

## Faculty votes to not support concealed carry

### Senators, VP of TCCC weigh in on debate

**By STEPHEN GIPSON**  
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With Texas legislation deciding whether concealed carry should be allowed on college campuses, Texas Tech's Faculty Senate met Wednesday to discuss its opinions on the subject.

Faculty Senate voted in favor of not supporting concealed carry on college campuses in Texas.

Carolyn Tate, faculty senator, said there has been very little research done on the effects of concealed carry on campus.

"There is not a lot of data," Tate said. "There is not a lot of research that has been done, so that concerns me that we might proceed with this measure, or this law, without really knowing or having a clue."

Blake Rupard, vice president of TECHsans for Concealed Carry on Campus, said during a telephone interview that there are currently 71 college campuses in the United States allowing licensed concealed carry on campus. He said none of these campuses has had an issue with concealed carry on campus.

**Carolyn Tate**  
Faculty Senator

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## Is Tech's cut of the Big 12's new TV deal



# BIG ENOUGH?

### Big 12 Conference inks new 13-year deal with FOX Sports

### Secrecy of Big 12, Fox announcement raises some questions

**By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN**  
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The Big 12 Conference and Fox Sports Media Group on Wednesday announced a 13-year agreement for exclusive cable rights to Big 12 football and all championship events, except men's basketball.

The agreement, beginning the 2012-13 season, also ensures the group will telecast a minimum of 40 other events, excluding football and men's basketball, each season.

"This landmark agreement positions the conference with one of the best television arrangements in collegiate sports," said Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe in a news release. "It exceeds the benchmarks as we move forward with our 10 members by providing significant revenue growth, increased exposure, while allowing institutions to retain selected rights."

The release states programming will be on various Fox platforms, including FX, FSN and Fox College Sports.

Randy Freer, president of Fox Sports Networks, said via teleconference Fox is committed to college sports in the long run.

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The Big 12 Conference breathlessly announced a new television deal Wednesday afternoon, but in the end it brought more questions than answers.

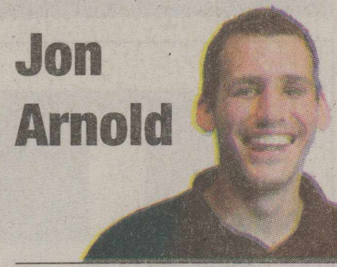
The Big 12 will live to fight another day (albeit with 10 teams), and there's a new 13-year television deal with Fox Media Group, which will start for the 2012-13 football season.

Yet, for some reason, terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Normally leagues would be trumpeting their new haul and putting the gaudy figures out for everyone to see.

This would be especially true if the deal is as large as it was reported to be. The latest reports put the figure at \$1.17 billion, which averages out to \$90 million each year.

The current deal with Fox, which expires after the upcoming football season, was worth about \$20 million each year. The new deal could more than quadruple the amount the Big 12 currently reaps.

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## Bill banning texting while driving spurs mixed reactions

### Legislation sent to Texas Senate after passing House

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A NEW BILL that would ban texting while driving recently passed a vote in the Texas House and was sent Monday to the Senate.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION/The Daily Toreador

Legislation prohibiting texting while driving passed in the Texas House of Representatives on Friday, causing many students to wonder if they will be forced to change their habits on the road.

House Bill 243, which was accepted with a 107-16 vote, was sent for approval to the Texas State Senate on Monday.

The bill states sending text messages, including instant messages and email, would be outlawed for all drivers of motor vehicles. Originally the bill also prohibited reading text messages while driving but was removed before the first vote.

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## Data exposure reported by Texas Comptroller

### Tech employee information could be included in leak

**By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN**  
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On Wednesday, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' office began to send letters to Texans whose personal information was "inadvertently disclosed" on an agency server accessible to the public, according to a news release.

At about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, a TechAnnounce was sent out, notifying Texas Tech employees there could possibly be some effects from the data leak.

Some of the data exposed includes Social Security numbers, names, dates of birth, addresses and some driver's license numbers, according to TechAnnounce.

Justin Clark, director of Tech Human Resource Management, said he did not know if the exposure would impact student employees. He did, however, encourage employees to call 1-855-474-2065 to confirm whether or not they would receive a notification letter.

However, TechAnnounce stated, "There is no information indicating that the personal information has been misused."

According to the news release sent by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Susan Combs, records of about 3.5 million people were "erroneously placed on the server with personally identifying information."

The information leaked was in data transferred by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the release states.

Employees are encouraged to visit [www.txsafeguard.org](http://www.txsafeguard.org) for more information, the release states, and employees will receive a notification letter indicating whether or not any information was exposed and if precautions should be made to protect their identities.

Several problems occurred with the transfer of data within servers, the release states, including lack of encryption, incorrect exposure by comptroller personnel and incorrect following of internal procedures.

Public access to the files was stopped once the mistake was discovered March 31, the release states, and the attorney general's office has been contacted to investigate the data exposure.

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## Community Calendar

### TODAY

**TAB Free Movie: "Blue Valentine"**

**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Where:** SUB, Escondido Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
"Blue Valentine" is a story of love found and love lost told in past and present moments in time. Flooded with romantic memories of their courtship, Dean and Cindy use one night to try to save their failing marriage. Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams star in this portrait of a relationship on the rocks.

**Special Presentation by Kim Phuc**

**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building, Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**

Kim Phuc, also known as the "Girl in the Photo," was photographed in 1972 running down a road naked and on fire after a napalm strike on her village. Kim Phuc now runs a nonprofit organization dedicated to healing children in war-torn areas around the world and is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace.

**Breaking the Silence Poetry Jam**

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Student Union Building, Escondido Theatre

**So, what is it?**  
TTU Gay/Straight Alliance and OUTwest Lubbock invite everyone to celebrate the creativity and diversity of speaking out against verbal abuse and harassment towards members of the GLBTQ community and its allies on school campuses across the country.

**Poetry Reading by Rebecca Dunham**

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** English/Philosophy building, Room 001  
**So, what is it?**  
Rebecca Dunham, the author of two books of poetry, will read. Her first book, "The Miniature Room," won the T. S. Eliot Prize. Her second book, "The Flight Cage," draws in part from the biographies of women such as Mary Wollstonecraft.

### FRIDAY

**Llano Estacado: An Island in the Sky**

**Time:** All-day event  
**Where:** Landmark Gallery  
**So, where is it?**  
Landmark Arts exhibits selections of photographs from the Llano Project, which was organized by Bill Tydeman and Steve Bogener in 2004-05 for the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library.

To make a calendar submission email [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.

# Tommy Tuberville shares life lessons, experiences with seminar students

By **BRIAN HOWARD**  
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On Wednesday in Chancellor Kent Hance's senior seminar class, students expected to hear one of his last lectures of the semester, but a last-minute Faculty Senate meeting forced the chancellor to call upon someone else to fill his role.

Texas Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville stepped in and shared his life experiences with students in hopes of educating them on what it takes to build life-long success.

Jodey Arrington, chief of staff at Texas Tech, introduced and interviewed Tuberville.

"This is one of my favorite things to do," Arrington said. "I didn't have the opportunity to listen to someone share their life experiences and what they have learned along the way. Tuberville is not just the head football coach, he is the face of Raiderville."

After being introduced, Tuberville began to share the knowledge gained throughout his career with students.

"A lot of you in here are thinking about what to do with your lives," he said. "No matter what you decide to do, you can get it done, but it's all up to you

to put in the effort. You get out what you put in."

Accepting help is important, Tuberville said, because no one can do it alone.

"My coaches, parents, teachers and a very good preacher all helped me along the way," he said, "but most influence comes from your peers. You are reflective of the kind of people you hang out with."

Motivation, drive and passion are all factors underlying success, Tuberville said.

"If you're going to be successful and want to make something happen, then eventually you will have to make sacrifices," he said. "The most important thing, no matter what you end up doing, is that you've got to like it. The drive and intensity to be successful can only be fueled by something you love to do."

Tuberville said his key to success is staying organized and having a strong work ethic.

"It all goes back to work ethic," he said. "When the rest of them were out, running the streets, so to speak, I was spending time watching film to gain all the knowledge I could, and eventually I made myself a successful coach."

Tech football coaches preach four basic things to their players that are necessary to be successful, Tuberville said.

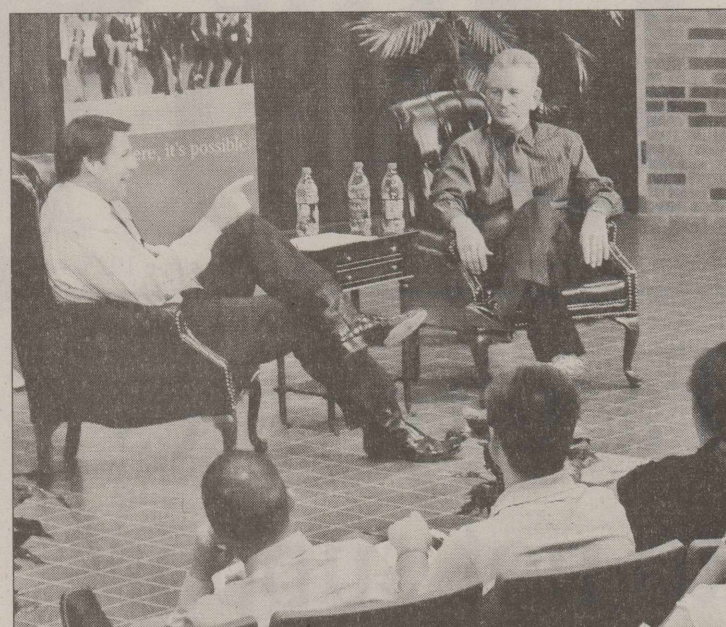


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TOMMY TUBERVILLE, RIGHT, Texas Tech's head football coach, has a sit-down discussion during Tech Chancellor Kent Hance's senior seminar class Wednesday in the Human Science lecture hall with Jodey Arrington.

"The first thing is that you've got to be honest," he said. "Some may get away with cutting corners, but short-run success is not you're looking for."

The second and third principles taught to players are work ethic and teamwork, Tuberville said.

"Without good work ethic, there is a lack of drive and motivation to achieve goals," he said, "and there is no business you will get into where you are not going to need the help

of other people, so you've got to show early on you are a team player."

The last, and possibly most important, discipline is that of self-responsibility, Tuberville said.

"Taking care of yourself is extremely important," he said. "I am the father to 120 players on this campus. Sometimes these guys have egos or attitudes, and it's my job to remind them that they are only as good as the  
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## 2011-2012 Residence Hall Association executive board elected; hope to combat parking issues

By **LISA HYNDMAN**  
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The Residence Hall Association hosted executive board elections for the 2011-12 school year Tuesday night during its senate meeting in the Leadership and Development Center in Carpenter Wells Residence Hall.

Nicholas Lamy was elected as the new president of RHA, Erin Evans as vice president for campus traditions and leadership development, Serena

Smith as vice president of programming and public relations, John Dobb as vice president of administration and finance, and Brad Schniers as vice president of external affairs and national communications coordinator.

"I'm excited to win," Lamy said. "I've been in RHA for two years, so I'm really excited to do it for another year."

One of the complications for RHA Lamy plans to face for the upcoming year is the lack of student knowledge of RHA.

As RHA president, Lamy said, he wants to place televisions in the lobby of

every residence hall for RHA advertisements because Channel 14, where RHA currently posts details about its news and upcoming events, will no longer be available to RHA to use after this semester.

"Someone can ask someone else what SGA is, and they can tell them instantly. If you ask some about RHA, they don't really know what that is. So I want to try and reach out to students better because of this," Lamy said.

Lamy said he plans to spread the knowledge of RHA through an advertising campaign throughout the residence halls.

"We want to make sure the students know RHA is there for them," Lamy said.

Lamy said he plans to continue all the events RHA hosted this year. He said the corn maize event partnered with Tech Activities Board was a great success, and said he looks forward to organizing the event next year.

"Maintaining the relationships with student organizations is one of our main goals for the upcoming year," Lamy said.

Loran Polson, the current president of RHA, said RHA serves as the voice of students who live in the residence halls. She said RHA is working with SGA on the current parking issue for Z-lot parking areas.

She said RHA is working on coinless laundry for all students living on campus. She said the students in residence halls would have a fee on their tuition instead of having to pay for their laundry with quarters. She said she hopes the new RHA officers will continue on this issue.

Polson said RHA plans to work with Student Housing Services to make more residence halls coed on campus. However, she said this probably would not happen until the 2012-13 school year.

Evan Dixon, Lamy's opponent for RHA president, said he is excited for Lamy.

"He was an executive member last year," Dixon said. "With all that experience, I think he'll be a really great leader."  
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## LGBT students set to speak up in poetry jam

By SYDNEY HOLMES  
STAFF WRITER

Oftentimes, individuals who live alternative lifestyles fall victim to harassment and bullying. Since 1996, April 15 has been the National Day of Silence, a day during which students pledge to be completely silent to commemorate those who have felt silenced by this treatment.

The Texas Tech Gay-Straight Alliance, in association with OUTwest Lubbock, is hosting Breaking the Silence, a poetry jam to give members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community an opportunity to express their feelings toward the oppression they face.

Typically, events like this are called "poetry slams," but Adam Husband, an English doctoral student from Houston, said the word "slam" conveys the wrong message.

"The poetry jam is more of an opportunity for our readers and our poets, as well as anyone who decides to attend, to more come together and kind of celebrate some of the larger ideas that we're putting out," Husband said. "Rather than 'slam,' which makes me think of a competition or a battle, which it's not at all."

Husband, who is a member of OUTwest Lubbock, called himself a "heterosexual ally" to the gay community.

"I can go out and make comments and say things or do things in public, and it's not going to draw any attention because people see a gold ring on my finger," Husband said. "But someone who's a member of (the LGBT) community, who might say or do the same thing, you might get some eyes, maybe some heads turning. You might

even get unfortunate comments from people.

"Am I going to say 'OK, that's fine' and go home and play video games or something? Or do I have enough free time and enough 'umph' to, you know, go out and do something if I can?"

Dee Nguyen, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Garland, is the public relations officer for the GSA. Not only does she believe issues of LGBT harassment are too often swept under the rug, but she gives a viable solution to the problem.

"Anti-LGBT bullying, harassment and name-calling is an issue that must be dealt with," she said. "A number of children's lives have been lost due to this issue. Everyone can be a part of the movement. Pledging to stop saying phrases such as, 'That's so gay,' or stopping harassment when you see it, or even advocating in your own community or school can make a difference."

During the Day of Silence, students who participate will choose to not speak in order to raise awareness of LGBT discrimination, which Patricia Earl, co-founder of OUTwest Lubbock, said is more than just students not talking for a day.

"The poetry jam is in opposition of (the Day of Silence), to showcase what will be missed, what will be silenced on Friday," she said. "The basis of Breaking the Silence is to showcase students' poetry and their voices and how they find the national news when it comes to GLBT issues needing extra voice and extra push at times."

The Breaking the Silence poetry jam will take place at 7:30 p.m. today in the Escondido Theatre in the Student Union Building.

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## Songwriters compete for opening act

By SYDNEY HOLMES  
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Playing music is a common form of self-expression, and Tech students, as well as some students from South Plains College, received a chance to showcase their talents Tuesday evening in the Tech Activities Board 2011 Singer/Songwriter Competition.

A handful of students broke out their guitars in hopes of winning the first place prize — the opportunity to perform at Rock the Plaza on Friday and open up for the headliner of the event, Shwayze.

Kaitlin Spraberry, a junior agriculture communications major from Anson, was one of the two runners-up in the contest. Spraberry explained the origins of both of her songs before her performance and said making the switch from piano to guitar has made it easier to put her ideas into music.

"I always wrote stuff down in my journals and stuff," she said. "I wanted a way to express that differently, so I just picked up a guitar and started writing. I love the piano, too. I was classically trained on piano, but guitar is so much easier to write with."

While some would cringe at the idea of having their deepest personal thoughts broadcast to an audience, Spraberry said she embraces the idea.

"I try to perform as often as possible. Being on a stage — it's the best feeling ever," she said. "I like having other people hear my songs and have other people hear that they can relate to it."



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

KAITLIN SPRABERRY, A junior agricultural commerce from Anson, performs her original song, "See you Tonight", at the Tech Activities Board 2011 Singer/Songwriter Competition at the Barnes & Noble Café on Tuesday.

"I know it's therapy for me, songwriting is, so if you hear other people say that they can relate to (your music), that's just the best feeling ever."

Spraberry said she embraces the idea of stage fright and harnesses the energy it gives her in her performances.

"It's a nervous excitement, but that's what's good about performing, you know? I love getting that excited, nervous feeling when I'm up there," she said. "You just play your first chord, and everything just falls together."

Phillip Shaver, a South Plains College student, also played at the event. The senior sound technology major from Wichita Falls was told by one of his

friends in TAB about the competition. Shaver said he does not perform as often as he would like to, so he took the opportunity to share his music.

"(Performing) is just fun; it's my passion," he said. "It's just kind of a release for me."

Shave said he has a "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude when it comes to performing. He said writing music is his own remedy and he is not concerned with the judgment he might face.

"You get up there and you play," he said. "And it's just one of those things that for every one person that enjoys it — not everyone's going to like it. I just like having people relate to me. It's rewarding."

Amará Roseborough, a

freshman pre-veterinary major from Midlothian, said while the event was enjoyable, there were aspects she would like to see changed.

"(TAB) could have maybe made it more public so more people would know about it. It would have been nicer to have more people," she said. "Maybe even an audience vote so the audience had more of a say and it wasn't just up to three people."

Roseborough said she enjoyed seeing other students' talent, especially those who were unexpected.

"It's different knowing people around you are talented when you wouldn't guess that they would be," she said.

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## Carry

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Daniel Nathan, Faculty Senate senator, said faculty should give their opinions on concealed carry on cam-

puses because they are greatly impacted by school shootings. He said, excluding the Virginia Tech shooting, faculty members are shot at a highly disproportionate rate compared to students in school shootings.

Tate said she did an unofficial survey of the faculty within the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Out of the 54 responses she received, 53 were opposed to having concealed carry on campus. She said

many faculty members expressed how they already feel unsafe on campus.

"A typical comment brought up issues of faculty protection," Tate said. "Faculty felt that they were already threatened. Many faculty expressed their feelings that, currently, they feel threatened in their offices and in their classrooms and even in their homes by students to whom they had given an unwanted grade."

"They felt that if this law were to pass, they would no longer feel any necessity of upholding any kind of academic rigor."

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CAROLYN TATE  
FACULTY SENATOR

Why bother to give anybody anything other than an 'A' if that student has easier access to inflicting bodily harm on a faculty member?"

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She reiterated not all faculty members within the College of Visual and Performing Arts feel this way, but many of them do.

Rupard said faculty should not be afraid of law-abiding citizens.

"They should be more afraid of students who carry weapons on campus illegally with malicious intent," Rupard said. "They shouldn't be concerned about CHL holders who are doing it legally and carry every day."

He said according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, CHL holders are responsible for approximately one-seventh of 1 percent of all crimes committed in Texas.

Many faculty members acknowledged concealed carry will likely be passed.

Lewis Held, a senator of Faculty Senate, said the committee might want to hold its 'fire' against concealed carry on campuses.

"As stupid as many of us may feel this is, so was prohibition," Held said. "But it was hard to make a case against it before they implemented it. After they implemented it and saw the chaos it created, there was enough of a groundswell to overturn it."

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## 'Politically correct' Easter pretty stupid

Politically correct language is something that often makes sense, but just as often seems idiotic. Debates over PC terms seem to be most common with religious subjects, such as with the "war on Christmas" frustrations that seem to pop up every year.

Easter isn't immune, either, as one Seattle school allegedly forces Easter eggs to be referred to as "spring spheres."

Various websites have reported the story, including MyNorthwest.com, which has its origins in a 16-year-old school volunteer calling into a KIRO radio show to spill the beans on the renaming.

According to her, she asked school officials if it would be OK for her to give the students Easter eggs filled with candy. She was told that would be fine on the condition that she called them "spring spheres," so as not to reference any particular religion.

Now, of course this is absurd in a lot of ways, one of which being that calling an egg a sphere doesn't make it any less of an egg. You can't call a Christmas tree a "winter tri-

**Britton Peele**



angle" and assume children aren't going to catch on.

Obviously the children at the unnamed Seattle school weren't fooled. When the teacher said to them, "Look, spring spheres!" they apparently said, "Oh, Easter eggs!"

If you're going to enforce the separation of church and state, it might be best to focus on the things that are more tied to the church. Sure, Easter is a Christian holiday (or at least it has been since we stole it from pagan religions. Sorry, pagans.), but there isn't really anything about an egg hunt that screams, "We love Jesus!"

Even if this particular story turns out to be untrue (it hasn't been confirmed or denied), the city's parks have reportedly removed "Easter" from all signs ad-

vertising upcoming egg hunts. I can see being wary about Christmas, considering one has "Christ" right there in the name. But are we really going to be afraid of a name that actually refers to a pagan goddess?

I have to imagine most atheists and people of other religions find this as silly as I do. Surely they're not concerned their children will be converted by the mere acts of finding eggs and getting candy.

But maybe the school is right. Maybe we should stop calling secret content in pop culture (like movies or video games) "Easter eggs," just to be on the safe side. We don't want to corrupt unsuspecting minds when they find that Pizza Planet truck in every Pixar film.

Christians shouldn't freak out over the attack on the word "Easter," though. If anything, you could argue they should be fighting things like egg hunts themselves. Never mind presents obscuring the true message of Christmas, I think the Easter Bunny has more of a monopoly of Easter Sunday.

At the end of the day, this whole ordeal is just stupid, but it's the kind of stupid we should probably just roll our eyes at rather than try to fight back against.

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## Don't fear, ignore vaccinations

Living in a highly populated area has many health risks because of the simple fact that more people means more germs. Could children be at an unnecessary disadvantage because of the people around them?

I was watching one of my all-time favorite shows on TV the other day, "Law and Order: SVU," when one of the episodes really gave me something to think about. A woman was being taken to court and charged with the death of an infant after her own child had infected the kid.

The controversial issue was not that she had taken her kid out into public but that she had knowingly endangered others by not vaccinating her own child.

Citizens are not forced by law to vaccinate themselves and their kids. For the public's good, children and young adults in state schooling must have proof of several important shots in order to attend. However, I start to wonder: Is that enough?

According to the Lubbock City website, the 2010 population is estimated to be over 219,000. That is a fairly large amount of people in our area alone. Wouldn't it be comforting to know all of us were vaccinated?

When a parent or person chooses not to vaccinate, they are not making that decision for just themselves, but also for their family and everyone with whom they come in contact.

I get a little worried when someone with something minor,

**Bayley Fuller**



such as a cold, coughs on the bus, then touches the handrails and takes up two seats. I just imagine that old commercial where the person's hand turns green from germs, and then everything they touch turns green, and then anyone who touches where they touched turns green. The cycle goes on and on.

Picture that green being something more dangerous than a cold. My point is just how amazingly quickly things can spread around in a compact area, and I'd like to know that what I'm risking, while it may be an inconvenience, is not life threatening.

So why do people avoid vaccinations? Is it just laziness? According to the woman on trial on "Law and Order: SVU," she did not want to risk her child's health, and he wasn't in public school, so she did nothing wrong.

She may not have done anything illegal, but she did something "wrong" in my eyes. A child was still dead indirectly because of her decision. It came down to whose child would be the one to suffer due to her choice — her kid or the infant that died.

It is logical that when putting chemicals into our bodies there is a chance of a negative effect. It's basic science. Everything has an effect, and it is not always a good one. So what are the risks for vaccinations?

According to the Center for Disease Control, side effects vary from soreness to possibly a headache. Sometimes a bad allergic reaction can occur, and while it is scary for parents, this only happens in one out of every 100,000 to 1.1 million cases, depending on the shot. With proper attention and treatment, this is a very curable occurrence.

Not that awful, right? Well, I would be lying if I didn't say there were worse things that can happen.

The worst possible side effects are linked to the DTaP vaccine; according to the CDC, this can include coma or seizures. While these are horrible to imagine having happen to you or your child, they are extremely rare, happening less than one in out of a million doses.

So was this lady right to protect her child?

Let's look at it this way. According to Funny Odds, you are more likely to get hit by lightning, die in a car crash, drown in a bath tub, have a drunk pilot fly the plane you're in or even die from choking on food than ever have a severe reaction to a vaccination.

What are the risks of catching a disease as a child if you are not vaccinated? Huge.

Maybe vaccinations should someday be legally demanded for all citizens of the U.S. because when you make the decision to say no, you are risking everyone's safety. Think twice before you play the odds with disease.

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### GUEST COLUMN

## New laws, new rights for sexual assault victims

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Being a victim of sexual assault is frightening enough. But knowing your rights as a survivor can make all the difference when it comes to getting help.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and it's important for Texans to be aware of two new laws that empower survivors to take control of what can be two very difficult scenarios.

**Scenario one.**  
Imagine if you were sexually assaulted in your own apartment or somewhere at your apartment complex. The apartment you rent — your home, a place you thought was supposed to be safe — becomes a dangerous place ... a place where a crime was committed against you.

No one should be forced to sleep at the scene of the crime. Not for one night, and certainly not every night.

But after the trauma of a sexual assault, it can seem overwhelming to break a lease. There are often significant financial penalties, like being responsible

for all future rent, additional fees and the loss of expensive deposits. And that could mean feeling trapped in an unbearable and unsafe situation.

Fortunately, a law that took effect in 2010 offers a way to get away from a terrifying situation like that. Texas Property Code 92.0161 allows a victim of sexual assault to break a lease at an apartment or another rental property without having to pay financial penalties such as future rent or any fees for ending the lease early.

According to this law, a renter can break their lease with 30 days notice and written documentation that the assault happened at the rental property within the last six months prior to breaking the lease.

Acceptable forms of documentation include a protective order issued by a court or paperwork showing that the renter had medical treatment or mental health treatment from a licensed provider or received services at a rape crisis center.

A police report is not required, and the renter can move out as soon as he or she gives notice.

This important law means protection from an unsafe situation and makes

it possible to begin the process of healing — emotionally, mentally and physically.

**Scenario two.**  
Someone is sexually assaulted, and he or she does not want to go to the hospital for help or treatment because they're just not ready for the police. After all, it's easy to recall fictional accounts of sexual assault exams on TV cop dramas where the victim is in a hospital while a police detective looks on. And when some people think of images like that, a sexual assault exam can seem intimidating, invasive and even scary.

But nothing could be further from the truth. According to the law in Texas, a victim's right to privacy is paramount, and Texas law now states that if a sexual assault victim is not ready to get police involved, she or he still has the option to have a sexual assault examination conducted.

It's called a "non-report sexual assault exam," and that means medical treatment can be given and important evidence can be collected, except the survivor can choose to involve police later ... or even not at all.

And there is no law requiring medical facilities to report sexual assaults of

adults to law enforcement, so the decision to report is entirely the survivor's.

This is an important change in the law that balances the needs of the victim and the criminal justice system by allowing survivors to preserve important evidence and still take the time they need to decide whether to report. It protects privacy during a traumatic time while still making it possible for law enforcement to do its job.

There's never a good time to think about a topic like sexual assault, but during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month we have an important opportunity to speak up, speak out and make sure people know their rights.

Combined, these two laws extend the rights of sexual assault victims while empowering them to take control of the situation. If you or somebody you love has been sexually assaulted, take the time to learn more about these rights. You can find more information at [www.HopeLaws.org](http://www.HopeLaws.org).

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## Teen sexting scandal illustrates dangers of technological era

By **JOHN KENNEY**  
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The fad of sexting among minors can be destructive for young lives. For Margarite, a young girl from Washington, a naked picture she sent to her boyfriend Isaiah would come to have massive consequences.

After the two broke up, Isaiah sent the picture to a former friend of Margarite. That friend disseminated the photo to as many students as possible.

The former friend and another girl who helped in distributing the photo were charged with the dissemination of child pornography — a Class C Felony — and ended up pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of telephone harassment for their crimes. This event raises serious questions about the implications of technology on social lives.

The actual act of sexting is not illegal, nor would I argue that it should be. The issue, however, becomes more complicated when the question of sexting by minors is brought up. That is especially true in a case such as Margarite's, where the picture ended up being used as a way to disparage and defame her.

The three teens that sent out the picture deserved to be punished for what they did, as the picture continues to haunt Margarite a year later. She tried transferring schools, but the story of the picture was soon discovered by students there. She decided to transfer back to her original school, where she still had friends.

Due to the mass distribution of the photo coupled with the media storm that erupted following the arrests, the event is still known amongst Margarite's peers.

In the media storm that erupted, the question was raised as to whether Margarite should have also faced legal repercussions for taking the picture in the first place. The local prosecutor decided not to press charges, and I

fully agree with that decision.

In some cases, the underage minor who took the photo of him or herself has been charged with distribution of child pornography. This seems unnecessarily cruel. Possession and distribution of child pornography has been criminalized so as to protect minors from those who would exploit them.

Underage sexting may be stupid, but it seems to be taking matters too far if the child who took the photo of themselves ended up being charged; minors who are the victims of sexting scandals in no way intended to distribute child pornography in the way actual child pornographers do.

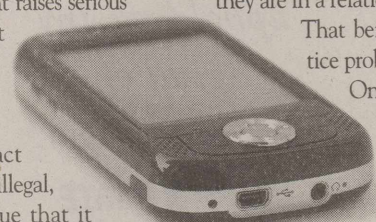
Underage students should of course think twice before sending a nude picture of themselves to anyone with whom they are in a relationship.

That being said, the practice probably will not stop. Only the most idealistic amongst us could hope that adequate education — such as, for example, public service advertisements the three guilty teens were ordered to make as part of their plea agreement for distributing Margarite's photo — would bring about the end of underage sexting.

The technological age we live in has completely redefined social relationships in ways that we are only now beginning to understand and address. Sexting is just one of many facets that we have to consider when we consider the behavior of youth in the age of cell phones and Facebook.

It is a scary fact to consider that our social lives and actions are now available for others to see in a way that would not have even been imaginable 20 years ago. A simple status update about marijuana is there forever.

Cases such as Margarite's will not stop irresponsible behavior in the new technological era in which we have found ourselves. They do however serve as a grim reminder of what can happen when we make one silly decision.



## AT&T, T-Mobile merger raises concerns of telecom duopoly

By **KENNY KYUNGHOOON LEE**  
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AT&T's acquisition of its competitor, T-Mobile, will give birth to a new juggernaut in the American telecommunications industry, producing a company which can supposedly better serve its customers by providing a faster and stronger network. But is it really worth risking consumer interests?

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, the second- and fourth-largest wireless service providers respectively, is expected to create a duopoly of AT&T and Verizon Wireless, which makes the market far more consolidated than necessary.

The deal, which is expected to close in a year, makes AT&T by far

the largest service provider in the nation with 130 million total subscribers. Various market analysts are raising concerns over the upcoming change in the market.

AT&T justified the acquisition in a statement on March 20, claiming that the acquisition will benefit the customers by "enhancing network capacity, output and quality in near term for both companies' customers."

This statement is realizable as AT&T and T-Mobile have similar technology, and their networks can contribute to each other to create an even stronger and faster wireless network.

However, it still seems that consumers have more to lose than to gain. The customers may enjoy

enhanced services after the acquisition, but they have to expect a future increase in price when two or three behemoths dominate the market.

Concerns over future price hikes are well-founded. AT&T presents itself as the provider of the highest quality mobile services, which collides with T-Mobile's brand image as a provider of affordable services. Thus, some of T-Mobile's more price-efficient contracts may be terminated or altered to maintain AT&T's brand image and profit margins.

In a recent media release by T-Mobile, the company suggested that future rate plans may be subject to a price increase. T-Mobile merely states "all customer contracts entered into before the change of ownership

will be honored (for their applicable period)," suggesting the looming possibility that prices may rise in the future.

Moreover, if this acquisition is approved by the regulators, it may encourage future mergers in the market. Mergers and acquisitions are very attractive options to businesses as they can take advantage of various economies of scales (various economic benefits made available by the increase in the size of a firm such as a stronger bargaining power in business deals and lower interest rates on loans).

There are always banes and boons when economic decisions are made, and they have to be measured carefully. In this acquisition, at least for now, the banes seem to outweigh the boons.

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# Senior finance class works with local restaurant, hopes to improve business

By LAUREN FERGUSON  
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College students normally go to classes and take notes as the professor lectures, but the seniors in the Texas Tech finance capstone class are gaining real-world experience inside and outside the classroom.

Working with local restaurant Home Café, the students work to provide a plan for the owners to help them improve their business.

"(This project) is probably the best learning experience as a finance major that you can get outside of work experience," said Joel Reagan, a senior finance major from Austin.

Instructed by professor George Cashman, the class consists of tests, case studies and the project with Home Café.

Cashman said he allows the class to guide themselves and only steps in when students have questions or problems.

When the owners of Home Café, Jason and Kate Diehl, were asked to participate, they were excited to be working with Tech students.

"When asked, we said, 'Definitely, they could really help us save money in places we don't know about,'" Kate Diehl said.

Currently, the restaurant provides a discount to Tech students, but Reagan said most students are unaware. The class plans to update the restaurant's Facebook page as well as provide a discount to those who 'check in' online.

"This is how a consulting project will work," Cashman said.



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Treador

THE OWNERS OF Home Café, Jason and Kate Diehl, have teamed up with the Texas Tech senior finance class to improve their business.

"Your company will send you to another company, and you will have figure out how to make the company better."

Reagan said he enjoys being able to go to the physical location of the restaurant and ask questions to understand how the business currently works while in the classroom.

Reagan emphasized the importance of gaining students as customers and simplifying the menu accordingly.

"We pretty much just publicize the company and try to improve the operations," he said. "(This class) ties in corporate finance with other areas of finance like stock analysis and things

like that."

The students in the class of 10 are graded on two tests, a presentation and the case write-up over Home Café. Cashman teaches the class each spring and believes working with the community is a vital part to understanding future employment.

Cashman said students who took the class last year found the project to be a valuable experience when they started jobs and looked for employment.

"We are all about teaching and helping," Kate Diehl said. "So far they haven't finished, but they have come up with some good marketing ideas."

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KATE DIEHL  
HOME CAFÉ OWNER

## Texting

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Texas Tech police officer John Radle said he is optimistic the bill will pass in the senate, but he believes the bill needs to include reading texts for the legislation to be truly effective.

"I wouldn't recommend reading texts while driving," Radle said. "It's kind of like holding a book up and reading a book while driving. It's not going to work."

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, there were 3,160 reported automobile accidents in 2010 — 47 of which were fatal crashes — where cellphones were listed as the contributing factor. So far in 2011, there have been 318 reported accidents — two with fatalities — caused by cellphone use.

Radle said despite many studies highlighting the hazards of texting while driving, people are often lulled into a false sense of security to where they think they can do multiple things at once. The more a person's attention is divided, and no matter how well they think they can do it, he said, it always makes it harder to drive.

"Most students take pride in themselves that they have the ability to multitask pretty well," he said. "Once people have driven for a while, they start to get really comfortable with it and become lackadaisical in a sense and lose that focus on trying to be extra safe and cautious."

If students could put their electronics down until they reach their destination, they would be much safer, Radle said.

Eric Silva, a freshman human development and family studies major from Richmond, said he does not touch his phone at all while driving because he knows it interferes with his ability to drive well.

"If someone texts or calls me when I'm driving, I totally ignore it," he said. "It's nonsense that people think it isn't dangerous, and I think it'll be a good thing if the bill passes (in the senate) because it will make more people aware of how unsafe texting while driving is."

Patrick Tran, a senior biology major from Amarillo, admits he texts while driving, despite the danger. If a government ban was put in place, Tran said he would be more willing to resist the temptation to text while drive.

Other students, like exercise and sports sciences major Sarah Tucker, said even if the law was enforced, they would still find a way around the system.

"I don't feel like it affects my

driving abilities," the junior from Burleson said. "I know it's not safe, but that doesn't stop me from doing it. I think it will be hard for people to stop."

While House Bill 243 does not mention the use of hands-free electronics as illegal, Radle said he finds the practice to be an unnecessary distraction for drivers as well.

"It sounds like it would be slightly safer than distracting your eyes from the road," he said, "but you're still having a conversation with someone, and everybody knows that can affect your emotions."

"If your emotions aren't in check, and you're trying to operate a vehicle, that can still lead to a mistake, and you can end up having a wreck."

Another issue, Radle said, is texting in school zones. He said while it is illegal in Texas to text or talk on

the phone in a school zone, signs must be posted in order to enforce the law. Tech does not have signs posted on campus, Radle said, but that may change depending on what the state government decides.

Erica Urena, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from El Paso, said no matter how electronics are used on the road, they keep people from driving to their full ability.

"When you're calling someone, it's only a cognitive impairment," she said, "but when you're texting, it's also a visual impairment that keeps you from driving effectively."

Radle said despite the many people who may be against the law, he wants everyone to take into consideration why the law exists if it is passed.

"The thing is that there is a reason why these laws are being made,"

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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# Israeli PM's meeting with Bieber called off

JERUSALEM (AP) — Justin Bieber's trip to Israel is off to a rocky start — tentative plans to meet the prime minister have fallen through under contentious circumstances, and the teen heart-throb says he has holed himself up in his hotel to escape the country's notoriously aggressive paparazzi.

Bieber, adored by young fans worldwide for hits like "Baby," arrived in Israel on Monday and was planning to spend the week sightseeing ahead of an outdoor concert in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

The 17-year-old Canadian artist has set off a wave of excitement, with young females camped outside his hotel and photographers aggressively following him at every stop.

Even 61-year-old Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears to have been caught up in the hype. Officials in his office said

the Israeli leader had hoped to meet the singer, but hinted that Mideast politics had scuttled the visit.

A spokesman for Netanyahu said Bieber's representatives had initiated the meeting, and the prime minister thought it would be a good idea. He said Netanyahu hoped to bring children from Israel's embattled south, which has absorbed dozens of Palestinian rocket attacks in recent weeks, and give them a "happy experience."

"Unfortunately it has not proved feasible," said the official, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. He refused to elaborate, but Israel's Channel 2 TV said Bieber had told Netanyahu's office he did not want to make the visit political.

The Yediot Ahronot tabloid headlined its coverage "Bibi vs. Bieber," using the prime minister's nickname. "Furious Bieber," wrote the Maariv daily.

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# 'Hanna' innovative with stunning visuals

Director Joe Wright ("Pride and Prejudice," "Atonement") creates a visually stunning revenge thriller, while maintaining a steady pace with "Hanna."

"Hanna," starring Saoirse Ronan as the title character, depicts the story of a teenage girl with the strength, stamina and mentality of a soldier. She acquired these attributes by being raised in the wilds of Finland by her ex-CIA father (Eric Bana), and her upbringing was designed to make her the perfect assassin.

Hanna decides she wants to enter the world, but before she can live a normal life she must kill Marissa (Cate Blanchett), who works for the CIA and is trying to hunt down Hanna and her father.

The plot combines elements of dark fairy tales and a slick revenge thriller. Various hints throughout the film and amazing images are specially designed to give the audience the symbolism of a fairy tale, attributing to the great visuals in the film.

Not one scene in the film lacks a stunning visual. Throughout the film the viewer will be taken through various cultures and experience images that will stay with them long after the film is over. This element attributes to the dark fairy tale theme, as Hanna goes through environments that look like they were taken out of a fable.

Much like the visuals, the action sequences are done with fierce emotion, and the audience is taken back by how realistic and gruesome the scenes get. The scenes also flow in one long uncut shot, helping the audience to become enamored in the amazing choreography the film possesses. These long uncut shots also help with the uniqueness of the film.

Another great element "Hanna" expresses is the score, which is done by The Chemical Brothers. The score plays in the background during the most exciting scenes and is enticing and heart pumping.

The film does lose some of its excitement when Hanna gets a ride from

**Tyler Ware**



a family traveling through Europe. Although it is necessary because it gives Hanna the development of making a friend and experiencing a human connection with someone other than her father, it also brings it down because the family is annoying and uninteresting.

The movie also falls into several action clichés that are unnecessary and devalue the film's innovative style.

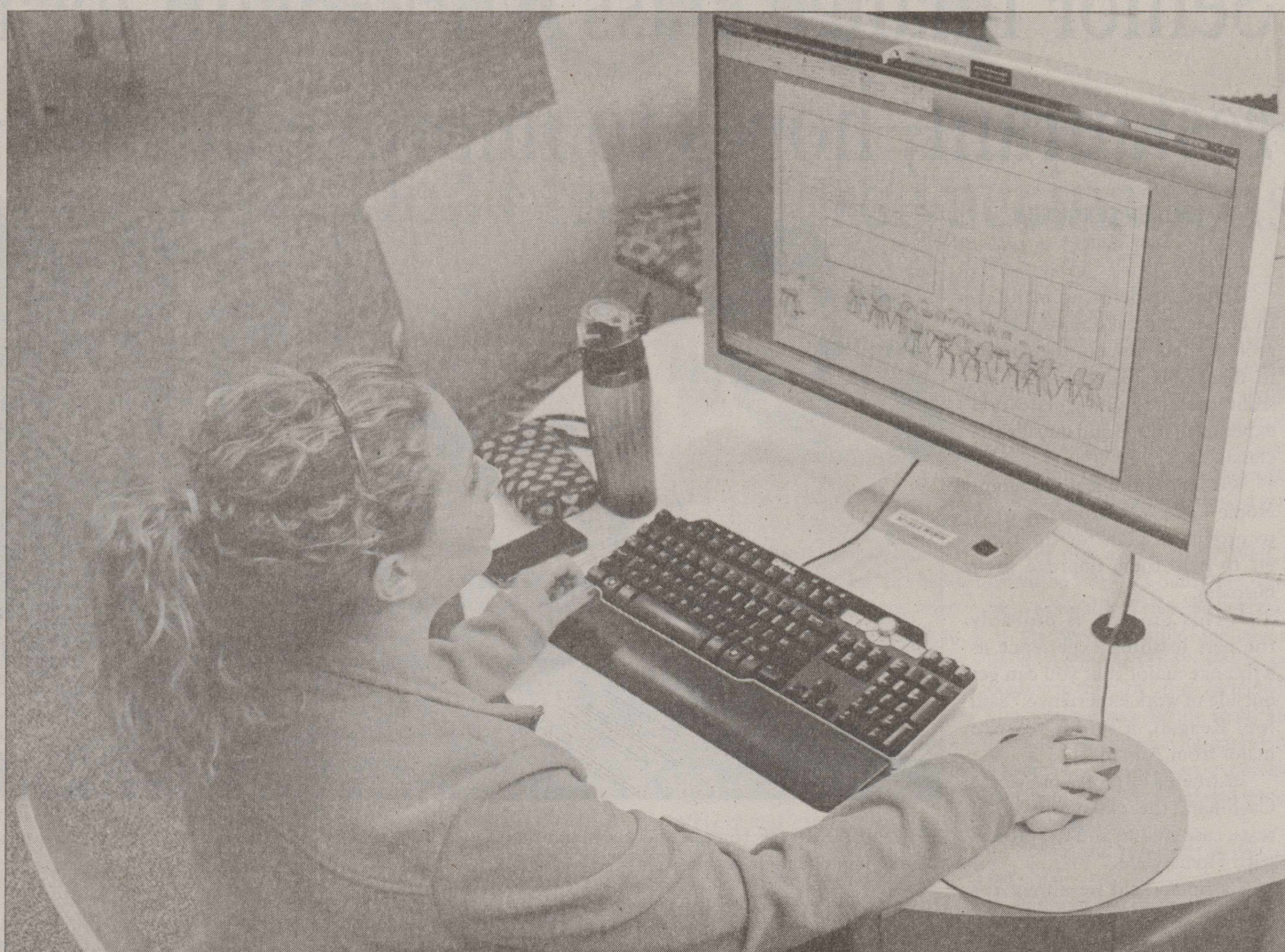
Although she lacks emotion, the protagonist Hanna displays a fierce look of being intimidating. She makes an interesting character because she is experiencing the world, and the audience witnesses her viewing the environment and wonders such as music, dance and love for the first time, causing the viewers to feel a strange connection to the character.

Hanna is a prototypical fairy tale character, as she meets new environments and battles her "evil stepmother." Her personality fits the fairy tale persona, as the film sticks to the theme precisely throughout the film.

Overall, "Hanna" is an example of great filmmaking. Wright manages to be innovative and entertaining, the action scenes are unique and enthralling, and the visuals entice the mind. However, "Hanna" does suffer from some scenes that are cliché and several uninteresting and annoying characters that tend to drag the film down.

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## ANIMATION STATION



ELISSA ADAMS, A junior interior design major from Sugar Land, works on an interior design project in the animation lab in the library Monday. PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

## Study finds damaging effects of freeway pollution

BY JOHN SWEET  
DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CAL)

A study conducted by USC Professor and senior author Caleb Finch found that freeway pollution resulted in significant neuron damage for mice.

This was the first study to explore the physical effect of freeway pollution on brain cells.

In the study mice were exposed to a synthetic combination of floating freeway matter. The mice were exposed for up to 15 hours

per week, which is similar to the experience of L.A. commuters, who may spend up to three hours per day on the freeway.

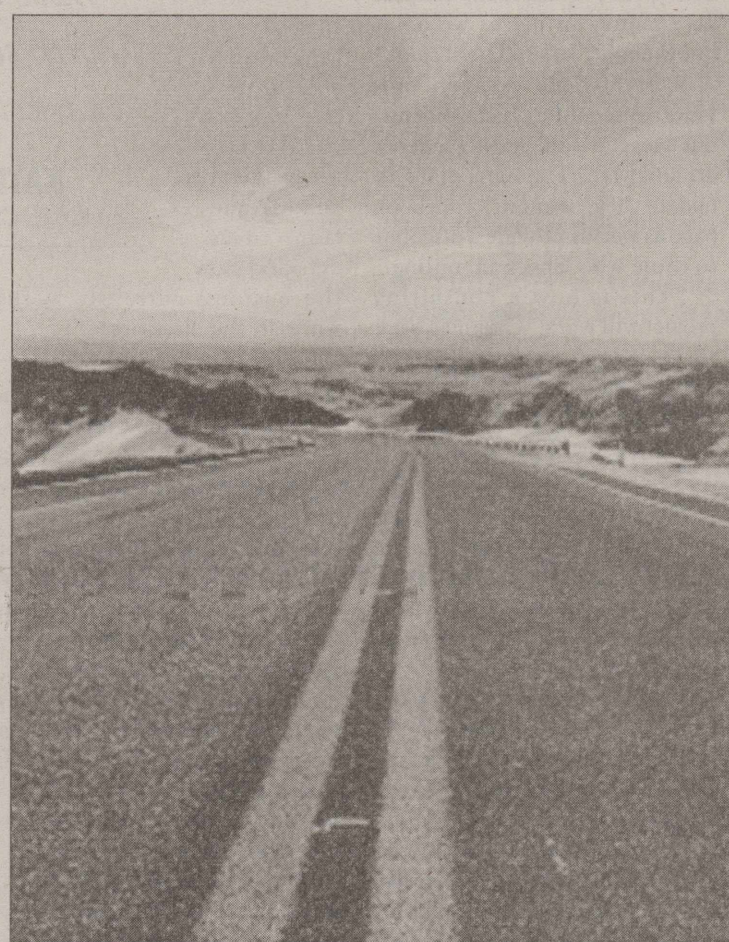
The results were the same for neurons in test tubes as in the live mice: brain cells showed damage to learning and memory, signs of premature aging and stunted cell growth.

"You can't see them, but they are inhaled and have an effect on brain neurons that raises the possibility of long-term brain health consequences of freeway air," Finch told the *Los Angeles Times*.

The pollutive particles may be invisible, but the health risk is still readily apparent to USC students.

"When I came to L.A. from NorCal I immediately noticed the difference in air quality," said Alicia Anguiano, a junior majoring in political science and history. "Sometimes going north on the 110 towards downtown I can't even see the skyline — it's covered in smog. And I just think, it can't be healthy for kids to grow up in this environment."

Solutions to the problem are hard to find, according to Finch, because even if we decrease the local concentration of these particles, we live in a larger environment that contributes to the pollution anyway.



CALEB FINCH, A professor at Southern Cal, conducted a study on freeway pollution and found that freeway pollution resulted in neuron damage for mice. It was the first study to explore the physical effect of freeway pollution on brain cells

## Michael Douglas' ex revives bid for half of movie cash

NEW YORK (AP) — The clash between Michael Douglas and his ex-wife over his "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" earnings is back for another, nastier run in a New York court.

Lawyers for both sides traded barbs Tuesday over Diandra Douglas' continuing efforts to get half the Academy Award-winning actor's take from the 2010 movie.

A New York judge threw out her lawsuit in November, saying the dispute belonged in California, where the couple divorced in 2000 after 23 years together. Her lawyers asked the judge Tuesday to reconsider.

With Diandra Douglas looking on, the actor's lawyer noted his recent fight with throat cancer and said his ex "should be ashamed of herself" for seeking more money when she's gotten more than \$51 million from him in the divorce and her stake in some earnings afterward. Her lawyers, meanwhile, mentioned his recent purchase of a \$5 million-plus home near New York and his children's private schools.

Leaving court, Diandra Douglas lamented the "mudslinging" she felt was directed at her.

"I've always behaved as a lady, and I always intend to do so in the future," she said. "I think the facts speak for themselves."

Michael Douglas wasn't at court. His lawyer, Marilyn B. Chinitz, said his former wife's claim was meritless, and "she ought to get the message and move on."

The couple's lengthy, multimillion-dollar divorce deal gives Diandra Douglas a share of proceeds from

projects related to work the actor did when they were married.

She says that should include last year's follow-up to "Wall Street," the 1987 Oliver Stone film that won Michael Douglas an Oscar for his portrayal of an era-encapsulating financier who declared that "greed is good." The actor's camp says the divorce agreement doesn't apply to the second "Wall Street," which wasn't on the horizon when the couple split. Released in September, it grossed more than \$100 million worldwide.

The divorce pact also specified that future money disputes would be resolved in Santa Barbara, Calif., and California courts are best suited to handle the mix of entertainment and state-specific divorce laws enmeshed in the deal, Manhattan state Supreme Court Judge Matthew F. Cooper wrote in his November decision.

But Diandra Douglas wants to pursue her claim in New York. A single mother of three children under 8, she says it would be difficult for her to travel to Santa Barbara for proceedings in the case, though she has a home nearby. She has put it on the market for more than \$20 million.

Though officially a Bermuda resident in recent years, Michael Douglas also has been based in New York lately. His ex-wife's lawyer, Nancy Chemtob, noted that he'd bought a home in suburban Bedford and can sometimes be spotted in pictures on the pages of the city's tabloids, taking his own children to their schools. He has two children with his current wife, Oscar-winning actress Catherine Zeta-Jones.

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## Secrecy

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So why is the conference being so secretive? The details surely will come out eventually. Is there something it's hiding? Maybe.

Big 12 fans will remember the fervor this June when it looked like the entire Big 12 would blow up and Tech fans would be making road trips to Seattle and Los Angeles instead of Ames, Iowa, and Waco.

Much-maligned commissioner Dan Beebe was able to keep the conference together, but it didn't just happen for free.

Beebe had to convince "the big three" of Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma to stay instead of jumping ship to another conference. How did he do that? He promised the schools more money.

Texas A&M's president R. Bowen Loftin told the *Houston Chronicle* back in July that Texas A&M would receive \$20 million each year. So it's safe to assume the money from the new deal with Fox, coupled with the money from the broadcast rights currently possessed by ABC/ESPN, will have to add up to at least \$20 million for "the big three."

How much of this deal is going to the "the big three"? And where does that leave Texas Tech?

All of that is pure speculation, since we don't know how much the deal is actually worth. It appears Tech is more or less on the outside looking in, but the Red Raiders can't complain too much about the deal, since they too will be seeing millions more from the deal than they did with previous one.

Kirby Hocutt, athletic director, said

the deal was fair for Tech, even though the Red Raiders wouldn't get as much of the pie as other schools. He noted other schools getting more money is completely within the Big 12 bylaws and chalked up the disparity to Tech not making as many television appearances as other schools.

While Tech fans might not like hearing it, Hocutt is dead on. Tech doesn't generate anywhere near the revenue or audience "the big three" do.

Everyone knows this. So again the question arises, why not disclose the terms of the deal?

Either way, Hocutt said he is excited to stay in the 10-member Big 12, and Tech is in it for the long haul. But, like the conference, Hocutt didn't reveal anything about the specifics of the deal.

"My understanding is that it's an average of the financial terms, which

have not been disclosed, over the 13-year period of the agreement," he said. "We're not in a position to talk the financial terms, but it's an average over the life of the contract."

There are more questions the deal brings. Is there still a chance at a Big 12 cable network? Hocutt said since he's been at Tech for such a short period of time, he hasn't had any discussions, but the conference should continue to be proactive about distribution methods.

The specifics will continue to take form, but it appears the conference is just proud it still exists. And there's something to be said for existing.

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## Rangers

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Hamilton knows if he could make it or not. He could have easily not gone, and no one, not one person on Earth, would be mad at him for it. Hamilton has already apologized to his coach, so that is a step in the right direction.

It is never easy to replace the reigning American League MVP in the order, but hopefully this brings something to light about the injured slugger.

He is not the future of the franchise.

Hamilton is not an ironman. He missed time last year in his MVP campaign. He missed significant time the year before. He played more than 155 games

in 2008, but it seems that may have been a fluke. He couldn't stay healthy with the Cincinnati Reds in 2007, either. Going forward, the injuries have to be a concern.

Hamilton is 29 years old. When his current contract expires, he will be looking for his first, and likely last, long-term deal. He might be 29 years old, but his body is not that of the average ball player his age. Hamilton's drug and alcohol abuse is well documented.

His addictions took some of the best years of his life, but there is no way to know how much damage has been done to his body. Is he not durable because of his abuse? Will he break down quicker?

This brings me to Hamilton's addiction. Before I continue, let me say I am happy Josh is in a good place now.

Addiction is not a laughing matter, and I am glad he is on the right path.

That being said, his addiction should be a concern before handing him the keys to the franchise. There was the 2009 incident in Arizona — Hamilton was seen drinking and overheard asking where to purchase drugs. I hope that was just a road bump for him, but if it happened once, why can't it happen to him again?

Hamilton is a great baseball player, but he will never be the guy who will take over Michael Young's place as the face of the franchise. The Rangers should approach future negotiations with Hamilton with caution.

The Rangers are scary good even without Hamilton in the lineup. If there was any time you wouldn't mind as much

with a player of Hamilton's caliber gone, it is early in the season. The Rangers won't struggle while Hamilton is gone.

While Hamilton gets healthy, David Murphy should see more playing time. Chris Davis appears on the roster again, and perhaps this is finally his time to shine.

Hamilton is a fun player to watch and has been a nice player for the Rangers, who took a chance on him. Just don't expect, when it is all said and done, for Hamilton to have a place on the Mount Rushmore of Ranger greats.

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## Track

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Two of those athletes Kittley referred to are Gil Roberts and Taylor Evans.

Roberts and Evans get the chance this weekend to compete in the 400-meter dash for the first time this season in hopes of setting quality marks to bolster their seeding at the Big 12 Conference Championships in May.

Seniors Kelsey Lloyd and Omo Osaghae, despite recording new personal bests, will try and get back into their winning ways this weekend after coming up short in Austin.

Osaghae was beat out by LSU's Barrett

Nugent at the finish line by .03 seconds to take the title. Lloyd finished in seventh place in a highly competitive heat.

In the 400 hurdles, Bryce Brown and Jamele Mason were not battling athletes from other schools for the title, but rather each other. Brown finished the race running a 50.08 to take the title.

Success has its perks, but Brown said staying healthy during a rigorous stretch like this is more crucial than winning.

"Going to a lot of meets is kind of tiring and stuff," Brown said. "Just taking care of our body, taking ice baths and eating right and stuff like that keep us getting faster, I guess."

For Shade Weygant, the Mount SAC Relays is not new, considering she

won the pole vault event last year.

Julian Wruck, however, is just trying to get back on track after placing third in Austin with a throw of 192 feet 3 inches.

The sophomore is the only thrower in the country to have two hurls of more than 200 feet this season and holds the best throw in the NCAA at 203.

Kittley said having a shorter week could be good or bad for his squads, depending on what they are competing in.

"I think it might if you're not running till Saturday, and so you're having to be really not getting in a quality week," Kittley said. "But if you're running a couple or three events, like a lot of people are, then it's perfect for you."

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# SPORTS

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THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011

## Tech splits doubleheader against Kansas Jayhawks

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

After dropping the front-end of the doubleheader against Kansas on Wednesday, 9-5, the Red Raiders went into the locker room and took in a stern talking to from Texas Tech coach Shanon Hays before going back out for game two.

Red Raider third baseman Emily Bledsoe said the speech was needed because after a game like that, they needed a little motivation before taking the field again.

Looks like the speech was effective — the Red Raiders beat the Jayhawks 10-0, run ruling Kansas in the fifth inning to bring an early end to the ball game.

One of the players that needed to be sharp in the second game for Tech was pitcher Brittany Talley. Talley said Hays put the game in her hands before they came out for game two.

"That pressure, I love that pressure behind me," she said, "and so having that kind of gave me the adrenaline to go out there and throw my game."

Despite the outcome of the first game, Tech came out in the first inning and put four quick runs on the scoreboard, running Jayhawks pitcher Allie Clark out of the game before she recorded an out.

The Jayhawks countered Tech's attack, hitting four home runs in the first game: three solo shots and

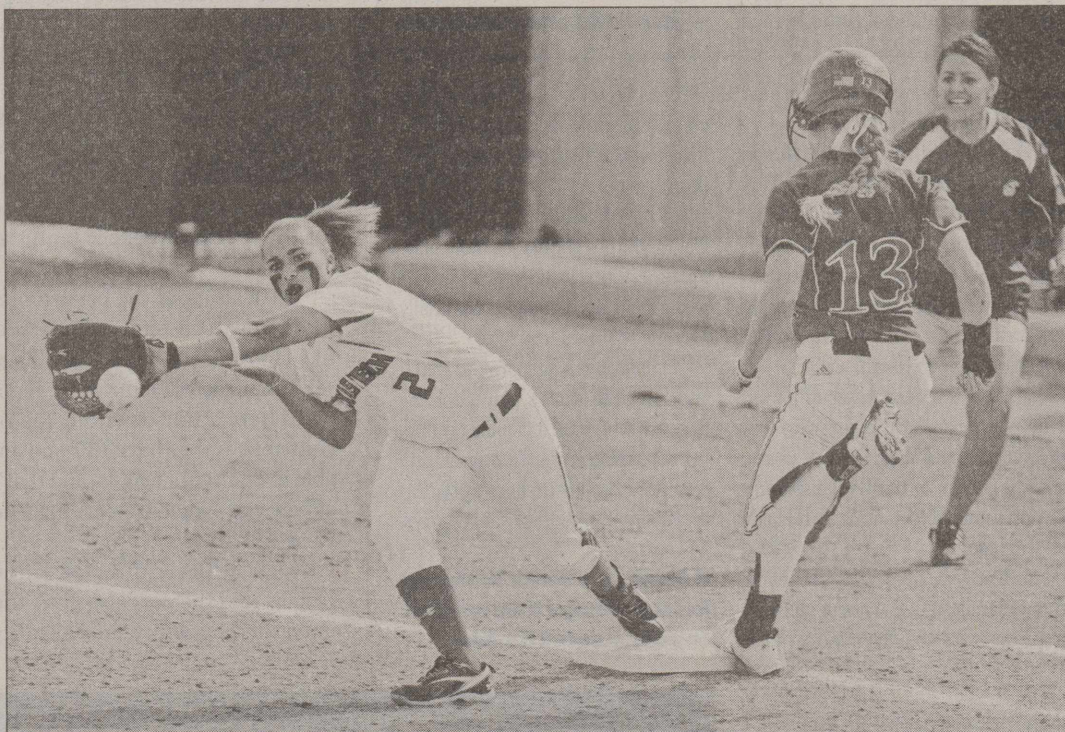


PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH INFILDER Logan Hall reaches out for the ball as Kansas' Alex Jones runs to first base during Tech's 9-5 loss to the Jayhawks on Wednesday at Rocky Johnson Field.

a two-run blast.

After the team meeting between games, Talley came out and lived up to the challenge given to her by Hays, pitching a complete-game shutout to split the series.

The freshman did not give up a hit until the fourth inning.

Bledsoe found her swing Wednesday, going 6-for-8 with three doubles and an RBI. The junior said she simply came out

in this game with a different approach.

"I've been struggling for a while with my swing, and I've been really working hard on it and the coaches have helped me a lot," she said. "So, I guess, I just kinda came out here with a 'you don't have anything to lose' attitude. I knew that we needed to sweep Kansas today, at least we got one win on them."

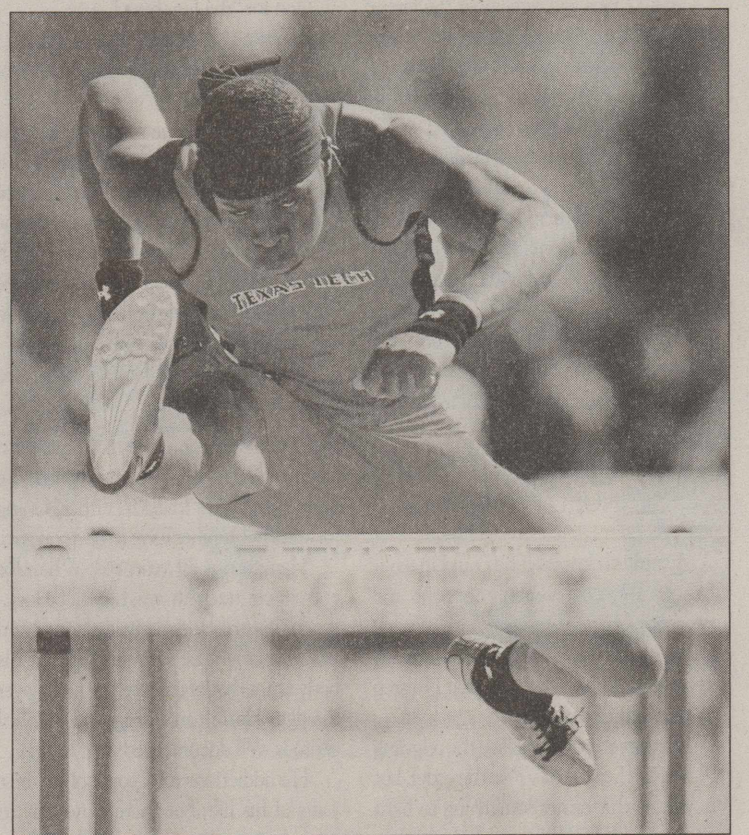
The Red Raiders travel to Stillwater, Okla., for a series against the Cowgirls on Friday and Saturday.

Considering the dismal start Tech has had in conference play,

Hays said the rest of the games down the stretch will be important if Tech has any hopes of playing in the postseason.

"We need to go and find a way to at least get one," Hays said. "When you win on the road in this league, you beat the curve, and we're playing to try and get into the regionals. The way you do that is get seven or eight wins in this league and you're there. So every weekend, every game is big from here on out and we've put ourselves against the wall."

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
OMO OSAGHAE AND the Texas Tech track and field teams begin competition at the Mount SAC Relays today in Walnut, Calif.

## Tech track, field begins competition at Mount SAC Relays

By JOSHUA KOCH  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes school is the last thing student-athletes are worried about.

Texas Tech track and field's schedule in the month of April serves as an example as to why these individuals may have that mindset. Only two of Tech's six April meets are in Lubbock; the other three occupy a total of 10 days on the road.

That's why Devin Bailey, a Tech senior middle-distance runner, said keeping up with school is not a problem — student-athletes prepare themselves for these kinds of stretches.

"I'm really disciplined; I get my work done while we're here, and I try to keep a light load while we're traveling," she said. "For the most part

I'm pretty good about managing my time. I know what needs to be done when, and I've been pretty focused since August, and it's paying off now."

A trip to Walnut, Calif., probably allowed Bailey the studying time she desires.

The No. 3 Red Raiders and No. 15 Lady Raiders arrived at the Mount SAC Relays on Wednesday, with competition slated to begin today.

A few Tech athletes are set to compete in the first day of the relays, but a majority of events start Friday and conclude Saturday.

Tech track coach Wes Kittley said the great thing about this meet is both squads get the opportunity to debut some athletes in areas other than their primary events.

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## OF Hamilton not face of Rangers franchise

The most popular player on the Texas Rangers will not be playing for at least six weeks, and it really isn't that big of a deal.

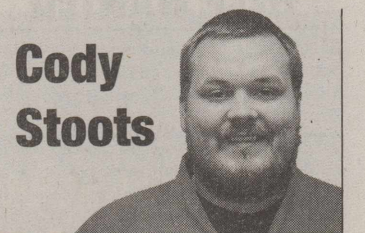
Josh Hamilton broke his upper right arm Tuesday while sliding into home plate headfirst. In the post-game comments, he proceeded to question third-base coach Dave Anderson's decision to send him home.

Hamilton called the play "stupid" and blamed the third-base coach.

"I threw him under the bus by telling the truth about what happened," Hamilton said. "What do you want me to do, lie? People are going to blame who they want to blame."

Josh, the only thing stupid here

Cody Stoots



is you and your comments, and you have no one to blame but yourself.

Anderson may have sent Hamilton, but he surely did not make him slide headfirst. There have been numerous studies, including one by the Sports Science team over at ESPN, that prove you do not get to the base any faster.

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