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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.

## 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 San Antonio.

### Female team takes 1st

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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# Aghast, a ghost!

## 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.

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

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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 very much," Mainini said. "I wanted to 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 Cultural Center at Texas Tech.

Mainini said helping international

students is the most rewarding aspect of her job.

"As a former international student myself, I relate to the global students, reach out to them and help them create an active community," she said.

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



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addition, the pressure of your studies can make living abroad exhausting."

The style of living, way of education and social aspects in America are different 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**  
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Where: Student Union Building, West Basement  
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Join Tech Activities Board and come out to make your own personalized leather bracelets.

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**  
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?  
As part of Cyber Awareness

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

## Religion claims its place in Occupy Wall Street

BOSTON (AP) — Downtown 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 tradition.

A day's schedule finds people balancing their chakras, a "com-

passion 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.

The tent is one way protesters here and in other cities have taken pains to include a spiritual component in their occupations. Still, Occupy Wall Street is not a religious movement, and signs of spirituality aren't evident at all protest sites.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

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

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Five students charged with criminal trespass at Holden Hall

**October 18**  
6:54 p.m. - A Tech officer arrested a staff member for three outstanding Lubbock County warrants in the R-19 parking lot. The staff member was taken to jail and the vehicle was impounded.

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

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

in the R-7 parking lot. A student was struck by a vehicle earlier that day but had refused medical treatment.

**October 20**  
3:50 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident with minor injuries on Akron Avenue. A bicyclist collided with a bus.

**Friday**  
3:34 a.m. - A Tech officer filed charges for criminal trespass at Holden Hall. Five students were found inside a room while the building was secured and closed to the public. One of the

students was also cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. The students were then released.

12:08 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a burglary in the west side building of Jones AT&T Stadium. A door had been pried open. An inventory was conducted to determine if anything was taken.

**Saturday**  
2:04 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student on Boston Avenue for public intoxication and criminal trespass. The student was seen inside the construction

area and was taken to jail.

**Sunday**  
1:16 a.m. - A Tech officer detained seven students after finding them inside of Jones AT&T Stadium. The students were cited for criminal trespass and then released.

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 was impounded.

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## ROTC

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Maj. Jeffrey Dula said each team had to compete in a number of different categories designed to test physical and mental strength in a variety of ways. A panel judged the teams by how quickly and efficiently they completed each task, which included weapons assembly and reassembly, a physical training test, land navigation and a 10K rucksack march.

"Physical fitness is a huge 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.

"This is an extremely difficult

competition," he said. "These cadets put in a lot of hard work and did very well. This accomplishment is much more than a victory and bringing home a trophy. It's training them to be future leaders of the U.S. Army."

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 "enjoyable torture."

"When you put out 100 percent 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 challenges.

"The disappointment of not winning this year in the male team division only motivates

me 100 times over," he said. "Through every event, someone had a specific role, a specific 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 team.

"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 year. This year it just got stronger, and I'm hoping next year

that trend will continue and we'll just get better and better every year."

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

"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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## Abroad

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Mark Webb, an associate professor and chairman of the philosophy department at Tech, said working with Mainini on 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 process."

Webb said he believes more students should try to build relationships with the international community at Tech.

"There's so much to be learned and gained from these

international students," Webb said. "Great friendships can be sparked, which could possibly change your entire viewpoint on international beliefs."

Mainini said she also thinks Tech students should get more involved.

"There's nothing better than speaking with an international student and finding that common bond," she said. "It shows us that regardless of language or culture, friendships can still be discovered."

Chenqian Liu, a mathematics major from Beijing, China, said she's grateful for Mainini's

overall efforts.

"Mainini helped me so much in adapting to the culture here in the (United) States," Liu said.

"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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**JULIA MAININI**  
STUDY ABROAD  
ADVISER

## 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 dangerous.

With the testimony of a doctor and a nurse practitioner, the lawyers 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

superstar.

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 Jackson's friend and confidant over two decades, said he refused the singer's 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.

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 in front of the Biology building. In

## 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 sure.

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 expected.

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.

### Kassidy Ketron



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

*I was impressed by my first rap concert and its loudness — so much so that I'm currently deaf in one ear.*

backup dancers.

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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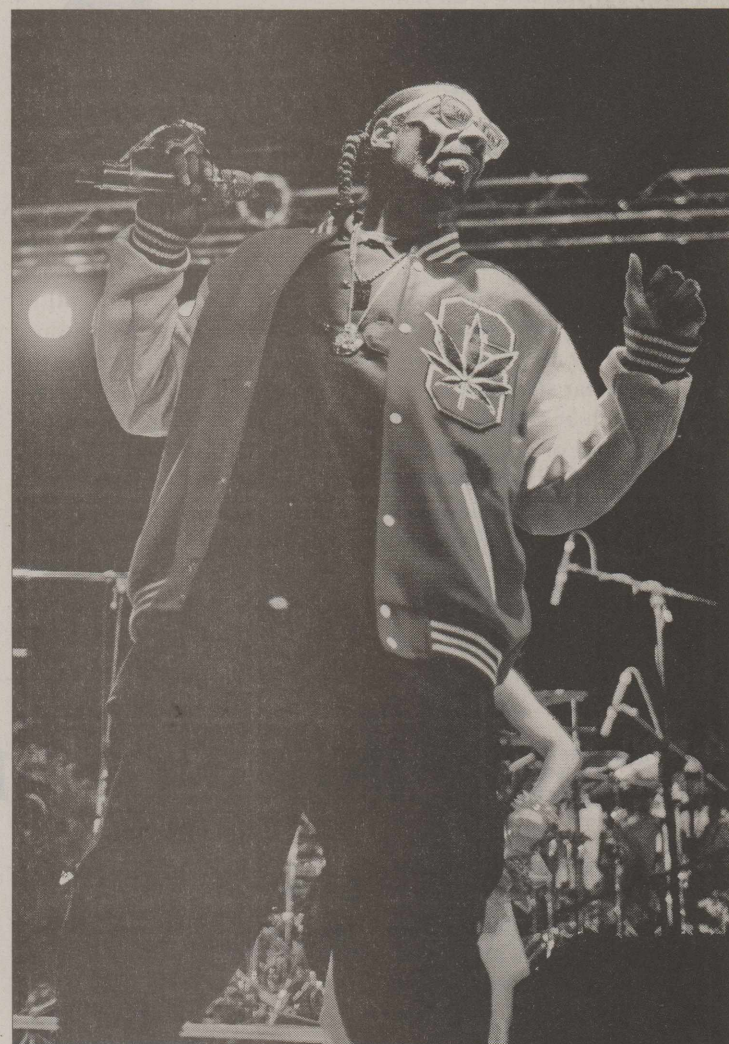


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RECORDING ARTIST SNOOP Dogg performs at the Cactus Courtyard in Lubbock on Sunday.

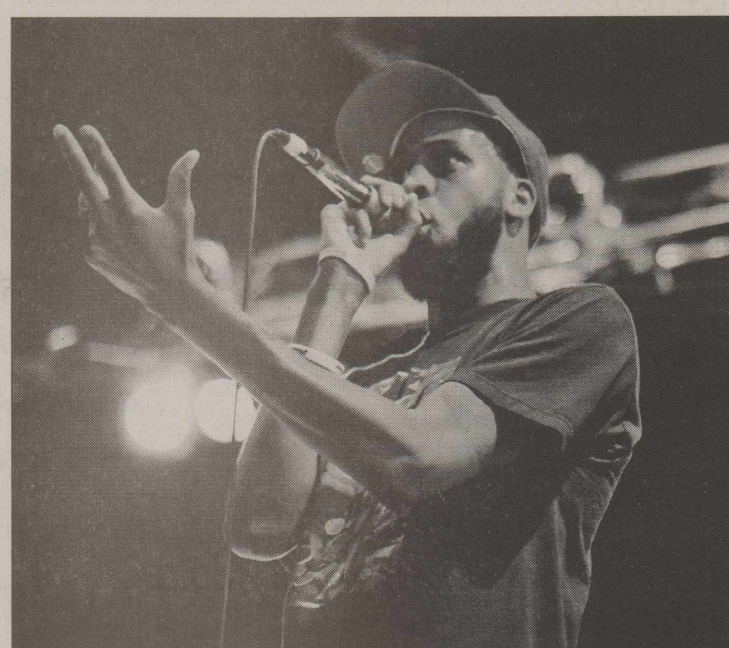


PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador  
PHRANCHYZE RAPS IN front of the crowd before Snoop Dogg takes the stage at Cactus Courtyard in Lubbock on Sunday.

## 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.

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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 building, where Purkis told a story about the 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 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 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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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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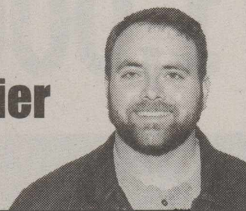
“I can’t go to the pool. I’m too fat to go to the pool. If I go, everyone will stare at me and think about how fat I am and how I do not belong in their pool, which is their special place only for the people with perfect bodies.”

“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.

**Jeff Frazier**



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 prob-

lems are personal and afflict only you, are relationship problems facing you and your loved ones or are major political problems facing entire nations, finding 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,

“I am not who I think I am. I am not who you think I am. I am what I think you think I am.”

I had spent my entire life looking at myself through what

“Find your scapegoats and let them free. Have the courage to admit to yourself where the problem really lies ...”

I thought other people thought of me, believing this imaginary person was I. By defining myself through other people’s opinions, I had wrecked my own sense of self-respect. I took a long, 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 act toward someone I respected

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.

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## Illegally downloading music must stop

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 purchase.

Since the Napster incident of the late 90s hit the media, which was mostly due to Metallica’s heavy legal 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

**Zach Morrison**



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 amount that actually enters the pockets of artists we all know and love, each percentage of that song’s revenue gets divided 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

“... roughly 95 percent of all the countries’ cumulative music downloads were illegal ...”

means less healthy music careers for us to listen to.

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 industry.

Here’s a little perspective. A study conducted by the International Federation of Phonographic Industries came out in 2009 that took a close look at the downloading habits of 16 first-world 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

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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 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 account.

In analyzing these activities, the first question that comes to mind is, “Why?” Why has Facebook become such a popular pastime 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 face-to-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](http://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 nerve-racking task.

If this time of our lives is spent under the aforementioned “Facebook stalk” 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.

“Without these social skills, we are forced to abandon meaningful social interactions ...”

## Libya intervention brings correct casualty in wrong war

By JOSHUA LIPSON  
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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 into submission, he tacitly consents in the event of upheaval to become the cathartic target of their pent-up frustration.

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 al-

Islam, Qaddafi abandoned his pursuit of nuclear weapons, pursued a broad-based 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-dismantment 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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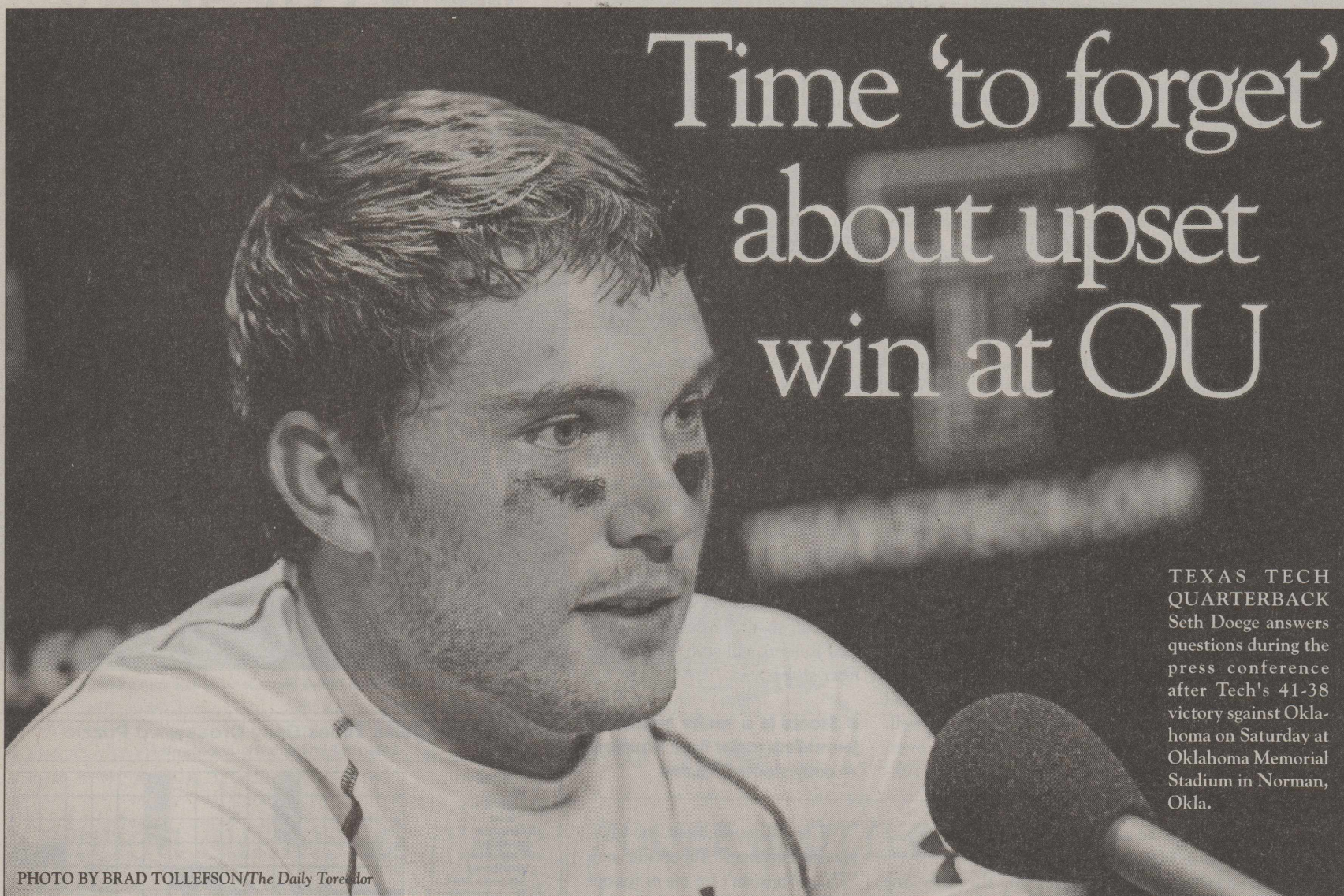


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## Time 'to forget' about upset win at OU

**TEXAS TECH  
QUARTERBACK**  
Seth Doege answers  
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after Tech's 41-38  
victory against Okla-  
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Stadium in Norman,  
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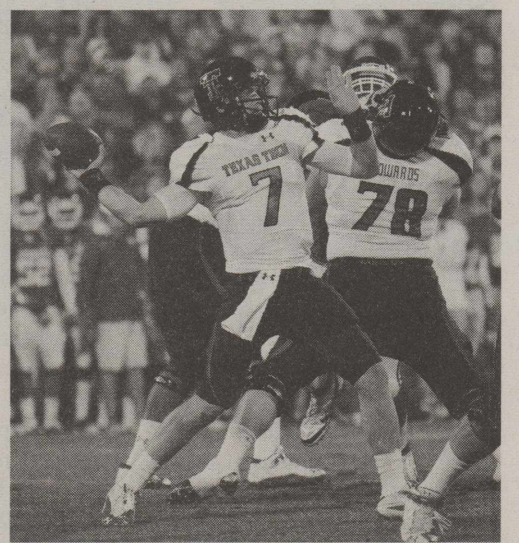


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### Doege's 2011 honors

**-Big 12 Player of the Week (2)**  
Sept. 19 (UNM) & Oct. 24 (OU)

**-Walter Camp Football  
Association Offensive  
Player of the Week**  
33-52 for 441 yards, 5 total TD

**-One of 16 semifinalists for  
the Davey O'Brien Award**  
248-342 for 2,608 yards, 22 TD,  
4 INT; 2 rush TD

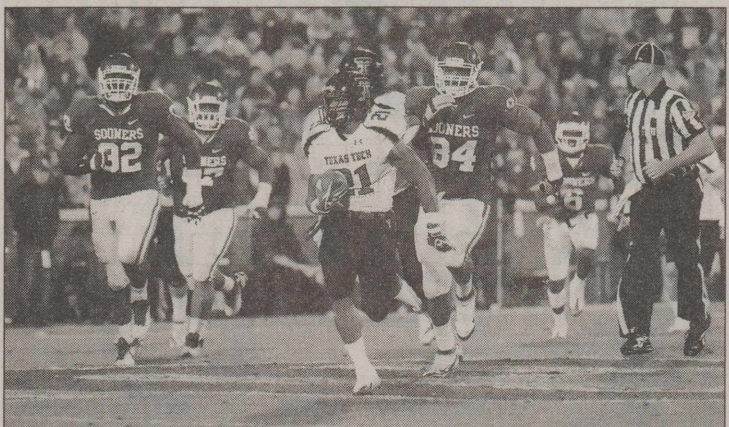


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**TEXAS TECH RUNNING** back DeAndre Washington runs the ball during Tech's 41-38 victory against Oklahoma on Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

## 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

Raiders, junior quarterback Seth Doege said the 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

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 this season — 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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