Tech students accused of vandalizing A&M buses

University calls allegations exaggerated, lacks evidence

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By CAITLAN OSBORN NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech officials released a statement Monday in response to Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne's claim that Aggie buses were vandalized before the rivalry football game, calling his

claims exaggerated.

News of the vandalism first appeared when Byrne posted the following on his Twitter account: "Someone vandalized our buses in Lubbock. Excrement inside and outside of buses plus spray painted vulgarities on outside. Classy."

Texas A&M assistant police

the Aggie football team's security at road venues, released an official statement from the university later Saturday afternoon regarding the incident.

Ragan said four of the team's buses were parked in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn on Avenue Q, and sometime late Friday night or Saturday morning, Tech logos and some derogatory comments were written on the buses

chief Mike Ragan, who oversees in washable paint. The statement also said one of the buses could not be locked and some form of animal excrement was spread throughout the inside of that particular bus.

> Bus drivers from Coach America in Dallas cleaned up the buses and reported to their company. Ragan contacted Tech police to notify them of the incident. However, no police report was filed with the Lubbock Police

Department or the Department of Public Safety.

Tech police Col. Kenny Evans said he was notified of the incident by Lubbock chief of police Ron Seacrist, but was told no report needed to be filed and there was no need for an investigation.

Evans also said the buses were guarded by two police officers from College Station, and no members of the Tech or Lubbock Police Departments were asked

to watch over the area.

Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing at Tech, said no pictures of the incident have surfaced and no one has come forward as the perpetrator(s).

Cook also said an investigation was conducted by the Tech athletic department regarding the allegations.

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Burn ban affects Homecoming bonfire plans



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador THE BONFIRE BURNS during the homecoming bonfire last year at the bonfire pit.

Ninety-day burn ban persists

By STEVIE DOUGLAS STAFF WRITER

Despite the recent rainfall in Lubbock, the 90-day burn ban issued on Aug. 22 has forced Texas Tech to cancel the annual homecoming bonfire.

A flaming Double T is scheduled to replace the massive bonfire at this year's ceremony, which will immediately follow the Tech-Kansas soccer game Oct. 14.

According to the burn ban, the commissioner's court may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of a county if seen as a public safety hazard that would be worsened by outdoor burning.

Specific actions prohibited by the code include burning any combustible material outside of an enclosure meant to contain all flames and sparks or engaging in any activities outdoors which would result in fire unless done in an enclosure designed to protect the spread of fire.

The specifications of the act not only prohibit bonfires, but also the burning of the Double T because the flames will not be enclosed.

"Judge (Tom) Head said that it was his official opinion that this act would be a violation of the current county burn ban," said Clinton Thetford, emergency management coordinator

for Lubbock County.

The specific wording of the burn ban document only includes "unincorporated Lubbock County" because the city of Lubbock and most municipal governments have permanent burn bans barring uncontained flames within city limits.

The specific circumstances have raised legal questions concerning the language used in the code and Head is currently considering making modifications to the code, Thetford said, so it will include both incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lubbock.

Garret Nelson, a Lubbock city fire marshal, said the city recognizes the county ban and would have no objections to the inclusion of incorporated Lubbock.

"I would applaud the judge in this matter," Nelson said. "We have to be extremely mindful of the conditions right now. Initiating a fire for fun would be a like laughing at the devastation caused by wildfires across the state.'

Nelson said he had previously helped to advise Tech in how to proceed with the ceremony, but the decision ultimately falls under the jurisdiction of Tech fire marshal Edward James because the university is technically state property.

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Eyeing Equality



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

SUZI TRACY, FROM Abilene, paints a sign at the Lubbock Pride Fest at the Party House in Lubbock on Saturday.

Legalize Love brings first Gay Pride festival to Lubbock

By CARRIE THORNTON STAFF WRITER

When Giselle Ramirez, a Cali-

Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersexual organizations in Lubbock about organizing do it."

a gay pride festival, she was disappointed by an absence of optimism.

"People told her it was a small town and it would never be tolergirlfriend, said. "But, she still wanted to try, and I said, 'All right. Let's

The couple knew it would be a challenge to organize and execute a gay pride event in what is, according to the Bay Area Center for Voting fornia native, reached out to Gay, ated," Bianca Molina, Ramirez's Research, the second most conservative city in the nation.

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They discovered the buses were not spray-painted, but rather that washable shoe polish was used on the windows of one of the buses.

No feces was found in or statement continued.

on the buses, according to the dropped on the floor of one of

"The alleged 'vandalism' was cleaned by the bus drivers and Holiday Inn staff before it was that time. seen by the A&M official who. tweeted the information," the

investigation, but fish bait was nate so many people jumped to the university said. "While inconclusions and assumed Tech cidents such as the ones alleged vandalism when it could have condemned by Texas Tech, it is been anyone else at the game at

"The clear implication of the tweet was that this was the

Cook said it was unfortu- or students," a statement from tionalizing the actions of one or students were responsible for the are inappropriate and strongly entirety of our university, students and supporters by posting inaccurate information on the

a very few. We are disturbed by the careless use of social media to share these inaccuracies."

Cook said he is unsure of what no less wrong to condemn the motivated the vandalism, but the reaction to it was blown out of proportion.

"It's unfair and unfounded that someone would accuse

(Tech) students of vandalism when there is no proof that a Tech student committed the act," he said. "Word spread from one social networking site to another and other media outlets got wind of it, claiming Tech students were involved. It was irresponsible and poor judgment on their part."

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University fire marshals were unavailable for contact, despite repeated attempts.

Meredith Gooch, assistant director of student activities in charge of homecoming, originally implied that Tech was using a loophole to continue with the ceremony.

"The flaming double T is fueled by propane, not charcoal or wood, which is why we can get away with it," Gooch said. "We have been told that the main concern is that ash will blow away from the designated area and spark another fire."

After learning of the county's opinion on the matter, Gooch explained how, in early September, Lubbock fire marshal Nelson and Tech fire marshal James came to a mutual agreement that the flaming Double T would be acceptable.

If the wording of the county burn ban is modified before the homecoming ceremony on Oct. 14, Thetford said, the person who initiates the fire could be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500. If the fire were to get out of control, that person, as well as the university, could be held responsible for any property damage and potentially charged with a felony arson offense, he said.

Gooch said she received an email from Tech general council Ron Phillips on Monday stating he had spoken with Head and that no violation would result from the ceremony.

However, Thetford said according to the county court,

the event would be to petition the court for a waiver. To his

eral public in late August.

"We do not want to break the rules or do any harm to Lubbock," Gooch said. "If the flaming Double T does prove to be a violation of the burn ban, we will remove it from the ceremony."

Along with the massive legal confusion surrounding the event, the sold-out Taylor Swift concert is scheduled to coincide with the homecoming ceremony, resulting in the relocation of the festivities.

sue, so we moved the ceremony Waller, a Tech Activities Board student representative. "The athletic department offered the space to us as soon as we began looking for alternative places."

"The bonfire pit was built in the 1950s so that it could burn on campus," said Bill Dean, asvice president of the Texas Tech Alumni Association. "Before that, it usually took place in a field west of town."

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able to legally continue with knowledge, no such effort has been made.

The purpose of this order is to mitigate the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions by curtailing the use of combustibles, Thetford wrote in a letter addressed to the gen-

"Parking became another isto the soccer fields," said Geoff

The bonfire traditionally takes place at the bonfire pit between Urbanovsky Park and the Tech rugby fields, the junior history major from Lubbock said.

The first homecoming bonfire took place in 1930, and the trafor three years. According to the only way that Tech will be the Nov. 1, 1934, edition of The



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

THE BONFIRE BURNS during homecoming as a student makes a guns up hand gesture last year at the bonfire pit.

sociate professor and executive Daily Toreador, after a series of bonfire was allowed under the vandalism acts during the previous year's homecoming pep rally, the traditional bonfire was replaced by the parade.

In 1937, the Student Government Association's president, Maxine Fry McCullough, persuaded the administration. to reinstate the tradition. The

condition it would be continuously guarded throughout the night. The Saddle Tramps, a relatively new on-campus spirit organization, offered its assistance and has been responsible for the event ever since, Mc-Cullough said.

"The Saddle Tramps has al-

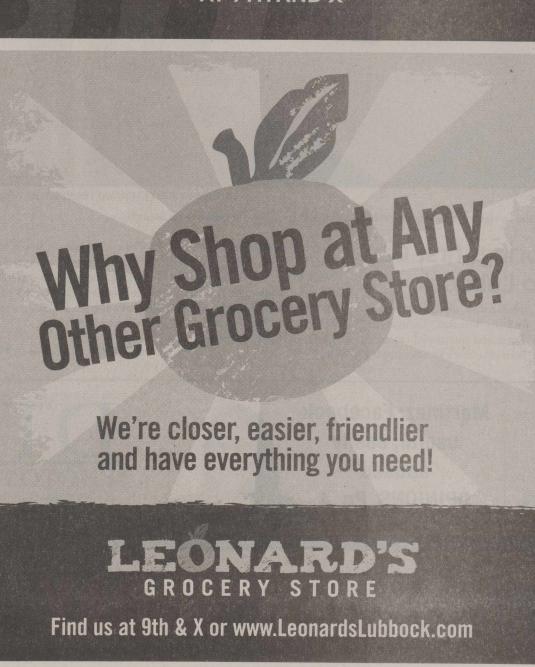
ways been the labor force behind the bonfire," said Saddle Tramps president Alex Lake. "Our goal is to promote school spirit, and it (the bonfire) brings the Lubbock community and the Texas Tech community together, so we are pretty bummed that it isn't going to be that big of an event

Melissa Baten, a freshman engineering major from Houston, said she is disappointed there will not be a bonfire this year.

"I always look forward to traditions," she said. "All of the history and traditions are big reasons for why I chose to come to Texas Tech."

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Breast cancer charity motives doubted

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The country is awash in pink for breast cancer awareness month — and some women are sick of it.

While no one is questioning the need to fight the deadly disease, some breast cancer advocates are starting to ask whether one of the most successful charity campaigns in recent history has

"The pink drives me nuts," said Cynthia Ryan, an 18-year survivor of breast cancer who also volunteers to help other women with the disease. "It's the cheeriness I can't stand."

Activists have even coined a new word: pinkwashing.

They say that's when a company or organization does a pink breast cancer promotion, but at the same time sells and profits from pink-theme products.

generated plenty of discussion among breast cancer advocates.

A Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun with pink pistol grip? The manufacturer says a "Portion of the Proceeds Will Be Donated to a Breast Cancer Awareness

Combo" at Jersey Mike's Subs, or the Sephora Collection Pink Eyelash Curler. One year, there was a pink bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The San Francisco group Breast Cancer Action has led the campaign to question pink products, but executive director Karuna Jaggar said it isn't saying all such products are bad.

She said there's no doubt that when the pink ribbon campaigns started about 20 years ago there was still a great need to raise awareness.

"At one time, pink was the means," Jaggar said. "Now, it's almost become the end in itself. In its most simplistic forms, pink has become a distraction. You put a pink ribbon on it, people stop asking questions."

Breast cancer activists agree that Some of the pink products have the use of a ribbon to promote awareness evolved in stages. They note that in 1979 there were yellow ribbons for the American hostages in Iran; in 1990, AIDS activists used red ribbons to call attention to victims of that disease; and 1991 saw the first major use of the pink ribbon, when the Susan G. Komen

You can get the "Pink Ribbon Foundation gave them out at a New York City race for cancer survivors.

But the ribbon symbol may tie into a far older tradition, according to the American Folk Life Center at the Library of Congress. It notes that various versions of the song "Round Her Neck She Wore A Yellow Ribbon" have been popular for 400 years, all with the theme of displaying the ribbon for an absent loved one.

And it's clear that too many loved ones are still lost to the disease, despite many advances in diagnosis and treatment. The National Cancer Institute estimates that about 40,000 women will die of breast cancer this year, and 230,000 new cases will be diagnosed.

But Jaggar, of Breast Cancer Action, wonders whether more awareness is what's needed to reduce those numbers.

And Breast Cancer Action does take exception to products it considers potentially harmful — like a perfume the Komen Foundation introduced this year, "Promise Me." Jaggar said the perfume contains some possibly toxic or hazardous ingredients, and Breast Cancer Action asked that Komen discontinue



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aura Bush visits namesake institute at HSC

STAFF WRITER

Laura Bush, the former first lady of the United States, attended a private luncheon Friday dedicated to the accomplishments of the Health Sciences Center's Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health.

HSC President Tedd Mitchell said he is appreciative of Bush's help with the Institute for Women's Health and he is pleased to have her working with the HSC. He said Bush's presence at the luncheon was important to the HSC as well.

Chancellor Kent Hance said Bush is a charming person who

has done a lot for women's health issues and the Institute for Women's Health.

"If you were to look up in the dictionary the words 'class' and 'dignity,' Laura Bush's picture would be there," Hance said. "It is a great honor and privilege to welcome our former first lady, Laura Bush, to Texas Tech."

Bush said she was thrilled

to be in Lubbock on Friday and had been looking forward to the luncheon. She said she was especially happy to be there for the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health.

"When Texas Tech approached me about making their women's health institute the Laura Bush Institute for Women's Health five years ago, I was honored and thrilled to support their great work," she said. "I was very happy that Dr. (Mark) Jenkins and Texas

Tech asked me if they could use my name for the Health Sciences Center's Institute for Women's Health because I have been a women's health advocate for many

Bush said she volunteered for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation in Dallas when it was. first founded, and she also had the opportunity to speak about many women's health issues with George W. Bush, her husband, when he was president.

"The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health is the only university research center in Texas uniquely focused on solving a broad spectrum of women's health issues, and I am very proud of that

as well," she said. "The institute began as a communitywide effort to improve women's health problems we face as women, including early diagnoses of ovarian cancer, finding better drugs to treat breast cancer and an issue that is becoming

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LAURA BUSH

tant to me: women and the aging process." Over the past four years, the institute has expanded research and educational programs and has become a national force in gender differences, research and

education, she said. "We know that men and women were created equal, but when it comes to health, research shows that gender differences can greatly affect medical diagnoses and treatment for men and women," Bush said. "Research programs funded

PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

LAURA BUSH, FORMER first lady of the United States, talks to the Lubbock community about the Laura Bush Institute for Women's Health at the Lubbock Country Club on Friday.

gender differences in Alzheimer's disease, alcohol addiction and other chronic diseases.

"Thanks to the gender-specific research and women's health curriculum that the institute is developing, physicians and other medical professionals will be able to learn more about how to better care for their patients by taking their genders into account during diagnosis and treatment."

National efforts to prevent heart disease have brought greater attention to the importance of gender differences in medical care. She said for many years people believed heart disease was a man's disease, even though it is actually the leading cause of death among American women.

"Each year in the United

by the institute are investigating States, more than half a million women will have heart attacks and one in four women will die of heart disease," Bush said. "Too often, the women's symptoms of heart attacks are dismissed as anxiety or fatigue, and they get medical care too late."

Provision is the best defense against heart disease, she said, so understanding gender differences is a critical component of the efforts to educate women and men.

"I've been an advocate for women for many years, but women's health issues are so important to me because I think they have been ignored — or at least the gender differences — and now they're not," Bush said. "Now, people are always paying attention to them, especially the Laura Bush

aspirin a day is more effective in preventing heart attacks in men than in women, and is more effective in preventing strokes in women than in men, she said. Cholesterol-lowering medicines used to prevent heart attacks have been proven to be less effective in women, as well.

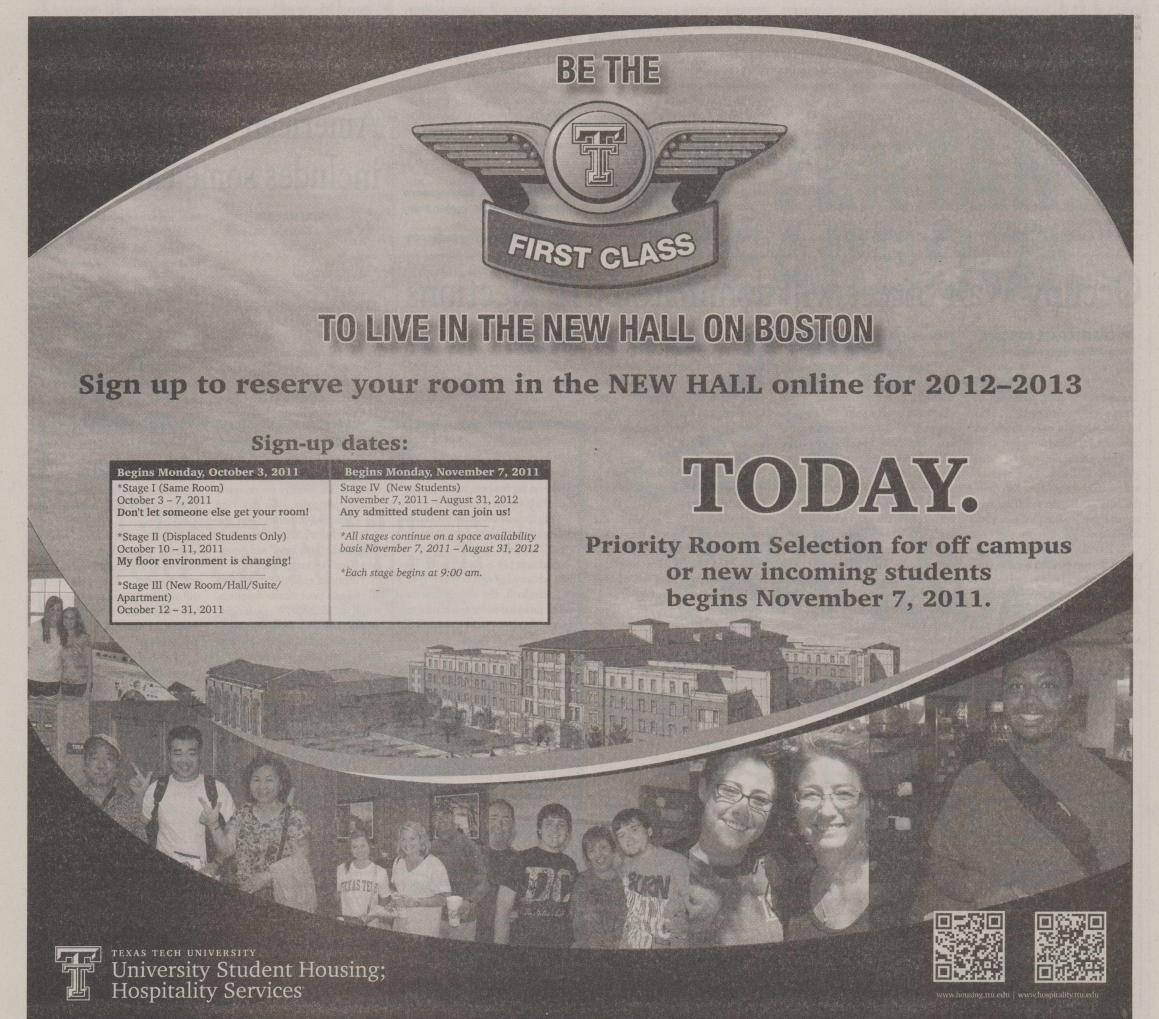
"I think the young women at Texas Tech probably already know what things will make them the healthiest, like eating in healthy ways, exercising, not smoking and not drinking too much," Bush said. "I think there are a lot of things young women know because they read women's magazines and hear them on television. It's really easy now to look up any questions you have about women's health, so my advice

Recent studies have shown an would be to follow those prescriptions for good health. I think it is really important to start building your good health and future right now by exercising and eating in a healthy way."

Bush said she appreciates the work of the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health to ensure that medical professionals are better prepared to account for gender differences when treating patients.

"The research done here will improve the health of women not only here in West Texas, but also all across our state, our country and around the world," Bush said. "Diseases like heart disease, Alzheimer's and breast cancer don't respect national boundaries, and so neither should our efforts to

confront these diseases.' >>> mcrump@dailytoreador.com



Facebook useful, easily abused

Tacebook is the key to our generation and the gold standard for connecting with people.

Whether it's used to connect with friends, family or past lovers, it is still the only way people these days seem to want to stay connected with society. And with this great deal of connection, it also can become a cause for a great deal of drama.

A friend of mine recently showed me a particular Facebook status with 98 comments posted for all to see. To sum up the posts, it was "baby mama" drama resulting in someone being called a liar.

It is posts like this that make me questions people's motives for signing up on Facebook. It seems people's lives have become a display for entertainment — good and bad — similar to reality TV. Yet, in this case, it's more of a poor man's reality TV show.

When did people switch private matters into public matters for everyone else to see and



comment on? When did we lose what was so great about being human beings, namely the ability to verbally communicate? Ultimately, we've refused to use our communication skills and we rely heavily on texting when Facebook is not an option.

Don't get me wrong. I hate talking on the phone as much as the next person, but I also dislike texting. I don't mind Facebook comments, but I usually delete a lot of them because most are nonsense.

Then, there are those few who tag me in whatever locations we both might be at, which is something I'll never understand. Why must people back home know that I'm at the Student Union Building with Leslie, at the library with Karen is second nature. or getting my drink on at Cheddar's after the hepatitis scare? I mean, who cares about this stuff?

When did people start caring so much about what's going on in my life? On top of that, when did you start thinking people cared so much about what's going on in your life such that you constantly post about it? These are the most common things I see whenever I sign into my Facebook.

Initially, I'm faced with feeling obligated to care, which usually doesn't last very long. It's not so much that I don't care for the person involved. It's just that I just don't understand why every minute of their life needs to be captured by a status update.

I mean, sure, I've deleted people who have felt the need to befriend me. I've even gone as far as deleting family members — only since they would take everything I said literally and cause some sort of drama of their own. But, I guess for some people, for some reason, drama

So, with all of this Facebook knowledge passed on, I believe the purpose of Facebook should be what it was intended for from the very beginning, which is to facilitate connections between people from all over the world. Although it can be an annoying application in our everyday lives, it can be a great tool for social connection, if used in the correct manner.

I'm not going to lie. It is nice to know what my little brother is doing while over in Iraq, what my friend Joe is doing in a guitar shop in Manchester or what my Aunt is making for dinner.

Overall, for all of the bad that Facebook can showcase in today's technology-driven world, the website still brings social benefits, which I suppose more than balances out the negative.

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Occupy Wall Street seeks social change

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The recent protests across the United States are hopeful signs of something that has appeared, until now, to have been eliminated in the United States. A physical but peaceful example of frustration, covered by most major media institutions.

The reason for frustration stems from the income disparity and the evaporation of the middle class. Folks from all demographics, cultures, and social standings have banded together to take to the streets.

This is positive action; however there is a complaint that should be

heard. But, these protests, which were sparked by those educated and uneducated, are clearly due to an inability to find jobs that suit the lifestyles they wish to live.

The issue is, where were these protests when the majority of these people had

jobs? They complain that the upper 1 percent has had more wealth then the other 99 percent — a truthful statement, but this has been true for a long time. The breaking point is occurring due to inaction when conditions began to allow for this and that is cause for desperation.

That desperation is a lack of a jobs and therefore inability for folks to provide for themselves or their families. When protests arise out of this desperation or anger they are not always peaceful, though this not making any judgment of the current protests as they remain relatively peaceful.

However it would be wise to not allow these issues to occur. It is dangerous of a nation to allow things to reach the level of desperation where these protests occur. It is much easier to have an economy recess then to expand and grow, so it is important to avoid prolonged protesting. Here is where things need to change. We have a chance in our generation to reverse the mistakes of the people before us. They allowed things to swing from left to right by always giving in to personal greed and selfishness.

The pendulum swinging from left to right is reason for revolution the world

Our generation has to attempt to be the pioneers to curb this and create the world you and your neighbor can live comfortably in. In this situation, protests such as Occupy Wall Street need not to happen. Capitalism is all well and good,

but we cannot allow it to run away at the expense of others because that is at its core. Disregarding the lives of our brothers and sisters of the world for oneself is an act harder to live with then helping

I propose we create a world where we can live

comfortably together and leave behind the one where CEOs make 262 times their workers' paychecks.

This new world can be a happier place, where the CEOs and super-elite will be filled by our generation, who hold the power to destroy their greedy weaknesses. Unlike the past, where the goal was a dollar sign, we can instead create an intangible asset for humanity as a whole, happiness.

Each and every one of us has the power to make the place of our career choice a better place. It may take more effort, but if you make the right choices every day, when you arrive at your last one, you will not look back and feel guilt for how you lived your life because we are all in it together.

Emphasis on digital etiquette necessary

hroughout my time as an opinions columnist here at The Daily Toreador, I have received many email responses to my columns. Needless to say, many of those emails were from people who did not quite agree with the rather liberal things I've written, which is no surprise considering the conservative nature of this city.

However, the online conversations I've had with readers have taught me many important things that I think are valuable for Tech students to know. The most important of these is how to conduct communication properly in an email, which is an art that, if allowed to die, poses an imminent threat to the livelihoods of people everywhere.

Perhaps that's a little too dramatic. Regardless, I still want to refresh everyone's memories on some important tips to keep in mind when composing emails.

We are taught an early age that making a good first impression on someone is important, especially if



you want to be given any credibility. Among the first things people notice in an email is its grammar.

Call me petty, but I find it a challenge to take someone seriously if they can't write a coherent sentence. It does not take much time or effort to go back and proofread your emails for simple errors such as misspelled words, run-on sentences and punctuation

Since I'm sure those of you reading this are well past grade school, I won't list every single thing you should do in order to practice correct grammar usage. Instead, I will just note that the basic grammar we learned in the first twelve years of our educations

These days, with so much of our communication being on the Internet or through text messaging, it's easy to get lazy and not think about how to organize thoughts. Simply lumping everything one has to say into one gargantuan paragraph has become a fairly common practice. I won't lie: I'm just as guilty as everyone else of doing this on Facebook or in a text message every now and then.

However, it is important to remember that in an email being sent to, say, a professor or newspaper editor who may or may not know you, organizing your thoughts in a way that flows you really know what you're talking about and therefore gives you more credibility. Separate each new thought into its own paragraph and make sure the sentences in those paragraphs aren't too repetitive.

Setting email structure aside,

do these days is use email as a means to say things they would never say in person. Your online etiquette, or netiquette, be it on online forums, social networking websites or through private correspondences, should not differ from your behaviors in person. Just because there may not necessarily be immediate consequences does not make it acceptable to be

All of those netiquette rules we learned in our eighth-grade computer classes still apply in college, along with the basic grammar we learned in K-12. Especially with more and more correspondences happening online, it's important and clearly outlines what you're to not forget that you are still trying to say makes you look like talking to a flesh-and-blood human being whose first impression of you may very well depend on how well you write.

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is applicable and crucial to wellanother thing people tend to Occupy Wall Street will dominate 2012 elections

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The Left's dream of a Tea Party equivalent has come true with the Occupy Wall Street movement. Don't let that stop you nonpartisans and conservatives from taking part in it.

This movement will be consequential. I believe the movement will overtake the political discourse of the 2012 election in much the same way that the Tea Party influenced the 2010 sweep.

It has already proven to be as potent or more so than the Tea Party with gatherings, protests and marches spreading from coast to coast and around the world.

According to ABC News, the most recent marches had upward of 15,000

participants, including more than 700 protesters who were arrested.

I believe union support is proving to be the turning point and is greatly strengthening the movement. While "big labor" might seem like an oxymoron these days, the national labor unions still hold clout and will give the Occupy movement more mainstream acceptance.

The success of the Tea Party, and future success of the Occupy Wall Street movements, rests with their goals derived from a perceived notion of economic injustice. What is shared between the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street is their dissatisfaction with the status quo — where they differ is in their priorities and political philosophy.

Income inequality in America

rivals that of many Third-World countries, and it has for some time. In the United States, the richest 10 percent control two-thirds of Americans' net worth. According to the Congressional Budget Office, this is a trend that has been occurring since the late 1970s.

The participants of Occupy Wall Street seem to acknowledge these and similar statistics and are demanding a handful of reforms.

Fundamentally, they would like the system to stop favoring the wealthy at the expense of the poor. There exists in America a persistent belief that if you play by the rules and try your hardest, you'll be rewarded.

Whether that reward is fame, riches or something else, we all deep down have the sense that we're des-

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tined for greatness (or at least have the ability to achieve it). This belief is false. In the recession even people who have worked hard all their lives and did good things lost jobs, homes and even loved ones.

The Occupy movement will allow President Obama to stake out a far more populist message as the campaign gears up. He will be emboldened to take on big business, to the dismay of the Republican nominee.

Polls have shown that regardless of ideology, Americans want millionaires to pay a fair share in taxes.

And now, just as quickly as the Tea Party advanced ground in Washington to a standstill, the administration will be provided cover to advance an agenda of real economic equalization. That is, if they choose to.

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American exceptionalism includes some exceptions

By NIKI HARRIS THE HILLSDALE COLLEGIAN (HILLSDALE COLLEGE)

As the Republican party bounces around ideas for its nomination for the next presidential election, many candidates and their supporters insist wholeheartedly that they are "American Exceptionalists" and therefore the true conservatives and Americans. For a term used so often, no one seemed to really know what it means.

One of many meanings the phrase assumes a divinely ordained mission given especially to the United States as the beacon of morality in the world — or that American forefathers founded our country on uniquely inspired principles — or that God has exempted America from the trends of history, sometimes calling America the "New Israel" and Americans "God's chosen people."

American exceptionalism often also takes a more secular definition, simply the idea that "We got it right" accompanied by a feeling of superiority and eminence over any other country: past, present or future.

There appears an inherent hypocrisy with some of these concepts and how they have used in American politics. "We believe in equality, therefore we're the best." "We believe in self-government, so let us set up your government for you." "We're the heirs of the Western Christian tradition, therefore no one has thought of our principles before.'

As we all remember from American heritage - sorry, freshman Edmund Burke characterized the American Revolution as a conservative force, which is certainly how the founding fathers thought of their actions. This essential motive differentiates the American Founding from the Reign of Terror in the French Revolution. They meant to restore the rights and privileges of Englishmen that they had enjoyed before, to get back to how things

were, not to do something radical, new, or exceptional. In fact, few to none of the principles of the founding were uniquely or originally American.

It was Russian dictator Joseph Stalin who coined American exceptionalism to mean what he saw as America's delusion of exclusion from the natural course of the world. It would be difficult and irresponsible to attempt to anachronistically claim the founding generation as "American exceptionalist" or not, but we can see how the term has been used since its birth in the twentieth century. Colonization, imperialism, and foreign wars have all been justified by American exceptionalism - "making the world safe for democracy," spreading Americanism, and sentiments of moral supremacy. How are these conservative

"Conservatism, I repeat, is not an ideology," Russell Kirk explained. "It does not try to excite the enthusiasm of a secular religion. If you want men who will sacrifice their past and present and future to a system of abstract ideas, you must go to Communism, or Fascism, or Benthamism."

'The high-minded conservative detests Abstraction, or the passion for forcing men and societies into a preconceived pattern divorced from the special circumstances of different times and countries," he said.

This lies at the heart of conservatism — understanding the context of one's time and place — that the American is obligated to love his country over all others just as the Irishman is obligated to love his country and so on. The word "patriotism," should inspire a familial bond with our home. We love it because it is ours, not because we love abstractions about it that can blind us to its fallibility and mortality.

The conservative places himself first with God and Church; then family, community, state, and country; and finally humanity, instead of in the unconservative, nationalistic, ideological, perverted patriotism called American exceptionalism.

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World Championship Ironman competitor returns to Lubbock

By LAURA WALTZER AND SHELBY CHAPMAN CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

David Preston completed the final curve of his 26.2-mile run with labored breaths, striking the pavement with heavy steps.

Kona, Hawaii, a cool breeze swept over his reddened shoulders as the athlete heard the chorus of spectators' cheers. Preston completed the World Championship Ironman his second Ironman in five months — in 11 hours and 16 minutes, which was not far from his 11-hour goal time.

The Houston native ranked 30th in his division (18-24).

"I got to the finish line and just wanted to cry," Preston said, "but tears never came because I was so dehydrated. I don't remember crossing the finish line, but there was a huge smile on my face — that's for sure."

Treading water for 15 to 20 minutes before the start for a good position, Preston said the world championship was the most hectic and chaotic swim he has ever raced.

"I was in a survival mode to not drown," he said. "I was trying to stay away from people's feet and from getting elbowed in the face."

Halfway through his swim, Preston stopped to adjust his goggles, which were knocked off by a fellow

"There were just so many people. The conditions were pretty rough and the swells were really big," he said.

Preston exited the water — the first portion of the 140.6-mile race — in one hour and 3 minutes. Following the swim, Preston finished

the 112-mile bike ride in five hours and 29 minutes, biking against a 30 mph headwind as he climbed uphill. At the 80th mile, Preston said he began to feel the pangs of exhaustion.

"It was those hints of wanting to quit," he said, "and wanting to As the sun began setting in throw your bike to the side of the road and just give up. All I could think about was how many miles I had left and when I could finally get off the bike.

> Preston said the last few miles of the bike ride were the most difficult.

"The course was a true test as far as an Ironman goes," he said.

The 112 miles proved to be the most challenging portion of

"Ultimately, you're racing for yourself," the mechanical engineering major said. "But, there are so many people out there, that if it were just you, what would you be proving? You want to prove to yourself and to other people what you can do."

Preston finished the bike race almost 2,000 calories under the suggested 3,000-calorie intake. With 26.2 miles remaining, he fueled himself only with liquids after eating a muffin at the aid station.

"You can't train or put yourself in that kind of pain with adrenaline, nerves and the race's atmosphere to get to feeling that way," he said. "You take in what you can when you're training, but they say it takes a couple of Ironmans to figure out what works for your stomach to take in those calories."

Running an average 10-minute mile for the first half of the marathon, Preston said the effects of the sun slowed his pace to a 12-minute mile until the end



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DAVID PRESTON, A Tech student and World Championship Ironman competitor, races in the last mile of the bike portion's 112-mile ride of the 140.6-mile triatholon.

fastest," he said. "I picked up my pace and ran through the aid stations. The last three miles felt so good that I even picked up my tempo. The best part is when I got to the last aid station and knew there was only one mile left."

Watching most competitors constantly running was one of the

'The last nine miles were my hardest parts of the world championship, Preston said, especially since he had to walk a portion of it himself.

"You think it's embarrassing, then you have to remind yourself that all of these guys are so experienced, and it's still an Ironman, and you're crazy for doing it," he said.

Crossing the finish line, Preston

finisher's medal and congratulatory hugs from his parents and sister. When he finished the race, he said he did not think about the pain, but rather of what he accomplished

at Kona. Initially, he believed he would not race another Ironman for at least five years, though within days

was greeted by a Hawaiian lei, a of returning home, Preston shortened that time to two years.

> "Racers don't reach their peak until their early 40s," he said. "I still have a good 15 years left. I'm super glad I got to go, but I definitely know I have a lot to learn if I want to do more competitive races."

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Eva Longoria-backed migrant documentary out Tuesday on

migrant laborers, not just because of her Latin American roots but also because she wants to know where her food comes from and take responsibility for it.

Much of the harvesting work in the United States is done by migrants from Latin America, especially Mexico. But Longoria's interest in the subject didn't spring from her roots, but from concern over children growing up in the fields, the "Desperate Housewives" star says.

"I'm ninth-generation Mexican-American. We have ranches in Texas but you don't have to have that to have compassion," Longoria said. "I eat food and I'm a responsible human being and if you are responsible, you have to know where your food comes from."

in the United States is harvested by

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eva Longo children. That estimate could not be imria says she lent her support to "The mediately confirmed by The Associated 2010 that at least 10 percent of hired farm laborers in the United States were under 18, but said that accurate numbers were hard to come by.

> The documentary says that more than 400,000 children work in U.S. farm fields.

"You have to be aware of the practices that are used to get the food we are eating," said the actress, who as executive producer of "The Harvest," raised nearly \$1 million for the film, which will be released on DVD Tuesday.

"I've been involved with farm workers advocacy for a long time," she said, "but I recently found out, I didn't know there were so many children working legally in the fields."

"The Harvest" tells the story of three Longoria said a quarter of food eaten children who work as field laborers in Florida, Michigan and Texas to help

In the film, one of them, 12-year-old Harvest," a documentary about child Press. Human Rights Watch reported in Zulema Lopez, notes that she started working at such a young age, she doesn't even remember her first day. She adds that picking onions in Texas from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., she made \$64 a week.

> The child field workers work under an unforgiving sun and in paralyzing cold and run the same risks and suffer the same deprivations as adult laborers, the film shows. Lopez, for example, recounts how she had to throw dirt on a wound to stop it from bleeding. The film also explains how migratory work makes it difficult for children to receive a proper education.

> The film has been shown to members of Congress to put a face on a bill sponsored by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard. D-Calif., that would raise the minimum age for field work in the U.S. from 12 to 14 years. It also seeks to create penalties for labor infractions against young field

workers and reduce their exposure to pesticides.

"We want to use the film to change shouldn't have to choose between school policy," Longoria said. "Children and work."

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But, after months of preparation, the couple succeeded, and Lubbock's first Pride Fest brought together more than 500 gay and straight individuals from around West Texas on Saturday at the Old Town Party House.

"It was a lot of drama, sleepless nights and nausea in two months, but it was well worth it," Molina said. "There's a quote by Harvey Milk (the first openly gay American politician elected to public office in California) that really pushed us. He said, 'I never considered myself to be the movement. I consider myself to be a part of the movement,' and that's what it's about.

"I'm grateful that people thanked us, but we were just doing our jobs as human beings. I'm happy not because we are getting recognition, but because we saw people so happy."

Pride's purpose was to inspire and motivate the community, especially in a time of publicized bullying toward GLBTQI individuals, she said. Therefore, the event's activities, which began at 3 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m., were aimed at empowering the

audience.

One moment that elicited an emotional response from the audience was when Ramirez and Molina kissed on stage and instructed the crowd to kiss and hold their partners' hands in the air to demonstrate that love

their partners' hands in public and watching the rainbow flags being hoisted in front of Old Town broke everyone down," Molina said.

The event also provided a chance for participants to visit various information booths, such as Gays of Lubbock, Lesbians of Lubbock and Get Equal Texas, as well as vendors like Kindness Matters, Lady Aisha's Emporium and Heart Sail.

Various GLBTQI individuals delivered speeches about their personal experiences and several bands played throughout the day as well. One speech in particular caught the attention of Kyle Elliott, a senior architecture major from Guatemala.

"My favorite part was a speech by this transvestite who talked about what they went through and their situation," he said, "and how they were not feeling comfortable with their

body and felt out of place. It was inspiring."

The event was successful and showed the city may be becoming more open-minded, Elliott said, who, as a gay man, has never had any issues with harassment from the community. Elliott said he knows the "Seeing everyone holding significance of the event in the conservative town.

> "It was significant because, unlike other events, the main event wasn't a parade, a show or an act," he said. "It wasn't about just a party, but it was about really inspiring people and making them feel that it is OK to be who they are no matter their sexes, orientations or beliefs.'

Other participants, such as Jake Macon, a sophomore undeclared major, enjoyed the event's music and party atmosphere as the evening progressed.

Macon said his friend was involved in the planning of Pride, and he was not overly surprised at the news of a gay-themed celebration in Lubbock.

"I had no idea it was the first one, and I thought it was great," said the D'Hanis native. "I haven't been in Lubbock very long, but it didn't really shock me to know there was going to be a gay pride event."



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SAUL REYES, A board member for Equality Texas, and his partner Tony Brockman, both from Amarillo, sit at the Equality Texas table at the Lubbock Pride Fest outside the Party House in Lubbock on Saturday.

Pride are already in the works, Molina said, but not by Legalize Love — the organization she and Ramirez founded and operated under. Local groups like OutWest expressed interest

she said, and the couple hopes it continues for years to come.

"Everyone has a day of celebration," Molina said. "There's Black History Month and Women's History Month and all these

Plans for Lubbock's next in reviving the event next year, days where people celebrate who they are. The GLBTQI community needs that too, especially in Lubbock. People shouldn't feel like they have to move to celebrate who they are."

Christians under siege in post-revolutionary Egypt, violence spreads

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's Coptic Christians have long felt like secondclass citizens in their own country.

Now many fear that the power vacuum left after the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak is giving Muslim extremists free rein to torch churches and attack Coptic homes in the worst violence against the community in decades.

An assault Sunday night on Christians protesting over a church attack set off riots that drew in Muslims, Christians and the police. Among the 26 people left killed in the melee, most el-Sissi, it was evidence that the Christian community in Egypt is vulnerable as never before.

"In the absence of law, you can understand how demolishing a church goes unpunished," he said. "I have not heard of anyone who got arrested or

Once a majority in Egypt, Copts now make up about 10 percent of the country's 85 million people. They are the largest Christian community in the Middle East. Their history dates back 19

were Copts. For Coptic scholar Wassem centuries and the language used in their liturgy can be traced to the speech of Egypt's pharaohs. Proud of their history and faith, many Copts are identifiable by tattoos of crosses or Jesus Christ on their right wrists, and Coptic women do not wear the veil as the vast majority of Muslim women in Egypt do.

> Under Mubarak, the problems of Copts festered even if they faced less violence than they do now. Their demands for a law to regulate construction of churches went unanswered and attacks on churches went unpunished.

> Copts shared in the euphoria of the 18-day revolution that ousted Mubarak and like so many other Egyptians their hopes for change were high. Mainly, they wanted to be on equal footing with Muslims.

> At Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the revolution against Mubarak, there were glimpses of a fleeting utopia where coexistence and mutual respect between Muslims and Christians was the rule. The iconic image of Christians forming a human shield around Muslim worshippers during Friday prayers to protect them from thugs and

But shortly after Mubarak's ouster, a series of assaults on Christians brought home a stark reality: The fading of authoritarian rule empowered Islamist fundamentalists, known here as Salafis, who have special resentment for Chris-

While the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood has long been Egypt's best organized opposition movement, the Salafis are a new player in politics. They are ultraconservatives, close to Saudi Arabia's Wahhabi interpretation of Islam and more radical than the Brotherhood. They seek to emulate the austerity of Islam's early days and oppose a wide range of practices they view as "un-Islamic" — rejecting the treatment of non-Muslims as citizens with equal rights as well as all forms of

Western cultural influence. The Salafis persistently accuse the Copts of trying to spread Christianity in a Muslim nation, echoing Wahhabism's deep distrust and hostility of other religions

Mubarak's regime tolerated the Salafis and they expanded in numbers

ter Mubarak's overthrow, they enjoyed more freedom than ever before to go after their No. 1 target — Christians.

Now rarely a month passes without a sectarian incident — a Muslim-Christian love affair or battles over constructing a church.

On Feb. 23, less than two weeks after Mubarak's ouster, a priest was found dead with several stab wounds and witnesses say masked men shouting Allahu-Akbar (God is Great) were seen leaving his apartment. The incident triggered protests in the southern city of Assiut where Christians scuffled

Not long after in March, a Muslim-Christian love affair led a Muslim mob to torch a church in Soul village to the south of Cairo and set it on fire. When Christians held a protest denouncing the attack on the church, they were attacked by Muslim mob wielding guns, knives and clubs. When it was done, 13 were dead and 140 injured.

The next month, thousands of testers, most of them Islamic hardliners and members of the Muslim Brotherhood, protested in front of the pro-Mubarak loyalists spoke volumes to and power over the years. However, af governor's office in the southern city

of Qena to denounce the appointment a day earlier of a new Coptic Christian governor. In the face of the protests, the government replaced the Coptic

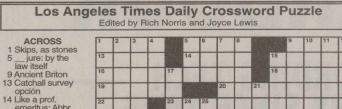
Then in May, Islamic ultraconservatives burned a church in the workingclass district of Imbaba in Cairo and clashed with Christians leaving 12

Those riots were triggered by a Christian woman who had an affair with a Muslim man. And when she disappeared, the man spread rumors that Christian clergy had snatched her and were holding her prisoner in a local church because she converted to Islam.

Then a few months passed with no attacks, until Sunday night, now known as the "bloody Sunday."

The Christians were protesting in Cairo over the events of Sept. 30 when a Muslim mob that set fire on a church in southern village of Marynab in Aswan province because they believed the Christians were illegally constructing a new church. Church officials had documents showing they had permission to build a new church to replace a previous, run-down one at the same site.

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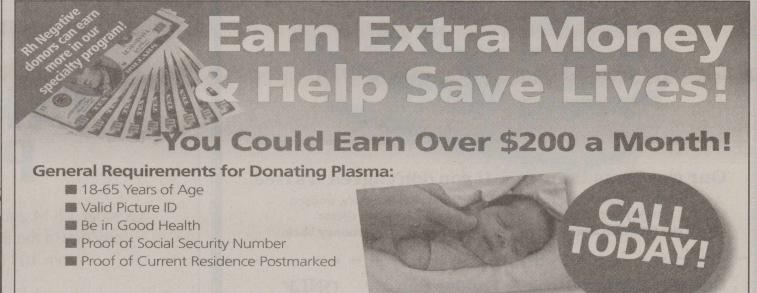
Texas schools sue for funding

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of more than 150 Texas school districts said Tuesday it has filed a lawsuit against the state over a school funding system it says is unfair, inefficient and unconstitutional.

The coalition represents more than one in 10 Texas districts. It accuses lawmakers of turning a blind eye to the state's troubled school financing system for years and exacerbating the flaws this summer when they slashed public school spending by more than \$4 billion to close a massive budget gap.

"Some districts really wanted us to file last year, but we thought, 'We'll give the Legislature one more chance to do the right thing, to fix this broken system we have and fund schools properly," said Lauren Cook, a spokeswoman for the Austin-based Equity Center, which organized the lawsuit. "But they didn't. They cut \$4 billion in core funding. As a result of that action they took, there's really just no other option for schools at

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Tech soccer can't stop A&M, topples TCU



By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

It was a weekend of missed opportunities and redemption for the Texas Tech

In a highly anticipated match against Texas A&M on Friday, the Red Raiders were forced to deal with the wind and a potent Aggie offense.

Both factors proved to be too much for Tech as it dropped a tight 2-0 match in front of a record-setting crowd of 2,176 at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

At the onset of the match, the Red Raiders operated against the wind and could not muster a goal in the first half. The Aggies did not find the net either, but their lack of offense changed quickly in the second half, even though they were the ones now pitted against strong winds.

In the 47th minute, Lyndsey Gnatzig sent a ball toward the net and Kelly Monogue was able to strike it past Victoria Esson to break the scoreless tie.

"With the ball up in the wind, I think Vic misjudged it a little bit and called off the defender and allowed the A&M forward the chance to flick it over her head," head coach Tom Stone said. "It was a very timely goal for them because I thought it was going to be our turn to pound their goal for 45 minutes, and that goal really set the game up for them."

The best opportunity of the match for Tech came shortly after, when Jessica Disabella served a ball to the near post, but Taylor Lytle could not capitalize on the dish.

"I have no idea how we failed to tap it in. It was the ball of the game," Stone said. "It was the chance of the game, and if it would've gone in, then obviously, B. Walker Soccer Complex.

changed the result."

The crowd was a factor throughout the match and Stone was disappointed his team did not deliver.

"It's too bad we couldn't give them what they came for," Stone said. "I know our girls were upset about that because they felt the obligation to turn up the heat for the fans.'

After dealing with the A&M loss, Stone said the match could not derail the Red Raiders entering their match against TCU. There did not appear to be any lingering effects from the defeat against the Aggies as Tech knocked off the Horned Frogs 2-1 in Fort Worth.

Late in the first half, Jaelene Hinkle served a pass to Madison Terry, who headed her fourth goal of the season into the net to give the Red Raiders the initial advantage. In Tech's 15 matches this season, Hinkle leads the team with three assists.

The solid passing trend continued for the Red Raiders in the second half when Morgan Johnson found Jessica Fuston in the box for the second goal of the match in the 64th minute.

Fuston's goal also came via her noggin and was her team-leading seventh of the season.

The Horned Frogs did not get on the scoreboard until the 90th minute, when Brooke Kviz snuck a penalty kick past Victoria Esson. Although the sophomore did not secure another shutout, she repeatedly stymied TCU, finishing with seven saves.

Tech will get its chance to stave off a conference losing streak at 7 p.m. Friday when hosting Kansas at the John

PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH FORWARD Paige Strahan is defended by Texas A&M forward Kaite Hamilton during Tech's 2-0 loss at John B. Walker Soccer Complex on Friday.

195-pound junior, entered Saturday's game as the nation's 13thleading rusher, averaging 22 carries and 117 yards per game.

up 1,582 yards in 1998.

Stephens -

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Stephens, a 5-foot-8,

Stephens had eclipsed 20 carries and 100 rushing yards in four of Tech's first five games, and he was well on pace to become the first Red Raider to rush for 1,000 vards since Ricky Williams piled

Losing that amount of productivity is something sure to increase the difficulty of offensive game planning for Kansas State, a top-20 defense.

"It becomes difficult," offensive coordinator Neal Brown said Saturday. "I don't want to talk about it tonight because Eric just got hurt. I'm down about it because the kid means a lot to me, and he's done a lot for our program. He's a great kid. But tomorrow, what we'll do is have somebody else step up."

Senior Aaron Crawford and true freshman DeAndre Washington attempted to fill the void left by Stephens.

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Crawford finished with 22 yards on seven carries while Washington gained just one yard on one carry.

Crawford, Washington and true freshman Kenny Williams are expected to shoulder the load in the running game in the wake of Stephens' injury.

Ronnie Daniels, the third of Tech's three true freshmen running backs, will remain suspended, Tuberville said during Monday's media luncheon.

Daniels missed Tech's seasonsuspension is indefinite.

having someone carry the ball, but Tech's healthy ball carriers have.

"(Crawford) will get his op-Washington and Kenny Williams," Tuberville said Saturday. "We've

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

opener against Texas State and TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Eric Stephens is carted off the field by the Nevada, Kansas and A&M team trainers after being hit in the knee by Texas A&M's Damontre Moore games because of suspension. His during Tech's 40-45 loss to A&M on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tuberville's concern is not with just don't have a lot of experience." Crawford is expected to take

rather with the lack of experience Stephens' place in the starting lineup come this Saturday.

The one knock on Crawford, portunities, as will DeAndre Tuberville said, is his inability to avoid the injury bug.

But Tuberville said when it just got to go on with what we comes to comparing raw ability, have. We do have some depth. We Crawford provides just as much talent as Stephens did.

"(Crawford) was as good as Eric was," Tuberville said Monday. "He knows how to do it. He's been there, done that. We used him a lot in those situations, and he can run the ball. The problem with Aaron is staying healthy, as it was for Eric.'

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"Jesse is the snapper, and he's done an awesome job this entire year. Erxleben has been my holder and he's been solid this whole time," Carona said. "I don't think that was a factor. I don't know. (Harris) got there so fast."

The blocked kick was of paramount importance for the Aggies' momentum and something Tech could not afford.

"You can't give up a touchdown in a game like this on special teams," Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said. "You do, and 90 percent of the time you'll lose."

Another one of Carona's field goals became a crucial and somewhat controversial decision in the fourth quarter. Down 45-30 and facing a fourth-and-nine on the A&M 14-yard line, Tuberville opted for a 30-yard field goal by the senior.

"So, you've got to take points as much as you can," Tuberville said. "I

would have loved to have gone for it, the quarterback, we were in five-man but the odds of making that weren't really good, so we took the points and went on with it."

The odds were established by the lengthy distance needed for the conversion. The Red Raiders' offense was efficient to that juncture, with quarterback Seth Doege serving as

The junior threw for 391 yards and three touchdowns in the game, but was also sacked three times and repeatedly knocked down by the constantly blitzing Aggie defense.

"Yeah, we knew they were going to bring a lot of people," Doege said. "But our game plan was to get the ball and get rid of it quick, which we did. We did a good job of it.'

In the diverse Tech passing scheme, Doege mixed up his 44 completions between 10 receivers. In order for the hurry-up offense to be effective, the variety in routes and protections is necessary even if the quarterback has to take some punishment.

"For a lot of those hits you saw on

protection, so we were kind of rolling the dice," offensive coordinator Neal Brown said. "Sometimes, you win on those. Sometimes, you lose."

In the first half, the Red Raiders were losing the battle defensively to the A&M offense. The Aggies racked up 301 yards and 31 points in the first two frames.

"Giving up 31 points — that was the biggest issue right there," defensive back D.J. Johnson said. "I felt like our offense did great. Credit to them because with 40 points, we should be able to win a game putting up 40 points. It probably shouldn't be close."

Throughout the game, the seasoned A&M quarterback worked Tech's defense. The first Aggie touchdown came when Tannehill faked a handoff and then scampered 19 yards opposite of the flow of the defense all by himself.

"We're young defensively," John-

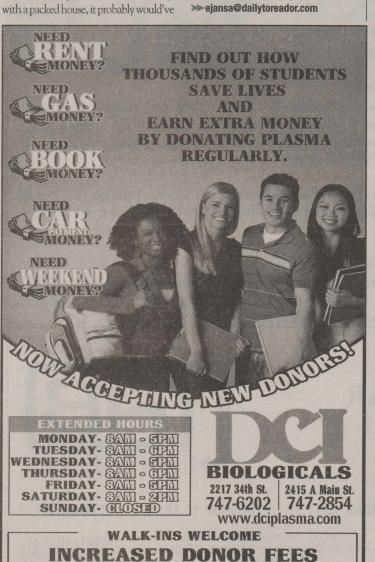
start. It's just we've got to go out there every day and practice harder and try to get better each day."

The running back tandem of Cyrus Gray and Christine Michael was heavily used by the Aggies, with the two combining for 168 yards and two touchdowns.

"I didn't want it to just be a throwfest out there, so I wanted to have some balance running the football," Sherman said. "We started to run the ball out of two tight end packages and one sometimes became the fullback. It was working for us, so we kind of stayed with it."

A&M stayed steady in the second half, but only yielded 92 more yards and one touchdown, giving Tech an opportunity to come back and win.

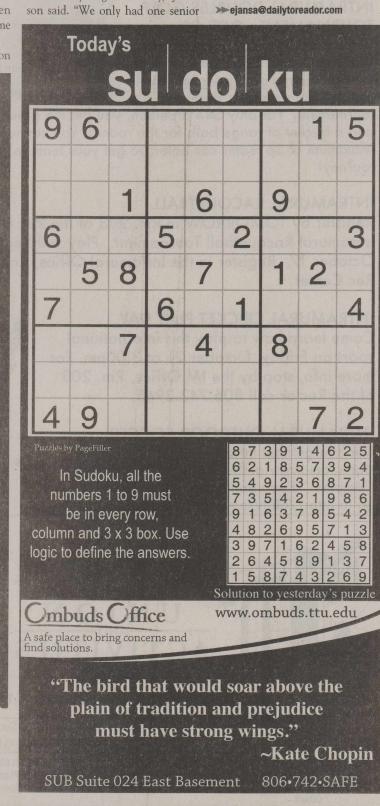
"Again, it all goes back to how we made progress, played hard and gave ourselves a chance even though we made a ton of mistakes," Tuberville said.

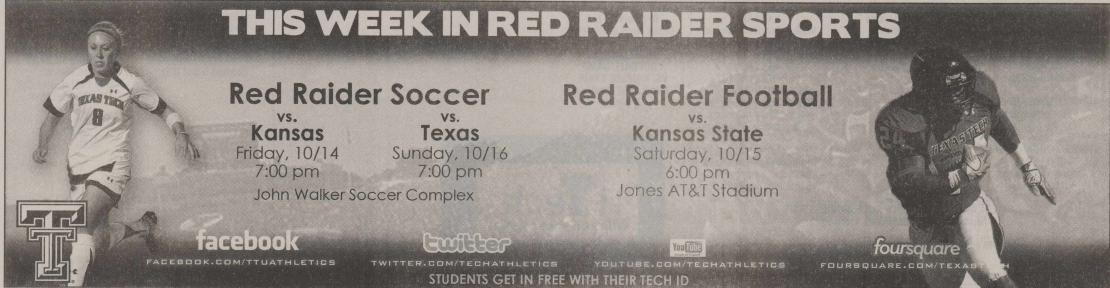


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Texas A&M AD

By BRETT WINEGARNER SPORTS EDITOR

've never really understood what "Gig 'em" means, but apparently it means to hide behind Twitter and say bad things about a university when the facts of the situation still aren't clear.

Moreover, it seems to come with the feeling that you're better than everyone else because you won a national championship back when Abraham Lincoln was in office.

I'm sure by now everyone has heard about the incident that occurred prior to the football game. It was alleged by Texas A&M officials that vandals had spread animal feces throughout A&M's buses and spraypainted them as well.

This incident led to Bill Byrne, A&M's athletic director, tweeting this gem: "Someone vandalized our buses in Lubbock. Excrement inside and outside of buses plus spray painted vulgarities on outside. Classy."

First of all, if you're going to be hip enough to use Twitter, at least throw a hash tag in front of "classy" instead of making it a one-word clause. Also, you might want to get your facts straight before tweeting vindictive things as a representative of your school.

Let's break this tweet down. The first statement about A&M's buses being vandalized is true. Good job, you're off to a great start, Mr. Byrne.

However, the next two statements are where you might be a little off. You said there was excrement inside and outside of the buses? Wrong. You also said there were spray-painted vulgarities? Wrong.

It turns out the "excrement" was fish bait. I'm very confused as to how you mistook fish bait for feces. Additionally, the spray paint turned out to be nothing more than the polish we used back in high school when it was funny to write messages on

was discovered. Byrne surely must have realized his tweet was a little much and was prudent enough to take it down, right? Wrong. As I sat down to write my column, I went to his Twitter page and it was still there, beaming in all of its glorious inaccuracy. He has yet to make a statement on how he was wrong or even release an apology.

There was no police report filed for the incident and there are no pictures of the vandalized buses. For all we know, this could have been done

Winegarner

by A&M to get its team pumped up. While this is probably not the case, and while I'm certainly not trying to hastily or foolishly spread false information like Byrne, I did read somewhere that double T's were spray-painted across the A&M campus some time ago. It was later discovered those responsible for the vandalism were A&M's own students in a ploy to get players motivated.

So, don't try and act like A&M is perfect. Back in 1963, A&M took the Tech horse and spray-painted her when she was pregnant. She almost died.

Also, when looking up information about this incident, I came across a video of an A&M Mounted Cavalry member who scooped up poop and flung it into the University of Texas' band. Now that is definitely classy.

Yes, I know we have some fans in Lubbock who go a little bit overboard, but it's the same way in College Station. Some fans like to curse in the Tech fight song, but the last time I checked, the Aggies were teaching their little children to beat the hell out of so-and-so.

Also, when reading through comments on websites discussing the incident, I've seen many A&M people saying we are nothing but a bunch of drinkers up here in Lubbock.

This is pretty funny to me, considering the fact the preferred way to show you're all grown up by graduating from A&M is through placing your college ring at the bottom of a pitcher of beer and chugging it, which usually results

Look, I'm not trying to say we're a bunch of angels here in Lubbock. All I'm saying is don't point the finger at us or try to make us look bad when we can say the same exact things about So, of course, when all of this you. Don't throw rocks if you live in a glass house.

> Also, stop acting like you're better than everyone else. You are going to a conference where you haven't won a game against any of the teams you will be playing against since 1995.

Quit trying to make Tech look like a school with a bunch of classless people. Lastly, have fun being in the second

tier of the SEC for a long time, and we will have fun watching our real band and female cheerleaders. Stay classy, College Station.

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GAMEDAY | Week Six

talks crap, literally Tech cannot overcome mistakes against A&M

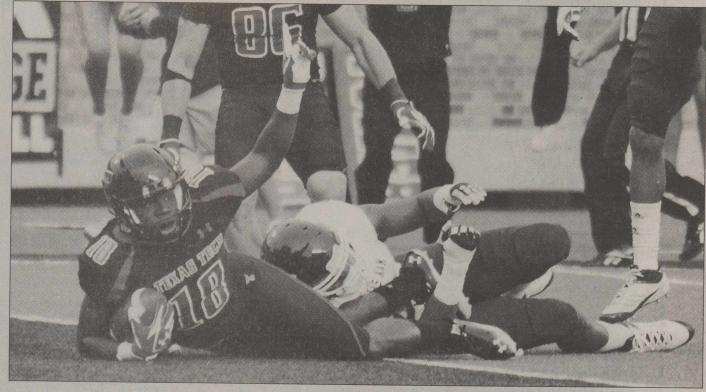


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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Eric Ward is brought down in the end zone by Texas A&M linebacker Garrick Williams during Tech's 45-40 loss Saturday against A&M at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Blocked field goal in third quarter keys A&M victory

By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

Amid rumors of unscrupulous bus-related shenanigans and seem- to the Aggies. ingly never-ending banter about With 31 seconds remaining the future of the rivalry, Texas while trailing by five, Donnie A&M and Texas Tech played foot- Carona thumped an onside kick

It was a game the Red Raiders had a chance to win, but they did not capitalize on some crucial plays in the contest, falling 45-40

that was recovered by Coryell Judie

to seal the game for A&M.

It was a career night for Carona, who put four-of-five field goals through the uprights, including two from 49 yards.

As it turned out, his 50-yard attempt in the third quarter with Tech trailing 31-23 was the stinger.

Initially, the Red Raiders were lined up for a 45-yard attempt, but a false start penalty moved them back, holder Ryan Erxleben handled it to changing the dynamic of the kick and keep Carona in rhythm.

Dustin Harris flew off the edge and LOSS continued on Page 7

blocked Carona's kick, when it was then scooped up and returned for a touchdown by Terrence Frederick.

"Phenomenal, phenomenal play in the game really was a deciding factor in the game, if you want to look at it," Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman said.

It appeared the snap by Jesse Smitherman was a smidge high, but

RB Stephens goes down with disclocated knee

Junior running back to miss remainder of the 2011 season

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

A 45-40 defeat to Texas A&M was not the only loss — or perhaps

even the biggest loss — Texas Tech suffered last Saturday night. Running back Eric Stephens,

who accounts for large portion of the Red Raiders' offense, is sidelined for the remainder of the season after suffering a dislocated knee in the third quarter of Tech's

As of press time Tuesday, no surgery had been scheduled for

loss to the Aggies.

Stephens. After the game Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said, "It doesn't look good."

"Obviously, he's been very productive," Tech quarterback Seth Doege said after the loss. "He's been maybe the best offensive player on this team. He's a great guy and a great leader, so it's going to hurt."

On first-and-goal from the 5-yard line, Stephens attempted to catch a pass from Doege in the flat that fell incomplete. A&M linebacker Damontre Moore tackled Stephens in the back of the left leg and brought him to the ground, causing Stephens to twist backward with his leg pinned underneath Moore's body.

The injury comes at a time when Tech was beginning to shift toward a more balanced offensive attack with Stephens serving as the catalyst.

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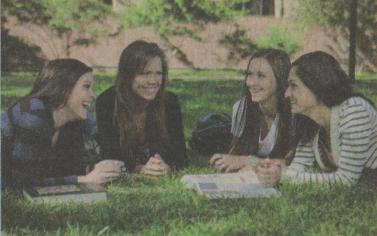


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