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Technology may keep Texas Tech students safe

Special task force met to discuss student safety measures

By IOANNA MAKRIS
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A new smartphone application could be showing Texas Tech students where certain crimes occur off Tech campus.

The special task force on crime met Friday to discuss how to keep students safe on and off campus. The smart phone app was just one of the many discussion points.

However, the focal point of the hour-long meeting pertained to on-campus safety.

Amy Murphy, the managing director of The Center for Campus Life, said she has been working on creating a website that benchmarks Tech crime statistics compared to other schools.

Capt. Heath Steele, a Tech police officer, said it would be difficult to gather all the data needed to maintain the website, as the Jeanne Clery Act is not very straightforward and schools can report the crimes differently.

The Jeanne Clery Act is a federally mandated act which requires any university receiving federal government student financial aid to report

the crimes on or around the campus.

"The problem is if a storage facility that Tech owns is broken into," Steele said, "we need to report that, even if no Tech student is harmed."

Murphy said the website currently has Big 12 schools and other institutions listed as a comparative.

However, Steele did warn the task force the information could be misleading.

Reed Young, a Student Government Association senator and a member of the task force, said he would like to generate a similar website for popular

student areas located off campus.

He said the goal should be relaying information to Tech students in the most effective way so students know to keep an eye out for an individual or lock their doors.

Capt. Jon Caspell, the task force representative from the Lubbock Police Department, said in the fall LPD should have a working website where an individual can type in a crime and see where in Lubbock that crime occurred. However, he said it would be difficult to aggregate for Tech students.

The task force was keen on the idea of a smartphone app, but Caspell said it would be something the LPD IT

department would need to look into.

Young said the app would be a way for students to watch out for each other. "It would put people on alert, which would increase safety," he said.

Murphy also discussed the idea of having specified renters insurance for Tech students.

"Instead of the student hunting down renters insurance," she said, "the university would go out and bid for students' renters policy."

The system would be similar to the student health insurance offered.

Jordan Strebeck, the liaison for the chancellor's office, said it is important for students to do the little things, like

purchasing renters insurance to keep themselves as safe as possible.

The special task force was created after *The Daily Toreador* published an article in August 2011 related to students being victims of crime off campus.

In 2009, approximately 1,600 students were victimized off campus, which is about 10 percent of the major crimes reported in Lubbock that year. These crimes were not included in Tech's Clery report.

The task force will meet again in April.

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Straight Talk forum encourages healthy decisions for all ages

STDs, teen pregnancy, texting, while driving among topics

By NICOLE MOLTER
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Body image, bullying, depression, peer pressure and self-esteem are some of life's obstacles that Texas Tech is trying to help its students overcome.

The Tech Health Sciences Center hosted its Straight Talk forum Saturday, a program for all ages designed to educate people about topics such as sex education, STDs and making responsible decisions.

The program was broken up into two sections: Teen Straight Talk and Straight Talk - For All Ages. Straight Talk - For All Ages is new to the program's lineup and is intended for college students and senior citizens, said co-chairs Linda Brice and Kathleen McPherson in a statement.

McPherson said STD rates between

men and women in their 20s and those 55 and older are important to focus on as those groups continue to grow.

Organizations and HSC faculty and students set up booths in the Academic Classroom Building at the HSC to inform attendees about a number of issues, including drinking and driving, tattoos and teen pregnancy.

"Our booth is understanding the risks of tattoos, prevention as far as infection, precautions, how to take good care of it, the costs and what you have to do to get it taken off," said Alexandria Ponce de León, a senior at the Tech School of Nursing. "When you go into a tattoo parlor, look for the licenses, ask questions and make sure you know that you're in a good spot before you just let someone stick your body with needles."

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University alleviates concerns about state audit, incorrect funding

By SUMMER CHANDLER
STAFF WRITER

Although local media reports have indicated that Texas Tech financial aid officials inappropriately awarded financial aid dollars to some students, Tech officials said the audit for the 2010-2011 award year actually reflects positively on the university.

"The audit says that 30 of 60 accounts had an increased chance of being inaccurately awarded," said Chris Cook, managing director of communications and marketing for Tech, "but they cannot determine if they were inaccurately awarded. All in all, the entire audit on

the university was good and we were all happy with it."

Becky Wilson, senior managing director of Student Financial Aid, said the Student Financial Aid office processes approximately \$265 million in funding. Of that, \$180 million is federal funding, which is the funding on which the audit focuses.

Wilson, whose office processes financial aid for approximately 21,000 students each year, said the total amount in question following the audit was about \$5,000, representing approximately .0000287 percent of the total amount.

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Alston's Ascension



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/ *The Daily Toreador*

ALEX ALSTON, A junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from San Antonio, was elected to be the president of the Student Government Association on Thursday.

New SGA president sets high goals for Texas Tech

By HALLIE DAVIS
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After training a sea lion, running the Texas Tech Student Government

Association will only be the second most unique thing on Alex Alston's resume.

Alston, the newly elected SGA president, worked as an animal trainer at Sea World, where he was in the sea

lion show with one speaking line and a lot of sea lions.

This, however, was not an experience the restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from

San Antonio highlighted in his bid to become president as part of the Raiders United team.

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Center of Addiction, Recovery at Tech works to change, improve lives

College freshman overcomes eating disorder, alcohol addiction

By **SUMMER CHANDLER**
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Abby's brown eyes light up when she talks about playing the guitar, pursuing a career in energy commerce and her boyfriend of more than two years.

The 17-year-old girl's dark hair is straightened, her black top hangs fashionably off of one shoulder, a dark North Face jacket is slung across the back of her chair. Chatting at a table in the Student Union Building, Abby is the epitome of the average college freshman at Texas Tech.

But seven years ago, Abby, who has asked that her last name not be published, struggled against an internal foe — an eating disorder.

"No matter how much weight I lost, no matter how much makeup I put on, I was never able to love myself how I was in that moment," she said.

At age 11, Abby began compulsively over-exercising, which progressed into anorexia. Abby said thoughts such as "skinnier is prettier" began to consume her.

"Whenever I had the eating disorder, it was like a constant obsession," she said. "I found it really, really hard to relate to people and talk to people. It was almost like I alienated myself because I was constantly thinking about it."

"Unless I had somebody else that was another anorexic or bulimic to talk to me about that, I didn't want to talk to anyone about anything else. It was just, 'Oh, let's get skinnier; let's drop five pounds.'"

McKenzie Wilkes, a research associate for eating disorders at

the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery and Center for Prevention and Resiliency, said this kind of behavior is one of the primary indicators of an eating disorder.

"One thing that is really important (to ask yourself) is: do your behaviors affect things in your life — like your relationships or your ability to maintain a lifestyle that lets you interact with other people? Does it affect your health?" she said. "(People need to) ask themselves how much time they actually spend focusing on their food, their body, their weight, what they want to change about themselves, thinking about their next meal or next workout while they are doing other things, unable to be in the present."

Abby's parents started to notice the compulsive working out and at first decided it was just something to keep an eye on.

"What I noticed was that one summer, during junior high, she was starting to exercise a lot. She would run a couple miles, come home and swim, go upstairs and (dance), go run again," Mariellen, Abby's mother, said in a phone interview. "(I thought), maybe she's bored. She's always been one of those kids who — no matter what it is — will go at it full force. I didn't notice if she was losing weight because she was a perfect weight, perfectly proportional."

Mariellen said she started noticing how Abby's behavior was impacting her food choices by September.

"When she started school that year, I would ask 'What do you want in your lunch box?' It was

always bags of lettuce," she said. "I started having some thoughts about it (being an eating disorder) more then. It (wasn't) just the eating, it (was) the exercising. Then I was noticing she was trying to lose weight — a lot of weight."

"By Thanksgiving, it was very evident. It was right after Thanksgiving, and I looked at her from the side and she was so thin. Her abdomen was concave. I thought, 'Something is going on, she's in trouble. This is something we need to address as parents.'"

Abby's parents confronted their daughter after discovering she was purging — or vomiting — after meals.

"It was severe enough that we confronted Abby with it; she was at one of her lows. She looked horrible, down to 84, 85 pounds and we didn't know what to do," Mariellen said. "Her dad asked her and (Abby) said that, yes, she thought she had an issue. I knew someone who mentioned a psychologist who specialized in eating disorders."

Abby began seeing the psychologist twice a week for intense sessions and, in January, her parents and the psychologist felt Abby had turned a corner and made huge progress in her recovery from eating disorders.

But Abby's recovery had taken a detour. Abby said she replaced her eating disorder with a drug and alcohol addiction.

"Abby is very much a people-pleaser," Mariellen said. "We didn't really have conflict. Abby was doing fine, she was doing OK in school — meanwhile, she'd

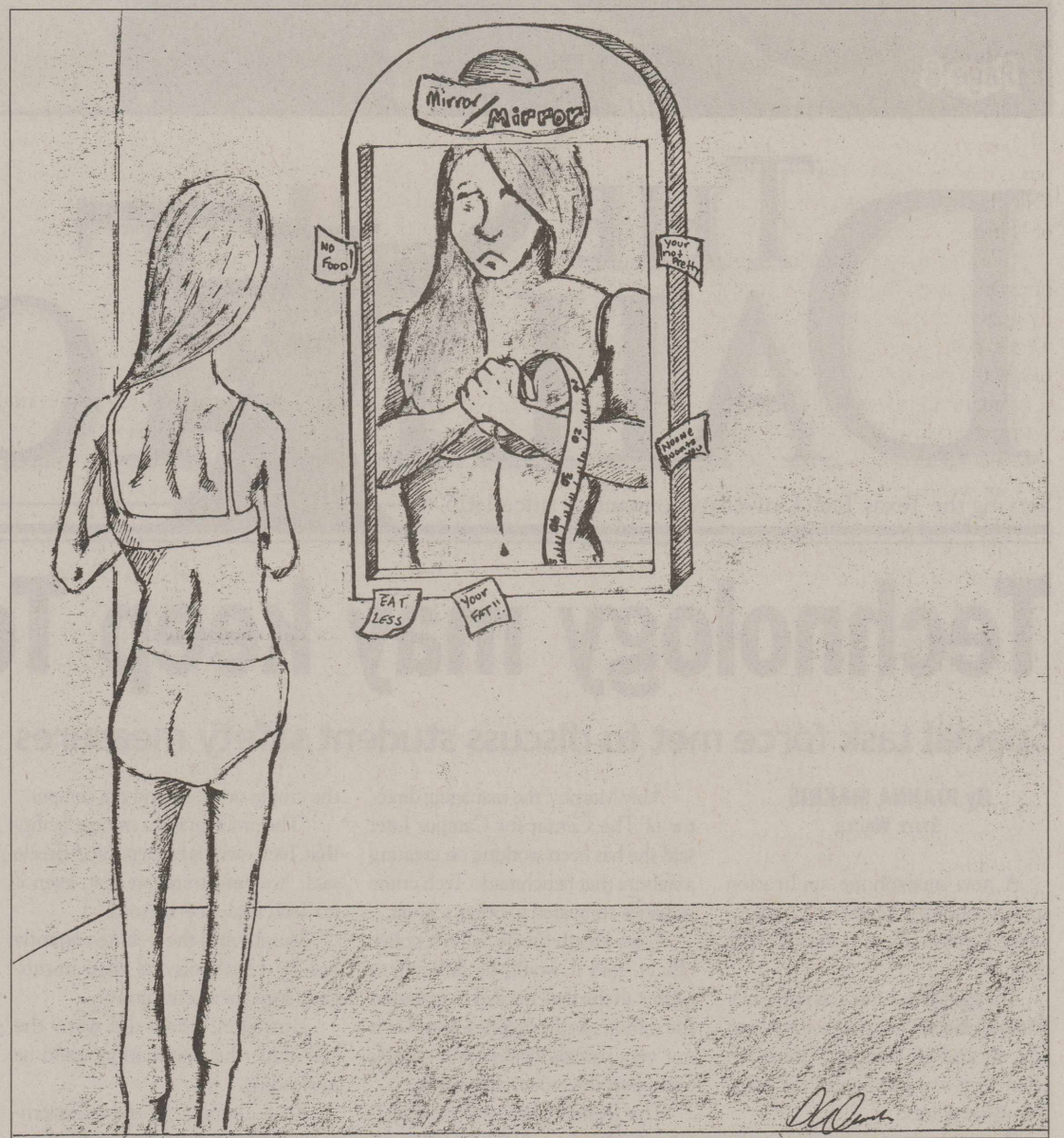


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picked up (a drug and alcohol addiction)."

Abby entered rehab for a drug and alcohol addiction and, upon completing the rehab program, enrolled in an alternative high school for students in addiction recovery.

Entering college brought new challenges for both Abby and Mariellen.

"When you come to college, everybody drinks," Abby said. "When you're like, 'I don't drink,' you get some weird looks. I hon-

estly just don't tell anybody. I just don't mention it and kind of joke about it."

"I also don't tell people I have an eating disorder because of those stereotypes, like, 'Oh, skinny girl over there.' That's what you think of when you think of eating disorder. You don't think of a normal-sized female who is going through these insanities in her head."

Mariellen said she felt Tech was the only option for Abby.

"When she got into the rehab program at 14 and went into the (alternative high school), many of those kids spoke very highly of Texas Tech," she said. "She was very into her recovery and her program and that's her life."

"It seemed like a natural fit. It is a built-in support system. She didn't have to find that sober group, those sober girls. Texas Tech was a good fit. It curbed (those) fears for me that she's so far away, she's 17, she's in recovery."

Abby's challenges at Tech began almost immediately. Being submerged in an environment where she is surrounded by so many different body types and so many females was a test.

"It was difficult at first, but along with that comes a lot of self-affirmations," Abby said.

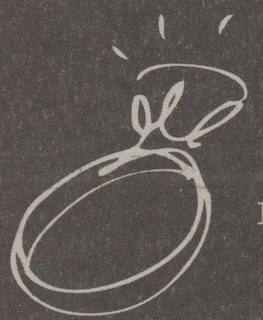
"I have to keep reconsidering (those thoughts and thinking) 'I am a beautiful person' or else I'm going to get caught up in 'Oh, all these sorority girls are so much prettier and skinnier than me.' I can't fit that stereotype because I know that stereotype isn't healthy for me. But I take care of myself. Basically, whatever I can do not to obsess about it."

Wilkes said Tech is the only university campus with a specific eating disorder community and the resources available are a huge help to students like Abby. The school's recovery community is one of the best resources when struggling with an eating disorder or addiction, Abby said.

"Whenever I first started the eating disorder recovery, I was around a bunch of people in recovery," she said. "Being part of a group, that is the exact cure for it."

Both Abby and Wilkes encourage any students who need assistance with an eating disorder to contact the CSAR.

"Anyone who thinks they might have an issue should definitely come by the center or email me," Wilkes said. "It's what we're here for. I think a lot of people don't know about the resources here or don't know where to go." >>>schandler@dailytoreador.com



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Teen pregnancy is not as glamorous as the MTV show "Teen Mom," Calee Renick, a senior at the School of Nursing, said.

"We did our booth over teen pregnancy and — not just necessarily how to prevent it — but if you were to get pregnant, the nutritional needs, the cost of a baby — because it is super expensive — any support systems and resources that we have," she said. "Self-esteem, body image — your whole body changes if you get pregnant at an early age."

Lubbock County has the highest percentage of unplanned pregnancy in the state of Texas, Chelsey Lozano, a senior at the School of Nursing, said.

After conducting a survey at Tech, Lozano and other medical and nursing students found only 30 percent of the university's population knows how to put on a condom.

"Condoms cost a dollar a piece, and a child costs \$20,000 a year on average," Shandi Forbes, a senior at the School of Nursing, said.

Another hot topic up for discussion was texting while driving.

Students learning about texting and driving could sign the West Texas No Texting Pledge to promise not to use their phone while in the car.

"While making the texting and driving poster, we learned a lot," Chelsea Williamson, a senior at the School of Nursing, said. "I didn't realize that every day 11 teenagers die from texting and driving."

Causing an accident while texting and driving is six times more likely than while drinking and driving, she said.

"You have the same reaction time though as if you had a blood-alcohol level of .08 when you're texting and driving," said Mandy Weinheimer, a senior at the School of Nursing. "Even with hands-free devices, you still have that delayed reaction time."

If drinking is an activity for a night, a designated driver is important, she said.

"If you don't have anyone sober to drive, then call the taxi service," Weinheimer said. "They're more than willing to help out, even if it is a little money for it. It's a lot cheaper

than having a wrecked car or killing someone."

The fine can be up to \$10,000 and anywhere from two to 20 years in jail, she said. With other charges and fines tacked on, a person could spend more than 20 years in jail.

More than 60 community organizations support the Straight Talk program, including The Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock and Nurse-Family Partnership.

"We try to advocate and prevent child abuse and neglect in the Lubbock area," said Shelby Epperson, a senior in community health and an intern at Family Guidance and Outreach Center of Lubbock.

The organization is distributing 40,000 blue ribbons in April for child abuse prevention month, she said.

"The last Saturday in April we're doing a blue ribbon rally car and bike show down in the Depot District," Epperson said. "It's free to the public and we'll raffle off a Harley. It's one of the ways we can raise money for the organization, so we can continue to offer free parenting classes."

Anger management programs for children in Lubbock Independent School District and shaken baby prevention programs are other resources offered by the Family Guidance and Outreach Center.

Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidence-based community health program, said Lisa Dillard, a supervisor Nurse-Family Partnership.

"The nurse works with the mom during pregnancy up until the time that the baby is two years old, providing her with education, support, resources and advocating for health care, well-being and taking on her maternal role to provide for her baby," she said. "We assist young moms to stay in school, plan for prevention of subsequent pregnancies, learn preparation for childbirth and how to utilize services if the mom doesn't have family support."

Nurse-Family Partnership is a grant-funded program without any costs to the new mom, she said.

"Evidence shows that if you interface with the mom during the most rapid time of change — which is pregnancy and the new baby — that with what she gets out of the program, she will be better and more



PHOTO BY NICOLE MOLTER/The Daily Toreador

A BOOTH SHOWS models of a human fetus at various stages of development at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Straight Talk forum Saturday. The event for all ages informed participants about teen pregnancy, STDs, bullying and a number of other issues.

prepared for subsequent pregnancies," Dillard said.

Amy Garcia has had about 40 new moms complete the program.

"Sometimes it's challenging because they're not driven," she said. "They like the motivation and they just don't see themselves get-

ting further. It's rewarding, because you can see when the baby comes and how they have grown up and realize they have a big responsibility now. They're looking forward and starting to think and look at things differently."

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Audit

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"We were very pleased with the audit report, and (.000287 percent) was the highest percentage of all of our findings," Wilson said. "Packaging and processing financial aid is an integral process. You have to make sure it is packaged correctly. We were very pleased with the report."

Both Cook and Wilson said recent media coverage failed to highlight another significant aspect of the audit and changes which took place during the 2010-2011 award span.

Wilson said for several years, Tech had used full-time budgets in determining the cost of attendance, which is used in the formula for determining students' need for financial assistance.

A phone call from the state auditor's office suggested Tech needed to use a separate budget for part-time students in assessing the cost of attendance. After contacting Tech's representative with the U.S. Department of Education, Wilson said, her office was told the financial aid office was in compliance with current rules. After

relaying this information to the state auditor's office, Wilson said, officials with the auditor's office stated further communication between the state auditor's office and the U.S. Department of Education had confirmed a formula for part-time students would need to be implemented.

"Once we were told that, we complied — as we always do — and instituted a part-time formula," Cook said. "That's where you see that split; students who had already been awarded were done so on a full-time basis. You can't go back and change that. The audit started at the beginning of the fiscal year, but the criteria are based off of the end of that year. The audit report didn't explain that discrepancy."

Additionally, the audit was not unusual, Wilson said.

"We are audited almost every year so this is nothing new for the financial aid office," she said. "The state chooses institutions based on who handles the most (funding) and we are always on that list," Wilson said.

Wilson said all issues brought to the attention of university officials during the audit were corrected.

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Putin claims victory in Russia's presidential vote

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Putin claimed victory in Russia's presidential election before tens of thousands of cheering supporters Sunday, even as the opposition and independent observers insisted the vote had been marred by widespread fraud.

At a massive rally just outside the Kremlin, Putin thanked his supporters for helping foil plots aimed at destroying Russia, sounding a nationalistic theme that has resonated with the prime minister's core supporters amid a wave of unprecedented protests.

"I have promised that we would win and we have won!" he shouted to the flag-waving crowd, which responded with shouts of support. "We have won in an open and honest struggle."

He said the vote showed the majority of Russians has rejected "political provocations" by his opponents aimed at "destroying Russia's statehood and usurping power."

Putin tallied 58.59 percent of the vote, according to exit polls cited by state television. Communist Party candidate Gennady Zyuganov received about 18 percent, according to the surveys, and the others — nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, socialist Sergei Mironov and billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov — were in single digits.

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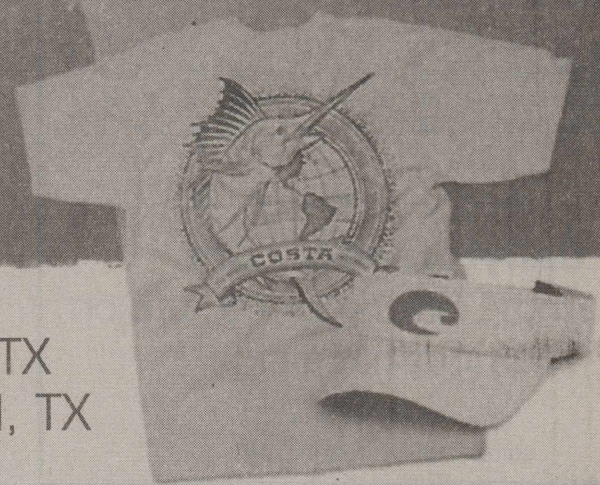
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US must innovate beyond oil, coal

Over the entire course of human history, it's easy to say technology has become increasingly advanced as our species has progressed. Technology today is certainly more advanced than the Cold War era.

For the most part though, the last century has provided an exponential advancement in comparison. This is primarily due to the fantastic innovations in energy distribution. Now more than ever, we've been able to acquire energy and send it out to every corner of the civilized world.

Electricity and natural gas lines crisscross this country. At this very moment, millions of gallons of gasoline are on our nation's highways, on the way to neighborhood gas stations.

This has been the case for the last 25 years. We've not changed much; not evolved to a point where we are seriously innovating on the energy front.

Mostly because our society has been comfortable with the setup. We buy a reasonably

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priced car, take it to the corner store twice a week to fill it up on affordable gasoline and go about our daily business without feeling a pinch in the pocketbook.

We are able to easily ignore the effects of global warming because we are able to dismiss weather as random and unpredictable events that cannot be controlled.

We've been able to rationalize our relationship with the totalitarian states of Saudi Arabia, Iran and Canada in order to keep gasoline prices low.

But none of this matters because Americans, in general, are very good at rationalizing things so we can go about our daily lives.

At least until recently when gas prices started to impact our daily lives. People have started

using mass transit, cutting back on unnecessary trips and now are looking at fuel efficiency when purchasing a new vehicle.

This doesn't treat the root cause of our energy problems. Oil is still a very limited resource, as are many of the resources used to create electricity.

We've got an opportunity to fundamentally change the way we approach energy.

We can take this opportunity to stop building oil pipelines across the country. Pipelines such as the Keystone XL Pipeline have a lot of negative effects. Among these are the dangerous (and very real) possibility of oil leaks, the seizure of private property to run private pipelines across state lines and the lack of permanent jobs created by such a massively

expensive project.

Building more pipelines gives the public perception that we need oil. If we don't build another pipeline, the terrorists will win, gas prices will skyrocket and gas lines will return.

It's kind of sad our government needs a reason to stop a corporate tax break, but this is a perfect opportunity to stop any and all tax breaks for the creation and distribution of polluting energy. This, of course, would target the little sisters of the poor, commonly known as the oil companies.

If oil companies can't find a way to make a profit selling gasoline, then they should fail. They have a captive customer base, no real competitors and a war chest of savings in the tens of billions.

In order for people to get from point A to point B — especially in this country — oil is the exclusive provider of the vehicular fuel. The primary competitors of oil companies are municipal corporations who build sidewalks.

Coal powers 44.9 percent of electricity in this country and *Popular Science* estimates it is about one-sixth the cost to produce as oil. Why subsidize something which is in such high demand and so cheap to produce? Coal is incredibly dirty and studies suggest it contributes to 10,000 premature deaths each year.

And don't buy into clean coal — clean coal is simply a buzz term used to describe slightly less polluting coal. Saying clean coal is slightly less polluting than standard coal is like saying RDX is less explosive than TNT. In the end, they will both explode.

With all these new savings, we can put half the savings towards the national debt and the other half to new companies working on renewable energy.

A concerted effort by the government has worked in the past. It took 11 years to put men on the moon. We didn't even have to raise taxes then.

True, we were up against the Soviet Union in our race to the moon and a long-term commitment to the space program was an integral part of the fall of communism. Our reward now might be just as great — we can cut our dependence on Mideast oil, stifling the cash flow of totalitarian dictators. Without the West being forced to pretend Saudi Arabia and Qatar are blossoming areas of democracy because they have oil, we might be able to affect actual positive change in the region.

The time is now to commit to a future of renewable energy independence. If we don't start for 10 or 15 years, it will be too late. It may be too late already.

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Pinterest should join 21st century

By **MCKENNA BROWN**
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I tend to procrastinate a lot. Like, a lot. On homework, on doing the dishes, on cleaning my room, on doing laundry, on writing this column. Over the years, I've fine-tuned my procrastination methods so that I nearly never get anything done when I should.

So I sat down earlier this week (oh, who am I kidding? It was 12 hours before my deadline) and tried desperately to come up with something to write about in this column. I stared across my bedroom for about five minutes, my brain not doing any actual thinking at all, until I gave up on the endeavor and decided to peruse Pinterest for a few minutes (read: hours).

Oh, Pinterest. Have you heard of it?

For those (few) who haven't, it's a fairly new social-media site that allows viewers to "pin" things onto different customizable boards. The things could be links, photos, blogs or pretty much anything else you can find online.

My best friend introduced me to Pinterest about five months ago, but I resisted signing up for the site (actually, you have to "request an invitation" for whatever reason) until winter break because I knew what a huge time-suck

it would become.

I eventually gave in, but I'm a little too overwhelmed with the sheer size of the site to check out all of it. I made five boards to start with: "Places to go" (that one's filling up fast), "Places I've been" (because I'm a snob and want to show off), "Foody food food" (this one has more pins than any other),

"Yes, please" (my entertainment board; I was running out of pithy titles) and "If I were crafty." (This last one is empty because I am really, really not crafty. I once accidentally squirted some hot glue onto my finger and immediately put it into my mouth. I am an idiot).

I've become a little addicted to the site, more as a time-waster than anything else. It's fun to look at pretty clothes and yummy food and beautiful homes every once in a while, but after a few months on the site it's kind of starting to get on my nerves.

Here's my main problem with Pinterest: It turns otherwise mature, goal-oriented women into little girls.

First, there are the wedding boards. Good lord, the wedding boards. Ladies are posting dozens and dozens of dresses, flower arrangements, engagement rings and locations. It freaks me out!

I love weddings as much as the next girl, but I prefer to keep my "future wedding" stash hidden under my bed, rather than online for everyone to see. I don't need everyone stealing my brilliant ideas.

There's the "fitness" board. Sometimes I hop on here for a few minutes to work up the motivation to go to body sculpting class, and for the most part the pins are pretty good. There are, however, a disturbing number of girls (and even guys) who pin photos of obviously anorexic models and label them "thinspiration."

And what's worse, instead of offering words of encouragement to these pinners, commenters just attack them for posting the photos. Yes, the photos are scary and don't belong on a "fitness" board, but anger isn't the way to get them taken off.

Then there are the craft boards. And the food boards. And the baby boards. If you were to look at the collective Pinterests of every girl who went to the University, it would look like we were back in the 1950s. Is this really all we care about? Finding the perfect guy who will give us the perfect ring so we can have the perfect wedding and move into the perfect house to have perfect children to whom we can feed perfect meals? It makes us seem like we're a whole generation of Martha Stewarts.

Now, this isn't to say that I'm totally against all that. If that's what you're looking forward to doing, by all means, please go for it. But most of the girls I know have other things on their minds too. I hope that, as the site develops a little more, we'll see more boards that reflect the real interests of women, not just the domestic ones.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go make myself a sports board.

Studying abroad: Immerse yourself

By **BERNADETTE MYERS**
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I spent last weekend in Florence, Italy — home to Michelangelo's "David," Botticelli's "Primavera," and Brunelleschi's awe-inspiring dome. But what stuck with me from that trip wasn't the art.

On Saturday, we stayed out so we could go to the midnight bakery. This phenomena is common in Italian student cities. When bakers get to work around 3 a.m. to start preparing the day's bread, they'll sometimes sell pizza and pastries out the side door to drunk students coming home late at night. It's technically illegal for them to be selling outside of regular hours, but at the bakeries I've been to, everyone waiting in line knows how to play the quiet game.

Not at the bakery in Florence. There's even a sign on the door written in English asking customers to be quiet. But when I arrived at the door tucked around a corner in a residential neighborhood, I found a group of Americans loudly proclaiming how "sick" the music at The Red Garter had been that night and that their rum and cokes had been "waaaahaaay" too strong.

My boyfriend went up to ask them to be quiet. We would never get any pastries if they proceeded to wake up the entire neighborhood. They all laughed. And then one of them shouted after my boyfriend as he walked away, "Who cares! This is Italy, man!"

Some people may associate Florence with "The Inferno" and the birth of the Renaissance. I'm more familiar with it as Mecca for American study abroad students. When most students think of studying abroad in Italy, Florence seems like a logical option. It's smaller, centrally located, and chock-full of Italian art and culture. Who

wouldn't want to go live for a few months in the capital of the Renaissance?

But, that's just the problem. Every-one studies in Florence. And a city like Florence is no where near the size of Paris or Berlin. So the result of this American pilgrimage to fulfill the societal requirement for cultural "immersion" is, well, the loss of any form of immersion. Universities like New York University and Syracuse create entire campuses in this already small city. You'll here more English than Italian when walking down the streets. The bars play Lady Gaga and Ultimate Fighting Champion. There's even a restaurant that sells onion rings — something I haven't seen since August.

Francesco, a friend of mine who is from Florence, told me that when he was younger, him and all his friends used to go to Prato if they wanted a night out. A ten minute train ride, but worth it to get away from the American students. They're running away from us. So much for breaking down barriers and building a real cross-cultural experience.

Italy isn't America's playground. But it isn't a pretentious retreat for cultural snobbery either. Italy is a country, like any other, where people work, sleep, eat (maybe a little better than some countries) and generally try to make a living.

As study abroad students, we should be studying that rhythm, learning to understand it, adopt it, and then maybe add our own American spin on it. As hard as it is to believe, people actually live on those dreamlike streets of Florence. People with a different way of looking at the world than you may see it. And you should care. Not because your University tells you to, or because your art history professor tells you to, or because I tell you to, but because you'll understand yourself better in the process. Those same people may want listen to you too, if you just turn off the Kesha for a few minutes.

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Kappa Delta fights child abuse through fundraiser event

By **MICHAEL DUPONT II**
STAFF WRITER

According to the website, childhelp.org, five children die each day due to child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse spreads throughout all socioeconomic levels and affects children of every culture and from every background, the site said.

Texas Tech's Kappa Delta sorority organized a philanthropy event Saturday afternoon to benefit victims of child abuse. Kappa Delta's 25th annual See-Saw-a-Thon took place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Market Street. From 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., members of the sorority channeled moments from their childhood and took turns riding a large seesaw.

Megan Welch, a junior early childhood education major from Frisco, said each member of the sorority took at least two two-hour shifts on the seesaw over the course of the weekend.

Children were permitted to ride on the seesaw along with a member of the sorority,

while under the supervision of a parent.

Welch said the sorority accepted donations from the community as they entered and exited Market Street to shop.

"Last year we raised over \$27,000," she said. "This year we're hoping to at least raise \$25,000."

Welch said, in regards to philanthropy, Kappa Delta focuses primarily on issues dealing with child abuse.

A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds and about 30 percent of those abused and neglected children will go on to abuse or neglect their own children, according to childhelp.org.

Peyton Collun, a freshman speech pathology major from Coppell, said the proceeds from the event will go to Prevent Child Abuse America and the local advocacy center.

"We got donations from places like Dion's and Chili's," she said. "There were also multiple fraternities and two sororities that donated."

Collun said riding the seesaw with other children made

her feel like a "big kid."

"When I was on (the seesaw) I just wanted to go to Six Flags," she said. "I wanted to ride some roller coasters afterwards."

Sarah Sparling, a junior human development and family studies major from Dallas, said 80 percent of the money raised goes to the Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains.

"Children who have been abused are encouraged to visit the advocacy center," she said. "They can provide therapy and counseling and a safe place for those children."

Sparling said, before being in college, child abuse was something she had never thought much about because she never had to deal with it.

"Coming out and doing our philanthropy every year really opens your eyes to see how much it does happen," she said. "People walk up and thank us. Just hearing that lets me know we are making a difference."

Micaela Rosinski, a sophomore public relations major from Coppell, said Kappa Delta



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KATIE SCHOLL, A 7-year-old, sits on a seesaw with **Amanda Custer**, a senior education major from Katy, and **Meaghan Howard**, a senior early childhood education major from Tomball, in front of the Market Street grocery store Saturday during a fundraiser organized by the Kappa Delta sorority. From donations, 80 percent will be sent to the Child Advocacy Center in Lubbock and 20 percent will be sent to Prevent Child Abuse America.

is the largest contributor to the Children Advocacy Center and has been for the past 11 years.

"I think from every point of view for our chapter this event is great," she said. "It's great to know we can influence the community in such a great way

because (the Children's Advocacy Center) really thrive from our donation."

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Alston

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He said the name "Raiders United" wasn't just a campaign slogan.

The group's purpose is to bring students from all parts of campus together, Alston said. Just in campaigning, many students had stereotypes proven untrue, which of course, leads to a more united campus, he said.

"We are all Tech students," he said, "and we feel like we all need to work together and we all need to support each other."

For the upcoming year, Alston said he has many plans to bring students together. One of them is to create a campus-wide calendar.

Most students delete TechAnnounce, he said, and most organizations spend their time and energy recruiting new members. Alston said a calendar featuring all upcoming meetings in any organization will allow the groups to focus more on internal issues.

This was part of the students portion of Raider United's platform for

students, safety and academics.

The academics tenant features a plan to request professors to return grades to students in a timely manner.

Alston said the current rules stipulate that work must be returned before the end of the semester, which could potentially be after a final exam.

Ultimately though, Alston said, he would help students with whatever they asked.

Alston's friend Marli Street said this is his greatest trait.

"He is always willing and yearning to help," said the senior human development and family studies major from Pampa. "He's very much others-absorbed."

The two met through SGA and Street said they became fast friends because Alston is so friendly and helpful.

She said this probably stemmed from his tight family bonds.

Much of Alston's support comes from his family, he said. It's very close-knit, despite the fact that the three siblings go to different big 12 schools.

With a twin brother at OSU and a younger sister at OU, Alston said, his parents usually try to cheer for the team who has the home field.

"I think they'll be cheering for Tech more often now," he said, grinning.

As close as his family is, there's always a little room for sibling rivalry, he said.

Alston's brother was the student body president of OSU, which was something of an incentive to get Alston to run for the position at Tech. He filed his candidacy within a week of the deadline.

Having been in student government in high school, Alston said, he knew he wanted to participate when he got to college. At orientation, he said, his plan was solidified when he saw the then-president speak to the incoming students.

"He comes walking out at orientation to talk," Alston said, "and I was like, 'I want to be that guy.' It was the kind of vision I had."

However, getting there was no easy task. Alston said he ran for senator his freshman and sophomore

years, but was not elected. Then he took a year off, going on the Disney College Program for a semester and taking classes at the University of Texas at San Antonio for the next. During that time, Alston said he realized he needed to change majors and he needed to return to Texas Tech.

Things went up from there. Alston served as the chief of staff for this term and realized he had a shot at the presidency just before the deadline to declare candidacy.

Though Alston said he greatly respected the competition, he knew

there had to be more than one choice on the ballot. Feeling qualified and having found running mates, he joined the race knowing he could improve student government and the student body.

"He is a president that is looking for the betterment of Texas Tech," Street said, "not just himself."

Alston, Trotter and Young joined with more than 45 senate candidates to make up Raiders United and their campaigning began.

"Emotions were so high," he said. "Everyone's emotions were at the

edge. We were working so hard to get to where we were. We were like, 'We can't let this fail.'"

And they didn't. With one of the biggest social media campaigns in Tech SGA history, T-shirts and supporters in the Free Speech Area, Alston said, he knew the campaign was going well.

Still, he said, hearing his name called was a surreal moment.

"We knew they were competitors," he said. "We definitely did not have it handed to us."

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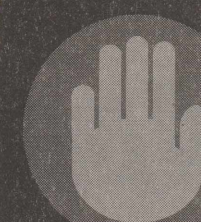

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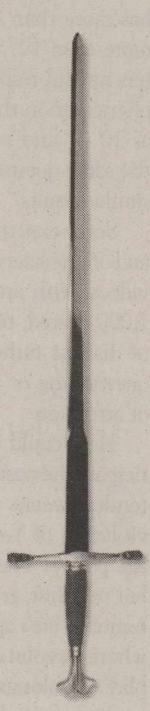
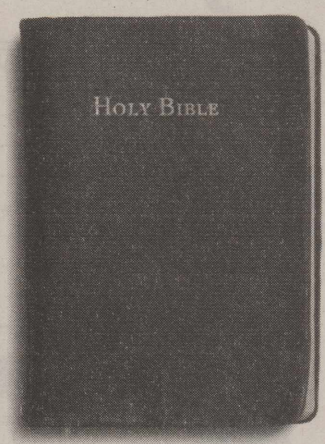
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Open house gives students behind-the-scenes look at Tech

By HALLIE DAVIS
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In the 8th grade, Irons Middle School student Jordan Aranda has not put a lot of thought into his college plans.

However, his art has already been featured at the Texas Tech School of Art, so on Friday he donned a "Wreck 'Em" shirt and joined his classmates on a trip to Raiderland.

The School of Art hosted its 5th annual open house on Friday, offering workshops and tours to the public in both the Art building and the 3-D Art annex.

"I think it's really, really amazing," Aranda said of the school,

which chose his class for a special exhibit as part of the open house.

Participants got to tour the galleries, watch artists in action, and have hands-on workshops in areas like weaving, stamp making and printmaking.

The variety of types of art is a big reason the school hosts the event, said Juanita Exiga, a masters of fine arts student from San Angelo. Most people don't realize how many different specialties Tech can offer.

"(This activity is important) to introduce printmaking to the people," she said. "It's not very widely done, so it's something exciting and new."

Visitors also got the chance

to see behind the usually-closed doors of specialized studios, like metal-smithing and jewelry making. Many students were working on projects and, Adriane Byrd said, the visitors were welcome to ask the artists about their work on every-

thing from carving rubber stamps to creating chain mail.

The senior studio art major from Burleson said this interaction between current students and possible future students was vital to the success of the day.

"It's for (students) who are in art to see these studios, ask questions and talk to professors," she said. "It gives them an idea of art

is like at Texas Tech."

Community members were also invited to attend, she said, to see what the School of Art has to offer. Exiga said people came from everywhere, making this year's Open House far busier than last year's event.

Best of all, the students seemed to love it. Woodshop technician for the School of Art, Rolando Shaw, said he was excited to see the students so excited.

He led one group on an impromptu tour through the workshop, teaching them about all of the machines, and even playing his hand-made didgeridoo for the group. He said it was good to see

young people so enthusiastic and genuinely interested in the arts.

Additionally, he said, it was a perfect opportunity for students to become interested. The school invited many high school classes to the event, Byrd said, and offered portfolio reviews for interested high school upperclassmen.

For Aranda, seeing the school was a bit of a surprise. He said it was not exactly what he had expected, but he really liked it — a reaction the Open House hopes most visitors will have.

"It lets the community know we are here," Shaw said. "It's important for the arts to be available."

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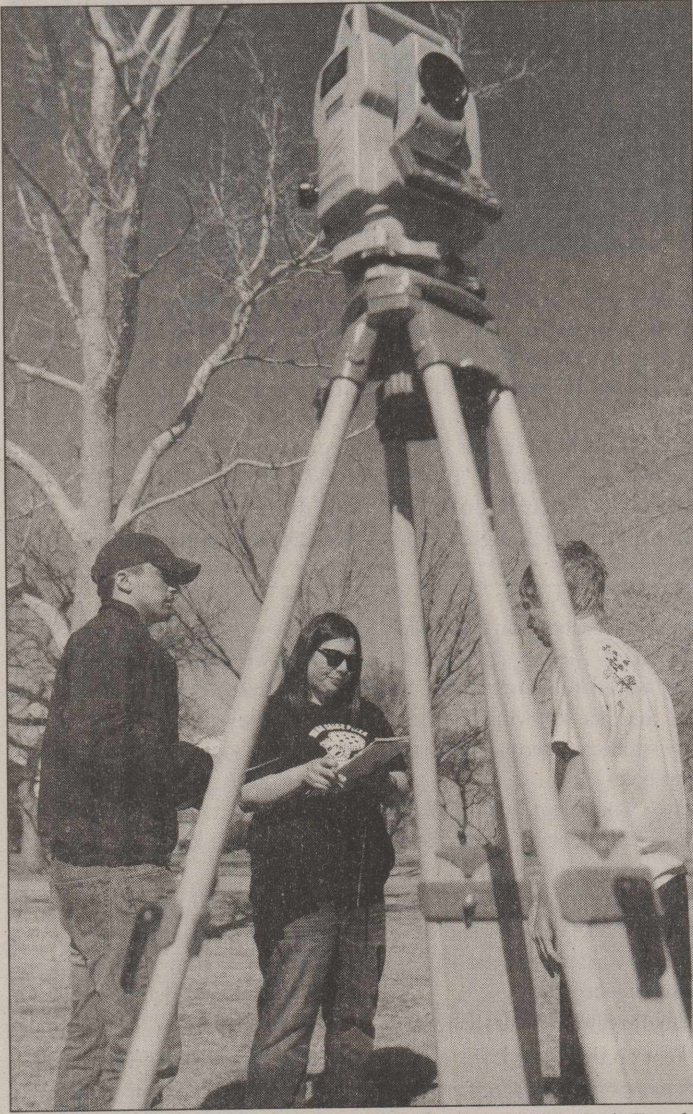
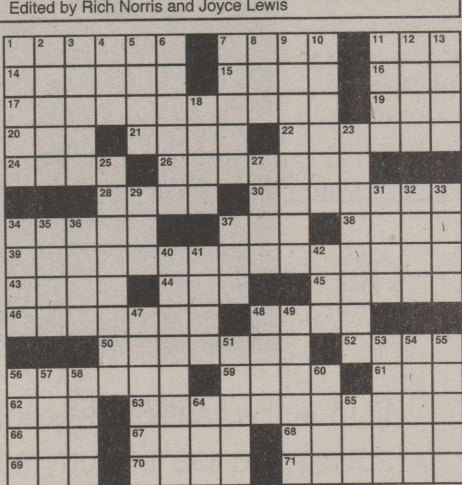


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MAURY FOLSON, A junior civil engineering major from Eastland, Wendy Ruiz, a junior civil engineering major from Lubbock, and Simon Melonas, a sophomore civil engineering major from Las Vegas, Nev., measure angles with a total station near the Southwest Conference Circle on Friday. The measurements were being taken for their construction engineering class.

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Theatre students perform 'Big Love'

By ASHLYN TUBBS
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Emotions ran high in the audiences March 1 through 4 in the Maedgen Mainstage Theatre.

Laughter and gasping was heard frequently as the Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance presented the comedy "Big Love" by Charles Mee, which addressed issues such as sexism, domestic abuse and date rape.

The play is a modern version of the play "The Suppliant Women" by Aeschylus. It tells the story of 50 frustrated women who are being forced to marry their 50 male cousins. Instead of complying with their orders, the women take to ship and sail away, still in their wedding gowns.

They are soon found by their husbands-to-be, causing utter chaos between the brides and grooms that the audience watched intently.

The play included dancing, singing, tumbling, music and even special effects, such as a helicopter about to land and fake blood. Along with these, it also included nudity, violence, harsh language and graphic imagery, which is why children were not present in the audience.

The play included heated moments between lovers and enemies as well.

The stage became a little messy with plates being broken, tomatoes being crushed and thrown down, wedding cake thrown and water slung.

At the conclusion of the play,

the actors and actresses freestyle danced and then threw a bouquet of flowers to the audience, along with a garter.

One member of the audience was LaTreshia Hamilton, a senior psychology major from Houston. She was invited to attend the play by her roommate and said she really enjoyed herself.

"It was nice," she said. "I appreciated all the humor but then the serious moments at the same time."

Opal Gonzales, a sophomore nutrition major from Big Spring, attended the play accompanied by her boyfriend. She had to attend the play for her acting class. She said she did not know what to expect at first but then became excited

to watch the play after reading its summary.

"It was fast paced," she said. "The story went along really well. It was fun thing to watch."

Analiz Espinoza, a freshman finance major from San Antonio, said she enjoys watching her peers perform because it is entertaining.

"You can tell how hard these students work when you watch them perform," she said. "I really enjoy watching them, knowing these are talented people my age."

Gonzales said she plans to attend each upcoming play the department holds.

"They're free," she said, "and they're always really, really good."

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YouTube phenomenon has girls asking: Am I pretty?

NEW YORK (AP) — The young girl shows off her big, comfy koala hat and forms playful hearts with her fingers as she drops the question on YouTube: "Am I pretty or ugly?"

"A lot of people call me ugly, and I think I am ugly. I think I'm ugly, and fat," she confesses in a tiny voice as she invites the world to decide.

And the world did.

The video, posted Dec. 17, 2010, has more than 4 million views and more than 107,000 anonymous, often hateful responses in a troubling phenomenon that has girls as young as 10 — and some boys — asking the same question on YouTube with similar results.

Some experts in child psychology and online safety wonder whether the videos, with anywhere from 300 to 1,000 posted, represent a new wave of distress rather than simple self-questioning or pleas for affirmation or attention.

How could the creators not anticipate the nasty responses, even the tender teens uploading videos in violation of YouTube's 13-and-over age policy? Their directness, playful but steadfast, grips even those accustomed to life's open Internet channel, where revolutions and executions play out alongside the ramblings of anybody with digital access.

Commenters on YouTube curse and declare the young video creators "attention whores," ask for sex and to see them naked. They wonder where

their parents are and call them "fugly" and worse.

"Y do you live, and kids in africa die?" one responder tells the girl in the koala hat who uses the name Kendal and lists her age as 15 in her YouTube profile, though her demeanor suggests she was far younger at the time.

Another commenter posts: "You need a hug.. around your neck.. with a rope.."

Some offer support and beg Kendal and the other young faces to take down their "Am I Pretty?" and "Am I Ugly?" videos and feel good about themselves instead.

Much has been made of cyber-bullying and pedophiles who cruise the Internet, and of low self-esteem among pre-adolescents and adolescents, especially girls, as their brains continue to develop.

There have been similar "hot or not" memes in the past, but as more young people live their lives online, they're clearly more aware of the potential for negative consequences.

"Negative feedback that is personal is rarely easy to hear at any age, but to teens and teens who value as well as incorporate feedback into their own sense of worth, it can be devastating," said Elizabeth Dowdell, a nursing professor at Villanova University in suburban Philadelphia. She has researched child Internet safety and risk behavior in adolescents in partnership with the

Justice Department.

In another video posted by Kendal, she offers to "do two dares" on camera, inviting her open-channel audience to come up with some as she holds a little white stuffed monkey.

In heavy eye makeup and neon orange nail polish, a girl who calls herself Faye not only asks the pretty/ugly question but tells in other videos of being bullied at school, suffering migraines that have sent her to the hospital and coping with the divorce of her parents.

"My friends tell me that I'm pretty," she says. "It doesn't seem like I'm pretty, though, because, I don't know, it just doesn't, because people at school, they're like, 'Faye you're not pretty at all.'"

She narrates a slideshow of still close-ups of herself to make the judging easier (she's had more than 112,000 views) and joins other girls who have posted videos on another theme, "My Perfect Imperfection," that have them noting what they hate and love about the way they look.

"I just don't like my body at all," says Faye as she pulls up her sweat shirt to bare her midriff.

Faye's profile lists her age as 13. Tracked down in suburban Denver, her mom, Naomi Gibson, told ABC's "Good Morning America" she knew nothing of the video until reporters started to call. "I was floored," she said.

Faye told ABC she has been

called names and gossiped about behind her back.

"Deep down inside, all girls know that other people's opinions don't matter," she said. "But we still go to other people for help because we don't believe what people say."

A third girl who uploaded one of the pretty/ugly videos in September attempts a few model poses in childlike pedal pushers and a long, multicolored T-shirt after posing the question. She takes down her ponytail and brushes her hair as she stares into the camera.

"If you guys are wondering, I am 11," she offers. Her video has been viewed more than 6,000 times.

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None of the three girls responded to private messages on YouTube seeking comment from The Associated Press. Gibson told ABC she was considering revoking her daughter's YouTube privileges, but stopped short of demanding that Faye take down the video.

"Hopefully it will open up the eyes of the parents," Gibson said. "The kids aren't letting their parents know what's wrong, just like Faye didn't let me know."

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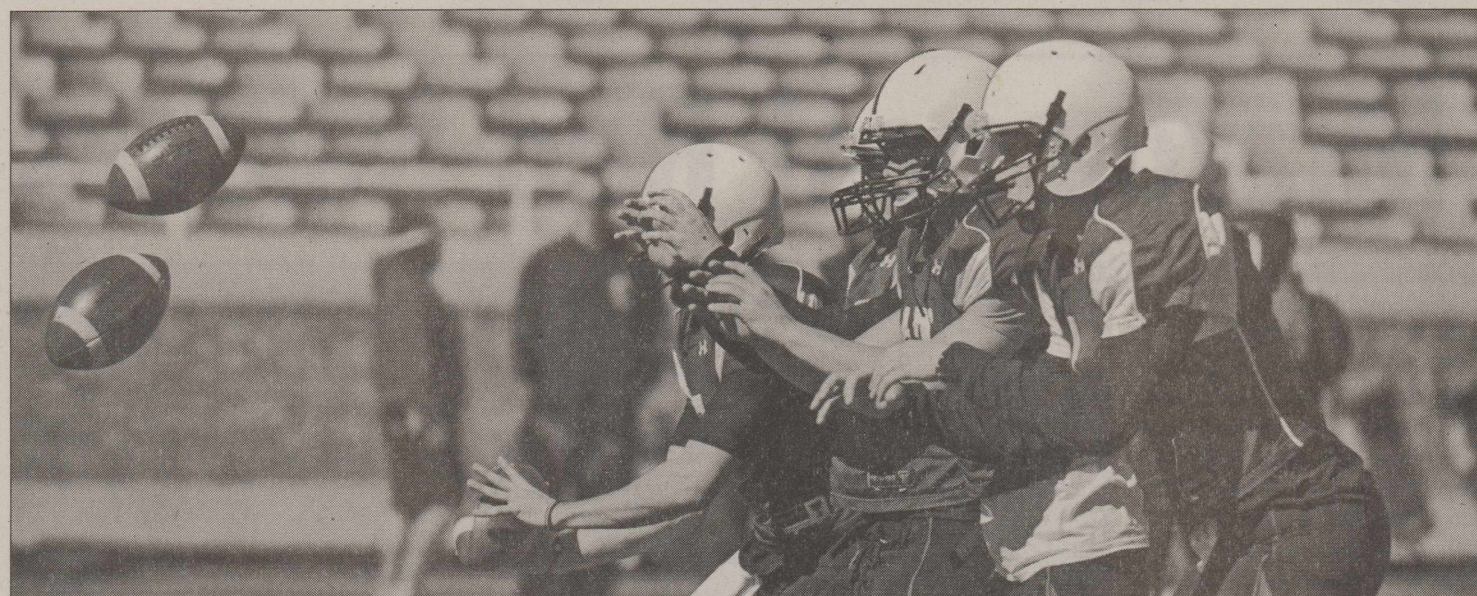


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACKS take snaps during spring practice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

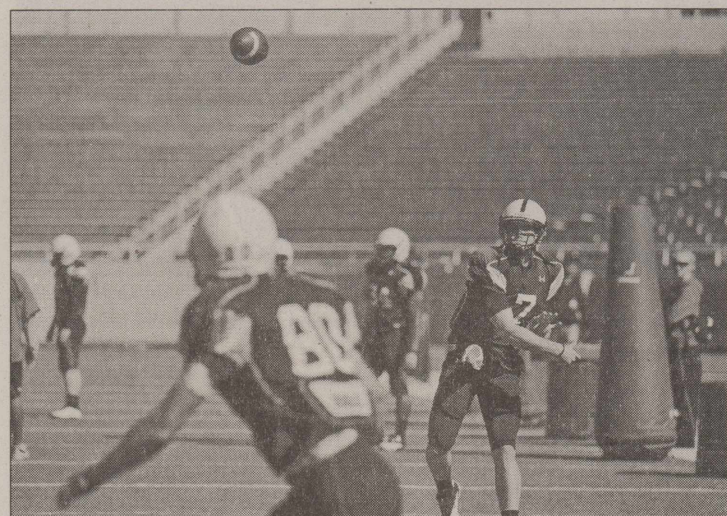


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege throws to wide receiver Jason Sabolboro during spring practice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



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TEXAS TECH'S BRADLEY Marquez, catches a touchdown pass during spring practice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

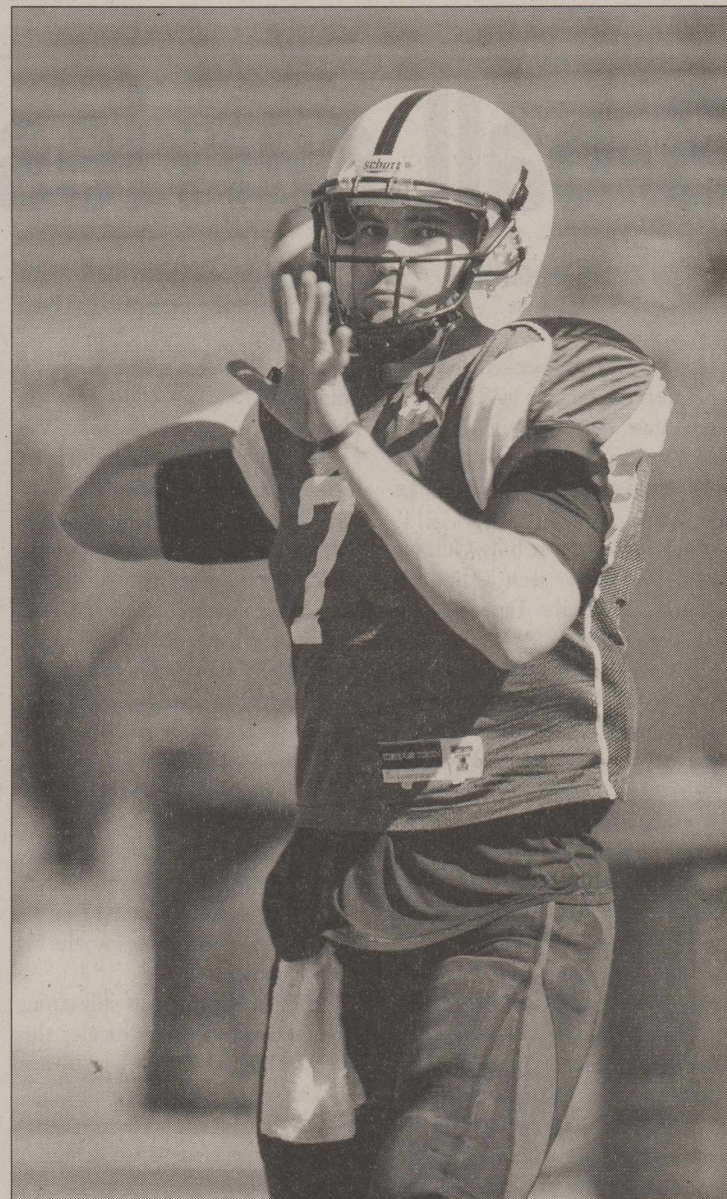


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege throws the ball during spring practice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Iowa State upsets No. 9 Baylor Bears 80-72

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Baylor heads to Kansas City for next week's Big 12 tournament with 25 wins and a star-studded lineup that should be able to match up against any team.

But Saturday night's loss at Iowa State was yet another challenge the No. 9 Bears couldn't overcome.

Scott Christopherson had 23 points in his final home game and Iowa State rallied to beat Baylor 80-72 for its second win over a top-10 opponent this season.

Melvin Ejim added 15 points for the Cyclones (22-9, 12-6 Big 12), who also secured the No. 3 seed for next week's conference tournament.

Baylor led by 37-30 at half-time, but the Bears went nearly 5 minutes without a point down the stretch. Baylor pulled to 66-64, but Tyrus McGee drilled a 3 with 1:24 left and the Bears followed with a crushing offensive foul.

Pierre Jackson had a career night with 35 points for the Bears (25-6, 12-6), who fell to the fourth seed for the Big 12 tournament after allowing 50 points in the second half.

"I know defensively, we've got to guard a lot better if we're going to be successful in the postseason," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "That's what we'll focus on."

Jackson's typically the one dishing the ball, ranking third in the Big 12 in assists. Against Iowa State, he simply kept it for himself. That strategy worked for a while, but when Jackson's stroke went cold the Bears didn't have anyone else to pick him up.

Jackson had 18 points by half-time, and matched his previous career high of 25 with 15:31 left on a confident 18-footer that put the Bears ahead 51-43. The Cyclones wouldn't go away, as Chris Babb's heads-up bucket off an errant White pass brought Iowa State within 53-52, but Jackson quickly answered with his fourth 3 of the night.

Christopherson gave the Cyclones their first lead of the second half, following a floater with a deep 3 to make it 62-60 with 7:02 left.

Royce White had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Cyclones, who scored 50 points in the second half and improved to 10-0 against Baylor at home.

Perry Jones III had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Bears, who shot just 6 of 24 from 3-point range and were outrebounded 38-35.

"We had some looks, didn't make baskets. The thing that's disappointing to me is we didn't do as good a job on the glass as we've done in games past," Drew said.

The one question that's dogged Baylor all season is how it's performed against the league's best teams.

Four of the Bears' five losses came against Big 12 heavyweights Kansas and Missouri, and only the one-point loss to the Tigers in Waco last month was even close.

The Bears took it to the Cyclones early, using their superior size and length to control the boards and keep Iowa State — one of the better teams in the country from the perimeter — from getting comfortable looks. But the Cyclones managed to tie the game 27-all late in the first half, despite hitting just two of their first 13 tries from 3-point range.

Baylor missed their first seven 3-point attempts, but Jackson broke that streak in putting the

Bears ahead 30-27. Jackson buried another one, this time after McGee blew a dunk, and Baylor opened a 37-28 lead.

But Jackson could've used more help. Quincy Acy had just five points and Brady Heslip and Quincy Miller each shot 3 of 9 from the floor en route to six points.

"When he gets going, he's tough. I should have gotten him more rest in the second half," Drew said of Jackson. "He really competed and had a great game."

The Bears had taken control in the second half, but they let Iowa State hang around just long enough to catch up — then overtake them. Baylor finished just 1-5 against the top three seeds in the Big 12 tournament: Kansas, Missouri and Iowa State.

"It's a new start," Jones said. "We're 0-0, starting all over. Just play hard, play defense."

Baylor joined the league champion Jayhawks as top-10 teams to lose at Hilton Coliseum this season. The Cyclones finished 8-1 at home in the Big 12 this season and, by beating the Bears, appear to have their first NCAA tournament bid in seven years locked up.

Saints case puts scrutiny on NFL bounty pay to try to injure players

(AP) — The revelations were shocking and appalling to those outside the NFL: A team paid bounties to knock opponents out of the game, including some of football's biggest stars.

For those who suit up, however, it sounded more like the long-accepted cost of doing business in a brutal sport, a dirty little secret that everyone kept on the down low.

Atlanta Falcons star Roddy White called it a "league thing" that goes far beyond the New Orleans Saints. Shawne Merriman of the Buffalo Bills wondered what all the fuss was about, having long maintained he was targeted and sustained a career-altering injury. Former All-Pro guard Alan Faneca said he wasn't surprised at all that a sordid system had finally been exposed.

"It's a violent game we play. Whether people want to think about it or not, part of the game is to exert physical dominance over your opponent," Faneca, who retired after the 2010 season, told The Associated Press on Saturday. "If it results in a guy not finishing the game, then that's what happened in the course of playing the game."

Former NFL player Matt Bowen

was the bluntest one of all.

"Bounties, cheap shots, whatever you want to call them, they are a part of this game," Bowen wrote Saturday in a column in the Chicago Tribune.

The NFL said Friday that Saints players and at least one assistant coach maintained a bounty pool of up to \$50,000 the last three seasons to reward game-ending injuries inflicted on opposing players, including star quarterbacks Brett Favre and Kurt Warner.

"Knockouts" were worth \$1,500 and "cart-offs" \$1,000, with payments doubled or tripled for the playoffs. According to the NFL, the pool amounts reached their height in 2009, the year the Saints won the Super Bowl.

The NFL investigation, by its own security department, delivered a blow to a league that has placed increased emphasis on safety, especially concerning concussions and dirty hits.

But as objectionable as many find the activity, is it a crime?

There was no immediate sign that prosecutors would investigate. The NFL has yet to hand out punishments, which could include suspensions, fines and loss of draft picks.

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3-ball carries Mizzou past Red Raiders

By CHOIS WOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

No. 7 Missouri knocked down 16 3-pointers en route to its 81-59 victory against Texas Tech on Saturday afternoon in United Spirit Arena in the final regular season game for both teams.

Red Raider coach Billy Gillispie said he had never seen a shooting performance like the Tigers had put on in the second half.

"It was all off penetration," he said. "We did a real poor job of guarding the basketball. We let them play too close to the 3-point line and that was because they had too much penetration. When they penetrated, we had to help with another defender."

Missouri shot 62 percent from behind the arc and 41 percent inside the 3-point line.

The open looks came off of good passes, Tiger guard Kim English said.

"You never go into a game planning to shoot a lot of threes," he said. "We always establish ourselves inside the paint and work outside. We are guards and we just take what the defense gives us and we were fortunate

enough to knock down some shots off of some really nice passes. Those passes led to some really clean looks."

English had a game-high 20 points, as he was one of five Missouri players to score in double figures. Ricardo Ratliffe had 15 rebounds for the Tigers and added 13 points of his own.

With only a four-point deficit at halftime, the Red Raiders had opportunities to get back into the game, Tech senior Robert Lewandowski said.

"We had a chance to crawl back in it throughout the whole half," he said, "and we just couldn't quite do it. So, it's another learning experience—we've had a lot of those this year, but that's all we really can do is just take what we can out of it."

Jaye Crockett led the Red Raiders with 17 points and eight rebounds.

The loss put Tech at 1-17 in Big 12 Conference play going into the Big 12 Tournament.

The fan support was still strong even through Tech's struggles this season, Gillispie said.

"Our arena hasn't been filled up," he said, "but our fans have been better than we've played, so we definitely appreciate that."

Gillispie said he wishes the Red Raiders could have won to honor Lewandowski on senior day.

"He's got so many great qualities about him," he said. "I just wish that over the course of his career, but especially over the course of this season, that we would have been able to honor him a little bit better."

Lewandowski has been a great example for all of the underclassmen on the team, Gillispie said.

"He's just the perfect guy," he said. "Nobody's perfect, but he's perfect as far as his approach to life. He has his priorities in place and you have to admire that."

The reality of the situation has not yet hit the lone Red Raider senior, Lewandowski said.

"I just thank God for the opportunity," he said. "These four years have been amazing. The fans have been awesome. The people—teammates, coaches, everyone from freshman year until now—have been nothing but supportive and nothing but giving."

Lewandowski is a big stepping-stone to the success the team will have in the near future, Gillispie said.

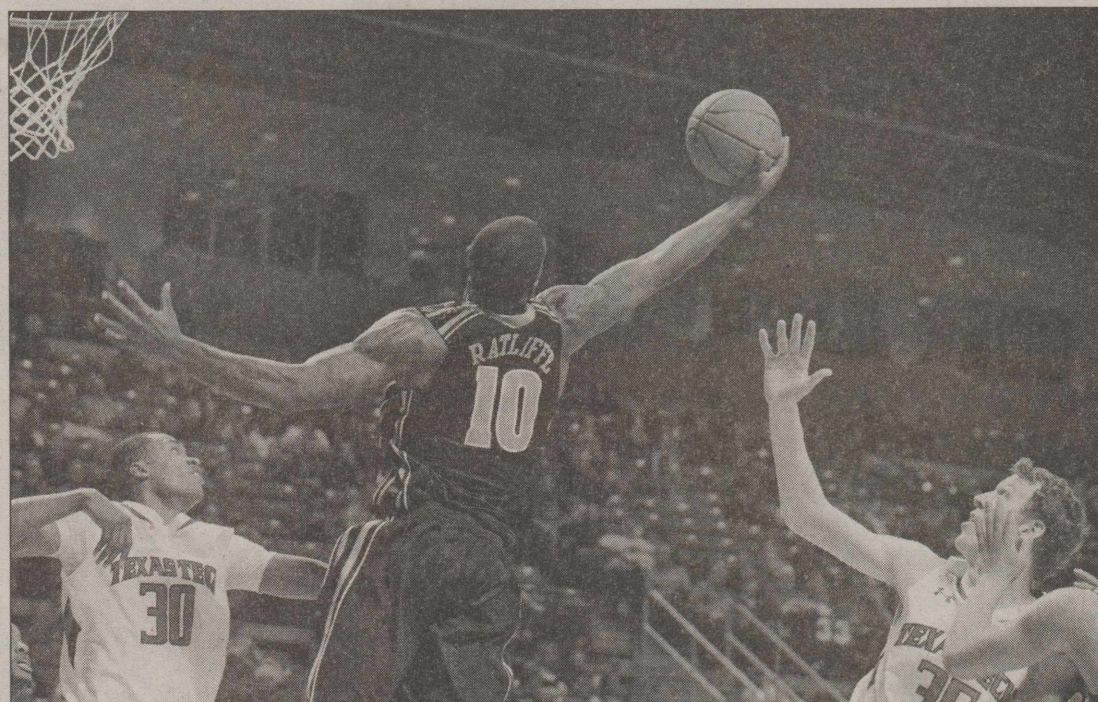


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MISSOURI FORWARD RICARDO Ratliffe pulls down a rebound during the Red Raiders' 81-59 loss against the Tigers on Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

"He's never questioned anything and he's been a great role model for all these guys to look after," he said. "And as we build this program, his legacy

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