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DPS warns against travel to Mexico

Violence spreading to spring break destinations; state agency urges caution

By **BRIAN HOWARD**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Department of Public Safety recently issued a travel warning for students and other state residents planning to head to Mexico

during spring break.

Drug trafficking and gun violence south of the border is increasing and now is spreading to popular spring break destinations, said Cheryl MacBride, deputy director of services at the DPS. "Resort areas like Acapulco and Cancun

have seen a lot of recent drug trafficking and violence," she said. "Other areas just south of the border, such as Matamoros, are where drug cartel violence has been the worst."

The DPS is urging anyone traveling to Mexico to avoid Falcon Lake, a popular fish-

ing and tourist spot split between U.S. and Mexico territory, because of recent criminal activity there.

"Half of the lake is on the Mexican side of the border and half on the U.S. side of the border," MacBride said. "In September, an American was murdered after crossing to the lake's border into Mexican territory, and there has been a lot of cartel activity going on in the area."

Spending spring break vacation in Mexico has been popular among college students for

years, but MacBride said the current state of criminal-related activity in Mexico makes reconsidering any travel plans a good idea for students.

"A lot of college students like to go, especially because the legal drinking age is 18," she said. "You've young people drinking a lot of alcohol in the middle of what is basically a drug war in Mexico; if two drug gangs are shooting at each other, they aren't going to stop to make sure they don't kill any Americans."

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Hello, Hocutt

New AD hosts first news conference, says he 'couldn't pass up' job at Tech



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

KIRBY HOCUTT ACCEPTS Texas Tech's athletics director position Wednesday after serving in the same capacity at the University of Miami. Hocutt replaces former athletic director, Gerald Myers, who announced his retirement from the post last fall.

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

With a Double T lapel pin on his jacket, Kirby Hocutt stepped to the podium Wednesday afternoon in front of coaches, administrators and his family to take his first steps as the 13th athletic director of Texas Tech.

"It's an honor to be with you this afternoon. I'll tell you we've been looking forward to this for a long time," Hocutt said during his introductory news conference in the City Bank Conference Room in United Spirit Arena. "It is with great

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Check out video from Kirby Hocutt's first news conference as Tech's new AD at The DT online.

pleasure that I formally accept the position of athletics director at Texas Tech."

It is still a period of transition right now, Hocutt said, because there are a couple of things he needs to take care of at Miami first before making the permanent move to Tech.

He plans to fully take over for outgoing AD Gerald Myers in the middle or end of this month.

Myers has been the athletic director since 1996, and Hocutt said he is excited about the opportunity to learn from such a highly respected individual.

"I, too, would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the long history, the tremendous success, that Gerald Myers has had here at Texas Tech," he said. "Coach, I look forward to building a relationship with you, and I know in the months and the years to come, I will benefit greatly from your counsel and your assistance."

Myers was not at the news conference.

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Former NOAA economist speaks

Presentation shows students view of different perspective

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Jamie Kruse, former Chief Economist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), delivered a lecture Wednesday afternoon as part of the McDonald-Mehta Lecture Series.

Texas Tech's Wind Science and Engineering Research Center (WISE) presents the series.

Kruse's lecture focused on the time she worked at NOAA and her experience in social sciences. She said NOAA is composed of "mission-driven science".

"The branches under NOAA that most directly effect WISE are the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) and the National Weather Service (NWS)," said

Kruse, a former Tech economics professor and current Director for the Center of Natural Hazards Research at East Carolina University.

She said one of the lecture series' founders Kishor Mehta introduced her to the WISE program as a research associate during her time at Tech.

Kruse informed the audience about the many different branches and cooperative institutes under NOAA, which is funded by U.S. Department of Commerce. The organization is "very extensive," Kruse said.

There are several cooperative institutes under NOAA and Tech could be a possible site for one in the future, she said.

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The Red Raiders fell to 8-2 on the year after losing 4-3 to UNLV on Wednesday at Dan Law Field. SPORTS, Page 8

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Direct sales helps students earn money

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

When Shilo Matthews expresses her affection for "My Dear Watson," she is not referring to a friend of hers — or Sherlock Holmes.

Matthews, a sophomore petroleum engineering major from Artesia, N.M., works as a Scentsy consultant, selling candle warmers, wax in scents like Vanilla Cream and her favorite, My Dear Watson, and other accessories to students and family.

Direct sales companies like Scentsy, Mary Kay or Avon are increasingly becoming a way for college students to make money.

"It's great for being business-minded," Matthews said,

"and the money's always good."

The businesses generally sell through consultants like Matthews, who promote the catalogs and products with "parties" and by word of mouth. Matthews said Facebook was her biggest advertising outlet to other college students.

Matthews is also a mark representative. Mark is a branch of Avon that sells high quality makeup to a younger demographic, and she said the two products went well together.

"Makeup and Scentsy go hand in hand with the clientele," she said. "If someone's not interested in a candle, they'll buy some lip gloss."

The products lend themselves to being sold at "parties" where Matthews said she promotes the products to a group who is there to simply have fun.

Senior Katherine Yarbrough hosted a Scentsy party with Matthews and said she really enjoyed it.

"It was a lot more relaxed," the mechanical engineering major from Houston said. "It wasn't so in-your-face."

Hosting a party is another way for students to benefit. Yarbrough said through hosting her party she received free merchandise and a set number of half-price items.

Next summer, Matthews said she will have an internship on an oil field and part of the reason she was able to get it was because of her work with Scentsy and Mark.

"Employers like to see you have initiative," she said.

Another benefit to direct sales is the schedule, said Mary Kay consultant Cecilia Rodriguez. She said she enjoys being able to control her own business at every level.

"There's no quota; you're in charge," she said. "Our schedules are so hectic we never know when we will need to focus on other things."

Being able to plan her own work hours and being able to carry the

product with her help Rodriguez, a senior nutritional science major from Fort Worth, make selling Mary Kay the ideal job for her now and in the future.

After graduating this spring, Rodriguez said she would continue to work as a consultant.

"I really think I'll be doing it for a long time," she said. "I'll be in grad school and it will still work with my schedule."

After joining the company, both Matthews and Rodriguez said it was easy to get started. None of the companies they work for require formal training, but all provide plenty of resources to new consultants and representatives.

Still, Matthews said, the products sell themselves thanks to their high quality and the willingness of people to buy.

"It's your clientele," she said. "Give a girl a magazine, and she'll find something she wants."

Whether that is a tube of lip-gloss or a new favorite scent — be it My Dear Watson or Black Raspberry Vanilla — there is a direct sales representative on campus

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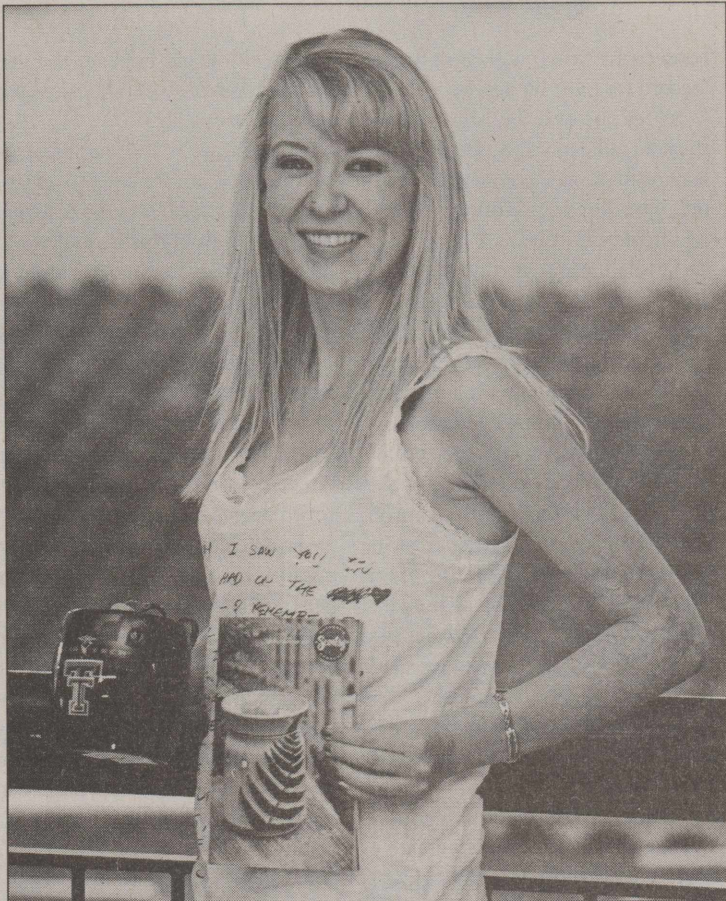


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SHILO MATTHEWS, A sophomore petroleum engineering major from Artesia, N.M., sells Scentsy products part time while going to school.

ready to take the order.

Rodriguez and Matthews can be reached on their respective companies websites, and Matthews has her own site, shilomathews.scentsy.us.

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Gabor taken to hospital in ambulance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zsa Zsa Gabor was rushed to a hospital Wednesday in an ambulance when blood flow stopped to her leg, a publicist said.

Doctors ordered the ailing 94-year-old actress to go to UCLA Medical Center because of the problem with her left leg, publicist John Blanchette said.

Most of Gabor's right leg was amputated in January because of gangrene.

Gabor broke her hip and had replacement surgery in July. She has

been hospitalized several times since then for swelling, clots and infections.

She celebrated her birthday at home on Feb. 6 and watched the Oscars Sunday with her husband.

The actress is partially paralyzed from a 2002 car accident and now uses a wheelchair.

Gabor, a native of Hungary, appeared in films ranging from "Moulin Rouge" in 1952 to "Queen of Outer Space" in 1958. She also appeared on TV specials and game shows, and as a guest on several television series, often playing herself.

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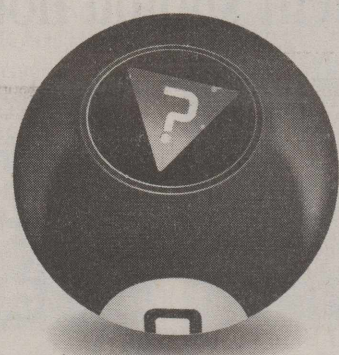
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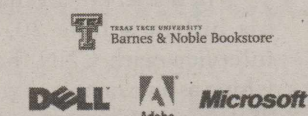


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Volunteers explore world

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Re-growing rainforests, learning a new language, glacier climbing, mountain biking — these are just a few things Ross Williams did as a member of the International Student Volunteers.

"I was sitting in (professor Michael Dini's) class my sophomore year and (the representatives) from ISV came along and said 'Hey, do you want to travel the world?' And I said 'yes,'" said Williams, a senior biochemistry major from Paris, Texas.

International Student Volunteers gives students an opportunity to see the world through travel and volunteering, said Hannah Moon, one of the campus coordinators for International Student Volunteers that is visiting Tech this week.

"It's a really cool program because nowadays everyone needs to kind of get out there and see the world, and I feel as if it's not only doing good for the community that we travel to, but also for the students themselves," Moon said.

ISV offers students a chance to work in conservation, such as volunteering with endangered animals or doing preservation work in rain forests or African wildlife parks. The other option is to work with community development, such as building community centers or teaching English to children, Moon said.

Williams spent last summer in Ecuador with the organization, living with and learning Spanish from a host family in the capital of Quito. He also helped with re-forestation in the "cloud forest." For the adventure portion of his trip, he rock climbed, mountain biked, rafted, bungee jumped and climbed 15,000-foot glaciers on the equator, he said.

Alexi O'Brien, a New Zealand native and campus coordinator, said the program is beneficial for countries because students help the local economies, which are mainly based on tourism. Students learn about the countries' history and culture and benefit from the natural adventure sites.

Some students have worked with baby sea turtles in Costa Rica, elephants in sanctuaries in Thailand or Kiwi birds in New Zealand, she said.

Alexandria Hart, a senior philosophy and political science dual major

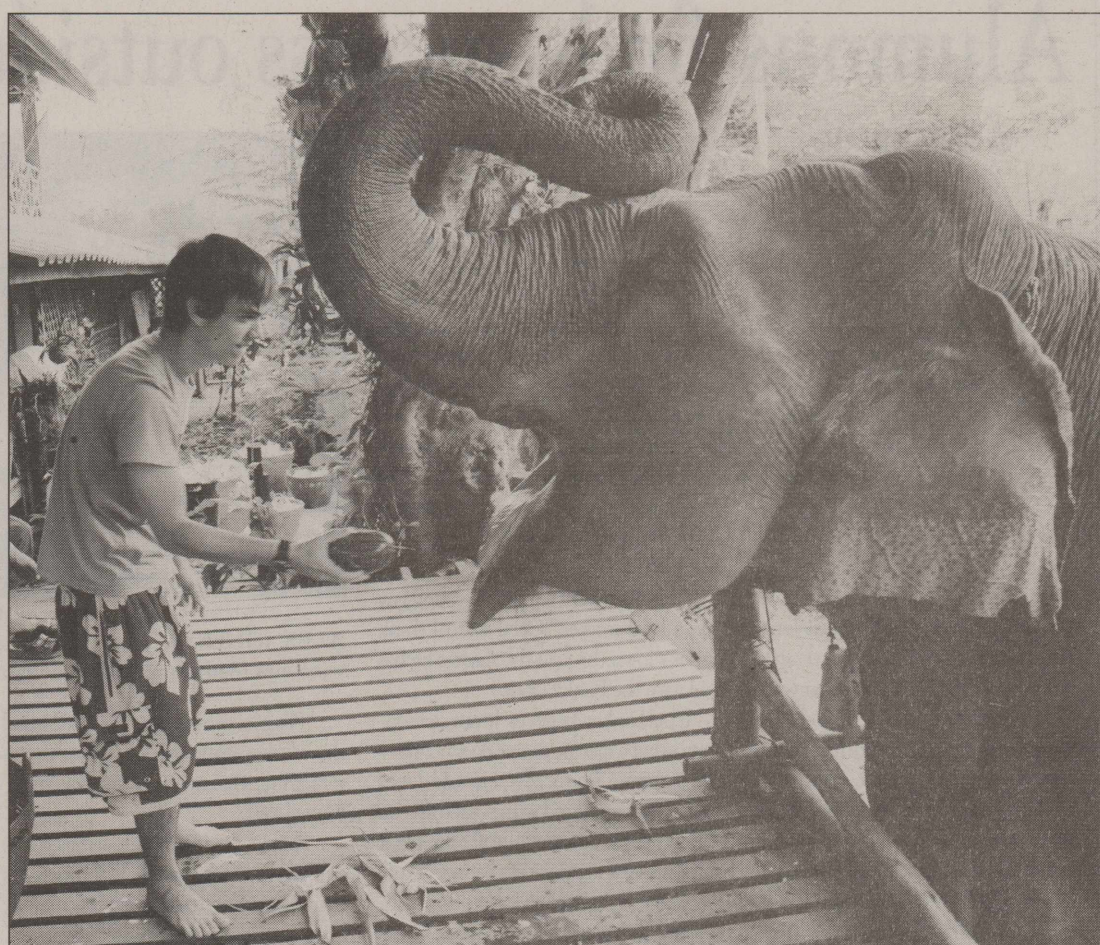


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AN ISV VOLUNTEER feeds one of the Asian elephants living at the Elephant Nature Park in Chaing Mai, Thailand. The elephants have been rescued from the tourism or logging industries.

from Post, will go to Thailand in July through ISV.

"I just really hope to help people in Thailand," Hart said. "I really look forward to seeing all the kids and the animals and to feel like I made a difference."

ISV has been named one of the top 10 volunteer programs in the world by the International Voluntary Service Task Force and the Center for Citizen Diplomacy, O'Brien said. Student volunteers from many countries have contributed to the organization.

"It was out in the middle of nowhere with the local population and seeing something that you're just aren't exposed to in Lubbock at all, ever," Williams said.

Moon and O'Brien have information meetings from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Room 206 of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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Prince William's wedding gets site

LONDON (AP) — They've got the carriage, the abbey, and a national holiday in their honor. Now Prince William's marriage with Kate Middleton is getting what every young engaged couple really needs — a wedding website.

Tech-savvy couples the world over set up websites to feature their nuptials. Such sites give guests a handy way to get directions, browse photos, buy gifts, or even choose the music. Although Internet users aren't likely to get much say in the royal reception's playlist, fans will find photos, updates, videos and more on www.official-royalwedding2011.org, a site that Prince William's office, St. James' Palace, says may be used to livestream the event itself.

On Wednesday much of the site seemed to consist of content

from the royals' existing social media ventures, such as Buckingham Palace's Flickr account, Clarence House's Twitter page, the Royal Channel on YouTube and the British monarchy's Facebook site.

But officials are promising exclusive content about the wedding, including that most coveted detail of all — details about Middleton's gown when they are made public.

St. James' Palace said the site was being hosted by Google App Engine, which is designed to handle large bursts of traffic. A spokeswoman declined to say how many visitors the site was expected to receive, although it seems safe to say that it will draw many more than the 1,900-odd guests expected at the ceremony.

The government has also launched a separate site intended to offer practical information for members of the public interested in

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By Don Gagliardo 3/3/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Language scholar speaks of summer opportunity

By LAUREN FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

More than 2 million people in North America currently speak Nahuatl, the dominant language spoken in Mesoamerica and rarely heard in the United States today.

Visiting through the Latin American and Iberian Studies program and the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, John Sullivan is the director of the Zacatecas Institute for Teaching and Research in Ethnology in Zacatecas, Mexico.

The non-profit organization provides scholarships for college students, and in return, the students work with the organization to promote language and culture revitalization.

Sullivan's fascination with the language landed him and his wife in Zacatecas permanently in the early 1990s.

"We have a summer program through the Yale, Columbia and NYU Language Consortium," Sullivan said. "Last summer, we had 27 students from universities all over the United States and Canada."

The summer program teaches classical and modern versions of Nahuatl and also provides time for the students to work on individual research projects.

He also said the institute sets up distance learning courses to keep its summer scholars on track during the school year.

Sullivan believes in the power of learning languages to help individuals develop their creativity.

"You have to figure that our capacity to perceive reality and to be creative in order to work and transform, that depends a lot on the language structure in our brains," he said. "The more

languages you know, that are different from your native language, opens horizons to your possibilities to do new kinds of things and think new things."

Sullivan spoke at a lecture Wednesday, educating students on the Rain Ceremony of the Native American communities he works with and describing the importance of natural formations to indigenous culture.

"What I perceive as a couple of mountains and a hill, I never knew have so much meaning," said Colby Wulf, a sophomore international business and management major from Katy.

Wulf attended the lecture for his South American geography class, but also expressed the importance of learning about various cultures during his college years.

Sullivan said many students of Latin American descent have expressed interest in learning about the program. As people mature, he said, they want to become familiar with their roots.

Yesenia Blanco, a senior English and Spanish dual major from Canadian, talked to Sullivan about becoming involved in the summer program.

"I am very unfamiliar with the indigenous culture, and I found (Sullivan's) talk very insightful," she said.

Sullivan will also be speaking at 4:30 p.m. today in the Quality Room of the Foreign Language building about the project.

He urges students to learn foreign languages and broaden their scope of knowledge.

"If you have something that is really weird in your brain, you are going to be more creative than the people you are competing with to get a job," Sullivan said.

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Alumnus finds success outside of degree

By BAILEY EILAND
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Alex Jones knows what it feels like to face the reality of trying to find a job in the "real world." He also knows life does not always run according to plan.

Jones graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in landscape architecture in 2009. The alumnus described himself as a young entrepreneur with many roads upon which to embark.

Jones, originally from Kingsville, said his favorite memory at Tech as meeting then-Tech volleyball player and his current wife, Katie Jones. It was Katie, in fact, who urged Jones to explore his knack for art after graduating. Because the economy was not supporting his career in landscape architecture, the alumnus began exhibiting artwork in public shows.

After finding success in the art world, Jones landed a business proposition with his art gallery owner to open a local wine bar. Of course, he had to say yes to the deal, Jones said.

"The next year was full of highs and lows that would at times make me want to break," he said, "but our dream finally became a reality."

After a lot of planning, the Funky Door Bistro and Wine Room opened

in September, Jones said. Serving pasta, fondue, wine platters and more, the restaurant offers a venue for art and cuisine.

Because of the high-tech enigmatic card-activated wine dispensers the Funky Door needed, Jones said finding a bank willing to invest in them was difficult. In the end, the owners were referred to Toby Cecil of Vista Bank to help finance the project.

Cecil is a Tech alumnus originally from Richardson who graduated in 2003 with a degree in financing. The banker said he was fortunate to help Jones with the restaurant.

"Alex is a very ambitious young guy and a hard worker," Cecil said. "I think this is shown through the success he has had with the Funky Door."

The banker believes Jones demonstrates that a specific degree does not have to be criteria for success. He said Jones had a degree in mind with something he wanted to pursue, but the Funky Door came along and proved to be successful.

"College helped give him the foundation, but clearly Jones' artistic background was able to carry over," he said.

Carlos Rangel, the executive chef at the Funky Door, said Jones is a hard-working but laid-back boss. He also said students at Tech could learn from the restaurant owner.

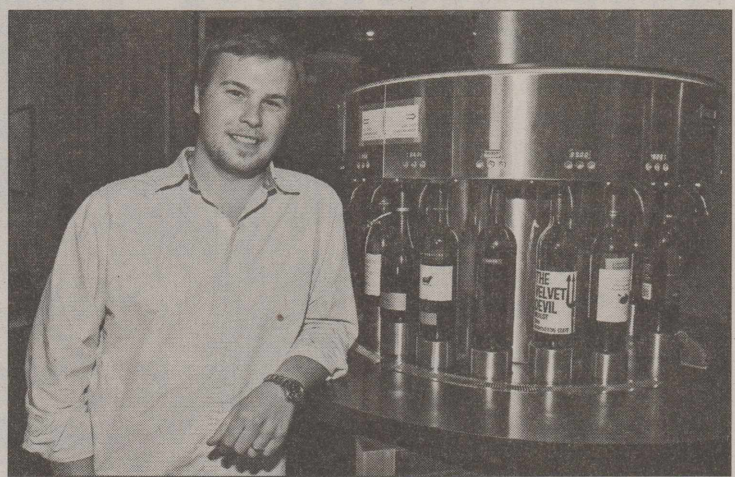


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ALEX JONES, A Texas Tech landscape architecture alumnus opened a wine and food bistro called the Funky Door.

"His good work ethics, dedication and the whole getting the job done thing is something students can learn from him," Rangel said.

Two years after graduating, Jones still pays homage to Tech through his employment of students and his support of university charities and fundraisers. Along with his business partner, Jones also has given marketing students access to his business plan for educational purposes.

With Tech students' interest at heart, the alumnus said the best advice he can

give students is never miss opportunities to gain work experience while in school.

"Never get discouraged," he said. "If the path you expected to be there isn't, make your own."

Although Jones did not directly use his degree after graduating, he said he still benefitted from his educational experience.

"Something I learned about myself while attending school," Jones said, "was that I could surprise myself, and that hard work really does pay off."

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Changing location, rhyming effective for studying

By CARRIE THORNTON
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For the focus-challenged student who needs help studying longer, the Study Ball, a 20-pound prison-style ball-and-chain contraption is available for only \$116.00.

Users simply choose how long they want to study, enter the number into the band and chain it around their ankle, only to be freed after the desired time limit runs out.

"We're going to learn how to not resort to that," said Jenny Young, an academic counselor with the TECHniques Center, to a group of students Wednesday afternoon in West Hall.

Young led a seminar on studying to teach students what and how to study while highlighting the biggest problems they may have while preparing for a test.

"The biggest thing is students don't give themselves enough time," she said.

Her goal was to teach students how to study smarter and not longer, Young said. Knowing how to study begins

with individuals knowing their personal study habits, whether they are a visual or auditory learner, and implementing those aspects into their habits.

"It's important to remember what works for something else may not work for you," Young said.

It involves studying for deeper comprehension, she said, and pushing past simply memorization.

"You can read 100 pages in your book, stay up until 2 a.m. and then get up and bomb the test because you didn't study efficiently," Young said.

Going over notes after class the same day helps students retain information, better than cramming the night before, she said.

If material is not reviewed within 24 hours of learning it, memory retention decreases to 40 percent, and to 20 percent after a few weeks.

Knowing what to study involves having good attendance, notes, reading the class book, making a friend in each class and having a time-management plan because time is "your best friend," she said.

"You have to have a plan because a lot of the time we think things will take care of themselves," she said. "Like, you'll just start paying attention or taking better notes the next week."

To help alleviate the stress of studying and deciphering what works best, Young gave a list of "helpful hints" students can use as a type of checklist.

One involves the individual relating the information to something they are interested in, like "being imaginative" with how they learn.

For kinesthetic learners, moving around while studying is very important so as not to stay stagnant, she said. Also, putting information like Social Security

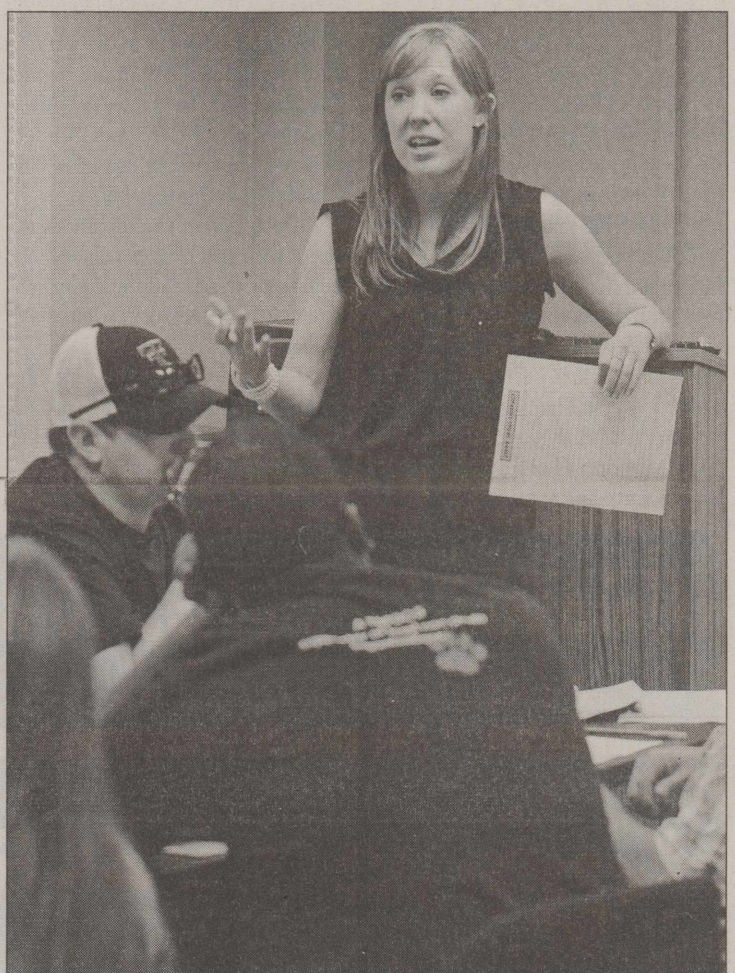


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JENNY YOUNG, A staff member in the Student Disability Services, presents a seminar about study skills to students Wednesday in the TECHniques Center in West Hall.

and phone numbers in chunks makes for easier memorization.

Creating songs, rhymes, acronyms and acrostics for material is also helpful.

"The most important is setting a specific goal for study time," Young said.

This ensures students are actually productive in their study time, she said.

because it's easy to just go to the library with a broad goal and not get much accomplished.

"The biggest problem I have is cramming everything into one night," said Gavin Carr, a senior construction engineering student from Shady Shores who attended the event.

Learning memory retention greatly increases after one day of exposure was striking to him, he said, and he will keep that in mind in the future.

Joylin Kent, a sophomore dietetics major from Azle, attended because of a class requirement and said she appreciated the advice about utilizing different creative ways to learn.

"I study too much and cram for tests, and I think this (seminar) will help me," she said.

Another participant, Jocelyn Draper, attended with a friend because she wanted better grades to meet the GPA requirement held by her sorority.

"I struggle with taking time to (study) and focus," the freshman Frisco native working toward a nursing degree said. "I definitely think this will help."

Young ended her seminar by posting an all too familiar logo on the projector.

"The biggest thing is, just do it," she said as the Nike logo gleamed behind her.

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DUNN DIRTY

TECH WALK-ON SHINES DURING SENIOR NIGHT

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**
NEWS EDITOR

With two minutes remaining in the first half Wednesday against Oklahoma, Texas Tech guard Wally Dunn drove to his right and put up a shot from about eight feet out. Blocked.

His teammate snagged the loose ball, dished to Dunn in the corner and the 6-foot-4 senior launched up a 3-point attempt.

Off the rim.

Dunn raced toward the ball, got his own rebound and kicked it out again before heading to the opposite corner. He received a crisp pass from Mike Singletary and shot another 3.

Nothing but net.

"You can't have a conscience as a shooter," Dunn said after the game, his teammates chuckling quietly next to him. "I had no idea I shot three times, to be honest with you, until at halftime. Everyone was like, 'you shot three times,' and I was like,

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"I sure did, didn't I?"

"But, you know, I had no idea I was doing that; I was just playing, and I was wide open."

Dunn's 3-pointer, his first of three triples on the night, put the Red Raiders up 38-13 and capped a 16-1 run Wednesday in United Spirit Arena. The walk-on had 15 points on the night to help lead the scarlet and black to an easy 84-58 win.

Even Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel applauded Dunn's performance, saying he hasn't seen anything like it out of a walk-on on senior night.

"I've seen it where they make a couple of shots, or they make a shot early or something like that, but not like this; I mean he was tremendous," Capel said.

Dunn likely would not have played a season-high 17 minutes if it was not his last game in United Spirit Arena, but the

former Midland College transferee started for the Red Raiders (13-17, 5-10 in Big 12 Conference play) for the first time in his three-year career.

There were six seniors honored Wednesday before the game, meaning one would not get to start.

Senior David Tairu offered his spot to Dunn.

"I think it shows how much respect the guys have for Wally," Knight said. "Day in and day out, it's not easy knowing you're going to be on that second unit every day and bring it like he does, and so, to me, it just shows the respect that all those guys have - you know it's kind of like the movie 'Rudy'."

But Dunn wasn't the only senior who shone on senior night.

Mike Singletary and Tairu each scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Red Raiders. Fellow seniors Brad Reese and D'walyn Roberts scored 12 and eight points, respectively.

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UNLV splits series, beating Red Raiders 4-3



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S REID Redman tags out UNLV's Brandon Bayardi on Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
SPORTS EDITOR

UNLV starting pitcher Scott Dysinger figured out the secret to limiting Texas Tech's offensive production Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

The thing is, Dysinger's formula to cooling down Texas Tech's streaky lineup was nothing complex.

"He didn't really have great stuff or anything," said Tech center fielder Barrett Barnes. "He just continued to get people out. He didn't fill up the (strike) zone much. I really don't know how to explain it, he just kept getting us to pop out and roll over. He just shut us out for six innings."

Dysinger pitched five and two-thirds innings, striking out four Red Raiders (8-2) and throwing 87 pitches to lead the Rebels (8-2) to a 4-3 victory.

Dysinger's counterpart, Tech junior Ben Flora, was not as successful on the mound, pitching four and one-third innings, allowing four earned runs in the third inning.

Flora has failed to record five full innings of work in every appearance he has made as a starter this year.

Flora gave up seven of UNLV's 10 hits during Wednesday's game.

A slow start on behalf of the Tech batting order ultimately proved too grave to overcome.

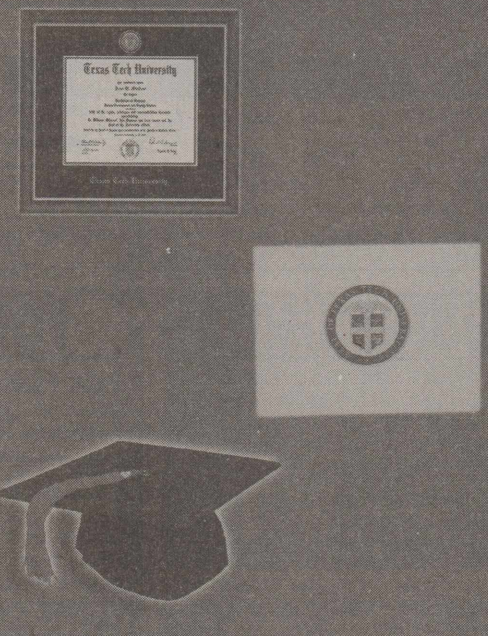
UNLV's Dysinger preserved his team's lead throughout the course of the afternoon by putting Tech batters in unfavorable situations.

Wednesday's performance, however, could come as a surprise considering Dysinger entered the game with a 6.00 ERA.

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