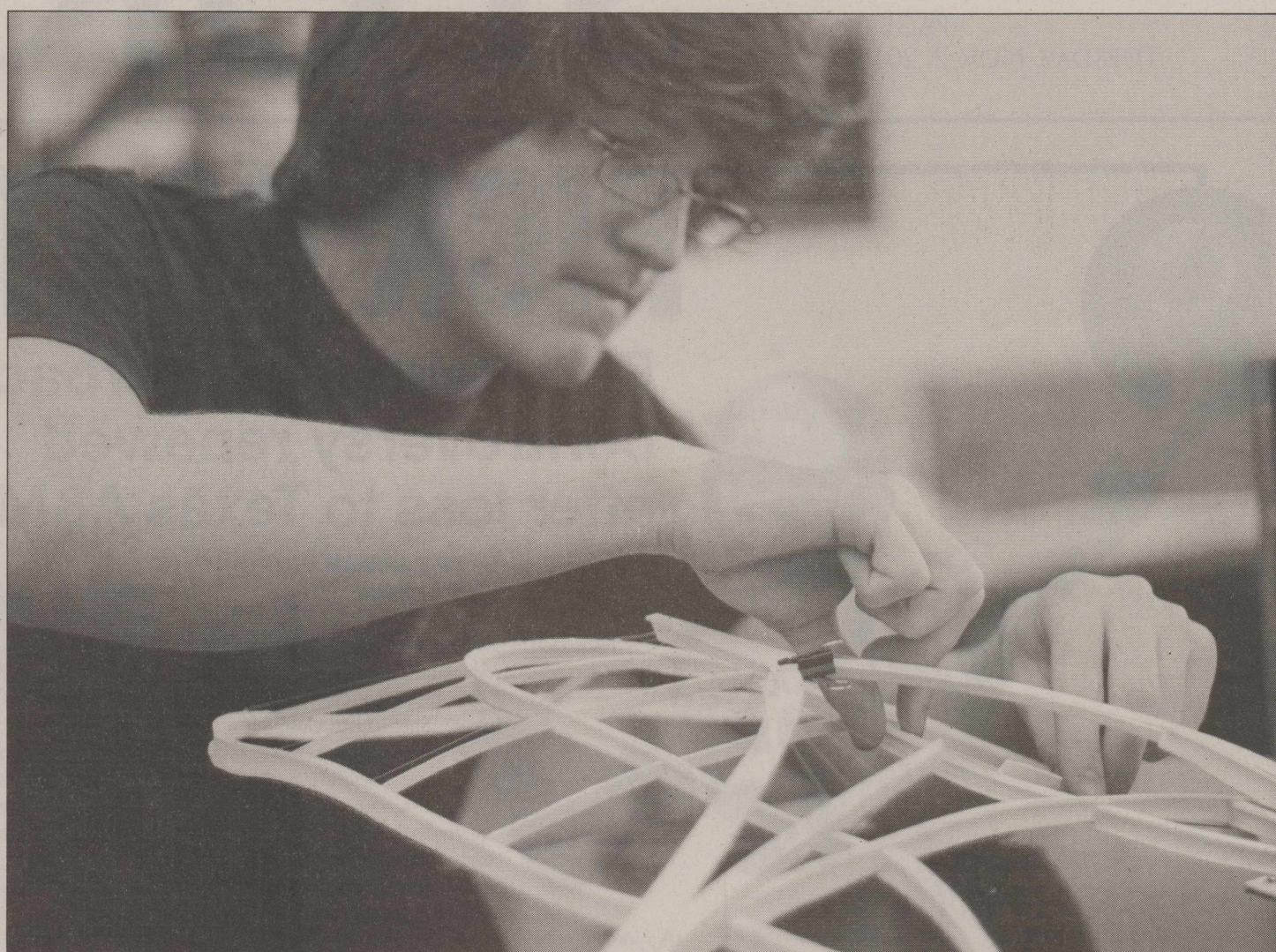


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MATTHEW SKINNER, A junior architecture major from Beaumont, works on building a model pool cover for an aquatic center for an architecture class on Monday.

**Setting exercise routine will aid fitness quest**

Two weeks ago, I shared the advice of a diet and nutrition expert with the purpose of starting some healthier habits. I would love to be able to say I stuck to her plan 100 percent, but that would be a lie. However, I did better than I expected and only had one tiny Dr. Pepper incident. I won't regret it too much, I was at the theater, and how could I see a movie without a soda?

**Hannah Boen**



two about exercise.

In an effort to highlight free resources available to students who are aiming for a healthier lifestyle, I shared the nutrition advice, and this week, I sought out some guidance on starting an exercise routine.

If you're anything like me, you've heard a million great reasons to work out, but for every reason, you find an excuse. Alicia Catlette is a strength and conditioning intern on campus, and she's also certified by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and USA Weightlifting. In other words, she knows a thing or

distant and trifling now, which is probably why Alicia shared with me reasons to be consistent that are more relevant for the present, as well.

She said research has linked the lack of regular exercise to stress and depression, and of course, there are outward effects of exercise that don't hurt, either.

So, keeping in mind that laziness affects your long-term health, and knowing that as a student you have free access to possibly the largest exercise facility you will ever visit, you should feel at least a little prompted to start an exercise routine.

In order to do that in the most effective way possible, I asked Alicia what common mistakes most students make in their pursuit of a consistent workout schedule. She said inconsistency and lack of variation are big problems among students. Developing cardio health is impossible without consistently working on it, so scheduling workouts that will not lead to boredom or burnout is important.

In other words, she said, hoping on an elliptical on the same

level for a half hour then calling it a day won't cut it. Simply put, her guidelines are:

Schedule exercise into your day with purpose so you don't find yourself "too busy" to work out, and you remain consistent with your progress.

Vary your exercise routine so you don't get bored. This may mean running on a treadmill some days, and outdoors others, playing flag football or renting a bike from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Have an exercise accountability partner, someone with similar fitness goals who can encourage you to meet your goals and keep you from slacking off.

According to Alicia, health professionals suggest 30 to 60 minutes of cardiovascular activity three to four times per week. So, to test her advice and continue on my quest for healthier habits, I will add exercise to the nutrition guidelines I set for myself and hopefully come back next time to share positive results.

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**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Throaty attention getter
- 5 Contentible person, in slang
- 11 Brewery cask
- 14 Midwest's Strip
- 15 Set in waves, as hair
- 16 Prompt on stage
- 17 Being convincing via coercion
- 20 Ski resort grooming vehicle
- 21 Yves's yes
- 22 Bow-toting god
- 23 Boxer source?
- 25 Food package meas.
- 27 Making a comeback, say
- 33 Gossipy Barrett
- 34 Vintage car
- 35 Ship-locating system
- 36 Yiddish laments
- 37 Sticks to, as a task
- 40 One of the "Little Women"
- 41 Part of a front-end alignment
- 43 Mississippi or Mersey; Abbr.
- 44 Water shade
- 45 Sneering
- 49 "Was loud?"
- 50 Drawer feature
- 51 Actress Chase
- 54 Miner's find
- 56 Genetics pioneer
- 58 Mendel
- 60 Telling a little white lie
- 63 Pasture call
- 64 Wobble
- 65 London art museum
- 66 When one hand is up and the other is down
- 67 Doctor's directives
- 68 Melville's "Typee" sequel

**DOWN**

- 1 FBI investigators
- 2 Goldie of "The Banger Sisters"
- 3 Opera star Pinza
- 4 Lash cosmetic
- 5 One who's quick to anger
- 6 Sportscaster Berman
- 7 Therefore
- 8 Total
- 9 Nadir's opposite
- 10 Netherlands city
- 11 Plymouth
- 12 Continental currency
- 13 Jeweler's stock
- 18 Mountain lake
- 19 Brief fight
- 24 Dagger of yore
- 26 Whip mark
- 27 "Happy birthday"
- 28 Racers Al or Bobby
- 29 Decide to play for pay
- 30 Kuwaiti neighbor
- 31 Keep from flowing, as a stream
- 32 "Orinoco Flow" New Age singer
- 33 Univ. military program
- 37 Heal, as bones
- 38 Pile-of-dishes place
- 39 Steed and Mrs. Peel's show, with "The"
- 42 Homeric war epic
- 44 VCS: beauty product
- 46 Twelve o'clock meeting
- 47 Stuffed with food
- 48 Do a laundry task
- 51 Certain PCs
- 52 First of 13 popes
- 53 Fort featured in "Goldfinger"
- 55 Cigar suffix
- 57 Largest of the Mariana Islands
- 58 Director Preminger
- 59 Prefix with stat
- 61 Skater Midori
- 62 The Beatles' "I Saw \_\_\_ Standing There"

By Bruce Venzke 11/2/10

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# SPORTS



Taylor Potts

## PICK POTTS?

### Red Raider quarterback controversy renewed after loss to Texas A&M

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football may have reopened its quarterback quandary Saturday when the coaching staff chose to throw in backup quarterback Steven Sheffield to close out a loss against Texas A&M.

Sheffield played the entire fourth quarter in place of starting quarterback Taylor Potts, and head coach Tommy Tuberville is not shutting down speculation Sheffield could get increased playing time.

It's a possibility Sheffield could be the starting quarterback when Tech takes on No. 14 Missouri at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"We have four games left, both are seniors," Tuberville said during Monday's media conference. "Taylor will be the first to tell you he hasn't played his best games the past couple of games, and we gave Steven a chance this past weekend. He did good at times, and at times he didn't do so well."

"We want to give ourselves the best chance to win a game, and both will get opportunities in practice, and we will pick one probably on Friday or so. Let them know that they will be the starter, but I would like to give Steven a chance. I thought he had good composure, put in a different circumstance."

Sheffield completed 11-of-14 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns during the fourth quarter but also threw Tech's only pick of the game.

Potts threw for 227 yards and a touchdown through the Texas A&M game's first three quarters.

After the loss Saturday, Tuberville compared the decision to put Sheffield in the game to making a call to the bullpen in baseball.

The move surprised Potts, however.

"It did surprise me because, personally, I feel that whenever I'm on the field, we have a chance to win," Potts said. "I'm very confident in myself, but when Coach made the switch, that's his decision. That's something I respect and go with because he feels that's best thing for the team."

Sheffield was not made available for comment.

A similar decision was made in the Alamo Bowl this past January — the final game of the 2009 season and the first game without fired head coach Mike Leach.

Potts was injured in the second half of the Alamo Bowl game, and Sheffield came off the bench for the first time since fully recovering from his own foot injury earlier in the year.

Sheffield came into the game and rallied the Red Raiders from a 28-27 deficit to take a 41-31 win against Michigan State.

That reopened a quarterback controversy that developed earlier in 2009 when Potts was sidelined for two and a half games and all of the offseason with a concussion.

In October 2009, Sheffield led the Red Raiders to two wins, one of those an upset at Nebraska, before breaking his foot at the very end of the Nebraska game.

Coincidentally, Potts was cleared to play just a few days after Sheffield was sidelined.

Potts started all but one game through the remainder of the 2009 season.

Potts has shown the ability to bounce back from disappointing outings. In 2009, he was benched in the third quarter of the 52-30 Texas A&M loss in favor of Seth Doege.

Doege's performance to close out the 2009 Texas A&M game earned him the start in the Kansas game the next week, but Potts saved the Red Raiders in the second half of that game after Doege was benched.

So, inserting Sheffield into the A&M game on Saturday seems to have opened the quarterback controversy once again.

"Sticks or Potts — whoever is back there, I have confidence in either one of them," running back Eric Stephens said. "Potts has shown all season he can get the job done. It's been other things besides the quarterback play that has affected our play. Whoever they put out there, we have confidence in either one of them."

But Potts said he just wants to win football games.

"I'm a part of the team like everyone else, and whatever the situation may be, we want to win ball games," he said. "That's the ultimate goal for everybody. However we get it done. As long as we are winning, that's the goal for everybody on this team."

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Steven Sheffield

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# OR STICK WITH STICKS?

## Torres lost for season>>

For the second game in a row, Texas Tech has lost a receiver.

But this time, it is the Red Raiders' third-leading receiver in terms of yards and catches: Alexander Torres.

The sophomore could be lost for the remainder of the season after sustaining a knee injury in a loss to Texas A&M on Saturday.

Torres is Tech's third-leading receiver through Tech's first eight games. He has 324 yards and three touchdowns despite battling a back injury earlier this season.

We lost Torres, probably for the year, this past weekend," Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said during Monday's media conference. "He will have surgery on his knee (Tuesday). So, it has been one thing after another."

Tuberville said last week Torres was as close to 100 percent as he could be without having the offseason to fully recover.

A back injury kept Torres out of one of Tech's eight games this season, limiting him in others in the early going.

Receiver Jacoby Franks was injured in the Colorado game with a broken foot two weeks ago and did not play against Texas A&M. The injury was expected to require surgery. Franks is the Red Raiders' fourth-leading receiver with 254 yards.

The announcement comes a little over a week after Torres had a position switch with Lewis, placing Torres on the outside and moving Lewis to inside receiver.

The move benefited Torres, who had caught 11 balls for 199 yards and a score in games against Colorado and A&M.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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# Brain docs raise concussion alarm for youth sports

NEW YORK (AP) — The risk of concussions from football and some other sports is so serious that a qualified athletic trainer should always be on the field — at adult and children's games, and even at practice, a major doctors group said Monday.

Following that advice from the American Academy of Neurology would be a dramatic change for youth sports programs, most of which don't have certified trainers.

The doctors group recognizes it isn't necessarily feasible. One official called it a gold standard to strive for. "We understand completely that is undoable in today's environment, but we think that is a correct way to organize our priorities," said Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, chair of the academy's sports neurology section. He said that if a certified athletic trainer is not available to a school, perhaps contact sports should be avoided.

The recommendation was part of broader guidance from the academy on sports concussions. The group also said no athlete with concussion symptoms should be allowed to take part in sports, and that athletes of all ages who are suspected of suffering concussions should be evaluated by a specialist before returning to sports.

The new position statement follows rules already adopted in college sports and pro football aimed at preventing and better treating blows to the head. Research involving NFL players suggests repeated concussions may have long-term consequences such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Medical groups want to get the message "to the athletes, their parents and their coaches that a concussion is not just a ding, or getting your bell

rung, but it is an injury to the brain," said Dr. Mark Halstead of Washington University, who co-authored an earlier concussion report for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Concussions "need to be treated as if they are a big deal. The brain is pretty important."

Signs of a concussion include unconsciousness, unsteadiness, problems with memory or concentration, dizziness or headache.

The neurology academy is the most authoritative medical group when it comes to concussions. And its new advice sweeps across all ages and types of athletes.

Certified athletic trainers now work at about 40 percent of the nation's high schools but are rarely provided for athletes in younger grades, said Kevin Guskiewicz of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the lead author of the National Athletic Trainers' Association statement on managing concussions. Guskiewicz said it would be a struggle to find enough athletic trainers to meet the neurologists' recommendation.

Jim Louro, a league safety officer for the Jersey Shore Pop Warner Football League, said his league already pays emergency medical technicians to attend games and an ambulance is often on site. Coaches must have

specialized training to handle injuries, he said. His league has about 8,000 football players ages 5 to 15.

Nationwide, millions of children and teens play football, he said, and "to have a certified athletic trainer at every single event around the country is very difficult, although they would be more than welcome if they're available."

Rick Bowden, assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, said the neurologists' recommendation is "a laudable goal (but) there is no way that could happen in our state."

"There are not enough certified athletic trainers out there, and then there's the expense.... Our member schools have to balance what is desirable with what

is possible." Last week, a 17-year-old Kansas linebacker collapsed on the sidelines and later died after suffering a concussion earlier in the season. A cause of death has not been released. Bowden said he understood that a doctor had approved the boy's return to competition.

Certified trainers take a minimum of four years of training and pass a national certification exam, a much more rigorous procedure than faced by an EMT or a youth sports coach, Guskiewicz said.

Kutcher said the academy's current full guidelines on managing concussions, written in 1997, are inadequate. Experts hope to publish new guidelines by 2012, following a careful review of published studies, he said.

The academy's new statement released Monday is meant to offer guidance in the meantime for child and adult athletes, he said.

Major U.S. sports leagues have already taken steps to reduce head injuries and improve treatment for concussions.

Last December, after reports of research on older NFL players suggested a higher risk for Alzheimer's, the NFL expanded the list of concussion symptoms that would keep a player off the field and ordered teams to consult a neurologist on return-to-play decisions. This season the league cracked down on helmet-to-helmet hits by raising fines and threatening players with suspension for such collisions.

In March, the National Hockey League banned shoulder hits to the head from a player's blind side. Major League Baseball is setting up a new advisory panel on concussions, which will consider a seven-day disabled list just for head injuries. And in college sports, the NCAA's board of directors in April approved new rules on concussions, saying players must be evaluated by a medical professional experienced in dealing with such injuries.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body at the youth and amateur levels, worked with federal authorities to produce a video about concussions that is now part of its coaching certification exam.

# Choose wisely when you elect best team in Texas

In honor of Election Day, allow me to campaign for the candidates for the best college football team in Texas, since there has been no clear frontrunner this year.

The Texas Longhorn party is certainly the incumbent in this race. The Longhorns consistently get the best talent in Texas. The reigning Big 12 Conference champions were thought to run away with this election, but not so fast, Thomas Dewey.

The Longhorns have lost three straight games at home, twice to traditional conference bottom feeders in Baylor and Iowa State. Mack Brown and the Horns may have been in charge too long; change is on the horizon.

That third home loss was a sloppy 34-12 defeat at the hands of UCLA — the Bruins are in ninth in the Pac-10 standings at the moment.

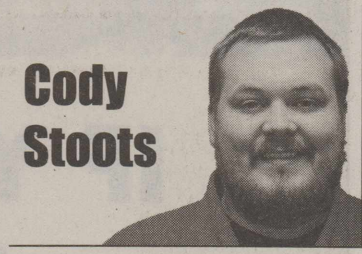
Maybe the Baylor Bears, fresh off a win over the Longhorns, should be named the best in Texas. Led by Robert Griffin III and Art Briles, the Bears are bowl eligible for the first time since 1994. But the Bears have a tough road ahead.

The Aggies, Sooners and Cowboys still remain on the schedule. The Bears must feel like the hot VP from Alaska, but a stomping at the hands of TCU Briles has never been in this situation before.

In each of Briles' first two seasons as the Baylor head coach, the Bears finished 4-8 overall.

The Aggies certainly shouldn't get the vote. Despite an impressive showing in back-to-back weeks, A&M lacks direction and leadership. Mike Sherman is not the answer in College Station.

The loss of leading rusher Christine Michael obviously hurts A&M. New starting quarterback Ryan Tannehill hasn't



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faced stellar defenses. The Aggies aren't the answer because questions persist at quarterback, offensive line and defense.

The independent party might have a good argument, finally. The TCU Horned Frogs are undefeated and ranked third in the BCS poll. They play smash-mouth football, run the ball and play good defense. The problem with TCU is that they haven't played anyone outside of an Oregon State squad that currently is fourth in the Pac-10 standings.

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# Five Big 12 teams bowl eligible, but bid no guarantee for struggling Texas

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Five Big 12 teams enter November bowl-eligible. Defending champion Texas, which played in the national title game last season, is not among them.

The Longhorns need to win two of their last four to reach postseason play. Neither Saturday's game at Kansas State nor home games against Oklahoma State and Texas A&M are gimmes.

Coach Mack Brown said Monday that heavy graduation losses, key injuries and an inability to generate opponent turnovers have been factors in the team's 4-4 record. The Longhorns, coming off back-to-back home losses to Iowa State and Baylor, are in danger of missing postseason play for the first time since 1997.

"I'm not worried about that. I'm worried about Kansas State," Brown said. "It's obvious we're not in the Big 12 South race, we're not in the Big 12 race, we're not in the BCS race."

"I'm not worried about anything except this football team getting better and getting back to where we were, and we will do both."

The Big 12 is guaranteed eight bowl slots, but more teams could land bids if things fall right.

Nebraska and Missouri are the only bowl-eligible teams from the North. Baylor, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are eligible to compete in the South.

Iowa State, Kansas State and Texas A&M need one more win and Texas Tech and Texas

ISU, picked last in the Big 12 North, is closing in on a second straight bowl despite having played three top 10 opponents. No. 9 Nebraska, which visits on Saturday, will be a fourth.

"It would be huge this year, based on our schedule strength," Rhoads said. "To be 5-4 and to have a chance to gain bowl eligibility would be extremely important to everybody surrounding this program."

Kansas State, which hasn't gone to a bowl since 2006, failed to earn a bid with a 6-6 record last year because it

played two FCS opponents.

K-State coach Bill Snyder said his team shouldn't be content to win just one of the last four regular-season games.

"I would like to think our players are a little more mature than that," Snyder said.

Kansas won six games in 2006 and was one of the Big 12's hottest teams at the end of the season, but the Jayhawks didn't get a bowl bid. Snyder said a similar scenario can't be ruled out this year.

"If we're fortunate to be bowl-eligible, we would be perhaps one of 10," Snyder said, "so there are no guarantees that you're going to end up in a bowl with six wins."

Colorado and Kansas remain mathematically alive. Colorado needs three wins and Kansas four.

CU's Dan Hawkins and KU's Turner Gill are concerned about other things, like posting their first Big 12 wins. They meet this week in Lawrence, Kan.



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TEXAS QUARTERBACK GARRETT Gilbert and his Longhorn squad have a rough route left to get to 6-6 to become bowl eligible. The Longhorns, like Texas Tech, must win two more games to hit the mark.

It's been widely speculated Hawkins will be fired. Gill's situation has destabilized since the departure of athletic director Lew Perkins.

Gill is in his first year at Kansas, but fans already are grumbling about embarrassing home losses to FCS North Dakota State, Kansas State

and Texas A&M.

"We believe in what we're trying to get accomplished and our style of coaching and our schemes," Gill said. "We're still trying to mesh together what we have as a football team, trying to get the right players at the right place."

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