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Ambassador speaks to students about foreign service

McMullen discusses future career options

By EMILY REYES
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Texas Tech students had the opportunity to attend an information session about pursuing a career in U.S. Foreign Services.

The event was hosted Tuesday afternoon in the University Career Center's Wiggins Complex.

Ambassador Ronald McMullen spoke to students about careers, internships, fellowships and experiences in the Foreign Service.

Stephanie West, an associate director at the center, introduced McMullen prior to the event. She said McMullen recently served as U.S. Ambassador to the State of Eritrea. McMullen has more than 29 years of diplomatic experience and has lived, worked or traveled in 91 countries.

"While posted in Fiji, he helped prevent civil war conflict after an armed takeover of Parliament," she said.

McMullen served for three years as visiting professor at

the Military Academy at West Point, where he taught international relations and comparative politics.

"He has authored many scholarly works and is a three-time recipient of the State Department's Superior Honor Award," West said.

As a senior political science student at the University of Iowa, McMullen said he did not know what career to pursue after school. He also talked to students of the advantages of internships.

"It was the internship experience, for me, that got me interested in the Foreign Service as a career track," he said.

To be a successful Foreign Service officer, McMullen said a person needs service orientation and an exploring gene. He said people who are determined to have a high-paying job should not look into being an officer. The job requires international travel and knowledge.

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Pride Preacher



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TOP: SHANE WINDMEYER, the founder of Campus Pride, explains to the audience that hate crimes happen every day to gays and lesbians during a Tech Activities Board event Tuesday in the Allen Theatre. He illustrates this point by telling stories of the most recent hate crimes from the 1990s. ABOVE: Windmeyer asks Josh Behrens, a freshman English major from San Antonio, and Cazzie Parrilla, a freshman animal science major from San Antonio, questions about gay knowledge and history as a part of the Tech Activities Board event Tuesday in the Allen Theatre. Some questions asked were, "What is the gay flag?" and "What is the known gay symbol?"

Founder of Campus Pride speaks at Tech

By PAIGE SKINNER
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As a gay man who was once in a university fraternity in Kansas, Shane Windmeyer is now the founder of a national organization that encourages college students across the nation to stand up for their peers who are different.

Texas Tech Activities Board hosted Windmeyer as he spoke to students at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

Windmeyer is the founder of Campus Pride, a national organization for students who want to create a safer environment for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

He began his speech with a

statistic, saying 40 percent of the homeless youth in America are members of the LGBT community.

"Not everyone when they come out is dancing with Ellen (DeGeneres)," Windmeyer said.

The crowd listened as Windmeyer explained his dreams of Lady Gaga coming to college campuses across the nation in a UFO and capturing LGBT students.

The crowd laughed and then, Windmeyer became serious.

He had the crowd imagine if their best friend told them he or she was gay.

With about 20 people at the event, Windmeyer emphasized on wanting a lot of crowd participation.

He asked for two heterosexual volunteers to go on the stage to

calculate their "GPA."

This GPA wasn't grade point average, however. He wanted to know the straight volunteers' gay point average.

The volunteers chose a colorful boa to put around their necks as they were asked what geographical shape represents the LGBT community, what colors are on the gay flag, the name of the researcher who came up with the sexuality scale and to name three TV or movie characters who are gay in real life or play a gay character.

After the volunteers' answers were revealed, Windmeyer told the audience all the correct answers and asked anyone if they knew the explanations for the answers.

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HONOR ART



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

MEGAN LEE, A junior agricultural leadership major from Plano, uses blue paint to decorate her value board at the Tech Activities Board's Make Your Own Value Board event Tuesday in the Student Union Building as a part of Strive for Honor Week. Strive for Honor Week events will continue this week and end Friday with Arbor Day.

TechBriefly

Texas Tech grad appointed by Gov. Rick Perry

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Nelson Balido, a Texas Tech graduate, as one of two new members of the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board.

According to the Office of the Governor, Balido is president of the Border Trade Alliance, a member of the Texas Association of Realtors and Public Relations Society of America and a past board member of the Texas Tech National Alumni Association.

Balido's term will expire Feb. 1, 2014.

Six Tech members recognized as part of "20 under 40"

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock recognized six members of the Texas Tech community as part of the 2012 "20 Under 40" awards.

The awards, in its fifth year, "aims to recognize outstanding individuals under the age of forty who exemplify leadership in their careers, while actively participating in the community," according to the Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock website.

This year's recipients from Tech include: Justin Clark, director of human resources and deputy chief of staff; Suzanne Cox, director of development for the School of Law; Catherine Langford, an associate professor of communication studies; William Murray, a programmer/analyst for University College; Russell Thomasson, chief of staff and special counsel to the chancellor; and Tyler Young, a section supervisor for human resources.

Winners of the award will be honored at a special event at 6:30 p.m. May 31 at the Scottish Rite building.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Strive for Honor Week

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building
So, what is it?
Join the TTU Senate Staff and celebrate Strive for Honor week and pick up a Strive for Honor T-shirt.

Crush 'em Tech Recycling Event

Time: Noon
Where: Student Union Building
So, what is it?
The Department of Hospitality Services, University Housing and The Physical Plant would like to bring awareness to the campus' recycling efforts by encouraging people to bring two plastic bottles to recycle and trade them for a free T-shirt.

Surviving and Thriving: Art and Open Mic Night

Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Matador Room
So, what is it?
Enjoy a night of poetry reading and art or submit your poetry and art.

Dining in the Dark Buffet

Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Hulen/Clement, Horn/Knapp and Bledsoe/Gordon
So, what is it?
Join Hospitality Services for its first "Sustainability" Buffet and enjoy

food, games and learn more about green efforts on campus.

THURSDAY

Texas Tech Clothing Collection Drive

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building
So, what is it?
As part of Strive for Honor week, donate your old clothes to be recycled by Goodwill Industries. Clothes can be dropped off in the SUB across from Copy/Mail.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month: "Exotic" Women: Myths and Stereotypes about Women of Color

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Red Raider Lounge
So, what is it?
This presentation, hosted by the Student Counseling Center, will explore images of women of color across a range of media and discuss how the images contribute to a culture of violence.

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

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

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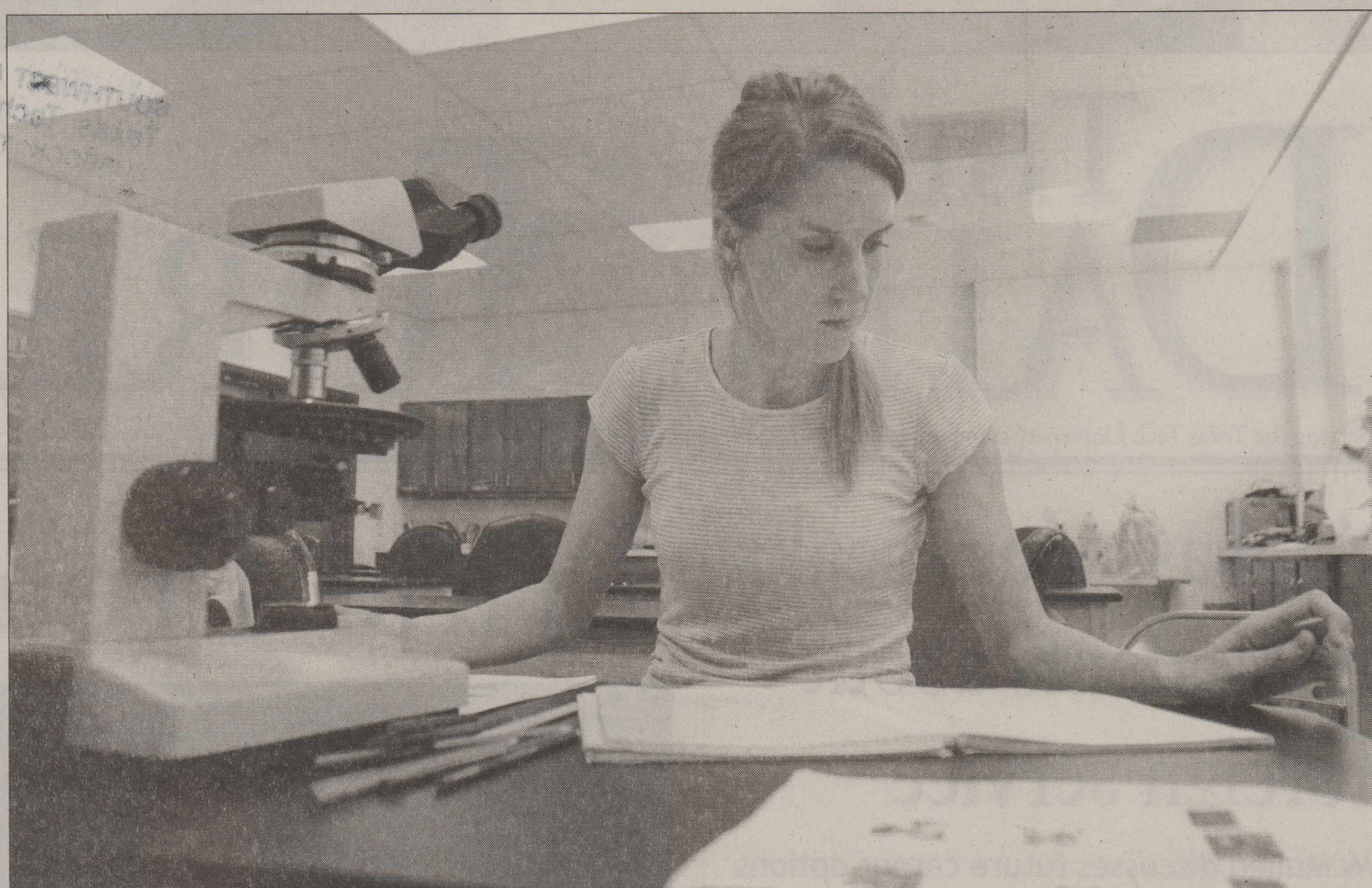


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KATIE GATES, A sophomore geology major from The Woodlands, works on the final lab for optical mineralogy Tuesday in the Science building.

Monthly smartphone bills down at AT&T

NEW YORK (AP) — Hidden in AT&T Inc.'s financial statements is a story that runs counter to its optimistic profit projections: The company is generating less revenue from each new smartphone subscriber.

Calculations by The Associated Press, based on AT&T's public statements, indicate that the average monthly bill for its smartphone subscribers has fallen from \$88 to \$80 in the space of a year.

That number should be of great concern to Dallas-based AT&T, because like most big phone companies, it is struggling with a slowdown in new subscribers. Nearly all adults — and many kids — in the U.S. already have cellphones. AT&T's executives have been touting smartphones as the solution, since the devices require consumers to pay for data use

in addition to voice calls. Smartphone subscribers, therefore, pay more. So moving customers from regular phones to smartphones will keep boosting revenue, AT&T has said.

But an analysis of AT&T's own figures indicates that smartphone bills have shrunk by 9 percent over a year, challenging the company's picture of long-term revenue growth.

The AP's calculations are based on various figures AT&T makes public — and a bit of basic algebra. The company doesn't disclose the average smartphone bill, but says it's 90 percent higher than the average non-smartphone bill. AT&T reveals the number of smartphone and non-smartphone subscribers, and the average monthly bill for a contract-based plan, which is \$64.46. Together, these numbers

allow for an approximate calculation of the average smartphone bill.

AT&T did not explicitly confirm the calculations, but its chief financial officer, John Stephens, said that the composition of new smartphone customers is changing. The early smartphone adopters were business people and others willing and able to pay high monthly fees. Now, AT&T and other phone companies are going after people who can't pay as much.

"We go after the biggest spenders at the start, that's natural economics," he said. But even these lower-paying customers are profitable, he said, because they use the network less.

In a more typical projection, Ralph de la Vega, the head of AT&T's wireless division, told

analysts Tuesday that demand for wireless data is going to continue to drive an increase in monthly bills.

"Quite frankly, it's hard for us to see a cap on that," de la Vega said.

Bills for non-smartphone subscribers on contract-based plans are shrinking at about the same rate. Only by shifting these subscribers to smartphone contracts has AT&T been able to keep its average monthly bill for all contract-based plans rising, by 1.7 percent from a year ago.

AT&T, the country's largest telecommunications company, reported first-quarter results Tuesday morning, showing that it essentially gained no phone subscribers on contract-based plans in the first quarter. That's only happened once before: a year ago, when Verizon launched its version of the iPhone.

Contract-based plans are by far the most lucrative for a phone company, and the number of new customers is an important measure of growth.

AT&T gained a net 187,000 customers on contract-based plans in the January to March period, but these were almost all tablet computer users, brought in by the launch of the new iPad in March.

In contrast, Verizon last week reported adding 501,000 subscribers on contract-based plans, of which about half were tablet users.

McMullen

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He said there are five career tracks available through the Foreign Service: consular officers, economic officers, management officers, political officers and public diplomacy officers.

"There is no education or work requirement," McMullen said. "Participants are required, however, to take a Foreign Service Officer Test."

He said the next FSOT offered in Lubbock will take place this June. He welcomes any students interested in the service.

Justin Simundson, a history graduate student from Sioux Falls, S.D., said his interest in the service stems from his education on history and Vietnam. He said his prior knowledge about the service motivated him to attend the session.

"I'm more interested in getting out and doing something other than staying in school and teaching," he said.

Simundson said his knowledge of the Vietnamese language will increase his chances to qualify for the service, and the session helped him determine his chances of getting into the service. His study abroad experience in Vietnam pushed him to learn more about careers in the Foreign Service.

"I hope my chances are pretty good," he said, "I study history, speak Vietnamese and I have some experiences overseas."

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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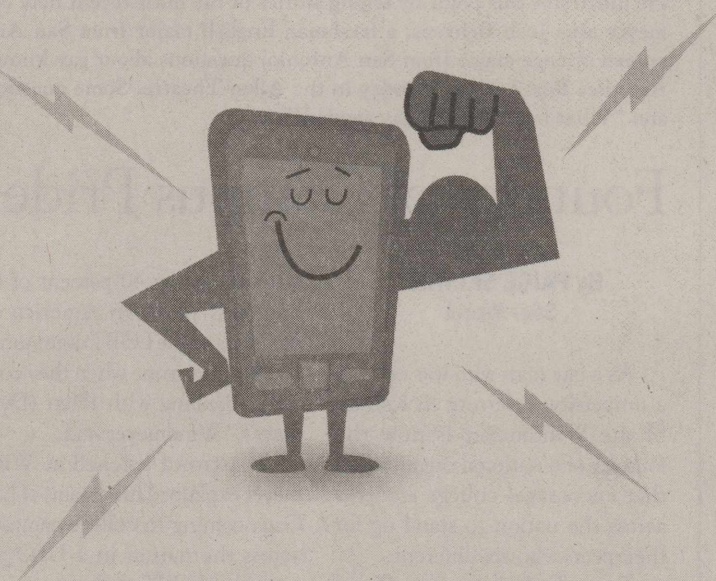
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Washington delicate about Secret Service scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The widening Secret Service prostitution scandal has touched off a delicate dance in Washington.

From President Barack Obama on down, people are loath to criticize an agency whose employees are trained to take a bullet for others.

"The Secret Service, these guys are incredible. They protect me. They protect Michelle. They protect the girls," Obama said Tuesday on NBC's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." "A couple of knuckleheads shouldn't detract from what they do."

Members of Congress pressing for the juicy stories risk reviving — or having revealed — some of their own.

Yet all parties claim to want the truth about the extent of sworn officers working for one of the nation's premier law enforcement agencies hiring Colombian sex workers ahead of President Barack Obama's visit there and whether national security may have been compromised.

Spinning the facts as they emerge poses more risk: The Secret Service and the military are supposed to be above politics, dedicated to protecting presidents, their families and the nation.

"Sure, it creates a problem for President Obama. It adds to the sense that Washington is broken. But if the Republicans try to make this a point in their arguments, they are making a big mistake," GOP strategist Karl

Rove said on "Fox News Sunday."

A dozen Secret Service personnel and another 12 military enlistees preparing for Obama's visit to Cartagena are being investigated for cavorting with prostitutes. Six Secret Service agents have been let go over the incident, and on Monday, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told reporters his department has suspended the security clearances of the military personnel being investigated. As many as 20 prostitutes were involved with the group, officials say. None are believed to be underage.

The incident came to light after one of the prostitutes argued with a Secret Service agent over her payment in a hallway of the Caribe hotel. Local law enforcement intervened on the prostitute's behalf. Paid sex is legal in Cartagena, but violates codes of conduct for U.S. personnel who were working there.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan launched an investigation and requested an independent probe by the Homeland Security Department's inspector general. Sullivan ousted some of those implicated and, perhaps as importantly, he busily briefed key members of Congress who left no doubt they would hold public hearings should they find his investigation insufficient.

For now, there's no complaint about the swift pace of the fallout or Sullivan's thoroughness. But there's been much discretion, strategic

question-asking and even notable silence from some members of Congress, uncharacteristic restraint in a tense election year sizzling with gender politics.

Obama has coolly urged a rigorous investigation and said that if the allegations prove true, he would be angry.

For any president, a Secret Service scandal creates discomfort. Members of the agency's elite protective service help the first family feel safe in the public glare.

It's a fairly intimate relationship, First Lady Michelle Obama told members of the Secret Service last year. The president, their daughters and she playfully argued at the dinner table over their favorite agents, she said.

"We love our detail," Mrs. Obama told the U.S. Secret Service employees in October. "For us, it's like having family around."

The Secret Service also shadows presidential candidates and their families. Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney is said to be close to his detail. Aides have said Romney sometimes eats dinner in his hotel room instead of dining in public, which requires an entourage and more agents at work. Ordering in allows some agents to clock out.

But the former Massachusetts governor suggested a lack of leadership led to the scandal and left no doubt what he'd do if it had happened on his watch.

MUD MEDDLING



PHILLIP RANDEL, A junior petroleum engineering major from Nacogdoches, weighs out bentonite for a drilling sample during a mud lab Monday in the Petroleum Engineering building.

Ex-BP engineer arrested in Gulf oil spill case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal prosecutors brought the first criminal charges Tuesday in the Gulf oil spill, accusing a former BP engineer of deleting more than 300 text messages that indicated the blown-out well was spewing far more crude than the company was telling the public at the time.

Two years and four days after the drilling-rig explosion that set off the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, Kurt Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, was arrested and charged with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

The U.S. Justice Department made it clear that the investigation is still going on and suggested that more people could be arrested. In a statement, Attorney General Eric Holder said prosecutors "will hold accountable those who violated the law in connection with the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history."

Federal investigators have been looking into the causes of the blowout and the actions of managers, engineers and rig workers at BP and its subcontractors Halliburton and Transocean in the days and hours before the April 20, 2010, explosion.

But the case against Mix focuses only on the aftermath of the blast, when BP scrambled for weeks to plug the leak. Even then, the charges are not really about the disaster itself, but about an alleged attempt to thwart the investigation into it.

In court papers, the FBI said one of the areas under investigation is whether the oil company intentionally lowballed the amount of crude spewing from the well.

In outlining the charges, the government suggested Mix knew the rate of flow from the busted well was much

greater than the company publicly acknowledged.

Prosecutors also said BP gave the public an optimistic account of its May 2010 efforts to plug the well via a technique called a "top kill," even though the company's internal data and some of the text messages showed the operation was likely to fail.

An accurate flow-rate estimate is necessary to determine how much in penalties BP and its subcontractors could face under the Clean Water Act. In court papers, prosecutors appeared to suggest the company was also worried about the effect of the disaster on its stock price.

The charges came a day before a federal judge was to consider granting preliminary approval of a \$7.8 billion civil settlement between BP and a committee of plaintiffs.

In a statement, BP said it is cooperating with the Justice Department and added: "BP had clear policies requiring preservation of evidence in this case and has undertaken substantial and ongoing efforts to preserve evidence."

The FBI said in court papers that Mix had been repeatedly notified by BP that instant messages and text messages needed to be preserved.

Mix, who resigned from BP in January, appeared on Tuesday afternoon before a judge in Houston, shackled at his hands and feet, and was released on \$100,000 bail. His attorney had no comment afterward. If convicted, Mix could get up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

The engineer deleted more than 200 messages sent to a BP supervisor from his iPhone containing information about how much oil was spilling out, then erased 100 more messages to a contractor the following year, prosecu-

tors said. Some of the messages were later recovered via forensic computer techniques.

Many of the messages had to do with an effort to plug up the well with heavy mud injected under high pressure.

In public statements, the company professed optimism that the top kill would work, giving it a 60 to 70 percent chance of success.

On the day the top kill began, Mix estimated in a text to his supervisor that more than 15,000 barrels of oil per day were spilling — three times BP's public estimate of 5,000 barrels and an amount much greater than what BP said the top kill could probably handle.

At the end of the first day, Mix texted his supervisor: "Too much flow rate — over 15,000 and too large an orifice." Despite Mix's findings, BP continued to make public statements that the top kill was proceeding according to plan, prosecutors said. On May 29, the top kill was halted and BP announced its failure.

The company's stock dropped 15 percent on the next trading day, the government said.

David Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor who was chief of the Justice Department's environmental crimes section, said the charges are probably "just the first of what will be multiple criminal charges."

"It could be the sign that the government believes there was a more far-reaching cover-up about the size of the spill," he said.

BP stock closed at \$41.91 Tuesday, a drop of just 4 cents. Analysts said investors evidently recognized the charges involved just one, low-ranking employee and saw no hint yet of any kind of larger cover-up on BP's part.

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Egypt terminates gas deal with Israel

CAIRO (AP) — The head of the Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company said Sunday it has terminated its contract to ship gas to Israel because of violations of contractual obligations, a decision Israel said overshadows the peace agreement between the two countries.

The 2005 natural gas deal has become a symbol of tensions between Israel and Egypt since the uprising. For many Egyptians, it typifies the close relations the regime of deposed President Hosni Mubarak forged with Israel and how his associates benefited greatly from such business deals.

Critics charge that Israel got the gas at below-market prices and that Mubarak cronies skimmed millions of dollars off the proceeds, costing Egypt millions of dollars in lost revenue.

Egyptian militants have blown up the gas pipeline to Israel 14 times since the uprising more than a year ago.

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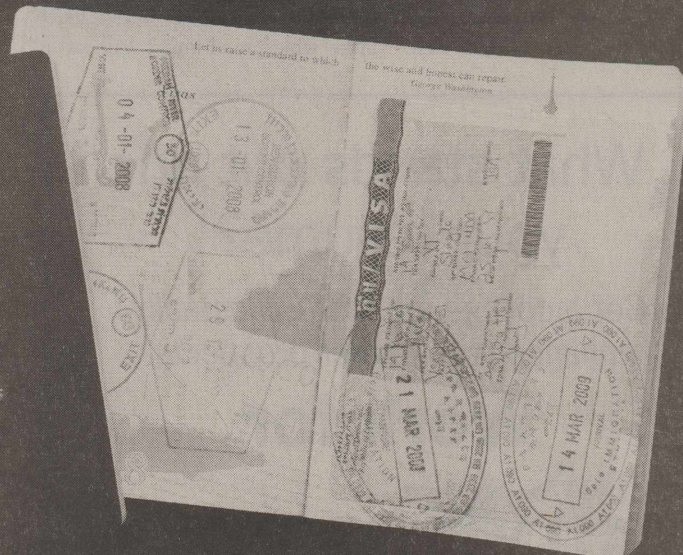
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Part-time jobs are stressful, beneficial

No one — especially me — likes to give up his or her free time on a Thursday night or a weekend participating in something less than thrilling.

This semester has been like one of those weeks where you can't wait for it to end; yet it starts up again the next week. I had been spoiled the previous years of school without being employed, but this semester was my first to tackle a part-time job, school and a social life.

It took a couple weeks of getting used to, but I have become accustomed to the work ethic and structure of simultaneously being an employee and a student. I found myself exhausted after the first couple of days, but after getting to bed at a decent hour and not procrastinating with schoolwork at the usual rate, things began to ease.

Nick Maggio



There have actually been quite a few studies on how part-time jobs affect students in general, and most have determined employment as having little to no effect on academics. An experiment published in *The Journal of Educational Research* found part-time employment had some positive effects on study habits in students and proved having a job required a more structured lifestyle.

Of course, for me, I hated being structured and having additional responsibilities other than school. Yet, the disappearance of the spontaneous get-together

with friends has not completely wiped my social slate clean. I still have time to go out, play a round of golf or see a movie. The good thing is I now have money.

As for the obvious financial purposes of having a job, there is no better way to combat the dreadful student loans our generation seems to be obsessing over. I recently attended a seminar featuring Rachel Ramsey, daughter of the famed financial author Dave Ramsey. Her presentation expressed the dilemma students face with owing money in student loans and

how it affects life after college. Like our parents 30 years ago, we are leaving college and finding ourselves in a broken economy with a fluctuating job market — except in our situation we

owe thousands in loans.

Ramsey stated the best way to combat debt is to find a part-time job and immediately start saving, even if it is small amounts of money. Attending a university is incredibly expensive and

becomes a burden rather than an asset if not paid for properly. The sooner loans are paid off, the less interest will build and

the easier it becomes to climb out of debt.

While I am definitely not an expert economist, I have definitely seen the financial benefits of having income while in school, even if it means a more hectic schedule. Ramsey mentioned the psychological toll owing money has on a human being and she explained how many young people believe debt is part of living. This has ill effects on the person and also on the economy. If a person is willing to give up a little time out of their college experience and dedicate it toward earning some income, the future will be much easier, financially and mentally.

If anything, having a part-time job is a good experience for, well, having a job. The relationships built within a company community will provide an experience similar to what will

exist in a normal full-time job. Teamwork and leadership skills can also be learned and translated into school projects and later employment opportunities. Possibly the most important experience of a part-time job is the reference letter from a superior. This can be a game changer when it comes to applying for a job in your desired career field.

Save a little time and save a little money. Hopefully the recession will end shortly and we can all breathe easy. Until then, a part-time job is a good way to get ahead of the curve and gain work experience. Or, it's a good way to learn a structured lifestyle and to manage your cash effectively.

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“... it's a good way to learn a structured lifestyle and to manage your cash effectively.”

Facebook should data-mine with care

By DOUG WALP
THE DAILY ATHENAUM (WEST VIRGINIA U.)

Some people are surprised that Facebook and most other popular social media services are provided for absolutely no cost to any of its 800,000,000 users.

Facebook is quite satisfied with the current arrangement. Because today we are living in a modern age in which information has become one of the most valuable commodities of all, enabling companies like Facebook, which deal in the trafficking and archiving of this information, to become incomprehensibly successful.

In fact, Facebook was able to generate \$3.2 billion in revenue in 2011 by selling this data, which many people consider to contain somewhat personal information, wholesale to other companies and advertisers. This way, the countless corporations can more easily tap into their targeted consumer (you) and your marketable interests.

It seems somewhat harmless, initially.

But every day, millions of Facebook and other social media users share personal, sometimes intimate information with friends or family that could eventually come back to haunt them.

Lori Andrews from the New York Times even reported some people have had to defend themselves against data mined online in both criminal and child custody cases, and this information is often lumped into unfounded groups that can be established with

only the slightest correlation.

For instance, searching Facebook groups for a controversial topic for research or other practical purposes could result in government agents taking notice of the wrong people for the wrong reasons.

Many will merely claim if you want to maintain your privacy, don't ever post any of your personal information online — admittedly pretty simple and effective advice. But does that mean a guarantee of privacy online is simply a myth? That, in order to be safe, we'll have to absolutely abstain from digital communications? That's a notion our society simply shouldn't be willing to accept.

It's also somewhat ironic that while a majority of our society's population is in an uproar over the government's attempts to impede upon our collective online privacy, Facebook has been selling our private information to the highest bidder for years without too many people considering the repercussions.

Most of these same people have never even been aware Facebook has never necessarily been a safe haven for their personal information, but it's also become apparent Facebook's information sharing has become much more widespread and complicated

than a majority of its everyday users could have ever imagined.

For example, most users have been aware for some time that potential employers constantly scan social networks for information about prospective hires — but it's also reported that the Internal Revenue Service, United States immigration and others are constantly scanning Facebook's enormous data archives to track down its eluders.

It's certainly not a bad thing that criminals are being brought to justice through these means, but it's also somewhat unnerving to realize how it seems we're constantly moving ever closer to the infamous “Big Brother” society.

Because although Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg claims he created the revolutionary social media giant in order to “accomplish a social mission” in his ultimate quest to “make the world a more open place,” that could all change in less than a month.

That's not to say Zuckerberg will no longer try to accomplish the macro-connectivity philosophy that's made the Harvard prodigy one of the

youngest billionaires in history.

But once Facebook officially becomes a publicly traded company on the stock market, Zuckerberg's No. 1 priority will unarguably be pumping up his share prices for his investors.

The most logical way for Zuckerberg to do that is to generate even more revenue through shipping out unfathomable amounts of this invaluable data in a process coined “data aggregation.” With the literal nonexistence of legislation pertaining to data mining regulation, loose correlations being made within the data collection along with the vast, seemingly unending potential of the information market presents some possible problems.

It's not a series of problems that's completely unique to Facebook, either, as fellow columnist Casey Hoffman pointed out in her Feb. 28 piece. Google is currently the largest trafficker and archivist of information, bringing in an estimated \$36.5 billion — more than 11 times what Facebook pulled in the same year.

But as I mentioned, Facebook is about to cross the threshold into the territory of a publicly traded company.

This means not only will they see even more wild potential for growth, but ultimately, the almighty dollar, rather than common sense, will control the direction of Facebook and its ever-increasing data mining and trafficking.

“... Facebook was able to generate \$3.2 billion in revenue in 2011 by selling this data ...”

Taking another look at protests in Russia

By FLORENCE GALLEZ
THE TECH (MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY)

While it is true that the 2011-2012 Russian street protests have been unprecedented in recent years in their scale — with a participation unseen since the 1990s — one may well want to take a closer look at the figures being trumpeted by Western and Russian pro-democracy observers and media (which incidentally have almost always been much higher than the official statistics from city authorities).

Describing one of the largest protests, *The Economist*, echoing many of its colleagues in the Anglo-Saxon press, exuberantly wrote:

“But Russia is changing. A richer and more vocal middle class has sprung up, one that recognizes Russia as an ill-governed kleptocracy. The rigged parliamentary poll in early December was followed by street

protests in Moscow and elsewhere. A demonstration in Moscow on February 4th got 100,000 people outside in a temperature of -22°C.”

“100,000” — that's in a city with a population of 11,503,501, according to the 2010 Census. Similarly, U.S. and Western media reports have been replete with celebratory mentions of “thousands and thousands” of anti-Putin demonstrators and democracy activists in their coverage of the protests, ostensibly dismissing the fact that this is in a country with a population estimated in 2012 at 143,030,106.

Please help me with my math if I am missing something here.

As for “In a temperature of -22°C” (-7.6°F): Russians' Arctic

cold-braving abilities have also been much extolled by these same media and are often presented as evidence of their passion for democracy.

What these reports don't say is that (at least speaking to my knowledge for Moscow and Saint Petersburg) throughout the long Russian winters, theaters, cinemas, nightclubs, shops and restaurants are packed, and even in freezing temperatures, long lines can be seen at ticket sales booths in the streets, food vendors' kiosks and the entrances of entertainment venues. In other words, Russians are out and about — not hibernating bear style-like throughout the cold season, except for getting out to go and defend democracy in public spaces as the stereotyping Western

media would like us to see them.

If to compare to the Middle East protests, citing just one case out of many: a full year after the first uprisings in the small island state of Bahrain, on March 9, 2012 “at least 100,000 people participated in one of the largest

anti-government protests along Budaiya highway,” according to CNN. “The march, estimated by opposition activists at between 100,000 and 250,000, filled a four-lane highway between Duraz and Muksha.” (Just a little note in parentheses: these places are not mega-cities like Moscow, but villages; and these figures are out of a population for the state estimated in 2010 at 1,234,571).

If any sense of relativity matters, it is clear then that some American journalists and pro-Western paradigm defenders worldwide have been far too optimistic in their assessments of the Russian protests, and too quick to draw comparisons with the Arab Spring movements, or with any long, deeply-ingrained desire for democratic change.

“The rigged parliamentary poll in early December was followed by street protests in Moscow ...”

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Lira Charity Cup offers soccer, Manchester United jersey

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Even before Joseph Kony, the leader of a known guerilla group in Uganda, was a common name, Texas Tech students have been working to help children in Uganda.

The women's club soccer team will host its second annual Lira Charity Cup soccer tournament, as well as a raffle, to raise money for a school in Uganda serving many students who were formerly child soldiers.

Micaela Esch, a senior human sciences major from Denver, got her start on a mission trip to Rwanda. She came up with an idea, Students for Students, as a way for universities to connect to African schools and create mutually beneficial bonds.

When the headmistress of the Lira School came to speak at Tech, Esch said she knew exactly where she needed to connect.

"What they have is really great ... especially as far as sports," said Sara Williams, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Waxahachie. "But they don't have

exactly what they need."

The school ran a sports program with a soccer ball and a volleyball. All other equipment was handmade, including other balls made from tying grass and leaves together.

Williams and Esch created the Lira Cup as a way to use their skills and their team to raise money.

"I love helping people out and I love soccer," said Ryan Schultz, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Dallas. "It's putting two great things together."

Last year, the tournament raised enough to send \$800 worth of sports equipment to the school. This year, Esch said she hopes to see that number doubled.

Already, teams have claimed every spot in the 24-team tourna-

ment. Player Sharlyn Rutledge, a junior advertising major from Albuquerque, said she was not surprised at the high level of interest.

"Students are excited about it because it's a chance for them to have fun," she said, "and it brings people together."

Last year, the event was so popular that many interested teams were unable to sign up, Schultz said.

Of course, the charity aspect is also important, she said. Since she knew a lot

about the school, Schultz said she knew exactly how the money would be used.

"It's important for students at Tech ... it's where we raise the money and then it goes toward something right away," Esch said.

Money also will be raised

through raffles at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center as well as an auction for a jersey autographed by both Manchester United team manager Sir Alex Ferguson and soccer star Javier "Chicharito" Hernández Balcázar.

The jersey is a unique item, Williams said, and she has been advised to start the bidding at \$500.

"It's rare to even have the opportunity to have something like that in the U.S.," she said.

The raffle will be for gift cards from more than 25 different businesses, Williams said, and all money will go toward the cause.

Beatrice Ayuru founded the school using money she raised herself. Working from the ground up, the school now helps about 1,500 students of all ages.

Williams said it even has an in-ground pool, one of few in the whole country.

The school's focus on sports is different, Williams said, but it is helpful to keep the students motivated out of trouble.

She said many of the students came from trouble, though.

While visiting the school, Esch



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICAELA ESCH
LIRA INTEGRATED IS a school in Uganda that is helped by the Texas Tech organization, Students for Students.

said, Kony was always a topic, as many of the students had been his child soldiers who were forced to kill their parents and to march with his army for days on end.

After her visit, Esch said she learned about many of the young students' devastating pasts, mak-

ing her even more eager to help. "We ... knew they were affected," Esch said. "But not to what extent."

The tournament will be hosted at the Rec Center the next two Saturdays.

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Latin music executives: Collaboration and creativity key for promotion

MIAMI (AP) — More collaboration and more creative promotion for new artists are needed as the Latin music industry continues to grow and diversify, industry leaders said Tuesday at the opening of Billboard's 23rd Latin Music Conference.

The nearly weeklong annual event gathers artists and executives from across the industry, culminating in Thursday's awards show to be aired live from the American

Airlines Arena in Miami.

Tomas Cookman, who heads the nation's biggest independent Latin label, said during a panel session that labels can no longer just produce and promote records by their artists. They must be virtually full-service entertainment companies to survive.

"It's the new definition of what record labels are, and the quicker people realize what we are, the safer we will be," said Cookman, head of

Nacional Records.

Cookman said especially with artists outside the mainstream Latin genres, producers and labels have to be more creative with their promotions.

Rebeca Leon called for more cross-pollination between Latin artists, similar to what's being done in mainstream music. She cited Colombian pop star Juanes' recent work with classic Spanish rocker Joaquin Sabina.

She later told The Associated Press she'd like to see more rock in Spanish played on the air, something she's discussed with radio executives. She quipped, "I call it 'Project Save the Guitar.'"

"Look I love urban music. I promote it, but I think there has to be a balance," she added.

Meanwhile, Billboard's head of Latin content Leila Cobo, serving as master of ceremonies, questioned Univision Radio President Jose

Valle on why Spanish-language radio stations in general don't play more new artists.

"And I don't mean playing Juanes new song," she added.

Cobo acknowledged the latest technology means losing a listener after a few seconds of a song can have a major impact in ratings but she added that radio is still one of the best ways for new artists to be heard.

"Can't you see this as a nonprofit

contribution to the arts?" she jokingly said of the possibility that playing new artists would cause a ratings dip.

"Ratings can't dip," Valle responded.

Universal Music Latin Entertainment President Victor Gonzalez said success these days is about contacts and relationships in the industry, but ultimately it's also about creativity.

"Originality is key," he said.

Deion Sanders' estranged wife denies attacking him

McKINNEY (AP) — Much like his playing days, Deion Sanders' tumultuous marriage has had no shortage of flash and drama: A reality TV show, a divorce arrangement in which the couple continued to live together.

And this week, the former Dallas Cowboys star took to social media to tweet that his estranged wife had attacked him at his North Texas mansion, even posting a photo of his children filling out police reports.

A day after Pilar Sanders was arrested, Sanders had removed the photo and posted a different message.

"Joy came this morning and we opened the door and let Joy in," he tweeted Tuesday.

Pilar Sanders, who was charged with misdemeanor assault and held overnight in county jail, was released Tuesday. Standing outside Collin County Jail, she said she was being treated unfairly.

"I'm a full-time mom, 100 percent for my children," she said, her voice breaking. "And I just haven't been given a fair shake."

Her husband, known as "Prime

Time" during his Hall of Fame playing career, is an icon in the Dallas area for spending five seasons as a cornerback with the Cowboys.

Deion and Pilar Sanders have been living in the same home in the Dallas suburb of Prosper, months after Deion filed for divorce in December. Deion's attorney, Rick Robertson, said both had separate living areas within the large home.

After the alleged attack Monday, Sanders tweeted that his children "just witnessed their mother and a friend jump me in my room. She's going to jail (and) I'm pressing charges!"

The Sanders' divorce file is under seal and a judge has placed both sides under a gag order.

Robertson said he didn't see the

tweets as a violation of that order because the alleged attack was a separate issue.

"The assault action that occurred was a criminal action that also constitutes family violence," he said. "Pilar Sanders was arrested for that and jailed."

A magistrate judge ordered her Tuesday to stay away from their home for 60 days. The judge also barred her from threatening or harassing her husband, KTVT-TV reported.

Larry Friedman, Pilar Sanders' divorce attorney, said he can't comment about her arrest due to the gag order.

"I can tell you that there are two sides to every story and the truth will come out in court," he said in a statement.

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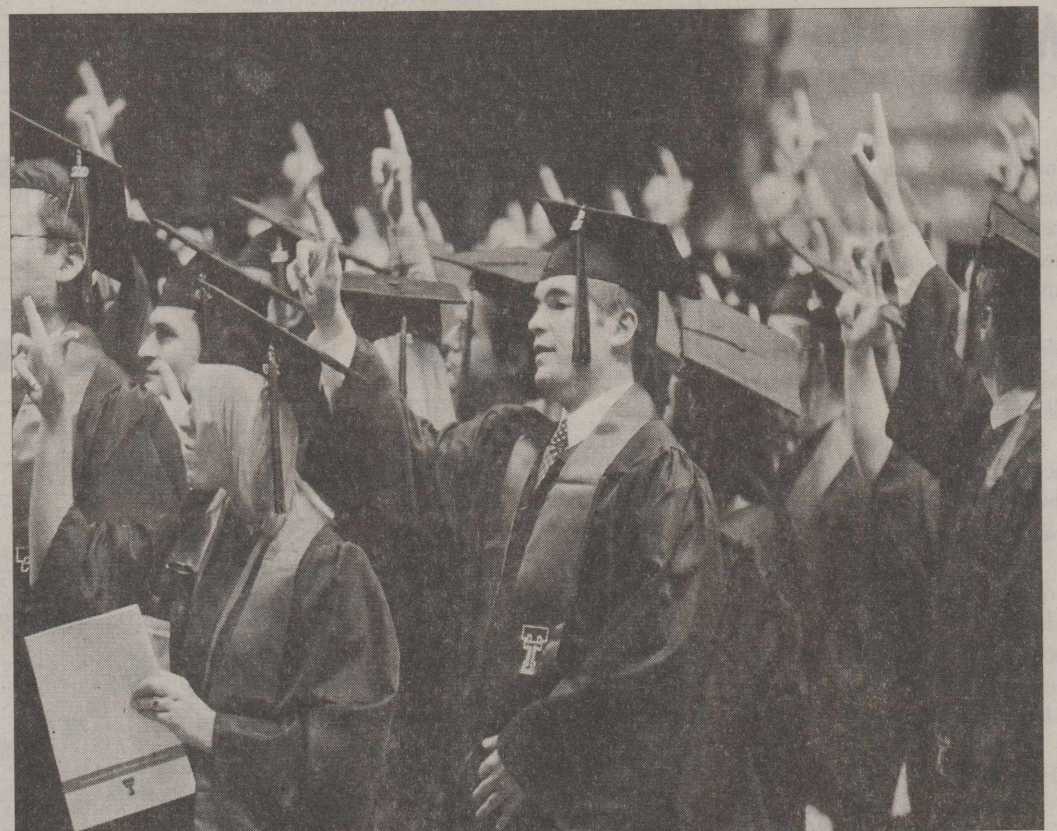
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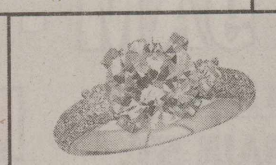
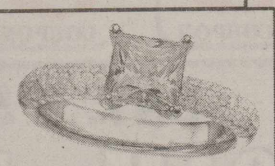
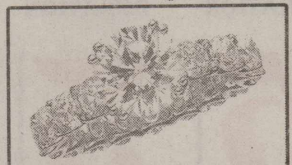
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Departments, organizations work to keep Tech green

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

To some Texas Tech students, the phrase "free T-shirt" is the ultimate invitation.

Today, however, the shirts are not free, but they are still practically being given away.

Hospitality Services will host two events today to raise awareness for its year-round efforts to keep Tech environmentally friendly.

First, students are able to exchange two plastic bottles for a T-shirt as part of the annual Crush

'em Tech initiative.

"The goal of it is to get students aware of recycling efforts on campus," said Alan Cushman, a unit manager with Hospitality Services.

Crush 'em Tech encourages students to recycle, Cushman said, as well as to crush their plastic bottles before recycling. This way the bottles do not take up as much space.

In past years, the shirts have been made from recycled materials, Cushman said. But, this year they will be cotton blend so there will be more shirts available and

more recycling accomplished.

In the evening, an event called "Dinner in the Dark" will go on in the All-You-Care-to-Eat locations on campus: Horn/Knapp, Hulén/Clement and The Fresh Plate at Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed Residence Halls.

During the dinner hours, the lights will be turned off to show the impact of electricity on campus, Cushman said. Additionally, the locations currently using trays will not use them, to show how easy it is to save water and energy.

Cushman said there will be games and activities as well, all

relating to sustainability.

In addition to the lights being off, all of the décor will reinforce the ideals of sustainability, he said.

Projects made from recyclable items will be on display and the centerpieces on the tables will all be plants that will go into the ground on Arbor Day.

"The menu is going to be really delicious as well," Cushman said.

One of Tech's professional chefs designed the menu, he said, and the meal will feature prime rib and glazed salmon, among many other dishes.

"It's a really fun event with a

powerful message," said Nicholas Lamy, leader of the Clean Up The Environment club, which will be participating in the event.

CUTE will be the only student organization involved, though the whole day will be full of collaborations.

Hospitality Services is putting on both events with support from the Physical Plant and University Student Housing.

Lamy, a junior accounting major from Dallas, said he is glad the message is catching on.

"It's cool to see the departments making an effort toward

sustainability and not just the students," he said.

Hospitality Services partners with the other departments for many sustainability endeavors, Cushman said, it's just that students don't always recognize them.

"This is a way to show the university what we are doing," he said.

Crush 'em Tech will begin at noon between the library and the Student Union Building. The Dining in the Dark Buffet will be served from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in each AYCE location.

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Tech community shows support by observing Denim Day

By MICHAEL DUPONT II
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Today, despite the heat, many students are taking a stand by putting their denim back on.

Denim Day is an international day of observation, protest and awareness for sexual assault victims across the globe, giving them a chance to show that their wardrobe is not to be perceived as an invitation for sex.

The incident that inspired this day of awareness took place in Italy during the late 1990s.

A 45-year-old male driving instructor picked up an 18-year-old for her first driving lesson and then raped her for an hour.

The case was brought to the Italian Supreme Court and the instructor was found guilty.

However, the driving instructor appealed his case, and won, after the court decided the victim was wearing tight jeans that could only be removed with her help, proving that consent was established and the sex was therefore consensual.

Liza Hooser, a senior social work major from Houston and the president of Sexual Assault Prevention Peers Committee, said there are many similarities in what women faced then and what they still face today.

"The case obviously is very upsetting," she said. "We are

supporting the day because we see a lot of the same rape myths today, with clothing being an issue when trying to put people in jail. It doesn't matter what you're wearing, no one has an excuse or invitation to rape anyone."

Hooser, along with Eddie Falcon, the vice president of SAPPC, have worked together closely the past few weeks to plan an event for later in the day, to coincide with Denim Day.

"Surviving and thriving is an art and open-mic night event to go along with our Denim Day," she said. "It will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Matador Room of the (Student Union Build-

ing)."

Falcon, a senior political science major from Andrews, said the goal of the event is to provide inspiration to those who may have been victimized.

"The first segment of the event will be an art show," he said. "People have submitted pieces of art and poetry and we're going to have those on display for the first half. After the event, people will have the opportunity to decorate denim squares and we hope they'll either draw or write something inspirational."

Falcon said the group decided to give the event a theme with a specific message in it.

"In our language, we call people survivors because people survive this ordeal and it is an ordeal," he said. "But there's an increasing movement that people are switching from survivors to thrivers. We feel that, yes, a sexual assault is a very traumatic event in one person's life, but it shouldn't define who that person is. That's where we came up with surviving and thriving."

Michael Lezzi, counseling psychologist, said he does not agree with the way the court case panned out in Italy.

"I think it's ridiculous that the case got overturned and a man got to go free based on the argument that she must've had

consensual sex given that her jeans were too tight and she would've had to help him," he said. "I think it's unfortunate that we continue to blame victims when we need to place blame on the perpetrators."

Lezzi thinks a challenge should be issued for men to show strength in more positive ways.

"It's good to bring awareness any way we can and to challenge men in particular," he said. "The overwhelming majority of perpetrators are men and we, as men, need to stand up and show our strength in other ways as opposed to exerting our strength to sexually violate women."

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On the road to solo album 'Wasteland Companion' with M. Ward

AUSTIN (AP) — For much of his career, M. Ward has recorded his solo albums pretty much the same way. So when it came time to make "A Wasteland Companion," his first solo album in three years, he wanted to do something very different.

The recording sessions took the 38-year-old on a musical journey of sorts. He recorded in eight studios in places like Austin, Omaha, Neb., New York City and Bristol, England, and each new place brought him in contact with a new list of players, including longtime influences like former Sonic Youth drummer Steve Shelley and British producer John Parish.

"I love making music, but making the same songs over and over again would be very boring," Ward said. "Everyone has their own ways of making what they do for a living exciting, ways of keeping it alive. And for me, it's collaborations with really talented people."

Musical partnerships are nothing

new for Ward. He and actress Zooey Deschanel have put out three albums as the duo She & Him and he's also as a member of the Monsters of Folk project with Jim James and Conor Oberst.

Ward sat down with The Associated Press on a quiet morning before a busy run at the South By Southwest Music Conference last month to talk about his journeys and working with famous friends.

AP: Did your extremely busy schedule require you to record on the road?

Ward: Over the last 10 years I've (been invited) to these incredible studios all over Europe and America and I never have time to actually do it. So this was the record where I actually made the time to make that happen and sort of just removed my security blanket of recording in the same room all the time. I loved the process and I hope to make more records like this. I wanted to make a new kind of record that combines live record with studio

record out of an experiment. I like the movement and chaos that's inferred in a live record and the unpredictability of a live record, but I love the luxuries of sound manipulation you get in the studio. So it's a new kind of record, really. I plan to make a lot more records like this, when I do make more records. Who knows how many more I'll make.

AP: Is there some question you'd make more?

Ward: I would assume there would be more, but whenever you make a record you just never know. The world's going to end, right (laughs)? Who knows?

AP: Do you find it hard to make time for your own projects. Are you jealously guarding your solo time?

Ward: No, because I've been writing songs since I was 15, so half my life really. With She & Him, that's a really big part of my time and my life. But Zooey writes the songs for that and we work on cover songs together and I'm just the producer and guitar player. So

for my own songs, they all come under the umbrella of this record. Monsters of Folk, we get together once every few years, so my records and She & Him records are the most constant sources of record production.

AP: How do these projects come together?

Ward: They happen out of a friendship or a love of a batch of songs that

need to be recorded.

AP: Was there anyone particularly inspiring or who did something that maybe caught you by surprise?

Ward: Steve Shelley springs to mind. I've loved Sonic Youth since I was in high school so it was a dream come true to play songs with him in the studio. He's just an incredible drummer. He has a signature maraca

and full drum kit sound that he can do that I've never seen anybody do. And then in England, I worked with a guy named John Parrish, who worked with PJ Harvey — incredible drummer, incredible marimba player. I've always thought the best live records are the ones where the guitar player is discovering things while he's playing, and I hope that comes across on the record.

Windmeyer

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The geometrical shape that represents the LGBT community is a triangle because during the Holocaust, homosexuals had to wear a pink triangle on their uniforms, one audience member explained.

Windmeyer then went explained different historical figures who were gay and asked, "Why don't our history books talk about this?"

Steven Lara, a junior political science major from Tahoka, said he saw an advertisement for the event and thought it would be interesting.

"It was a lot better than what I thought when I came here," he said. "I didn't know what he was going to talk about or what he was going to do, but it was a very honest about what gay guys or LGBT community goes through."

Lara said he has more respect for people who are willing to admit they are gay.

"I think that's probably the hardest part about it all," he said.

Bill Gustafson, director of the Tech Center for Financial Responsibility, said Windmeyer's lecture intrigued him.

Same-sex marriages face problems legally because they are not allowed to marry, he said.

"I can remember a couple of years ago we had a debate with two guys about the idea of gay marriage," Gustafson said. "It's just an issue that's going on in our society and universities have diverse people, and it just gave me a chance to expand my view."

Windmeyer ended the event with a personal story about his father standing up to a co-worker about his son being gay. Windmeyer encouraged the audience to do the same.

"Stand up for people who are different than you," he said.

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- "Don't interfere," briefly
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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34 Brownstone hangout
37 Dennis, much to Mr. Wilson's dismay
38 Will subjects
40 Mont Blanc, par exemple
43 "Piece of cake!"
46 Bro's playmate
48 Grand Marquis, for short
49 Decks out
51 Landlocked Asian republic
52 Satirist Mort
53 Nantes notion
54 Reason for an R rating
56 Odd old fellow
57 Wedding dance
58 Award for "Modern Family"
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Robert Griffin III gets a sandwich statue

NEW YORK (AP)—Lots of athletes get statues built in their honor, though not one you can take a bite out of.

The likeness of Robert Griffin III, made of barbecue chicken, lettuce, tomatoes and chili peppers, was unveiled at a Subway restaurant in Manhattan on Tuesday. It might not be quite the same accolade as going No. 2 overall in the draft to the Washington Redskins, as the Heisman Trophy winner will do Thursday night, but the Baylor quarterback got a kick out of it.

"It is all for fun and cool," Griffin said as photographers and TV cameras took shots of the real Griffin and the RGIII 1-2, as Subway has dubbed the sandwich. "I don't want to be sponsor of something I don't believe in and Subway is something all our guys relied on at Baylor. It's something I've liked for a long time."

Griffin is the fourth college football player Subway has presented with a statue of himself. Sculptor Jim Victor also did likenesses of Clemson's C.J. Spiller and Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh two years

ago — both went early in the first round — and Alabama's Mark Ingram, another Heisman winner, last year. Ingram also was a first-round selection.

Victor also has done sculptures of celebrities, including ones in chocolate of Robin Williams, Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller. The RGIII statue took him two weeks and required "a lot of bread that I baked myself."

After Griffin made some sandwiches for the media, he turned his focus to turning around the Redskins. A Broncos fan since childhood, he's eager to work with coach Mike Shanahan and his son, offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan.

"I know a lot about Mike Shanahan from when I was growing up and his coaching John Elway, Terrell Davis and those teams," Griffin said. "They inspired me to play football. I know he knows how to build a quarterback. He did with Steve Young, John Elway, even Jake Plummer and Jay Cutler."

"I look forward to being that young

guy he can build up similar to what he did with John Elway."

Griffin also recognizes the challenge that faces any highly drafted quarterback, and that unlike Elway, the likes of JaMarcus Russell, Ryan Leaf, David Carr and Tim Couch never measured up.

None of those was the athlete Griffin is, and judging by what NFL scouts and personnel people say, none had the maturity level Griffin brings to the pros.

He also brings some swagger. "We all have a personality," he said. "Some guys are cocky or cocky/confident. I try to think I am a confident guy, not cocky/confident. I believe in my abilities and the guys around me."

One of those "guys" around him Tuesday was his statue. At one point, Griffin ran his hands over the eyes, lips — which are covered with barbecue sauce — and dreadlocks made of chili peppers.

And he smiled, perhaps tempted to take a bite out of it.

Instead, he settled for a bottle of water.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

BAYLOR'S ROBERT GRIFFIN III winds up to throw the ball during a 45-38 loss against the Red Raiders during the 2010 season. After being named a new Subway spokesman, he was surprised with a statue of himself made out of a sandwich.

Dallas Cowboys need to improve defense in draft

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys addressed some pressing needs during a flurry of free-agent signings

They added two veteran offensive linemen who are expected to be starters, got a proven backup for quarterback Tony Romo, a starting cornerback, a safety, a linebacker and a fullback in just a couple of days.

Now they need to get really defensive in the draft, starting with their No. 14 overall pick Thursday night.

"It would look like there is going to be potentially top defensive players there," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We have to take into consideration that we've done pretty well in free agency relative to

our offensive line. ... So you're not off base to say likely it will be a defensive player."

While the Cowboys defense improved in coordinator's Rob Ryan's first season, despite the lack of a traditional offseason to install his scheme and work with his new players, there were five games where leads were blown in the fourth quarter. Their aging inside linebackers became less of a factor and the secondary at times was just horrendous.

Need another indication of what the Cowboys are thinking about for their first pick?

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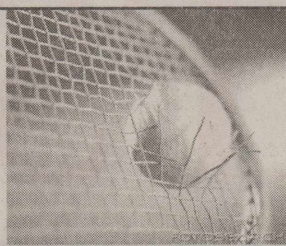


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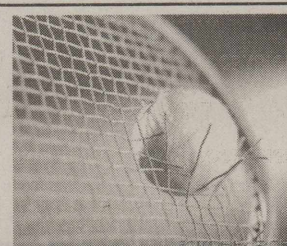
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INTRAMURAL PLAYOFFS
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Luck, Griffin nearly teamed up at Stanford

(AP) — Enrolling at Stanford may have been the best decision Andrew Luck ever made.

Not enrolling at Stanford seems to have worked out equally well for Robert Griffin III.

The quarterbacks will be the No. 1 and No. 2 picks in the NFL draft on Thursday night, with Luck going first to the Indianapolis Colts, then Griffin — the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor — set to be picked by the Washington Redskins. So again, as they have plenty of times in recent months, Luck and Griffin will share the spotlight.

Just think — they almost shared a locker room, too.

And if they had, then maybe none of this would be happening.

"Looking back on it, it worked out really well for both those youngsters," said Jim Harbaugh,

the coach who tried to pull it off.

The story starts in 2007, when Griffin got a tantalizing offer from Stanford. In short, if he committed to the Cardinal, then the Cardinal would commit to trying a two-quarterback system with him and Luck. Harbaugh — now the coach of the San Francisco 49ers — was Stanford's coach at the time, and after spending about an hour in his office chatting with Griffin came away with a strong inkling that he would win that recruiting battle.

A month later, the phone rang. It was Griffin. He apologized and said he was planning to enroll at Houston, where coach Art Briles was recruiting him. (When Briles went to Baylor, Griffin followed.)

"Thought we were really doing well with Robert," Harbaugh said. "Loved looking at his transcript. He was a 4.0 student in high school.

His test scores were extremely high. I mean, this to me was a Stanford guy. This was a Stanford kid. And then ... he was going to go to Houston. That left a bruise. I really liked Robert. I really wanted Robert on our team. And I've been a big fan of his ever since."

Griffin had offers from plenty of schools, from Harvard to Texas and countless spots in between. Stanford, he said, was tempting.

"I thought about it, but when you look at it, two-quarterback systems hardly ever work," Griffin said a few weeks ago. "So I had to make the right call for myself at that time."

A good call for both players, as it turned out.

Luck went 31-7 at Stanford, winning more games in those three years than the Cardinal won in the previous seven combined.

Griffin threw for 59 touchdowns in his final two seasons at Baylor, completing 72 percent of his passes as a senior and winning the Heisman. And although no one can say for certain how the Luck-Griffin pairing with the Cardinal might have worked, no one can dispute the quarterbacks did just fine on their own as well.

"They were two of the best kids I ever recruited," Harbaugh said. "We got one, one we didn't. Certainly Andrew came in and did everything that we expected and more and led his team, led Stanford to heights that the school has never seen before. I mean, compare the won-loss record of Stanford before Andrew Luck got there and while he was there. It's a pretty big contrast. Same with RG3. Look at him at Baylor. He did the same thing there."

Tony Romo still feels like he's getting better

IRVING (AP) — Tony Romo still wakes up thinking about how he can get better at football, not if he is running out of chances with the Dallas Cowboys.

The quarterback and first-time father also gets a smile on his face being around his newborn son each day.

"Yeah, I think it's definitely a good change and as you continue to grow, you obviously go through the different life changes," Romo said Tuesday after a workout at Valley Ranch, four days after his 32nd birthday. "We're lucky enough to have everyone be healthy and through the process and it just makes you smile every morning. It really does."

While Romo is just getting starting in fatherhood and has been married less than a year, he is heading into his 10th season since joining the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent. There are only two years left on his contract, and he's got only one playoff victory in his six seasons as the starting quarterback.

Romo threw for 4,184 yards with 31 touchdowns and 10 interceptions last season, but the Cowboys were 8-8 and missed the playoffs for the second year in a row.

"It's frustrating whenever you don't accomplish your goal each season and obviously that's to win the Super Bowl," Romo said. "The thing I can control is how hard I work, how much better I'm getting every single year and am I bringing these guys along to make them as good as they can be. Because that's part of my job and I think that that's part of what it takes to win a Super Bowl. And that's what we're doing."

The three-time Pro Bowler said the exciting part personally is that he still thinks he is getting better every year.

When asked how much longer he wants to play, Romo smiled and responded, "15 more years, maybe." He later said he'd probably stop only when he feels he is regressing, but he doesn't feel that is close to hap-

pening yet.

Still, he has to be taking better care of himself since he's getting older. Right?

"Nah, that's probably not accurate yet. I think that I didn't start playing in the league at 22, 23. A lot of that's the hits that you take over time," he said. "So I think I'll probably have a lot of that stuff later on. That probably starts creeping in about 34, 35. Hopefully I'll be able to make it until a little later than that before you start feeling that."

Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, who won three Super Bowls for the Cowboys in the 1990s, recently made comments about Romo already being a better quarterback than he ever was during his 12 seasons with the Cowboys.

Romo responded that Aikman is "on his own mountain top by himself," a place where he doesn't belong.

When Cowboys owner Jerry Jones was asked about those comments at the NFL meetings last month, Jones said he had

three Super Bowl rings because of Aikman.

"We have many things I think that we agree on. His assessment that Romo is a Super Bowl-caliber quarterback is one that we really agree on," Jones said. "But I have a little hard time making the same comparison he did."

Jones said such discussions give credence to why he was "as disappointed as I am about last year, and as positive as I am about this year or years to come."

Romo quickly pointed out that aside from Dan Marino, there will rarely be discussions about greatest quarterbacks who didn't win a Super Bowl.

"You know that. It's the same thing as winning majors in golf," Romo said. "We know what matters as a quarterback. We know what matters. Until you do that stuff, it's hard to say that."

Speaking of golf, Romo is bypassing any chance to qualify for this year's U.S. Open. For now, his focus is on football and fatherhood.

Clemens lawyer criticizes gov't over Clemens case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' lawyer wagged his finger. His voice cracked. He called himself Columbo. He claimed evidence had been manipulated. He appealed to the jurors' hearts as well as their heads in his opening statement Tuesday in defense of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"God help me if we have reached a stage in this country where we make a federal case of denying you committed a crime," Rusty Hardin said in a hushed voice at the end of a presentation that lasted more than an hour and drew no fewer than four objections from the government.

"Our government should never, ever prosecute somebody for saying 'I did not do it.'"

Less theatrical, but just as self-assured, was the voice of Clemens himself, heard on an audio tape in one of the first pieces of evidence presented at the trial.

"I have never used steroids," Clemens is heard saying without hesitation during a 2008 deposition on Capitol Hill. "Never performance-enhancing steroids."

Clemens' confidence and Hardin's Texas charm featured prominently on Day 6 of the retrial that seeks to determine whether Clemens lied to Congress — at the deposition and at a hearing that followed — when he denied using steroids and human growth hormone. The first attempt to bring the case to court ended in a mistrial when the government introduced inadmissible evidence.

The jury also heard from the trial's first witness, congressional staffer Phil Barnett, who happened to be on the stand when the mistrial was declared last July. The government is using Barnett to help establish that Congress had the right to conduct its hearings on drug use in sports.

The court adjourned early in the afternoon for the rest of the week because the judge had a previously scheduled out-of-town trip. The trial is scheduled to resume Monday.

Hardin's opening statement was a contrast to the more pedantic

approach Monday from prosecutor Steven Durham, who attempted to link together many dates and facts designed to portray Clemens as an all-star who took performance-enhancing drugs to lengthen his career and then became "trapped in a web" of lies to cover up his actions.

Hardin is known as a master of connecting with jurors, and he had no trouble grabbing their attention. He was at his most riveting when he displayed a map of the United States showing all the locations of the people the government had interviewed in an attempt to gather evidence against Clemens.

"One hundred three federal law enforcement officers over whether a baseball player used steroids!" said Hardin, his voice rising and his index finger raised emphatically in a not-so-subtle attempt to play to the popular notion that the case is a waste of taxpayer money.

At one point, Hardin fumbled at the podium, looking for a piece of paper. "I'm not acting like Columbo. I am Columbo," he said to the jurors, some of whom smiled at the reference of the 1970s television detective show.

Hardin called the case "a tale of two men" — Clemens and Clemens' former strength coach, Brian McNamee. McNamee, the government's key witness, has said he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH and kept a needle and some gauze from one of the injections.

Hardin said the evidence collected by McNamee is a "mixed-up hodgepodge of garbage," and showed a photo of a slightly crushed beer can in which some of it was kept. He contended that the needle was used to inject Clemens with vitamin B12 and later altered by McNamee to make it appear that it had been used for steroids.

The lawyer tried to call into question McNamee's motives, showing the jury the cover of an unpublished manuscript called, "Death, Taxes and MAC: The Autobiography of Brian McNamee," with the "X" in "Taxes" formed by two crossed syringes.

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