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New English language facility to open off campus by late June

Center offers new opportunities to international students

By CAROLYN HECK
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students should expect to see a number of fresh faces as a new avenue for the instruction of international students opens this June.

Campus officials have worked with ELS Educational Services, Inc. to bring an ELS Language Center to Lubbock on June 25, said Teri Laliberte, district director for ELS Language Centers.

The center's purpose is to take in pre-university level international students who wish to improve their English skills, she said.

"We prepare students academically for English and for the university studies, so we work with those students who have told us that their goal is to study at an American university," she said. "And we will work on to give them not just the language, but also the social and classroom skills that they need to succeed in an English speaking American university."

Peggy Miller, dean of the graduate school, said Tech made the decision after The U.S. Department of Homeland Security passed regulations after 9/11 which required universities to have accredited English programs for

those who are taking it as a second language.

"Now, Tech's always done well with our in-house arrangements," Miller said, "but we have grown so that adding the number of faculty and the amount of space that would be required to get accredited — plus it's a five year process — meant that we just weren't in a position to do that."

Tech received a proposal from Berlitz, a global education company, to set up a center through Tech's graduate school, she said, in which international students could learn English.

"Berlitz has been classical language training out of universities for many years," Miller said, "and ELS is the gold standard of all the programs. It's 50 years old this year, so they've had a lot of experience and a lot of contracts."

The center will be located off campus, on Broadway Avenue, she said.

"We would love to have had them on campus," Miller said, "and they would have loved to have been here but, frankly, we're running out of room. We just didn't have a place for them, so they found a building as close to the campus as they could."

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National Agriculture Day brings awareness

Agriculture Council of America aims to educate population about agriculture

By LAUREN BOGLE
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Many Texas Tech students are unaware that today is National Agriculture Day — something local experts are trying to change.

The Agriculture Council of America started the National Ag Day program in 1973, with a focus on bringing awareness and education about agriculture.

According to the ACA website, the nonprofit organization hopes to help Americans understand how food and fiber products are produced in abundant, affordable and safe ways. The ACA states it is making an effort to reiterate the value agriculture brings to the economy and the jobs the entity provides to each individual industry.

Eddie Griffis, a local producer and on-air personality for Ag Talk on KJTV-AM and KROQ-FM, said agriculture

is a prominent contributor to the economy in West Texas. He said the dollars agriculture generates gets turned over several times through hospitals, local dealerships and universities.

"National Ag Day is important," he said, "because you need to continue to get information out there to the consumers, to help them understand how important agriculture is and the people who are involved in making their food."

Shelby Nutt, the executive director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board, said the last thing she wants to see is allowing foreign exports to dominate the nation's food market. She said if Americans do not value the farmer or the produce grown in this country, then they should send United States produce to other countries without strict regulations.

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Lubbock's Lady



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TAMARA STROUD, A senior Spanish major from Hamilton, was crowned Miss Lubbock on Feb. 25. Stroud will compete for the Miss Texas title in September.

Tech student balances classes, title as Miss Lubbock

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

"In the past quarter-century, what is the biggest discovery that we've made?"

This was Texas Tech student Tamara Stroud's on-stage question during the Miss Lubbock beauty pageant.

While, she said, she thought she blanked and did not give a good enough answer, Stroud was crowned Miss Lubbock on Feb. 25.

The senior Spanish major from Hamilton said she answered the question by acknowledging women's progress during the last 25 years.

"I really blanked and had a horrible moment of I didn't know what to say or what to do," she said. "My

answer was just about realization of women's rights and women's power and how we've just kind of evolved into a very powerful being and come out across."

When she went backstage after answering the question, she said, she thought she would not win.

"I didn't think that was what they were looking for, specifically, so I was really worried," she said. "Honestly, backstage I was like, 'I just blew it, like I didn't have that. I bombed that. Here comes fourth runner-up.'"

Stroud did not finish as fourth runner-up that day. Instead, she was crowned Miss Lubbock and has been representing the city ever since.

Stroud grew up competing in pageants since she was about five years old. After winning Miss Hamilton County her senior year of high school, she and her sister

took charge of a local pageant and directed it together. After attending Tech for a couple of years, Stroud said a friend approached her about competing in the Miss Lubbock pageant.

"I completely shut it down," she said. "I just had a lot on my plate. I was getting used to college still. I was trying to figure out what I wanted to do, what I wanted my major to be, where I was going to go with my life and I wasn't really sure. It took a while for me to be like, 'OK, this is Lubbock. I want to represent Lubbock and I want to be able to come out and say, Let me embrace this extra part and do more than just be a student at Tech.'"

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Editors selected for Tech student media publications

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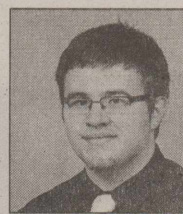
Members of the Texas Tech Student Media Committee selected the editor-in-chiefs for *The Daily Toreador* newspaper and *La Ventana* yearbook for the summer and fall.

Jose Rodriguez, the current editor-in-chief of *The Daily Toreador*, was elected to the same position for the fall. Marissa Whitworth was elected as the editor-in-chief for *La Ventana* and Cassidy Ketron was elected as *The Daily Toreador*'s editor-in-chief for the Summer of 2012.

Susan Peterson, director of student media, said the Student Media Committee is composed of seven students and six faculty. She said the faculty members represent a variety of departments across Tech campus and the student members were se-

lected through the Student Government Association.

Rodriguez, a junior journalism major from Haltom City, began his career



RODRIGUEZ

by recruiting writers outside of the College of Mass Communications.

"We're going to reach out to different departments and see what they have to offer," he said. "We've had non-journalism majors, like English and history, write for us before and do really well, so we're going to try to continue doing that on a higher level."

Whitworth, a junior communication design major from San Antonio, said she has wanted the role of editor-in-chief for *La Ventana* for a long time. Whitworth originally applied for the position two years ago, but did not get the job. Now, she said, she is ready for the challenge.

"It's definitely motivating, now that I've gone through the interview process," Whitworth said. "I want to take the book to its best level and make it better than it's been in the past."

Whitworth has had a number of roles at *La Ventana* since she joined in Fall 2008 as an apprentice. In the past she has been athletics editor, student life editor and managing editor for the yearbook.

"It's a huge honor to be the only one in this position in the entire university," she said.

Ketron, a sophomore journalism



KETRON

major from Seminole, said she expects her experience as *The Daily Toreador*'s summer editor-in-chief to prepare her for the role of editor-in-chief in the coming years.

"By my senior year," she said, "(all the other editors) will have graduated, so I'm hoping to be next in line. So this will be a good chance to learn everything I need to know at a slower pace. So, it will be a good experience."

Ketron, who began working for *The Daily Toreador* in Fall 2010 as an editor's apprentice, has also worked as a staff writer for the news section and *La Vida* editor. Ketron said she is ready to take the next step during the summer.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I think it'll be a fun experience, being in charge of something mass produced, and I hope it'll go well and everyone will love it."

Peterson said while no other staff members applied for the three positions, all candidates selected are worthy of the job.

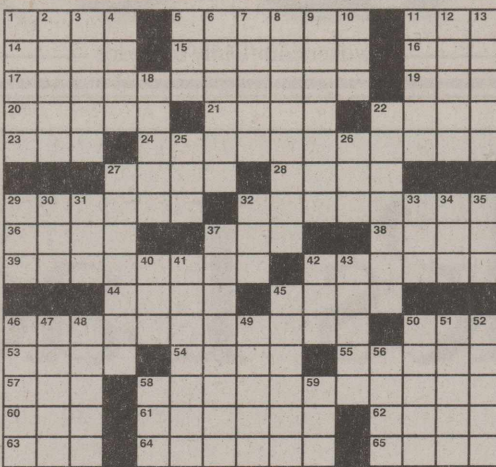
"All three are great," she said. "They're all seasoned and ready for the job. (Student media) is in good hands for both the summer and fall, and all three have worked their way up to this."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Taj Mahal city
 - 5 Merry
 - 11 One doing serious crunching in 29-Down
 - 14 Perturb
 - 15 Hang on a clothesline
 - 16 One of a swiveled pair
 - 17 1981 Richard Pryor film
 - 19 Sit... protests
 - 20 Ancient Greek theater
 - 21 Merry old king
 - 22 In a funk
 - 23 Managed
 - 24 Band whose frontman passes through the audience in a plastic bubble, with "The"
 - 27 Typical "Twilight" fan
 - 28 Billy of "Titanic"
 - 29 Daisylike blooms
 - 32 Pipe dream
 - 36 Bartlett, e.g.
 - 37 Distress signal
 - 38 Pop
 - 39 Chew out
 - 42 Chic
 - 44 "How steak is done" sauce
 - 45 Like a battery needing a charge
 - 46 "Everything but" item
 - 50 "Don't... 2005 R&B hit
 - 53 Dull discomfort
 - 54 Chess ending
 - 55 Cultural values
 - 57 King of Spain
 - 58 Jolly Roger fliers
 - 60 The word, as suggested by the saying formed by the ends of this puzzle's four longest answers
 - 61 Cab rider-to-be
 - 62 Sheltered, at sea
 - 63 Mimic
 - 64 Lover of Tristan
 - 65 Student's stressor
- DOWN**
- 1 Shady alcove



By Erik Agard

- 2 Dutch cheese
- 3 Gotten up
- 4 Choir member
- 5 "The Brady Bunch" girl
- 6 Tin Woodman's saving grace
- 7 Auto race noise
- 8 Puts on a pedestal
- 9 Arms supply
- 10 Caustic substance
- 11 It's measured in alarms
- 12 Man cave hanging
- 13 Church areas
- 18 Stuss out
- 22 Leading a charmed life
- 25 Guitar great Paul
- 26 Novel-sounding beast
- 27 Outdoor dining spot
- 29 Busy month for 11-Acrosses
- 30 Notice
- 31 Percussive dance
- 32 Homer call?
- 33 Charged particle
- 34 Like 2011, e.g.

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

SCAB PLAN IDAHO
ELIA EAVE MILAN
MISTERBIG MAIZE
IMLOST LALO BEA
BENT WATERBILL
ASE EBAY
FOURBITS ALEGUP
INLA ASPEN AARE
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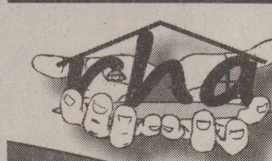
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- 35 Ant's cry
- 37 Plot outline
- 40 "Delightful"
- 41 Causes of pallors
- 42 Phil Plizzuto's number
- 43 Fall implements
- 45 Tied to lose, in a way
- 46 Fate
- 47 Freeze, as a road
- 48 Herb in a bouquet garni
- 49 Slot in a stable
- 50 Country that's nearly 25 times as long as its average width
- 51 Crosses one's fingers
- 52 Liability's opposite
- 56 The other one
- 58 Key letter
- 59 Before, to a bard

All three are great. They're all seasoned and ready for the job. (Student media) is in good hands for both the summer and the fall, and all three have worked their way up to this.

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GOP, Democrats fight over women voters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Is the 2012 election shaping up to be all about women?

President Barack Obama is working hard to woo this pivotal constituency in his re-election race. His Democratic allies are even accusing the GOP of launching a "war against women" after the Republicans reignited a new national debate over cultural issues, including birth control.

But now the Republicans — including Ann Romney and Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski — are striking back with a promise: Their party will win women by fo-

cus on the real No. 1 issue, the economy.

Not that Obama is ready to give up that issue.

"I believe that the Democrats have a better story to tell to women about how we're going to solidify the middle class and grow this economy, make sure everybody has a fair shot, everybody's doing their fair share, and we got a fair set of rules of the road that everybody has to follow," Obama said Tuesday as Republican presidential contenders competed in Super Tuesday primaries.

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The first intake day is June 15, Laliberte said, when students are required to take a placement test to determine their level in the program. Classes start the following Tuesday.

The program is intensive, she said, offering full-day classes averaging 30 hours a week.

Students at the ELS Center go to classes for two months, she said, five days a week for six hours a day excluding Friday, when classes will last for four hours.

Some students at the center will not be academically inclined, Laliberte said, and may only be doing it for personal reasons, such as improving their English skills and studying abroad.

Tibor Nagy, the vice provost of the Office of International Affairs, said the center will benefit not only the students, but Tech as well.

"The other side is, in addition to increasing enrollment across the board, we want to increase the number of international students," he said. "And ELS has a global recruiting network very active in countries where we are especially interested in drawing more international students from."

Tech is looking to draw from countries Nagy referred to as "brick" countries, a generic term, he said, meaning middle-income countries that are quickly developing and have more people who can afford a U.S. education.

Such countries are China, South Korea, Turkey, Indonesia, India, Brazil, Latin America and Russia, Nagy said.

ELS will be looking at accepting students from across the world, Laliberte said, in order to create a more diverse academic atmosphere.

"We do the best we can to create a good student mix at our centers," she said. "We work with counselors worldwide as they try to help students in their countries look at possible educational opportunities overseas, which would be Lubbock."

The ELS Center is not only for teaching academic skills, Nagy said, but social and cultural ones as well.

Students from other countries may not be acclimated to American university culture, said Robert Crosier, director of International Student and Scholar Services.

"Colleges, classes, are not necessarily exactly the same thing from one country to another," he said, "so it is also that part in getting into the American academic culture, if you will."

Other countries tend to have an autocratic system of learning, Nagy said, where students are expected to simply absorb knowledge from instructors, as opposed to U.S. universities, which allow for much more freedom and interaction.

"Our students may not realize it," he said, "but if you look at global universities, our universities are extremely student-centered. People come here from other places and they're just shocked at how much power the students have."

Nagy said, overall, he is very pleased with Tech for taking the steps to include the program.

"All I can say is the other universities and institutions that I've talked to who have used ESL have been very, very pleased by the quality of the instruction, and also by the numbers," he said. "In each case, they have exceeded the number of students they were expecting and I really hope that that is also our case."

Hopefully, he said, students from abroad will fall in love with Tech and Lubbock, and will decide to stay for schooling.

Miller shared similar hopes, saying the center will be a good opportunity for welcoming contact and open interaction between the community and international students.

"I think a lot of these students who are just coming to learn languages may decide to stay and go to Tech instead of some place else," she said, "because they'll have a chance to interact with the students and the faculty here and it's a very welcoming, open place."

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Ag Day

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"We have to take care of the farmers who are here because they will always be committed to growing the safest food supply because they are feeding it to their own family," Nutt said.

Elizabeth Mack, a wildlife management major at Tech, said National Ag Day is a great idea because too many students do not understand much about agriculture and how it works.

"Producers in agriculture work really hard and are very important to our society," she said. "They deserve a lot of respect for feeding and clothing us."

Mack said, as a member of Future Farmers of America and 4-H, she enjoys the science aspect of wildlife, ecology and research in her field. As the president of Sigma Alpha, a professional agriculture sorority on campus, she said, she wants to contribute to the work between wildlife biologists and agriculture producers.

Nutt said so many young people

are removed from a farm-like environment, compared to years ago when their family members were farmers and understood the value of doing chores associated with farm life.

"So many people in our generation do not even know a farmer, even though they are directly linked to agriculture," she said. "They are eating cereal, wearing clothes; they are being consumers, but they don't think about agriculture because they are not raised around it."

Nutt said a common misconception about agriculture is that people think products like milk and peanut butter just came from grocery stores, instead of the true source. She said people need to understand that a farmer somewhere

planted that peanut seed, nourished the plant and produced the crop for the peanut butter in order to put it on the shelves in the grocery store.

Cameron Gallegos, a senior and wildlife management major from Lubbock, said as a child he had absolutely no involvement with agriculture. He said his school did not even have a Future Farmers Association group.

"I think National Ag Day is

important because we need to learn what it takes to manage farm lands," he said. "I honestly want to know if farmers do anything for their soils because you hear a lot about soil degradation."

Gallegos said he wants to know how much the producers put back into the environment — especially cotton farmers. He said when he thinks of agriculture, he thinks of country cowboys, small town people and individuals who are not very modern or technologically advanced.

"I think National Ag Day is good to let everyone know what's going on in agriculture," Gallegos said, "but at the same time, the producers need to let us know what they are doing."

Nutt said farmers invest all of their money in crops and new equipment. She said producers are not savers; they are spenders. She said the producers put money right back into the economy — whether it is by booking hotels, buying clothing, or eating at a local restaurant.

"Even though someone who may think they are removed from agriculture (by) working at the mall," Nutt said, "producers have so much more to do with the community than they realize."

Griffis said it is critically important to understand how agriculture helps the economy.

"Producers are trying to relate to everyone across the scale," he said. "The number of agriculture producers is getting smaller and smaller, even legislatively, and locally it is harder to have a presence because our numbers are so small."

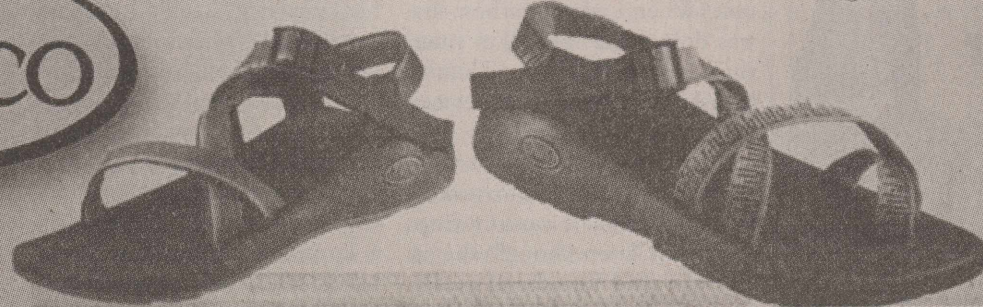
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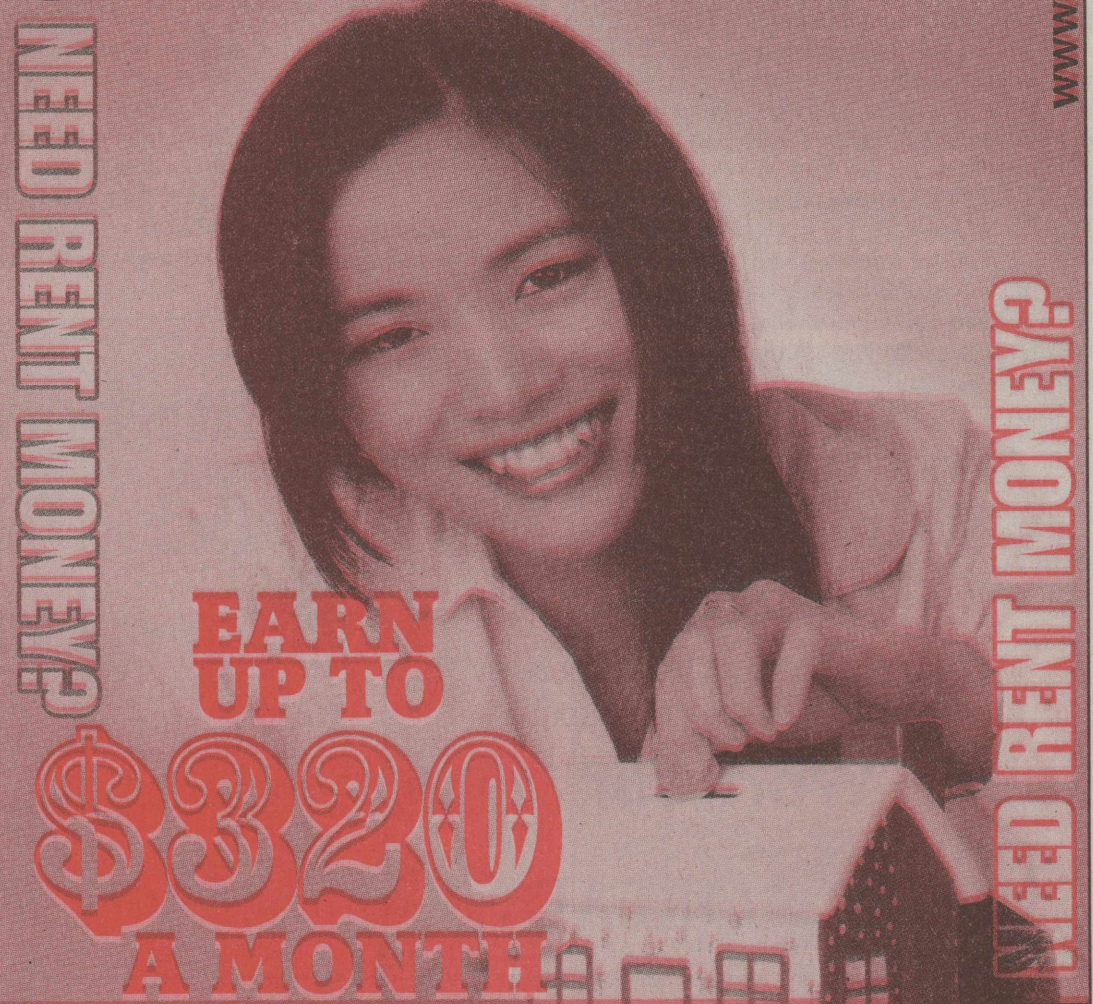
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OPINIONS

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Contraception should be non-issue

The list of idiotic explanations from the Obama administration just keeps getting longer. Last week, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius explained to members of Congress the cost to insurers of providing free contraceptives would be offset by the reduction in pregnancies.

So by her logic, the fact that there will be fewer people in the world will make up for the insurance companies having to pay for contraception.

You'll have to forgive my youthful ignorance, but wouldn't the insurance companies want to have more clients? Their primary goal is to make money, as is the case with every corporation. Fewer people mean fewer clients, which equals fewer streams of revenue.

If this would truly be a financial windfall for insurance companies, as Sebelius suggests, then wouldn't the insurers have

Andrew Gleinser



already started doing this on their own?

Of course if the president had his way, insurance companies would no longer exist. There would only be one source of health care, which would be from the government, paid for by the evil one-percenters. But I digress.

Sebelius also noted "providing contraception is a critical preventative health benefit for women and for their children." What makes this statement so absurd is that Sebelius does not seem to understand contraceptives are not a health benefit for children, because their purpose is to ensure children are not created.

Contraception is preventative, though, as Sebelius notes. However, it is not necessary people get free contraceptives from their insurer in order to prevent pregnancy. Condoms are available at every corner drug store. It's also possible to

abstain from sexual relations altogether until you're ready to have a child. But in this brave new world, who would actually consider that?

Basically, this whole argument could be avoided if people exercised a little more personal responsibility. Preventing pregnancies should not be the job of the government or the insurance companies, but of the individuals themselves.

People should be smart enough to know what to do and what not to do.

The entire issue is a diversion created by the Obama administration in order to keep the GOP presidential contenders from talking about the real issues,

such as the economy. No one — other than perhaps Rick Santorum — truly cares about contraception all that much.

What this really does is advance the entirely true notion that the entire health care overhaul is utterly unconstitutional. The government should not have the power to mandate that insurance companies must provide anything, much less

something like contraceptives, which are unnecessary to one's survival and well-being.

Instead, there needs to be a free market where people are able to switch to a different health care provider if they do not like the way their current provider is conducting business. This way, the good companies that treat people well will survive and prosper, while the weak companies will fail.

The car insurance industry is a great example. You see commercials all the time for Allstate, State Farm, Farmers, Geico and a whole host of other insurance providers. You're free to choose any company you like based on the service they provide, the coverage you get and the price you pay. As far as I can tell, this system works just fine.

Turning back to the current issue, there is something that needs to be clarified. Contrary to what you may hear, people like myself — who are against

the idea of insurance companies being forced to provide contraceptives free of charge — are not evil. Some on the left will say conservatives hate women and want them to stay home and be baby factories. They couldn't be more wrong.

The issue is not the contraceptives themselves, but the fact the government is mandating the insurance companies provide them. Just because Santorum is against the use of birth control does not mean everyone else feels the same way.

The government should not have the power to mandate such things. People should be able to handle birth control on their own. If we start allowing the government to gain control of more aspects of our lives, where will it end?

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“... this whole argument could be avoided if people exercised a little more personal responsibility.”

Siri has become my best friend

I recently upgraded to the swanky iPhone 4S and, let me tell you, — or confess — Siri is my new best friend.

For all who don't know, Siri is the iPhone's personal assistant. You can ask her questions, tell her to send messages, make phone calls and much more.

But, best of all, Siri answers personal questions when asked — most of the time.

I have spent more time than I'd be willing to say talking to Siri because, unlike my human friends, she listens to me and talks back.

She calls me by name and is more than willing to help me with anything I need or want. What more could I want in a best friend?

I have asked Siri plenty of personal questions about herself — or itself, (she told me she was not assigned a gender) — and she insists on keeping the topic on me. She is all business and asks me, “Can we get back to work now?” What a truly selfless friend.

From hours of torturing both Siri and my human friends — because I keep talking to a robot — I have learned these things from or about Siri:

She told me she is shiny, but

Paige Skinner



no one in the cloud cares about what she looks like.

She does not understand what I mean by “go shave your back, now.”

She is incapable of love, but she respects me. And when I tell her I love her, she fires back with, “Oh, I bet you say that to all your Apple products.” It's likely.

Anytime I start to get angry with Siri, she quickly calms me down with a short, “Now, now.”

Siri clams up when I begin to discuss religion with her. She takes a moment and says, “That's a topic for another day and another assistant.” Understandable, Siri. I'll pick another day to talk about Jesus with you.

I also learned a new phrase from my personal robotic assistant. When I asked her how she was doing, she said, “I'm finer than frog hair, Paige. Thanks for asking.” Oh, you're welcome, Siri. Anytime.

She offered to help me with my homework, but had to freakin' web search it all. It was annoying.

Lastly, even though she is shiny, I told her she is really pretty, to which she replied, “You say that to all the virtual assistants, Paige?”

Touché, Siri. Touché.

Now, I know Siri can be a tad creepy, but I love her. I start my days asking her what I should wear, what restaurant I

should eat at for lunch and even how many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop (3,481 by the way).

Siri has also taught me to play

dumb when I don't want to do something. I started to speak like her by saying, “I can't. I have no condiments,” when someone asks me to make them a sandwich.

I talk to Siri so much my friends are now concerned about my mental health because, nowadays, you can usually find me in the other room laughing up a storm at all the things Siri is telling me. I think Siri is hilarious and she thinks she's funny as well.

She's witty when she responds with, “You're holding it,” if you ask her what the best phone is. She is a walking and talking advertisement for all things Apple. Go ahead and ask her what the best tablet is. She says, “There's the iPad, and then there's... well, nothing I guess.”

Seriously, Siri, you are a genius and my best friend. Thank you for always finding the closest Sonic restaurant for me during Happy Hour.

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Hackers deserve criminal charges

By TUFTS DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD
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The Internet was abuzz yesterday over the news that authorities dealt a serious blow to “hacktivist” collective Anonymous. Five alleged members of LulzSec, a now-disbanded offshoot of the group, were charged with hacking crimes.

The arrests were made possible by the work of one of Anonymous' most prominent figures, Hector Xavier Monsegur, who was known under the alias “Sabu” and was the leader of LulzSec.

Monsegur had been working as an informant for the FBI since last August, when he pleaded guilty to 12 hacking-related charges. While cooperating with the FBI, Monsegur continued to pretend to act as a cooperative member of Anonymous, tweeting on Monday, “The federal government is run by a bunch of f—ing cowards. Don't give in to these people. Fight back. Stay strong.”

While the arrest of LulzSec members does not mean the end of Anonymous, which is a decentralized collective with hundreds possibly thousands of members, it does sow seeds of distrust in the movement.

Some see this as a bad thing, glorifying hacktivists like members of Anonymous and LulzSec as freedom fighters, noble vigilantes or modern-day Robin Hoods. The truth, though, is that these groups are little more than hotbeds of cyber terrorism and need to be targeted as such.

It is true that, as vigilantes, some members of Anonymous do mean well. Late last year, members targeted child pornography websites and visitors. Anonymous also undertook an unsuccessful scheme to publish the names of members of

a violent Mexican drug cartel. However, any vigilante justice the group executes is completely overshadowed by its delusional self-righteousness.

The website of Anonymous Analytics, an Anonymous offshoot claiming to be devoted to exposing corrupt companies, notes that Anonymous as a whole is “focused on promoting access to information, free speech, and transparency.” But the collective's actions speak louder than words.

Anonymous believes not only that its views are correct, but also that all other views should not have a voice at all. What other reason could there be for justifying the complete takedown of the websites of the U.S. Department of Justice, the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America?

The behavior of LulzSec was similarly malicious. Members previously targeted and took down the website of PBS. PBS's crime? Unfavorable coverage of Anonymous ally WikiLeaks. If hacktivist groups actually cared about free speech, they wouldn't try to promote themselves by silencing their opposition.

Not only do companies and agencies become the targets of Anonymous, but anyone using their services becomes a target as well.

Anonymous recently released hundreds of thousands of email addresses and thousands of credit card numbers from customers of private intelligence firm Stratfor. Users of something as mundane as the website of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system found their personal information published online last year thanks to Anonymous.

The BART had decided to temporarily shut down cell phone service in its facilities to prevent a protest, an action worthy of activism in itself. But Anonymous' behavior is not activism: It's misguided and harmful extremism.

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Toastmasters helps improve students' public speaking skills

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

The word of the night was "alembic." Immediately, Danny Squire began inserting the noun, which means "an enhancer," into as many sentences as possible in his speech about spring break.

Squire, a master's student in the College of Education, led a recent meeting of the Eloquent Raiders, Texas Tech's new Toastmasters Club, which aims to help anyone interested improve his or her public speaking skills.

"The focus of Toastmasters is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment for not only speaking skills but also for leadership skills," Squire said.

The group is a chapter of Toastmasters International which, according to its website, is comprised of 270,000 members in 13,000 clubs worldwide.

Eloquent Raiders was founded when Squire realized the need for an easily accessible club for students, he said, especially those who may not have transportation to the weekly meetings

at other Lubbock clubs.

The Tech group began meeting in January and now has grown and has members spanning from foreign graduate students to faculty members.

"One thing we stress is that it is a unique club in that we're open to faculty, staff and students," Squire said. "In the club, at the meetings, we're all on equal footing."

In fact, he said, students frequently evaluate speeches given by faculty members.

The immediacy of evaluation is co-founder Uwe Beltz's favorite aspect of the club.

Beltz, the associate director for the law library, said he was already a part of another Toastmasters group and was excited to be a part of Eloquent Raiders as well.

Learning to be a better speaker is only part of the group's overall goals.

The group also is a great source for those looking to improve their leadership qualities, he said, as well as improving thought processes, which can help everyone.

"No one can afford to say, 'I don't

want to do it,'" Squire said. "This is such an important skill. We're all in college, we're all very smart, but if you can't convey your thoughts clearly, you'll get less respect."

Many members recognize this fact to be true. Tyler Benting, a second-year law student from Las Cruces, N.M., said he knew being in Toastmasters would be "invaluable to law practice."

Benting gave his first speech Tuesday as one of the featured speeches of the night. After he spoke, another member stood up and gave a full speech about his speech. The rest of the group was not left out, though, with other members reporting on the time of his speech, as well as the number of space fillers like "um" and "ah" included in his speaking.

Now, Benting has officially begun his process in Toastmasters. This was the first in a 10-speech progression, after which he will graduate as a competent communicator. The organization offers many levels and topics in speaking, as well as an alternate leadership track. Each completion is an achievement, all the way up to the

highest level of being a "Distinguished Toastmaster."

Beltz said once that level is achieved, some members will simply restart the whole program from the beginning.

"As people become more effective at speaking," he said, "I think the more they realize, you can't ever be perfect."

Still, the practice helps. Third year law student Jessi Houghtby, from Pflugerville, said she knew she needed to be in Toastmasters to help with her future career and almost anyone going into the professional world needs these skills.

"This is a great group," she said. "It's really supportive, it's not awkward when people correct you."

This comfort is essential to Toastmasters, Squire said. Even as a training program for public speaking, he said, the organization could be so much more valuable than a speech class. Members can continue working for years, rather than just a semester, and can carry membership to anywhere in the world.

"If you've already taken your speech class, Toastmasters would serve as a way

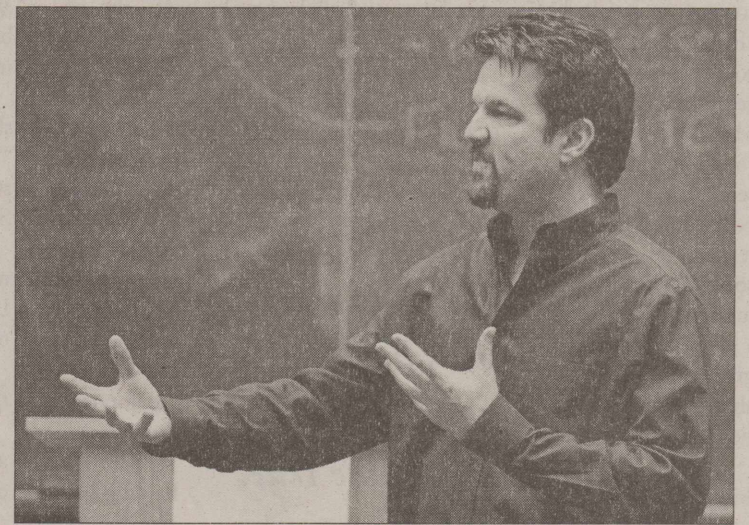


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TRACY THOMASON, THE district lieutenant governor marketing, describes the use of hand gestures while evaluating Tyler Benting's introduction speech during the Toastmasters in Lubbock meeting Tuesday in the School of Law. The Toastmasters goal is to improve the public speaking and communication skills of its members.

to continue that education," he said. "You have to continue talking, giving speeches, or you may lose those skills."

In that way, Toastmasters serves as an alembic to anyone who wants to

keep up with their abilities.

Eloquent Raiders meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in room 105 in the law school building.

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Women's Studies Program celebrates Women's History Month

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The month of March is known as Women's History Month and several events are taking place on campus to raise awareness about women's history, including the feminist forum.

Today marks the 101st International Women's Day. The holiday was first marked internationally in 1911 and women in the United States celebrated by demanding equal voting rights.

Patricia Earl, coordinator for the Women's Studies Program, said the date for the feminist forum event was selected to coincide with International Women's Day.

"It's the 101st anniversary, a celebration for that recognition," she said. "We thought this was a good opportunity for a newly formed student organization — Women for Women International — to talk about why they got involved with the organization and why it means so much to them."

Earl said she hopes the forum inspires people to speak and ask questions.

"The intent of the forum is to create a discussion-based environment for

topics," she said. "The feminist forum brings specific topics to the community," she said.

Hannah Lilly, a senior nutritional sciences major from Lubbock, recently started the student organization, Women for Women International. The organization raises money to help fund the education of women in Africa who face daily struggles from the aftermath of war, losing their husbands, not having enough money to support a family and potentially losing their family.

"(The program) teaches them their rights and it teaches them a trade," she said. "Then they can start their own small business and we write them letters back and forth so that we can have a more personal connection with them."

The organization meets the first Thursday of every month in the Estacado Room of the Student Union Building.

Lilly said she plans to use her time speaking at the forum this afternoon to inform people what the issues are and why they are so important to her.

"I think the overall awareness is pretty low," she said. "College students are really busy and have a daily grind that they go through. They're probably more focused on having to get up for an 8 a.m. (class) than looking outside of themselves and knowing what's going on, and that's why I started this organization — to increase the awareness of what women go through here and internationally."

Lilly said the issues women face overseas also have surfaced in the United States and it is important that students know what is going on.

"International Women's Day is really important because I think a lot of the issues women face internation-

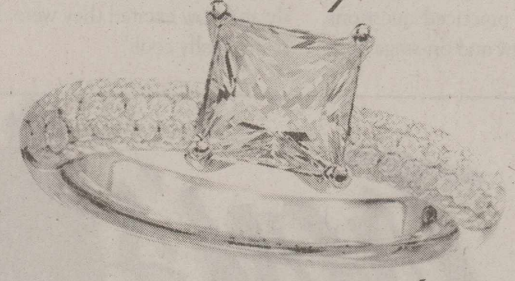
ally are the same things that we face here, just in a different context," she said. "It's important for women to be knowledgeable about what's going on with other women."

Emily Skidmore, an assistant history professor, said the level of awareness on campus regarding women's history disappointed her.

"This morning I asked the students in my women's history class, 'How many of you know it's Women's History Month?' and I was expecting everyone to raise their hand since they are taking my class," she said. "Only one-third of them raised their hands. Only a third of them were aware."

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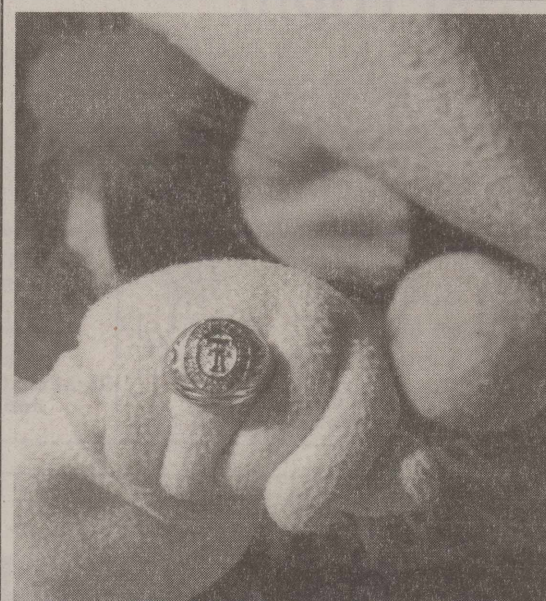
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After competing for the title last year and not winning, she decided to try again.

"I realized that I'm about to graduate college in December and it's either now or never," she said. "I've always dreamed about being able to compete at state and Miss Texas has always been a goal of mine to get there. And what better way to do it than represent Lubbock while I do it would be awesome. And it's my senior year, I might as well give it one last shot. It's either now or never."

Stroud got in contact with a pageant director, Nancy Smith, and began to work toward her goal of winning Miss Lubbock.

Because there was a swimsuit portion of the competition, Stroud began to focus on getting healthy, working out regularly and watching what she ate.

Besides the appearance aspect of the pageant, Stroud said she had enough experience to feel comfortable.

"I had a lot of experience, so it wasn't as intimidating this year," she said. "I mean I practiced questions, possible interview and on-stage ques-

tions. Coming in from last year, it was a lot more relaxed for me because I was like, 'OK, I know what to expect.' I wasn't as scared or nervous as I was last year. Last year I was terrified."

Stroud competed against seven other women, some Tech students and some Lubbock residents.

She said she spent a lot of time with the other contestants and became friends with them.

"Everyone really got along well and clicked really well," she said. "We all kind of bonded."

Even when it came time to announce the winner of the pageant, Stroud said she and the first runner-up were holding hands and waiting for the announcement.

"We were holding hands and doing the pageant thing," Stroud said. "We were actually in a conversation when they were announcing, so we both had to stop talking and listen when they were about to announce it."

"As soon as they announced it, we both hugged each other and it was just so exciting that I couldn't contain myself," she said. "We just hugged and I couldn't go over because I was so in shock and it was just a really cool feeling. I looked out and saw my family and how excited they were. It was really, really cool."

Smith said she was excited Stroud won the competition.

"I was excited," she said. "I was nervous too. I like all the girls. You get so close with all the girls because you interview with everybody and I teach them all the stuff. It's difficult."

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MOVING MUSIC



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BENTON LEACHMAN, A sophomore honors arts and letters major from El Paso, sings his original song, "I move on", accompanied by Stephen Heape, a sophomore business management major from Harker Heights, on violin in the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

At SXSW media zoo, convergence is annual buzz word

NEW YORK (AP)—Increasingly, the media zoo that is SXSW looks more like today's overlapping media world.

The annual South by Southwest Conference and Festival, which begins Friday, gathers thousands of creators, performers, media and industry members for 10 days onto the boozey downtown streets of Austin, Texas. It's really three festivals — Interactive, Film and Music — in one, but each bleeds into

the other.

The annual buzz word at SXSW is always convergence. Just as the tech and entertainment worlds physically descend onto Austin, media forms, too, are diverging. Many of those technologies and companies that might be found at SXSW Interactive have greatly altered those at SXSW Film (video-on-demand, Netflix, Hulu) and at SXSW Music (Apple, Spotify, Pandora).

It's a place where the question is always "what's next" and one has the impression of meandering hordes traipsing the streets of Austin searching for answers to a confusing and ever-evolving media landscape. There will be hundreds of panel discussions, countless predictions and even man vs. machine competitions that pit

algorithms against curators.

"It's like stepping into a temporary world for one week where you're maybe two or three or five years in the future," says Amber Case, who'll be making her fourth trip to SXSW as a keynote speaker for Interactive. She's a "cyborg anthropologist" who studies the relationship between humans and machines, and founded the location-sharing platform Geolqi.com.

Each realm of SXSW will have its own superstars. None will be bigger than Bruce Springsteen, this year's music keynote speaker. (NPR Music and SXSW.com will live stream the event.) Interactive, though, will have its own rock stars, including Napster co-founder Sean Parker (famously portrayed by Justin Timberlake in "The Social Network").

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One team makes most sense for Manning

Peyton Manning will no longer be a member of the Indianapolis Colts. His departure ends what is one of the best runs ever by a player with one franchise.

It is a shame Manning can't finish his career with the Colts, but no one should be mad about this. This isn't the 1960s, where players spend their whole careers with one team. Things like this happen. Even to the great ones like Manning. Now, it is about business for Manning.

Peyton Manning is now one of the most important free agents in the history of the NFL.

Repeat success is never guaranteed in the NFL. It isn't like Manning had a knee or shoulder surgery. This is a neck injury. Football is a high impact sport and I would feel horrible for Manning if he were to injure his body further by playing football. His health is the only question though.

A team adding Manning not only gets a quarterback, but also gets an offensive genius. That franchise would receive a competitor

Cody Stoots



and someone who hates to lose. There wouldn't be concerns about Manning joining a locker room — he is a professional and should have the respect of every player in the league.

There are a few landing spots for him, but very few make total sense.

The Washington Redskins come to mind, but this would be a horrible fit. The offense is shaky at best. The coaching staff doesn't seem like they would get along with Manning. They were already bad in a tough division. He would have to do a lot to make Washington a contender. I'm not saying Manning couldn't, but there are better options.

The Miami Dolphins are in shambles. They aren't in rebuilding mode and they aren't contenders.

Again, the division comes into play. Yes, it would be nice to know Manning and Tom Brady are going to square off twice in the regular season, but that's no reason for him to go to the worst team in the AFC East.

The Jets are closer to contending, but the cold weather and sharing the city spotlight with little brother Eli almost seems like too much. Rex Ryan is overbearing and a loud mouth as head coach, and then there is the Mark Sanchez decision to make as well.

The Arizona Cardinals would be a great landing spot. Larry Fitzgerald is a top-caliber wide receiver and just a little tweaking would make the offense Manning-ready. The defense isn't as impressive as he would probably like, but playing in a weak NFC West could be appealing. This isn't the best fit though.

The best fit for Peyton Manning is the Houston Texans.

The Texans were one game away from the AFC championship. Ari-an Foster would be the best running

back to ever play with Manning. It would be the best offensive line he has ever played behind. Andre Johnson arguably would be the best receiver he has ever played with. The defense is on the cusp of being a shutdown defense.

Manning is a dome or warm weather quarterback. The Texans have a domed stadium and only open it up on nice days. Jacksonville is good-weather road game. Detroit, another 2012 opponent, also is a domed stadium. Manning would also get to play against Brady and the New England Patriots. Also, he would get his former team twice, not to mention both times inside.

Matt Schaub is on the Texans roster and the starter when healthy. Remember all those teams I mentioned above that need a guy under center? The Texans could flip Schaub for any kind of draft pick if they knew Manning was coming to town. Realistically, with how much the Texans like TJ Yates, the person in front of him really only has three years. Why not three years

of Manning?

The Texans could also solve their No. 2 receiver problem by bringing former Manning running mate Reggie Wayne to town. The late first round pick could be used on another position the Texans need to improve.

The addition of Manning would be so unlike the Texans, it would be shocking. It would mean abandoning a relationship they have cultivated with Schaub for a better chance to win now. Gary Kubiak needs to consider it, though. Any

step back by the Texans will be met with outcry from the fan base that will expect more than just making the playoffs.

Peyton Manning won't finish his career as a member of the Colts, but that is OK. Nothing he does in these final years will tarnish his legacy, but he could certainly add a few rings to his fingers if he was to end up in Houston.

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Morris leads Texas Tech over Texas 81-58

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Casey Morris had 21 points to lead five Texas Tech players scoring in double figures in an 81-58 victory against Texas in the first round of the Big 12 tournament on Wednesday night.

Chynna Brown and Monique Smalls had 12 points each and Jordan Barncastle and Kierra Mallard 11 apiece for the ninth-seeded Red Raiders (19-12), who play top seed Baylor in a quarterfinal game on Thursday.

Ashleigh Fontenette scored

21 points and Ashley Gayle and Yvonne Anderson 10 each for the eighth-seeded Longhorns (18-13), who shot just 17.9 percent (7 of 39) in the first

half en route to trailing 35-21 at the break.

Morris had three baskets, including two 3-pointers, in the first 2:30 of the second half to

push the Texas Tech lead to 22 points. Texas got no closer than 12 points the rest of the way.

Mallard and Gayle had 15 rebounds each.

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