

A GROUP OF students gather around Laquetta Purkis as she tells ghost stories about the Physics building Monday during a ghost tour around campus sponsored by the Tech Pagan Student Union.

ghast, ghast!

Organization hosts haunted Tech tour; DT reporter takes a peek

> By PAIGE SKINNER STAFF WRITER

I've heard plenty of stories about different buildings on campus being haunted, but I never believed in any of them. But, surely people wouldn't be making up ghost stories, right?

In the spirit of Halloween, I decided to go on a campus ghost tour led by the



LAQUETTA PURKIS LEADS a group of students around the third floor of the Physics building Monday during a ghost tour on campus sponsored by the Tech Pagan Student Union.

Texas Tech Pagan Student Union.

Seventy-five people attended the tour and very few raised their hands when asked if they believed in ghosts. I figure most of the people who came along were there for thrills. I was hoping to feel spooked out and hear creepy ghost stories.

The tour was led by Laquetta Purkis, who was described as the "mean chemistry lady" for being — you guessed it — mean to students.

the halls of the Chemistry building. She even says she has seen him.

Purkis said she sees ghosts but is not afraid of them. She said they are "just people" who would never intentionally hurt anyone.

The tour started in the Chemistry building, where Purkis said the basement is haunted. She said there was a professor at Tech when she was a graduate student who hung himself in his closet at home. She said his ghost comes back and walks

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Tech ROTC competes in Ranger Challenge



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN SHAW NUMEROUS TEXAS TECH Army ROTC teams competed in the Ranger Challenge at Camp Bullis in

Female team takes 1st

San Antonio.

By CAITLAN OSBORN NEWS EDITOR

Members of Texas Tech's Army ROTC pushed beyond the boundaries of their physical and emotional limits this weekend during the annual Ranger Challenge at Camp Bullis, where the women's team took first place and the co-ed team placed third.

Members of the Ranger Challenge's four teams, including two all-male groups, began training for the three-day competition in August. They were determined to beat the dozen rival teams from the best colleges in the state, which included the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Texas Christian University.

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Adviser reveals international possibilities

Native of France gives different perspective for study abroad

By ARIF KHAN STAFF WRITER

Studying abroad can provide a wealth of opportunities. For Julia Mainini, it inspired her to begin a new life overseas.

Mainini, a native of France, said she first thought about living in the United States while studying abroad at Oklahoma State University.

"The educational and working environment in the United States pleased me late to the global

continue this adventurous lifestyle and see all it had to offer." Upon the completion of her degree, Mainini soon began working as a study abroad adviser at the International Cul-

very much," Mainini said. "I wanted to

tural Center at Texas Tech. Mainini said helping international students is the most rewarding aspect of her job. "As a former international student myself, I re-

them create an active community," she But Mainini said she also understands

the challenges of living abroad.

"It can be hard being away from your country and family," she said. "In

addition, the pressure of your studies can make living abroad exhausting." The style of living, way of education and social aspects in America are dif-

ferent when compared to international countries, Mainini said. But, in the end, studying abroad is such a life-changing experience that it's

fully worth it, she said. While advising at Tech, Mainini also oversees numerous international projects, such as the International Talent Show and International Food Festival.

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Tech tries to move on after its huge win despite national and conference accolades. SPORTS, Page 6

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Val's Custom Leather Bracelets Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, West Basement So, what is it? Join Tech Activities Board and come out to make your own personalized leather bracelets.

Osher Lifelong Learning Insti-

Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it? Enjoy "The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Release in the Gulf of Mexico," led by Ronald J. Kendall in which he discusses his research and findings from the oil spill.

WEDNESDAY

Getting Real About Online Privacy

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Red Raider Lounge So, what is it?

Week Corey Ciocchetti will lead the lecture.

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Baylor

Time: 6:30 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Bears.

Graduate Wind Quintet Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Where: The Legacy So, what is it? Enjoy a flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn performance pre-

sented by the School of Music.

Harry Potter 7 part 2 Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy this movie presented by Tech Activities Board.

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As part of Cyber Awareness Religion claims its place in Occupy Wall Street

Dewey Square is crammed with tents and tarps of Occupy Boston protesters, but organizers made sure from the start of this weeks-old encampment that there was room for the holy.

No shoes are allowed in the "Sacred Space" tent here, but you can bring just about any faith or spiritual

BOSTON (AP) — Downtown sion meditation" and a discussion of a biblical passage in Luke. Inside, a Buddha statue sits near a picture of Jesus, while a hand-lettered sign in the corner points toward Mecca.

here and in other cities have taken pains to include a spiritual component in their occupations. Still, Occupy Wall Street is not a religious

The tent is one way protesters

11:22 p.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication outside of Weymouth Hall. The student was taken to jail.

pounded.

October 19 4:36 p.m. - A Tech officer responded to a medical emergency

outstanding Lubbock County

warrants in the R-19 parking

lot. The staff member was taken

to jail and the vehicle was im-

POLICE BLOTTER

6:54 p.m. - A Tech officer was struck by a vehicle earlier

treatment.

arrested a staff member for three that day but had refused medical

closed to the public. One of the

and did very well. This accom- had a specific role, a specific every year." plishment is much more than a victory and bringing home a

October 20

vestigated a traffic accident with

minor injuries on Akron Avenue.

A bicyclist collided with a bus.

Friday

filed charges for criminal trespass

at Holden Hall. Five students

were found inside a room while

the building was secured and

3:34 a.m. - A Tech officer

3:50 p.m. - A Tech officer in-

CHAD SEAY WORKS using an excavator to dig a hole for the construction of Rip Griffin Park at Dan Law Field on Monday.

Five students charged with criminal trespass at Holden Hall

in the R-7 parking lot. A student students was also cited for posarea and was taken to jail.

session of drug paraphernalia.

The students were then released.

12:08 p.m. - A Tech officer in-

vestigated a burglary in the west

side building of Jones AT&T

Stadium. A door had been pried

open. An inventory was con-

ducted to determine if anything

Saturday

arrested a student on Boston Av-

enue for public intoxication and

criminal trespass. The student

was seen inside the construction

2:04 a.m. - A Tech officer

was taken.

Marcus Tate, a sophomore political science major from Killeen, competed for his second year as a member on one of the two male teams, which were made up of six contestants each. He described the experience as

cent of your effort, everything starts to hurt," Tate said, "but when the team won an event or placed near the top, there was no bigger high."

Though his team did not place first, Tate said it's a reason to work harder next year. He also said teamwork was a vital part of persevering through the contest's physical and mental

"The disappointment of not winning this year in the male year. This year it just got stron-

weakness and a specific strength. There are times where you are beyond frustrated, but where you falter, someone else is there to pick you up and push you

forward." Sarah Herrero, a junior construction engineering major from San Antonio, captained the women's team. She said this is the second year Tech has had an all-female Ranger Challenge

"It's really exciting," she said, "because the female team last year took second place by a very small margin. So, this year we wanted to go out there and have no question that the Texas Tech female team was the best in Texas. We did that."

The female team placed first in six of the nine events, which Herrero said shows how strong the group was.

"We had a strong corps last

competition," he said. "These me 100 times over," he said. that trend will continue and cadets put in a lot of hard work "Through every event, someone we'll just get better and better

Sunday

detained seven students after

finding them inside of Jones

AT&T Stadium. The students

were cited for criminal trespass

3:40 p.m. - A Tech officer

arrested two non-students for

possession of marijuana after

a traffic violation on Fourth

Street. The non-students were

taken to jail and their vehicle

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and then released.

was impounded.

1:16 a.m. - A Tech officer

PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

However, Herrero said there are things the groups could improve on to make next year

"We need to spend a lot more time studying our knowledge," she said. "That was an event that we struggled with across the board, but I think our approach

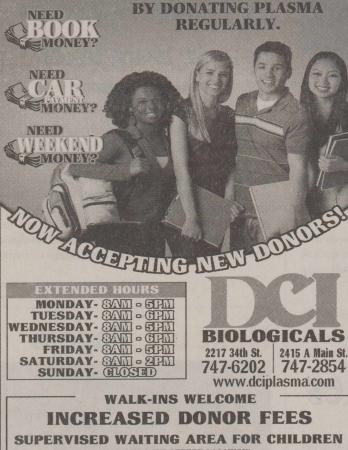
to the event is right where it

needs to be." Overall, Dula said, participating in the Ranger Challenge gives participants the chance to gain life skills not found in ordinary classrooms.

"It's an invaluable experience — the leadership skills they build," he said. "A lot of times in college, people expect you to go the easy route or the path of least resistance, but we actually do the opposite and teach them to go the path of most resistance, to think on their feet and outside of the box. Those are the skills you need to be a leader."

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movement, and signs of spiritually A day's schedule finds people aren't evident at all protest sites. balancing their chakras, a "compas-FIND OUT HOW THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS SAVE LIVES AND **EARN EXTRA MONEY** BY DONATING PLASMA REGULARLY. MONEY?



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Mark Webb, an associate professor and chairman of the philosophy department at Tech, said working with Mainini on ni said she these events has been thoroughly motivating.

"Julia (Mainini)'s enthusiasm is so contagious that it inspires us to great work," Webb said. "She provides an international perspective to our events, giving us that unique flavor."

Mainini said she believes the international community at Tech is extraordinary.

"There is so much potential for the Tech international community to gather and be unified," Mainini said. "I'm just grateful to be part of that gathering

Webb said he believes more or culture, students should try to build rela- friendships tionships with the international community at Tech.

"There's so much to be learned and gained from these said she's grateful for Mainini's

international students," Webb said. "Great friendships can be sparked, which could possibly change your entire viewpoint on in the (United) States," Liu said. international

Mainialso thinks Tech students should get more involved.

"There's

ics major from Beijing, China,

overall efforts.

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JULIA MAININI

STUDY ABROAD

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"Mainini helped me so much in adapting to the culture here

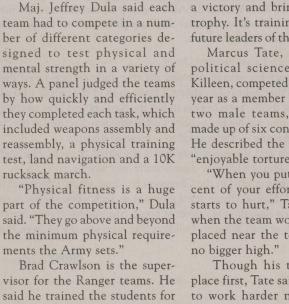
> "Without her assistance, it would have been very daunting and tough."

Mainini said working with international students is still a learning process for her. "Their

opinions, thoughts and prospects continue to educate and interest me," Mainini said. "Although they have

very different backgrounds, they all want to achieve great, ambitious things.'

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part of the competition," Dula said. "They go above and beyond the minimum physical requirements the Army sets.' Brad Crawlson is the supervisor for the Ranger teams. He

said he trained the students for months for the single competition and watched each member get stronger every day. Crawlson prepared the teams through intense workouts, which began at 5 a.m. for five days a week.

trophy. It's training them to be future leaders of the U.S. Army."

"enjoyable torture."

When you put out 100 per-

challenges.

team division only motivates ger, and I'm hoping next year

beliefs.'

nothing better than speaking with an international student and finding that common bond," she said. "It shows us that regardless of language

can still be discovered."

Chenqian Liu, a mathemat-

STAR POWER



PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador

JENNY DEES, AN Early Childhood Music instructor, dressed up as Princess Leia from Star Wars sings and dances with children from the Child Development Research Center before the University Symphony Orchestra played pieces of their upcoming Halloween 'Hauntcert.' The concert will feature music from Star Wars and other movies.

Defense of Jackson case opens with doctor, police

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Defense attorneys for the doctor accused of killing Michael Jackson began their case Monday, targeting Jackson as the architect of his own demise by seeking to cure his insomnia with an intravenous drug, even when he was warned it was

and a nurse practitioner, the lawyers decades, said he refused the singer's showed that Jackson had been on his quest for at least 15 years, and in the months before he died he began asking for intravenous medication, specifically an anesthetic.

Jackson would eventually get the drug propofol from Dr. Conrad Murray, now on trial for involuntary manslaughter in the death of the

Taking over in the packed courtroom after prosecutors rested their four-week case, defense lawyers showed their hand at last, calling witnesses who indicated it was Jackson who demanded the drug that eventually killed him.

Dr. Allan Metzger, who was Jack-With the testimony of a doctor son's friend and confidant over two request for an intravenous anesthetic two months before his death and told the star it would be dangerous if administered in his home.

> Prosecutors were quick to exploit the testimony to show that other medical professionals rejected any suggestion by the singer that he receive anesthetics as a sleep aid.

Snoop Dogg concert fills Depot District venue to 1,000 capacity

More than a week ago, I attended the Taylor Swift concert where the air was filled with glitter and confetti, but at Snoop Dogg's performance, it was a certain haze that filled the air instead.

Although Snoop is no longer in his prime and just turned 40 years old Thursday, I expected a larger turnout than what I first saw.

When I first arrived at the Cactus Courtyard, which is located in the Depot District, I was surprised and a little disappointed with the lack of people there. I would say there were probably 150 people present at 8 p.m., when the concert was set to start.

The concert opened about an hour late with Phranchyze, whom I felt really connected with the crowd. A lot was said about Texas Tech's win against the Sooners, which may have had something to

do with his popularity, but I'm not

Not long after Phranchyze's performance, more and more people began to show up.

In fact, according to the Cactus

Courtyard's owner, at the peak of the concert, about 1,000 people were estimated to be in attendance. When Snoop finally made his

appearance at about 11 p.m., eyes three-quarters of the way closed, the crowd went crazy. I had never been to a rap concert before Sunday, much less one

from a popular artist, but it turned out to be pretty much what I

Although I expected the dancing and screaming fans and, like I said, a certain haze in the air, I was surprised at the venue.

When I think of a concert venue, I think of United Spirit Arena or City Bank Coliseum, but maybe the extra-large patio was his way of keeping his concert more intimate so he could stay closer to his fans.



He wasn't as interactive with the crowd as the opening performers, but the crowd didn't seem to notice.

During the concert, he made comments about Tech and its win against Oklahoma as well, which caused another eruption from the crowd resulting in plenty of "Guns Up" in the air.

It didn't take long until fans were literally fighting to the front of the crowd to get a better view of Snoop and his crew during some of his most popular songs, such as

"Drop It Like It's Hot" and "Doggy Dogg World.

Speaking of fans getting close to the stage, during the song "Beautiful" he had about 20 girls from the audience come to the stage and dance to the song with his

backup dancers.

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I was impressed that he stayed on stage for more than three songs, which I've heard is what some rappers do at their smaller performances. Instead, he performed for about an hour.

When the concert was over, those who paid \$100 for VIP passes were able to take pictures with Snoop and visit him in a backroom at Firehouse Grill & Bar, which is just across from Cactus Courtyard.

All in all, I would say Snoop had a loud, successful night with a loud, enthusiastic crowd and plenty of VIP attendees. I was impressed by my first rap concert and its loudness — so much so that I'm currently deaf in one ear.

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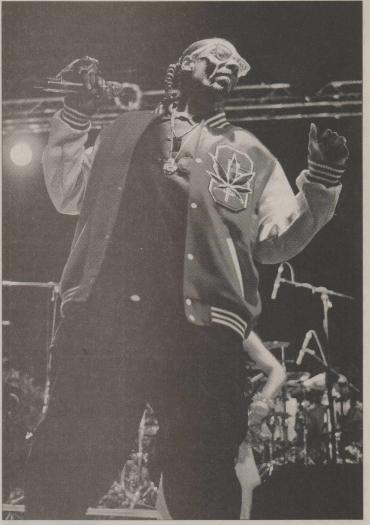


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador RECORDING ARTIST SNOOP Dogg preforms at the Cactus Courtyard

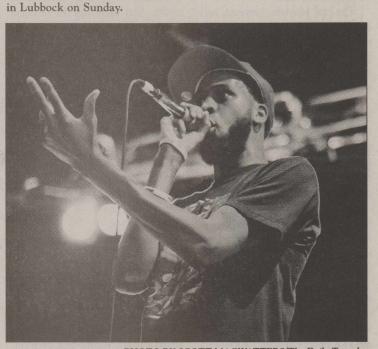


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador PHRANCHYZE RAPS IN front of the crowd before Snoop Dogg takes the stage at Cactus Courtyard in Lubbock on Sunday.

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Ghost ←

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I didn't feel any kind of spirit presence, but people on the tour said they have been spooked out in the basement late at night and that they think the building is haunted.

Tour participants were then led to the Geosciences building. Purkis said a female custodian was murdered on the third floor, and the story is that a student nearly cut her head off with a phone cord and killed her after he was caught stealing test answers from a professor's office.

As well as the custodian being murdered on the third floor of the Geosciences building, Purkis also said a student was murdered there. Purkis said she has seen this ghost, too, and knows the ghost is from the 1950s because of how she dresses. The story is that drunken

men murdered her after she read a note she thought was left by her professor, which allegedly told her to meet him at his office.

She died in the women's bathroom, Purkis said, after trying to get away from the killers. She said you can often see this ghost on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m., but she chooses not to go up there because she feels the need to help the ghost when she sees her. The Geosciences building went under construction after the murder and the bathroom is no longer there, so we were unable to see it.

No one on the tour had any input about these stories and didn't seem fazed by them, but Purkis seemed to think the Geosciences building was very much haunted because of the two murders. I wish the tour had been on Wednesday night at 9 p.m. instead.

The next step on the tour was

1983, Purkis said, a Nigerian student jumped off the roof of the building after receiving a break-up letter from his girlfriend. She said she's heard from several students about how they can see him among people in the crowd during the Carol of Lights in December. Be sure to look for a 6-foot-tall, dark and friendly man talking to people at this year's Carol of Lights, but don't mention his hard break-up.

At about 7:20 p.m. during the tour, it started to get dark outside and a little bit creepier. That's when the tour was directed to the Administration build-Bell Tower.

She said there was a young man ringing the bells in the tower who found a kitten in it and decided to adopt it. He would always take the kitten up to the tower with him, Purkis said, while he in front of the Biology building. In rang the bells, and the man later died

in a car accident. People are rumored to claim they can feel the cat rubbing up against their toes when they are up there.

I found it interesting how the people were clearly more upset after hearing about how the cat died than they were about a woman nearly getting her head cut off.

The tour did not have access to the tower, so we were unable to go up there. I was becoming angry at the fact there was no access to any of the allegedly haunted places.

People on the tour who claimed ing, where Purkis told a story about the to have felt some kind of paranormal activity during their times at Tech had many questions for Purkis.

Nonetheless, whether you believe in ghosts or not, be sure to check out these creepy campus spots and see for yourself what is — or isn't — there.

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(I can't go to the pool. I'm too fat to go to the pool. If I go, everyone will stare at me and think about how fat I am and how I do not belong in their pool, which is their special place only for the people with perfect bodies.

"I couldn't deal with it if my girlfriend broke up with me. She's the only one for me, and no one else would have me. I couldn't get another girl to like me if I tried.'

Statements of this sort used to run through my head constantly. I never considered myself of any great significance or thought much of myself.

I blamed all of my problems on my weight. Even when I was in high school and in good shape, I still considered myself fat and thought everything wrong in my life was tied to my weight.



What I came to understand in time, however, was that I was simply using my weight as a scapegoat, blaming it for all of my personal insecurities and troubles. I held on to the hope that if I just lost weight, all of those problems would go away.

However, using a scapegoat never actually solves a problem. It only makes you feel better for a short time by giving you an external locus of blame.

Solving a problem requires digging down deeply to the root of the issue and being honest about what those problems actually are. Whether those problems are personal and afflict only "I am not who I think I am. I you, are relationship problems am not who you think I am. I facing you and your loved ones or are major political problems facing entire nations, finding looking at myself through what

the root of the problem rather blaming a scapegoat is the only way to find lasting peace. Indeed, most of those surface problems stem directly from core problems, and so tackling them first would be like expecting a throat lozenge

to cure Ebola.

As far as my issues go, I fell into the identity trap a friend articulated quite well for me as, act toward someone I respected

am what I think you think I am."

I had spent my entire life

I thought other people thought of me, believing this scapegoats and let imaginary person was I. By them free. Have defining myself through other people's opinions, I admit to yourself had wrecked my own sense where the problem of self-respect. I took a long, really lies ... hard look at how I was treating myself

> and realized I would never talk to someone I respected the way I talked to myself. I would never

the way I acted toward myself. If someone I respected messed up, I would never beat him or her down the way I beat myself down for every tiny failure.

It was this realization that slapped some sense into me. I started treating myself as if I were someone I respected rather than acting as if I were constantly being judged and rejected by everyone around me. I started eating as if I had some respect for my body and began exercising in the same way. I started acting as if I were someone deserving respect from other people rather than someone who was simply lucky to be allowed into society.

To my amazement, all of the things I blamed on the wrong causes started to correct themselves. I am no longer afraid to go into social situations. I am no longer afraid to strike up a conversation with someone I don't

know that well. Most surprising of all, the weight has finally begun to come off.

So, I leave you with this challenge: Take a look at your life. Find the problems you face that you blame on the wrong things. Find your scapegoats and let them free. Have the courage to admit to yourself where the problem really lies and have the determination to deal with it at its source. When you know the truth and admit the truth to yourself, it sets you free.

Thanks to my friends Derrick Plunk and Meredith Martin-Schmidt for helping me find the right words for this piece.

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Illegally downloading music must stop

... roughly 95

percent of all the

countries'

cumulative music

downloads were

illegal ...

The vast majority of us have done it. A smaller, but still unacceptably large, number of us do it on a regular and sometimes daily basis. File sharing is not only readily available, but it's also easy. In fact, it's so easy even the most computer illiterate person can do it with just a few clicks.

The real problem, however, isn't availability, which is necessary to maintain the legal music downloading part of the industry. The real problem is the sheer and undeniable invisibility of any consequences of the act.

I have friends, as do all of you, who have thousands of songs they didn't pay for. The music industry didn't see a dime of profit for these tracks after the original purchase by the uploader of the files, if there ever was an initial

Since the Napster incident of the late 90s hit the media, which was amount that acmostly due to Metallica's heavy legal tually enters the involvement, the issue has disappeared into the background.

We know it's there. Ironically, most of us think about it whenever we remember our desire for a new album we can't afford or when we see a ridiculous amount of music on a friend's computer. We have all thought about how there is no way they could've paid



99 cents for every single one of those tracks. And there lies the problem when we then dismiss the issue without a second thought.

One of the usual arguments is that the artist(s) will be fine since most of their income comes from touring, endorsements and the like. This is a moot point. Regardless of the pockets of artists we all know and

love, each percentage of that song's revenue gets di-

vided up into vital parts of the industry. Without producers and studios, artists cannot record and perform. So, the end result is the same: a less healthy music business, which in turn means less healthy music careers for

Another argument, despite the obvious presence of illegal file sharing in our day-to-day lives, is it can't possibly be making a huge dent. After all, CDs are still sold and many people remain loyal to this medium — not to mention the fact that programs like iTunes and the new Napster are still making a lot of money. So, there must be a lot of legitimate downloading going on as

well. However, the fact is illegal downloading is the very reason that CD sales and legal downloads aren't supporting our music indus-

Here's a little perspective. A study conducted tional Federation of Phonographic Industries came

out in 2009 that took a close look at the downloading habits of 16 firstworld countries in order to obtain a somewhat accurate world-model of the status of downloading in the industry. The results were rather shocking.

They showed that roughly 95 percent of all the countries' cumulative music downloads were illegal and amounted to roughly 40 billion illegally acquired tracks in 2008 alone.

This is a huge hole in the potential profit of an industry that we look to for economic support and one close to a lot of hearts and minds. I know I couldn't go a day without listening to music. Could you?

The simple fact is the sales of CDs and legitimate music downloads aren't enough to make ends meet when it is so easy to get media for free with little to no fear of retaliation by law enforcement.

In any other industry, if a theft of this magnitude even spread across a wide part of the world, the media and people involved in affected businesses would be up in arms. It would be considered an unacceptable breach of legitimate business practice.

I urge you and governments with the ability to make a difference to assist in the efforts to keep the music business afloat.

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Facebook could be bad for social skills

By KENNETH KLEMENS THE DAILY CAMPUS (U. CONNECTICUT)

Hundreds of pictures, thousands of "friends," the funniest of comments and the finest slang around are the ideal ingredients for the perfect Facebook profile.

Countless hours are spent categorizing, comparing oneself to others and waiting for that little red box to show up in the corner of the screen indicating that you have received an esteemed notification. You don't not know why you care so much about the lives of strangers. All you know is that for some reason, you feel this need to maintain your Facebook

In analyzing these activities, the first question that comes to mind is, "Why?" Why has Facebook become such a popular pasttime for American youth? Why is it the prominent focus of teens today? Why, in a global society where America is slowly but steadily falling off the intellectual podium of the world, do teens find themselves on Facebook for nearly 30 hours a week?

Mindless gabbing and gossip have replaced intelligent conversation, changes in relationship statuses have become headline news and productive social communication

and interaction have been reduced to exchanges of sentence fragments and abbreviations. Facebook has transcended its goal of becoming a widespread "social network" by becoming our social lives.

Yet, the epidemic does not stop there. Facebook has essentially replaced our social skills. Before Facebook, we had no insight into the lives of others. Strangers remained absolute strangers until a personal interaction was initiated. People learned about others through faceto-face conversation rather than through "Facebook stalking."

Facebook has stolen our need for conversation by providing an easy online alternative. We now rely on Facebook to learn about others and to interact socially so much so that we potentially miss the time in our lives where these social and conversational skills are developed.

Facebook is generally most popular amongst college students. A recent survey by istrategylabs.com found that 40 percent of Facebook's approximately 900 million users are between the ages of 18 and 24. It is during this time in our lives that we need to build a solid foundation of social skills from which to base our future careers.

We attend college to further our educations and to receive the tools necessary to work in a professional environment, but these tools aren't limited to just textbook chapters and lectures.

College presents us with a unique opportunity to interact with others and to build social skills in an environment free of judgment. Not only do we get a chance to learn how to meet and deal with people. We get a chance to learn how to converse with people, prior to being thrust into the professional field.

College provides us with the opportunity to build our conversational confidence, which is crucial when it comes to working in professional environment. In learning how to deal with fellow students, professors and superiors, we gain confidence in the way we speak and present ourselves.

We learn to speak more clearly and with more purpose, to not appear nervous or awkward and to become confident speakers and conversationalists. It is with this confidence that speaking to people in a professional environment such as fellow employees, employers and bosses becomes a much less intimidating and nerveracking task.

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If this time of our lives is spent under the aforementioned "Facebook stalk" social skills, we are mentality, than we will lose the opportunity to develop these skills entirely. If we do not branch out from the comfortable confines

> of our computer screens during the few years we have at college, we run the risk of having little to no face-to-face conversational confidence or experience when we truly need it in the professional world.

> Conversation leads to relationships, these relationships lead to networking and this networking can provide job opportunities. Knowing and making positive first impressions on large amounts of people (through conversation and interaction, not through Facebook) is a major aspect of becoming successful in any business.

> Knowing this large and diverse group of people promotes the formation of connections. These connections, once established through the intelligent conversation that Facebook is robbing of America's youth, can provide you with greatly unexpected opportunities.

> It is said that, "Life isn't about what you know; it's about who you know." While this quote may not be entirely true, it does suggest a valid point: conversations provide connections to job prospects. Our youth needs to realize this. Facebook claims to be a great

social network; however, it is an obvious detriment to developing truly beneficial social skills. Without these social skills, we are forced to abandon meaningful social interactions and the potential friendships, connections and opportunities that such interactions can provide.

Libya intervention brings correct casualty in wrong war

By JOSHUA LIPSON

HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW (HARVARD U.)

The man of a thousand orthographies is dead. Not surprisingly, the political-cultural commentariat has been abuzz with lurid stories of Qaddafi's last minutes in Sirte - raising, albeit more graphically, the same litany of hackneyed questions that came with the killing of Osama bin Laden. This is a complete waste of time: the Libyan leader is irreversibly dead, there's no reason to feel bad for him, and even if killing is invariably bad, this killing surely can't be that bad.

We should applaud Qaddafi's death at the hands of NTC fighters, just as we should have applauded Saddam Hussein's execution in 2006. When a leader decides to imprison, torture, and massacre his country's population Islam, Qaddafi abandoned his pursuit into submission, he tacitly consents in the event of upheaval to become the cathartic target of their pent-up

That said, the end of Qaddafi does not justify the Obama administration's foolhardy intervention in Libya any more than the end of Saddam justified the Bush administration's downright disastrous invasion of Iraq.

Compared to other despots, Qaddafi posed hardly any threat to American or international security. Granted, this was hardly the case in the 1980s, when Qaddafi pursued a muscular pro-terror policy and targeted international civilians shamelessly. But in the wake of September 11th and under the increasing influence of his Western-educated son, Saif alof nuclear weapons, pursued a broadbased rapprochement with the West, and wrote moderate (if ill-conceived) editorials in the New York Times about a one-state solution for Israel and Palestine.

I don't plan to elaborate much on why the Libya intervention was a bad idea – articulate arguments from strategic irrelevance, cost, and concern for the NTC's affinities have been made several times over. I would particularly suggest the argument that, in light of the US' post-disarmament ouster of Qaddafi, no rogue leader will dare to give up his nuclear arms ever again.

In short, the Obama administration's invocation of 'responsibility to protect' in Libya is both intellectually flimsy and frighteningly pliable. However, credit is due to Obama for conducting the cleanest, safest, and most respectful intervention of choice in recent memory. By 'leading from behind', the president has steered effortlessly clear of another Iraq - zero American lives lost, no long slog of an occupation.

But let's not be distracted by the just killing of Muammar Qaddafi or the surgical precision of NATO's intervention - regime change in Libya is destabilizing. Despite some signs of promise from the NTC, it is hard to take seriously the promises for liberal democracy of a group that has accused Qaddafi of being a Jew, in a country without a civil society or readily defensible borders.

Let's hope for the best. After all, we asked for it.

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Tech's victory officially turns the page

Sometimes, I am a man of little faith, but I won't doubt what the Texas Tech football program can accomplish anymore.

The defeat of the highly ranked Oklahoma Sooners shocked 99 percent of college football and probably just as many Red Raider fans. It couldn't have been any more shocking. One of the lightning strikes that delayed the football game could've hit me and I would have been just as shocked.

The game had a particular feel to it. It felt like our Red Raiders, coming off back-to-back losses at home, would head to Norman, Okla., and become another statistic of Oklahoma's historical dominance at home. However, head coach Tommy Tuberville and company had other thoughts about how history would remember Saturday night.

Instead, Tech came away with the most impressive win in school history against the Sooners.

The scope of the win, combined with how they achieved it, makes this the most significant win in the football program's history. It is bigger than the 2008 game against Texas — no doubt about it. The way the Red Raiders won the game is the most important part of this historic moment.



The defense flew around all night. The team talked about the physicality of the Kansas State loss all week and Tommy Tuberville preached how his team needed to be more physical. The players took this to heart. The defense came out and punched Oklahoma's stellar offense in the mouth, leading to just seven points in the first half for the Sooners. It was an amazing performance, but it didn't stop there.

Seth Doege and the offense clicked from start to finish. The adjustment to a new center looked like it might cost Tech, but the issues quickly corrected themselves and Doege began carving up the Oklahoma defense, etching his name into Tech football lore. The offense did a great job of taking what was given to them. Doege was well-protected and his passes were caught by sure-handed wide recievers. There are also contributions not to be overlooked. The special teams played a nearly mistake-free game of football.

thought Tuberville could bring to Lubbock.

The defense looked fast and the offense looked balanced. The team competed for a whole game against a tough opponent on the road.

None of these things could be said about the previous regime.

The coaches executed game plans and the Red Raiders were ready to play when game time finally rolled around. The delay could have spelled doom for the team, but preparation led to execution when the clock started.

Chad Glasgow, who was on the sidelines as a TCU coach the last time Oklahoma had lost a home game, had his defense more than ready for Oklahoma's offense. The poise showed by the defense as the Sooners chipped away at the lead was stoic. Neal Brown steered the "NASCAR" offense with precision. He called effective run plays to gain the lead and efficient plays to help maintain it.

Then, there is Tuberville. Enough can't be said about the way he coached this game. He got the best out of the players he inherited when he took over and plenty of his recruits played well. The Riverboat Gambler even made a few appearances. The risk-

This is the team everyone taking made many fans, including myself, uneasy, but Tuberville knew it would take all the Red Raiders had to win.

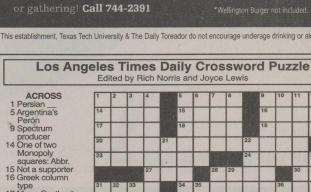
> The completeness of the game is stunning, especially after the way the previous two games had gone. It could have been very easy for Tech to come in and play dead against the Sooners, and just as easy for the team to pull an "Aggie" and blow the lead in the second half. They didn't, and you could see the page turn for Tech.

It's easy to look back on Saturday and celebrate, and it's also easy to look forward and make assumptions, but slow down.

Iowa State comes to Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday. They won't be overlooked, and the Raiders need to extract payback for what happened in Ames, Iowa, last year. There won't be a hangover from the Oklahoma win if this team has truly turned the page toward a bright future.

Saturday showed a glimpse of what the new story of Tech football is all about. This Saturday, the Red Raiders will start writing the next chapter.

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Wide receiver Alex Torres — who pulled down a career-high

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to perform to the best of its ability. "He brings that sense of leader-

ship and accomplishment and that kind of desire to succeed," he said. "It really just feeds off into everyone else.'

> Torres also went on to say that Doege's strong play makes him want to compete harder and not disappoint his quarterback. "Letting

(Doege) down

is probably one of the most WIDE RECEIVER disappointing TEXAS TECH things I can do because I know he's not

three touchdowns against Oklaho- going to do that to me," Torres ma — said Doege inspires the team said. "I know that's rubbed off on

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so many of our players, and it just keeps spreading."

Doege was not the only one to be honored after the win, as the entire team also received recognition. The Red Raiders were named the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week. They also moved into the rankings for the first time since the end of the 2009 season. Tech is ranked 19th in The Associated Press Poll and 22nd in the USA Today Coaches Poll. Both are the highest rankings Tech has achieved since the end of the 2008 season.

Even though Doege and the rest of the team's performance may have helped ease some pressure from Tech's fan base on head coach Tommy Tuberville, the man in charge said this win is all about

"I think more about the players on our team," Tuberville said. "That win wasn't for me or for our coaches. It was for our players and for all the work that they do and the commitment that they have to the university. They like to win because of their fan base.

After losing two conference games in a row and facing a game many thought would be a loss, there was talk of Tech being in danger of not finishing above .500. However, Tuberville said the negative talk is not surprising, as he has had to listen to it his whole career. 16 Greek column type
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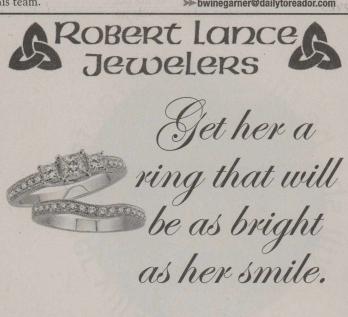
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"No, I've dealt with people all my life," Tuberville said. "Thirtyfive years, from high school fans to college fans, I mean, it's no different. Everybody wants to be on the side of the winner."

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Doege, Red Raiders shift focus to next game

By BRETT WINEGARNER SPORTS EDITOR

After two disappointing back-to-back losses by Texas Tech, the fate of the season and Tech's chances to continue its streak of 18-straight bowl eligible seasons looked gloomy.

That was until Saturday night.

The Red Raiders (5-2, 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play) pulled off arguably the biggest upset in school history as they snapped Oklahoma's 39-game home winning streak by downing the then-No. 3 Sooners 41-38.

However, as big as this win is for the Red

team has to move on from this win and focus on the remaining Big 12 play.

"We've got to forget about this one," Doege said Monday. "It's over. It was awesome. It was something that we'll remember for the rest of our lives. But, in this conference, you've got to be ready to play every week, and it doesn't matter who you play."

Considering the magnitude of the match-up, Doege had one of the best games of his career against the Sooners as he completing 33 of 52 passes, totaling 441 yards. He also racked up five touchdowns with four being through the air and

Raiders, junior quarterback Seth Doege said the one on the ground. He even added an 11-yard reception to his stat line when receiver Austin Zouzalik slung one out to him on a trick play.

> Doege racked up quite a few honors as a result. He was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week for the second time thisseason the first came following the win against New Mexico on Sept. 17. He also was named the Walter Camp Football Association Offensive Player of the Week, which goes to the best offensive college player each week as voted on by the national media.

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