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## Faculty, staff, students encouraged to be aware of cyber security

Event for National Cyber Security Awareness Month

By **KATIE MCKEE**  
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Faculty, staff and students learned to "manage their weapons of mass destruction" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Red Raider Ballroom in the Student Union Building.

The Cyber Security Awareness event, hosted by the Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Information Technology Division, was

open to all faculty, staff and students and featured a lecture and lunch.

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and although the IT Division concentrates events during this month, it hosts awareness events throughout the year, Chief Information Officer Sam Segran said.

Allen Young, assistant managing director of technology support in the IT Division spoke about personal electronics security, online security

and safe Internet practices.

"It's extremely important because I believe that, we see the increasing rates of identity theft and data loss, so it's just really important that we all be informed in terms of what we need to do and learn," he said.

The lack of cyber security, Young said, can result in loss of money and endangerment of credit scores as well as invasion of privacy.

Hacking has long passed the days of being "the kid in the basement" and is now a money-driven organized

crime, he said.

"You have to be careful," Young said. "You have to think about where you're going. You have to think about that link that you're clicking on. You have to think about that email that you're getting maybe with the unaccepted address. You have to develop — and I don't want to say this, but you have to develop a little paranoia."

Every year, he said, two million laptops are stolen and 97 percent of those are never recovered.

If the laptop is not properly protected, passwords, bank account information and personal data are all accessible.

Protection against malware, such as viruses, worms and Trojan horses, is important to secure electronic devices.

This protection can come from installing reputable anti-malware software. The IT Division offers Symantec, which is a free anti-malware software for all faculty, staff and students, but, Young said, as long as

electronic users have anti-malware software, it does not matter which brand.

Even simple measures are effective in securing laptops, desktop computers, tablets and smartphones.

These measures include using a screen lock, using passwords not in the dictionary or personal, changing passwords frequently, not using the same password for all accounts and not sharing passwords, Young said.

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## College of Business hosts fall career expo for students

By **ALSTON TRBULA**  
STAFF WRITER

The Rawls College of Business hosted its Fall 2012 Career Expo on Wednesday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Laura Sanders, associate director of employer relations for the Rawls Career Management Center, said the expo is a way for business students to practice their networking skills and to find potential job opportunities. More than 100 companies attended the expo, and some of them included Lockheed Martin, Goodyear Tire, Sherwin Williams and AT&T.

"This is the one time they can

come where employers are looking for them just as much as they're looking for employers," she said. "They can find a full-time position or an internship before they graduate."

There are two expos a year, one in the fall and one in the spring, she said. The expo is exclusively for business majors. On average there are between 700 and 900 students that attend the event. Employers usually don't interview students at the expo, however, if students develop good rapport with employers, they can potentially get an interview scheduled.

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## MEMS design rewards Tech engineering students with third consecutive win at competition

By **NICOLE MOLTER**  
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For a third consecutive year, Texas Tech engineering students brought home a first place award from an annual competition at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M.

Teams from Tech have won six competitions in the past eight years.

The contest consists of a novel category and an educational category. Tech's winning entry in the novel category is a microscale rheometer, 1.2 millimeters by 2 millimeters.

Tech's winning microelectromechanical system design can be used to measure tiny amounts of liquid like the small amounts of synovial fluid in knee joints, said Tim Dallas, associate professor of electrical and

computer engineering.

The team also entered the educational category with "Tiny Sports Titans," he said. The micro Lance Armstrong, tiny Tiger Woods and tiny Tim Tebow moved inside the system to demonstrate concepts such as gear motion.

Tech's "Tiny Sports Titans" was beat by Carnegie Mellon University. The university has won the educational category for a second consecutive year.

"The student designs are blueprints to build mechanical devices in the micrometer size range, to be powered by tiny amounts of electricity," said a Sandia Labs news release from Sept. 26.

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## Blind Visionary

Blind professor explains hardships, teaching at Tech

By **KATELIN KELLY**  
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"Imagine that when you entered college as a freshman, you discovered that all books in the campus bookstores and library were in an unintelligible and inaccessible format," Gary Forsythe, history professor at Texas Tech and author of multiple books, wrote in his essay "Electronic Technology and Blindness: A New Solution to an Old Problem" for a 1994 American Philological Association.

The excerpt comes from first-hand experience for Forsythe, who has been blind since he was 11 years old, he said.

Forsythe was born blind in his left eye, the cause of which totally unknown, and near-sighted in his right eye.

When Forsythe was 11 years old, his right eye lost sight because of a detached retina.

Forsythe still can barely detect sunlight and has a constant distorted image in his left eye, he describes as a kaleidoscope.

"It's kind of strange, but it's kind of nice to have that," he said about the image in his left eye. "At least I have that little bit of vision. I'd hate to lose it. It's nothing much, but still, it's nice I can actually see something in that eye."

Forsythe uses a guide dog, his 8-and-a-half-year-old golden retriever, Bentley, and a cane to navigate his surroundings.

The two are essentially used for opposite purposes, Forsythe said.

"The guide dog is taught to keep the blind person from

bumping into things," he said. "When a person travels with a cane, that's largely what you end up doing. You don't necessarily want to bump into people, but you do want to bump into objects that are familiar to you because that's how you know where you are."

Forsythe said he believes he does not face issues interacting with students in the classroom.

"I don't think that that's really any different than what other professors confront," Forsythe said, "so I don't think that's really an issue."

Chris San Miguel works for Forsythe as his assistant. The sophomore history and classics major from Sweetwater said he heard about Forsythe through a friend in his Introduction to History course, and after sitting in on one of his classes, San Miguel was immediately enthralled with Forsythe's brilliance in the classroom.

"He emailed me saying his master students were graduating and was wondering if I would be interested in working for him," San Miguel said. "I was like, 'Of course.' He is such a big help and has even helped me with some of my Latin and job opportunities."

Forsythe said one of the major challenges he had to overcome was the lack of reading material available for him in college.

"I once had to sit silently in a Greek class for a couple of weeks," Forsythe said in his essay, "because an agency was forced to discontinue its transcription of the Herodotus text which we were reading."

Fortunately, Forsythe's



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador  
PROFESSOR GARY FORSYTHE has been teaching at Texas Tech for the past 12 years and has written numerous books concerning ancient Greece and Rome. Forsythe was born blind in his left eye and lost the remainder of his vision at the age of 11, he uses his guide dog, Bentley, to help navigate around campus.

former wife, Dorothy, was able to transcribe his material with a Braille transcriber.

Forsythe said he believes unless future multimedia networks are designed with sufficient forethought, groups like

the blind will find themselves locked out from what the rest of society takes for granted, and old patterns of exclusion and dependence will continue.

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# Community Calendar

## Today

**Undergraduate Research Information Session**  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** TLPD, Library  
**So, what is it?**  
 The Center for Undergraduate Research will host this free event. First 10 students with a Tech ID will receive a free iPhone case.

**Dean's Council Speaker Series- Larry McVay**  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Electrical and Computer Engineering building  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and listen to Larry McVay, managing director of Edgewater Energy, will present, "An International Career Journey Where 'Every Day is an Adventure.'"

**Art History Lecture: Dr. Esen Ogus**  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Where:** School of Art  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out to this free lecture with Dr. Esen Ogus presenting, "Erasing the Past, Building the Future: A Late-antique Fountain at Aphrodisias."

**Tuba-Euphonium Studio Concert**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** School of Music  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this free studio concert featuring tuba-euphonium.

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## Friday

**Top Techsan Awards Luncheon**  
**Time:** Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Where:** McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this luncheon during Homecoming week. The cost is \$15 a person.

**National Book Award Winning Author Timothy Egan**  
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Allen Theatre  
**So, what is it?**  
 The TTU Presidential Lecture and Performance Series presents the a lecture by Timothy Egan, the author of six books including "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl."

**The Lubbock Chorale in Concert**  
**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this concert of the Lubbock Chorale.

**Halloween Carnival**  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Maggie Trejo Supercenter  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy face painting, games, trick-or-treating and more. All ages are \$1 admission or two cans of food.

## Security

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Wireless Internet access points, he said, are another place where hackers can steal information.

These wireless networks, whether they are in the home, a business or on a plane, can give hackers access to personal information.

By changing the default password on the wireless access point and choosing not to enter personal or bank account information through an unsecured network, electronic device, users can prevent information theft, Young said.

Cellphones, he said, also are an ideal place for information thieves.

"So if I leave my phone somewhere and it doesn't have password protection," Young said, "it's not my phone anymore, it's somebody else's with all of my information on it and me paying the bill."

Young said he encourages cellphone users to be wary of QR codes and apps as well as to be sure not to misplace a phone without it requiring a password or personal identification number.

Scams, hoaxes and fraudulent emails are other ways thieves steal information from Internet users.

The largest victim demographic, he said, falls between the ages of 40 to 59 years old because this group has accumulated the most valuables.

Everything from cellphones to Internet tools involves computing and technology, and users can become desensitized, not realizing who can access



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

ALLEN YOUNG, THE Assistant Managing Director of tech support in the Texas Tech IT division, discusses cyber security threats such as viruses, malware and password protection and how people can keep their information safe in the digital age Wednesday at the Cyber Security Awareness 101 lecture in the Student Union Ballroom. The lecture was given as part of Tech's National Cyber Security Month activities.

personal information, Segran said.

"And as far as protecting yourself," he said, "it doesn't matter which tool you use, if it's technology-based, there's always some threat out there whether it's people, whether it's worms, viruses; whether it's just breach of information, just be aware so that you can protect yourself."

Mary Elkins, the unit manager for institutional research at Tech, said although

she worked in IT previously, she learned security practices from the event.

"But there were some details that I didn't know," she said. "Change your passwords. It's more important than I thought. Pay attention to your emails and pay attention to your TechAnnounce because that's where you're going to get this kind of information from IT."

The CIO and IT Division will host

Cyber Security Awareness again from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Lubbock Room of the SUB, noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 23 also in the Lubbock Room of the SUB and from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 30 in the Mesa Room of the SUB.

For more safe computing practices, students can visit [www.safecomputing.ttu.edu](http://www.safecomputing.ttu.edu).

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## Award

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MEMS devices are inexpensive to construct and use, the release said. Some devices are smaller than the thickness of a human hair (about 70 micrometers). New uses are continually being discovered.

"There are a number of commercial products that have these devices in them," Dallas said. "If you have a smartphone, it has an accelerometer in it. That's what allows the screen to reorient when you move it around."

When examining thermal properties, microdevices can be heated up and cooled off faster than macrodevices, he said. Power is sent through a microdevice, heating it up to 600 degrees Celsius. After the voltage is turned off, the microdevice drops to room temperature within a few milliseconds, unlike a cooking stove at home.

Zhenhuan Zhang, teaching assistant in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, worked on the design that won the novel competition.

"For me, my work is about how to design the experiment," he said.

"Because we have one of the guys who designs the chip, and I design how to test the chip, and how to put liquid on the surface of the chip and how to put the cover slip on top of it and how to get a result."

A team submits a paper to the educational category and the novel category, Zhang said.

"I remember the last two days before the end of submission of the paper," he said. "We worked until nine o'clock in the evening. It's good. We won."

The MEMS team was led by Dallas, and Gordon Christopher,

assistant professor of mechanical engineering. Electrical and computer engineering students Gautham Ramachandran and Ashwin Vijayasai, and mechanical engineering student Zhang also were involved in the process.

"Coming up with good ideas is really actually harder than designing the devices," Dallas said. "Coming up with devices that we think are actually useful for ourselves or for others, and also something that will really catch the attention of the judges, is a difficult process."

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## Student alleged victim of attempted aggravated robbery Monday

At 12:40 a.m. Wednesday Texas Tech Police were dispatched to Hulén Residence Hall to investigate a report of attempted aggravated robbery.

In an email, David Parker, captain of the criminal investigation division, said the definition of robbery is when someone steals or takes anything of value from a person, against their will, by using force, intimidation or violence.

The alleged victim, a female Tech student, reported the incident occurred at approximately 9:15 p.m. Monday while walking

near Coleman and Weymouth Residence Halls. The victim alleged the suspect struck her on the head with a stick.

The victim described the suspect as a young Asian male, approximately 4 feet 9 inches, 100 lbs., with a chili bowl haircut and wearing a sapphire blue shirt with white khaki shorts. The victim reports repelling the attacker by grabbing him by the throat and leg sweeping the attacker to the ground after the attacker unsuccessfully tried to grab the victim's dance bag. The attacker tried again, unsuccessfully, to

grab the victim's bag and was last seen running southbound on Flint Avenue.

To avoid being a victim of a robbery, Parker said it is important for students to be aware of their surroundings, be cautious when wearing flashy jewelry and if someone is acting suspiciously head for bright lights, people and call the police.

Parker said if someone is a victim of a robbery, do not panic or resist, obey the robber's instructions, be alert, look for distinguishing characteristics, be able to describe the robber and lastly, cooperate with the police.

Stephen Hinkle, administrative captain of Tech police, said the case is currently being investigated and no suspect has been identified.

After a robbery, Parker said, notify the police immediately and be prepared to tell the police an address, a complete description of the robber(s), whether or not a weapon was involved, a description of any vehicle used and the number of people in the vehicle, the direction of travel and any words spoken by the robber.

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## Republicans hammer State witnesses on Libya attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four weeks before the election, Republicans used a politically charged House hearing to confront State Department officials about security at the U.S. Consulate in Libya and assail the Obama administration's early response to the killing of the ambassador and three other Americans there.

GOP lawmakers refused to accept the department's explanation Wednesday that protection judged adequate for the threat was overwhelmed by an unprecedented assault in Benghazi on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

They also rejected Undersecretary of State Patrick Kennedy's explanation that officials were relying on the best intelligence available in characterizing the attack afterward as stemming from a protest over an anti-Islam Internet video rather than a deliberate, planned act of terrorism.

A top State official acknowledged she had declined to approve more U.S. security as violence in Benghazi spiked, saying the department wanted to train Libyans to protect the consulate.

"I made the best decisions I could with the information I had," said Charlene R. Lamb, a deputy assistant secretary for diplomatic security.

Regardless of allegations of blame, there is no dispute over the tragic result. U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans — includ-

ing two former Navy SEALs — were killed in what administration officials now describe as an act of terrorism.

In statements immediately after the attack, neither President Barack Obama nor Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton mentioned terrorism. And both gave credence to the notion that the attack was related to protests about the privately made anti-Islam video.

"Some have sought to justify this vicious behavior as a response to inflammatory material posted on the Internet," Clinton said on the night of the attack. "The United States deplores any intentional effort to denigrate the religious beliefs of others. Our commitment to religious tolerance goes back to the very beginning of our nation. But let me be clear: There is never any justification for violent acts of this kind."

Five days later, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice said her best information at the time was that the attack stemmed from a protest that became violent.

President Barack Obama, asked on ABC about the changing accounts of what instigated the attack, said the information was evolving.

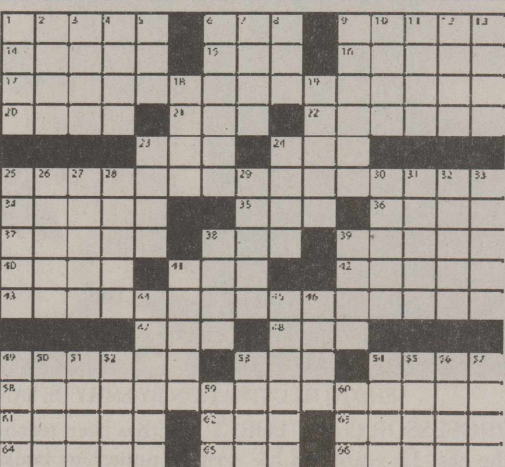
"As information came in, information was put out, the information may not have always been right the first time," he said. "These are people I know, and if there is something to be fixed, it will get fixed."

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Breakfast brand
- 6 Omega, to an electrician
- 9 Stage
- 14 Hippodrome, e.g.
- 15 Yellow ride
- 16 Come again?
- 17 Pound
- 20 Ocean flatfish
- 21 Half a dance
- 22 Beginnings
- 23 Church title; Abbr.
- 24 Ship destroyer in Sinbad's fifth voyage
- 25 Pound
- 34 Dilemma for Jonah
- 35 Eggs
- 36 Coastal raptor
- 37 Astrological Ram
- 38 Econ. yardstick
- 39 ZZ Top and Cream
- 40 Campus military org.
- 41 Hat with a tassel
- 42 City, Oklahoma
- 43 Pound
- 47 Homer's neighbor
- 48 Chaired, say
- 49 Degenerate
- 53 Rte. provider
- 54 Astrological edge
- 58 Pound
- 61 Capital on the Air
- 62 Holiday
- 63 Church centerpiece
- 64 Place
- 65 One may have a sitter
- 66 Small world?



By Jeff Crandall

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#### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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| SAP    | EGRET  | PLAZA     |
| ASL    | ARENA  | LEGIT     |
| WYATT  | TEARP  | AVANT     |
| TETE   | GRO    | ENERGY    |
| OTELLO | NAVEL  |           |
| ALARM  | LIT    | RAG       |
| SPRIT  | AGILE  | ALT       |
| COMTE  | LAG    | ARBOR     |
| AGO    | ABASH  | REBEL     |
| NOR    | ROW    | TUTSI     |
| FRUIT  | SHOTAT |           |
| STRAIT | EMU    | AERO      |
| LEO    | IV     | TEARAPART |
| ACURA  | MUMPS  | RAE       |
| WHEEL  | IPASS  | SYS       |
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- 38 Opposite of hawed
  - 39 Adorned in a prankish way
  - 41 Lets go
  - 44 Let go, as a prisoner
  - 45 Show off
  - 46 Fray, e.g.
  - 49 Abates
  - 50 Worry
  - 51 Camper's cooker
  - 52 Europe's highest active volcano
  - 53 Promgoer's concern
  - 54 Basic organic unit
  - 55 Golden rule word
  - 56 Healing sign
  - 57 Flammable pile
  - 59 Trendy
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# 26 testify against Lance Armstrong in doping case

(AP) — Lance Armstrong said he wanted to see the names of his accusers. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency gave him 26, including 11 ex-teammates.

The world's most famous cyclist said he wanted to see the hard evidence that he was a doper. The agency gave him that, too: About 200 pages filled with vivid details — from the hotel rooms riders transformed into makeshift blood-transfusion centers to the way Armstrong's ex-wife rolled cortisone pills into foil and handed them out to all the cyclists.

In all, a USADA report released Wednesday gives the most detailed, unflinching portrayal yet of Armstrong as a man who, day after day, week after week, year after year, spared no expense — financially, emotionally or physically — to win the seven Tour de France titles that the anti-doping agency has ordered taken away.

It presents as matter-of-fact reality that winning and doping went hand-in-hand in cycling and that Armstrong was the focal point of a big operation, running teams that were the best at getting it done without getting caught. Armstrong won the Tour as leader of the U.S. Postal Service team from 1999-2004 and again in 2005 with the Discovery Channel as the primary sponsor.

USADA said the path Armstrong chose to pursue his goals "ran far outside the rules."

It accuses him of depending on performance-enhancing drugs to

fuel his victories and "more ruthlessly, to expect and to require that his teammates" do the same. Among the 11 former teammates who testified against Armstrong are George Hincapie, Tyler Hamilton and Floyd Landis.

USADA Chief Executive Travis Tygart said the cyclists were part of "the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen."

Armstrong did not fight the USADA charges, but insists he never cheated.

His attorney, Tim Herman, called the report "a one-sided hatchet job — a taxpayer funded tabloid piece rehashing old, disproved, unreliable allegations based largely on axe-grinders, serial perjurers, coerced testimony, sweetheart deals and threat-induced stories."

Aware of the criticism his agency has faced from Armstrong and his legion of followers, Tygart insisted his group handled this case under the same rules as any other. Armstrong was given the chance to take his case to arbitration and declined, choosing instead, he noted.

"We focused solely on finding the truth without being influenced by celebrity or non-celebrity, threats, personal attacks or political pressure because that is what clean athletes deserve and demand," Tygart said.

The report called the evidence "as strong or stronger than any case brought in USADA's 12 years of existence."

In a letter sent to USADA attorneys Tuesday, Herman dismissed any evidence provided by Landis and Hamilton, saying the riders are "serial perjurers and have told diametrically contradictory stories under oath."

The testimony of Hincapie, one of Armstrong's closest and most loyal teammates through the years, was one of the report's new revelations.

"I would have been much more comfortable talking only about myself, but understood that I was obligated to tell the truth about everything I knew. So that is what I did," Hincapie said of his testimony to federal investigators and USADA.

His two-page statement did not mention Armstrong by name. Neither did statements from three other teammates-turned-witnesses, all of whom said this was a difficult-but-necessary process.

"I have failed and I have succeeded in one of the most humbling sports in the world," Christian Vande Velde said. "And today is the most humbling moment of my life."

Tygart said evidence from 26 people, including 15 riders with knowledge of the U.S. Postal Service team's doping activities, provided material for the report. The agency also interviewed Frankie Andreu, Michael Barry, Tom Danielson, Levi Leipheimer, Stephen Swart, Jonathan Vaughters and David Zabriskie. Andreu's wife, Betsy, was another key witness. She has been one of Armstrong's most consistent and unapologetic critics.

## Expo

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"It's kind of a process," Sanders said. "They have to start here. Tomorrow we already have a ton of interviews going on. I think we have 43 rooms booked across campus."

Roy Adams, district manager for a local Wal-Mart, said he is impressed by the inquisitiveness of Texas Tech students. This is the second year employers from Wal-Mart have attended the expo.

"We were very successful last year," he said. "We got six local interns and then additional interns for our surrounding areas."

At Wednesday's expo, Adams and his staff were looking for interns and management trainees, he said. There are certain criteria and qualities he looks for when selecting potential employees.

"I just want them to be themselves," he said. "When they come in, they're nervous and they look intimidated. I want them to ask questions that they want to ask, not just answer the questions we have for them."

Courtney Hawkes, senior adviser for university relations for Phillips 66, said the company looks for students who are at least sophomores, have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have done some sort of community service. They also expect students to have some knowledge of oil and gas and of the company itself.

When interviewing prospective employees, many big companies are using a method called targeted selection, also known as behavioral interviewing, she said. Targeted selection serves as a guide for employers and helps them find employees that are the right fit.

"Basically, targeted selection means that a person's past experiences and past behavior are going to be a predictor for future behavior," Hawkes said, "and how they would handle situations in the future."

The targeted selection method requires prospective employees to give what are called star answers. When coming up with star answers, students must recall a situation where they had to lead some sort of task, she said. They then are to tell employers about it, and whether the task was successful or not.

"They have to explain the situation, the task, the actions that they took and what the overall result was," she said. "So basically, we want students to take us through the entire process. This will give us an idea of how they will handle situations in the future."

When students ask about the interviewing process, she tells them about targeted selection and how to prepare for it, she said. Students can go online and

work through sample questions.

"There's lots of sample questions out there, and I really think the best thing somebody can do to prepare themselves for an interview is to go through those sample questions and think about how it applies to their personal situation," she said.

Alex Ferguson, a junior marketing major from Friona, said he recommends fellow business students attend the next expo. He's been to a few expos throughout the years and his experiences have helped him become a better communicator. He's talked to several different companies. Some of them include AT&T, Sherwin Williams and Ferguson Enterprises.

"It's a good way to meet all sorts of employers," he said. "Even if your not looking for a full-time job or an internship, it's still good to come because you get that experience of talking to the recruiters, and you never know what kind of connections you'll make."

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**Fall Fanfares**  
**Friday, October 12 at 8 p.m.**  
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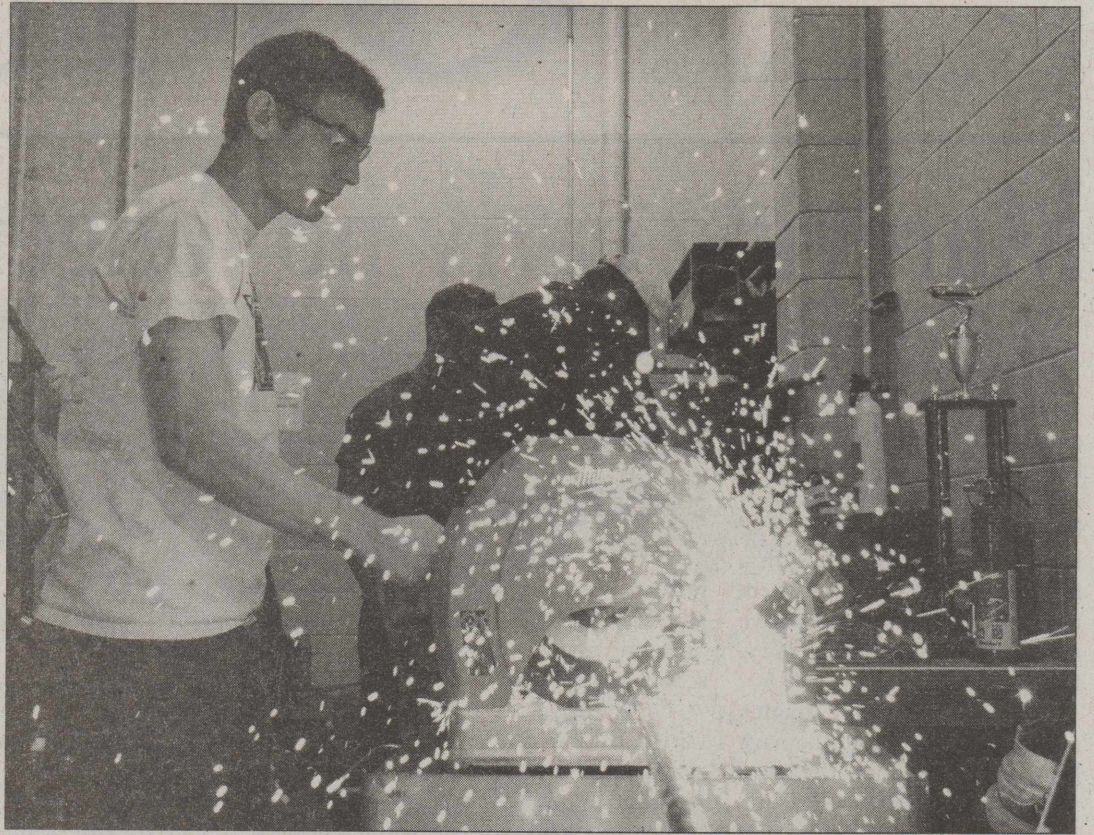


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 ANDY BOUVIER, A junior mechanical engineering major from Austin, cuts tubing to build a new frame for a race car. The race car is being built for the Texas Tech Formula Society of Automotive Engineers and will race against other universities in a competition later this year.

## College of Media, Communication hosts video ad challenge

From Sep. 28 to Wednesday, the College of Media and Communication hosted an advertisement challenge. Entrants in the challenge were asked to pick from two categories.

The first category was to promote KTXF-FM, the Texas Tech radio station, and the second category was to promote the College of Media and Communication.

"(We were) wanting students to either promote KTXF-FM as the campus radio station that provides us with news, music, sports and general Tech information or to promote the various student learning opportunities that we offer within the college," said Andrew Byrne, web design specialist for the College of Media and Communication.

The deadline to submit videos was Wednesday and the videos are going to be submitted to the movie theater Oct. 22,

Byrne said.

"It is a unique opportunity to showcase student work," said Todd Chambers, electronic media and communication department chair.

Students entering the challenge had the opportunity to have the video or graphic submission shown at Cinemark theaters in Lubbock and Plainview from November to January.

"(The ad) is going to appear once before every single movie at all the Cinemark locations in Lubbock and Plainview," Chambers said.

As an added incentive, Chambers said Dean Jerry Hudson offered a cash prize of \$150 in each category for a total of \$300.

Currently, the challenge had one submission, Byrne said.

"I was in charge of specifying format that entries had to be turned in," Byrne said.

According to the College of Media and Communication website, the format of the videos had to be a G-rated, 15-second clip, delivered to Byrne on disc, hard drive or thumb drive.

Chambers said the College of Media and Communication wanted to showcase more student work, which is why the college decided to host the advertisement challenge.

"This is the first time we have ever done anything like this," Chambers said.

Currently there has been no official decision to extend the video challenge deadline, Byrne said.

"We have our own deadline we have to meet in order to get (the ad) to the theaters," Byrne said.

The current submission, Byrne said, was a graphic submission in the College of Media and Communication category.

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## Marrying early no longer necessary in our society

A recently overheard conversation has instigated today's column topic of marriage and babies.

As a young Hispanic woman, I have had my fair share of little old ladies either blessing me with a fruitful womb or asking me where my husband is. May I please have my first legal drink and vote in my first election?

I am definitely not judging or putting down those who have been rewarded with the marriage lifestyle. But I am 20, and I personally find it an insult to be asked during which season I want my wedding to be and which flavor my cake will be.

I am concerned enough with turning this column in on time to my editor. Planning a marriage or a shared lifestyle is not on my immediate to-do list.

Yes, it's nice to dream of the

**Rocio Rodriguez**



perfect wedding and the perfect partner, but right now I am still dreaming of my perfect graduate school and my perfect career.

*Forbes* magazine reported a Citi and LinkedIn survey that asked women their biggest career challenges. It was between financial concerns and their definition of success. More than one-third of the women polled didn't factor marriage into their definition of "having it all," and nearly one-third didn't even include children.

This is not shameful. Human kind will not cease to exist because one-third of women polled

do not have the desire to marry or have children at that moment.

If the two of you are really in love, and marriage seems like a possibility, you can wait for a career and stability. If you are going to take this seriously, be an adult about it and wait until you are financially able to live as equals and to celebrate this occasion without putting yourself into debt.

Why do you need to get married? If you are worried about losing the other person, that is not a good reason to get married. If the other partner cannot remain faithful, you are probably not right for each other.

It is important to think

through not only the commitment, but also the shared life afterward. Some of us just haven't thought that far yet. We are actually physically limited as to how deeply we can think through this.

According to an article from *Annals of Neurology*, though maturity varies between people, female brain development doesn't complete until between 21 and

22 years of age. A young man doesn't fully mature until their late 20s.

We can marry for love now, and not for economic and political reasons. We are moving away from the idea that marriage and

children are the ideal lifestyle. The sooner it is accepted and becomes a norm, the happier we will all be. Likewise, not all dating has to end in marriage. The purpose of dating is to find out what you want and what you like or dislike.

In an article by Deborah Tropp, it is noted that marriage was a "surefire way for us to know we'd have enough to eat, shelter over our heads and financial support to raise children." For men, it was status and company by having a wife of a prominent beauty. Alongside this idea, "it defined women's sense of self in a way nothing else could."

Marriage is not something we have to do anymore. Women don't need to prove our worth by providing viable offspring or a happy husband. Likewise for men, they don't have to prove their worth by being the sole supporter of the family.

It is now normal for women to delay marriage for a career. That is reasonable. The ones who have to carry a child for nine months should get a chance to be selfish for as long as possible.

I am not encouraging you to go all slut-tastic this weekend, but we live in a great decade of available resources such as Wi-Fi, airplanes and GPS. So, don't feel restricted by society to stay at home and wait for happiness. Go out and explore and learn about yourself before you add in another person, or two.

For those who found eternal happiness in high school, kudos to you, and if you're still together, even more kudos. At the moment, this column is in need of a wrap up.

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## Consider Iran with caution

By **ADAM DELLINGER**  
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Over the last few years, there's been a lot of talk within foreign policy circles about a possible war with Iran over its alleged plans to develop nuclear weapons.

This conversation has gone somewhat unnoticed in the United States, with Americans distracted by a weak economy and a presidential election where this particular issue is little more than a footnote, or perhaps the latest episode of "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo."

That may be because it's become easy, or perhaps even preferred, for the specter of an armed conflict to become a distant concern. Americans are tired of war. We've been in at least one since before current fourth-graders were born.

Yet at the same time, citizens of the U.S. haven't experienced the worst horrors of war — combat on its own soil — since the Civil War. Even the most recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have only been experienced firsthand by a tiny slice of the population.

Thus although we are vaguely aware of the costs of a foreign war in terms of lives and treasure, the national psyche of the U.S. isn't properly equipped to understand the true horrors of war. So when talk of yet another conflict pops up, we respond with annoyance or even applause, instead of fear and solemnity.

Many have said Americans don't have an "appetite" for another conflict in the Middle East; thus, the logic follows, the U.S. wouldn't take a lead in such a conflict.

Rather it would be Israel, whose diminutive size and frequent appearance in the rants of the Islamic Republic's leaders has it concerned over the possibility of Iran's development of powerful weapons. However, many believe that the U.S. would almost certainly get drawn into the conflict anyway since, as a close ally of Israel, it would be seen as having explicitly or tacitly supported Israel's move.

So any military action against Iran not only holds the possibility of dangerous escalation, but it could even strengthen Iranian leaders' resolve to build a nuclear weapon or trigger other unforeseen consequences.

Economic sanctions are also proving to be a peaceful, albeit painful, way to put pressure on the Iranian regime. In short, there are plenty of great reasons not to start this war.

As for myself, an outsider who has paid quite a bit of attention to this issue, I too have found it becomes far too easy to talk or think about it in amoral, mathematical terms — discussions about "objectives," "strategy," or whether or not it would be "successful" from various viewpoints.

But this approach leaves out the most important fact and the most important reason not to go to war: human lives are at stake — people with families, careers, dreams and aspirations.

So alongside all of the talk of weapons capability, red lines, and enrichment facilities, should be a simultaneous awareness of how it all affects the Iranian people, many of whom hold generally positive feelings towards the U.S.

Many Iranians — in contrast to the distance Americans possess from armed conflict — have fresh memories of the brutal Iraq-Iran War of the 1980s, which resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths, and simply wish to live peaceful, free lives. Any military strike on Iran would deny that wish, greatly hurt a population that is by all accounts highly pro-U.S. and end innocent lives.

Once the dust settles from this year's presidential election, we are sure to hear more and more talk about a war in Iran regardless of the victor.

History warns of the dangers of a public blasé about the effects of foreign wars justified with dubious information. But regardless of what happens in the months and years to come, I encourage you to always heed the enormous power of perspective when discussing and thinking about these matters. Lives are at stake.

## President Obama has some explaining to do

By **DERRIK WHITLOW**  
THE DAILY ATHENAUM (W. VIRGINIA U.)

The Obama administration needs to provide a clear answer about the contradicting statements it has issued regarding the clear lack of security at the US Consulate in Libya prior to last month's attack.

While the media continues to largely ignore the gravity of the matter, the cold, hard truth is we were not prepared for what happened Sept. 11 at the U.S. Consulate in Libya. The cost was steep — a dead ambassador, another diplomat and two former Navy SEALs — in what was now clearly a planned attack from some kind of terrorist entity. Most fingers point toward Al Qaeda in the Maghreb.

The original position of the administration was that it was a "spontaneous" attack, for which no one could have really been prepared. Further-

more, they attributed the "spontaneous" attack to the video mocking the Muslim Prophet Muhammad.

While there can be no doubt the mentioned video caused mass outrage in the Muslim world, it cannot, however, be used as the reason Ambassador Stevens and the others were brutally murdered.

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice explained the attack this way during a statement she issued at the U.N. That notion has essentially been entirely debunked. Now, the heat is on her and others in the administration from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers. After pressure began to build, the administration finally changed its tune and conceded it was indeed a terrorist attack. Still, the spin has not stopped there.

According to the Washington Post, a number of sensitive documents were recently found that detail the situation at the consulate prior

to the attack, such as Ambassador Steven's itinerary, the identity of several Libyan guards who had been contracted to protect the consulate and, most importantly, evidence that the U.S. Embassy requested more security out of fear of an attack based on actual intelligence assessments. These documents contradict essentially everything the administration has laid out.

Now, out of nowhere, administration officials have said they went solely off the intelligence at hand to base their belief it was spontaneous. If there was a request by the embassy for more security based off of intelligence they had, what does that say about the administration's stance on their intelligence?

Either the intelligence is clearly faulty or the administration is trying to purposely sweep this huge intelligence failure under the rug, strictly for fear of the consequences. If what

the administration said is true, then heads should be rolling at the U.S. State Department and the various intelligence agencies. If the latter is true, then heads within the administration itself need to start rolling, and the necessary policy makers, including the President, need to be held responsible.

Despite this strong criticism of the administration's contradicting stances, we must not be so quick to jump to the worst-case conclusion, which is the administration actively knew about the threats of a terrorist attack and not only did anything to prevent it, but also actively covered it up after the fact.

We are in a country where you are innocent until proven guilty.

In this case, that is the Obama Administration, and at least personally, I will wait until I see actually definitive results before I cast my final judgments on the matter at hand.

## HPV vaccine not just for the promiscuous

By **NORA IBRAHIM**  
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

Most people remember when their folks tried to give them the "sex talk." It was extremely uncomfortable, awkward and felt unnecessary. Maybe your parents split up the "talk," one covering the hairy emotions associated with sex and the other talking straight up anatomy. Maybe your parents were like mine, who cracked open their physiology textbooks from their schooling years: "And here's the ovum, which undergoes oogenesis. The corona radiata is the layer of cells surrounding..."

Sex is a tough subject to be open about, and as a result, it is usually hushed, its meaning lost in between the lines. But no matter how hard it is to be serious about sex, it's even harder to hold an open dialogue about sexual health — and specifically, the human papilloma virus, otherwise known as HPV.

Last week, Gardasil, one of two vaccines protecting against many forms of HPV, was given the OK in a study conducted by the

Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center. The study followed about 200,000 subjects after having been administered the HPV vaccine and determined it is safe for use. At most, the vaccination could result in a skin infection or same-day fainting — a preferred alternative to cervical cancer.

This is a fantastic step forward for cancer prevention, and hopefully, it will drive down the death rate due to cervical cancer, which is one of the most fatal cancers observed in women. However, the study won't dispel the controversial nature of the vaccine. In the six years since the Food and Drug Administration approved the vaccine, Gardasil has undergone so much scrutiny for a vast number of reasons — but all of them come back to society's discomfort with acknowledging the nature of sex.

I was with my roommates and their friends when we started talking about the vaccination. It seemed that several people we knew had received the first vaccination (out of three). But a few years after Gardasil was approved

by the FDA, many began to worry that the newness of the drug meant there was still a possibility of a side effect that was yet to be discovered. It doesn't make much sense because it's a pre-emptive sort of worry. Nonetheless, it effectively stopped girls from receiving the rest of the vaccinations.

While I was in high school, I remember the administrators encouraging the student body to get vaccinated. But the girls I knew made fun of each other if they did end up receiving the vaccination because that must mean "she's a whore." Some parents even looked down on their friends for getting their girls vaccinated because she must have been somehow "tainted."

And, even in the political arena, negative attention surrounded the HPV vaccine when, in 2007, former GOP presidential candidate Rick Perry issued an executive order to vaccinate every schoolgirl. He received a huge backlash from the Republican party and other candidates for having government meddle in an issue so personal as vaccinating one's children.

I doubt those who took part in the backlash, both on the community and political levels, understood that cervical cancer is directly caused by HPV, and that the vaccine would prevent transmission of the virus. I also doubt they understood that the vaccination is most effective if administered prior to being sexually active.

It's this lack of understanding about the vaccine that puts people off from promoting it. There may be a general understanding that Gardasil can lower your chances of developing cervical cancer, but people have still stigmatized the vaccine: Those who receive it must be sexually promiscuous — why else would they need to be vaccinated?

The medicine behind prevention has made great strides in progress within the past decade. We have the power to make cervical cancer virtually non-existent.

But we need to catch up psychologically. We need to put aside our fears for being considered socially tainted because risking a cancer diagnosis isn't worth fitting into social standards.

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## Center for Campus Life hosts annual S.O. Sing competition

By **LIANA SOLIS**  
STAFF WRITER

The annual Student Organization Sing competition was hosted at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena in honor of Homecoming week.

Jeff Waller, a senior history and political science major from Lubbock, is the bonfire chairperson for Homecoming week this year and helped organize the event.

"Tech hosts this every year during Homecoming week to give the groups involved a little fun competition," Waller said.

The event showcased about 20 different groups who put together a three-minute song and dance to perform in front of a panel of judges.

"The competition is judged based on the groups' costume coordination, techniques of the dances, difficulty of the performance and other aspects of the sort," Waller said.

The event is split into two separate competitions, one being between all the Greek organiza-

tions and one between other organizations on campus.

Alexa Borowski, a junior agriculture major from Lincoln, N.M., is the chief Panhellenic officer for Kappa Alpha Theta.

"We participate in the competition every year because it has been so much fun for us to put together in the past," Borowski said.

Each group that participates bases its performances off the Homecoming theme. The groups' themes ranged from football and Texas Tech all the way to different towns of Texas and famous television shows.

"This year for our theme we went with Austin City Limits for our dance," Borowski said. "It's really interesting to see all the different themes the organizations come up with for Homecoming week and to see the different dances they put together."

Each sorority was paired up with a fraternity to choreograph a performance for the competition.

Eleanor Mode, a senior Eng-

lish major from Fredericksburg, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and attended the event to support her group's performance.

"It is really difficult to put together the dances every year just because there are so many rules and regulations that have to be followed," Mode said. "But, putting it all together is half the fun."

The competition ended with the announcement of the top 10 nominees for Homecoming court and the emcee announced the winners of the S.O. Sing competition.

First place for Greek organizations was Alpha Phi and Kappa Sigma and the dance group Dancers with Soul won first for the non-Greek organizations category.

"The whole competition is just all in good fun for everyone who is in it, even if you don't place," Mode said. "Our goal this year was mainly just to not get disqualified and just have fun, which I think everyone who came tonight managed to do."

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PI BETA PHI and Alpha Tau Omega dance to their homecoming theme "Lubbock or Leave It" during S.O. Sing on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

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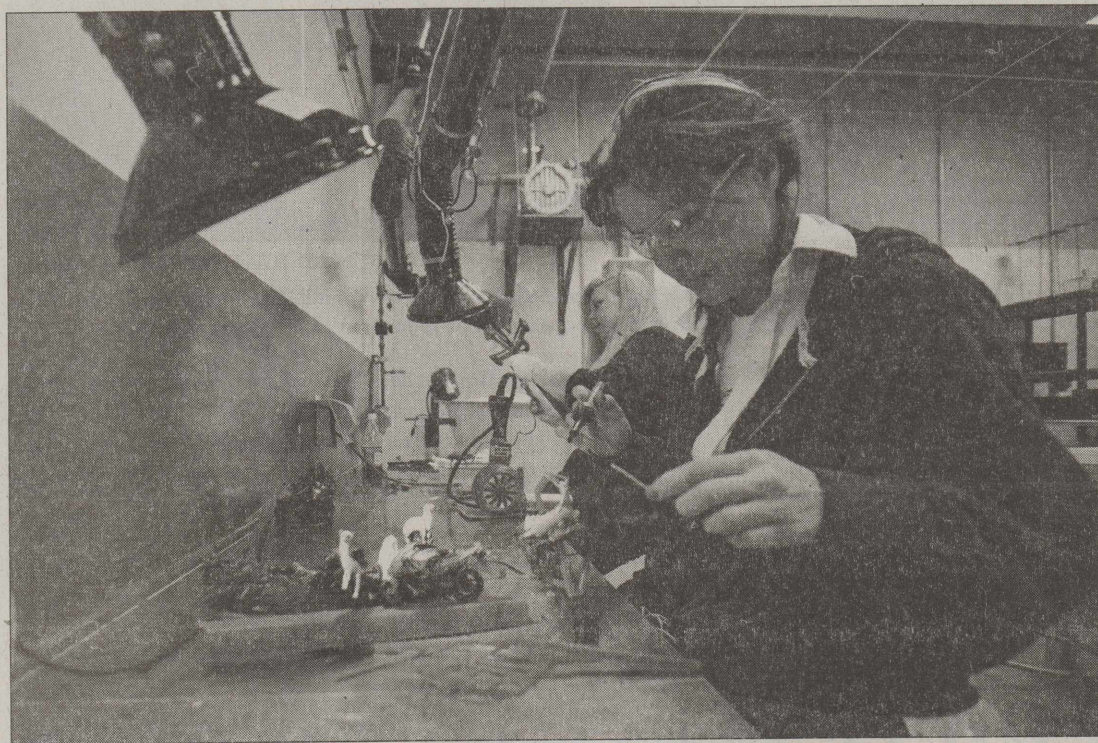


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LEEN BORNO, A graduate jewelry design major from Lubbock, and Tawny Mills, a senior university studies major from Whitharral, melt wax and small figures for their Sculpture Foundry project, which is entitled organic burnout.

## Mrs. Romney says horses helped with MS diagnosis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wife of Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said Wednesday that her love of horses helped her overcome her fear that multiple sclerosis would put her in a wheelchair.

Ann Romney was guest hosting ABC's "Good Morning America" when she spoke about her depression after receiving the diagnosis 14 years ago.

"I was very, very weak and very much worried about my life, thinking I was going to be in a wheelchair as well," she said. "Turned to horses, my life has been dramatically different. They gave me the energy, the passion to get out of bed when I was so sick that I didn't think I'd ever want to get out of bed."

Mrs. Romney is part-owner of a horse that competed this summer in the Olympic sport of dressage, the equine equivalent of ballet. She spoke about her love of horses while standing in New York's Times Square, petting Paralympic horse Lord Luger as rider Rebecca Hart discussed how equine therapy helped keep her out of a wheelchair.

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## Organization offers hugs, vegan desserts

By **KATELIN KELLY**  
STAFF WRITER

Through the month of October, Texas Tech students can receive free hugs and vegan desserts for Vegetarian and Fair Trade awareness month in the Free Speech Area.

Sherri Haertling, one of four members of Tech Animal Rights Coalition said ARC strives to raise awareness and provide information about the benefits of vegetarianism.

"People don't really consider why they do the things they do sometimes," said the senior psychology major from Los Alamos, N.M., "so it's just kind of to raise awareness."

Haertling said the organization started this semester and

plans to give out free hugs to support the health and well-being of all living things.

"Because of the oxytocins released in the brain," Haertling said, "whenever you give a hug, free or not free, whether it's in this case or a natural hug, it's just kind of like extending compassion to humans and non-humans, that's why we have the free hugs."

Madison Weinhoffer, vice president of Tech ARC, said the organization also will be handing out vegan desserts and plans to raise money from a vegan bake sale to rent out the Allen Theatre to play informative videos promoting vegetarianism.

Films such as "Dive!" an in-

formative film about dumpster diving to find clean food being wasted, will be among some of the featured presentations.

"It's really interesting to see the amount of waste that happens," said the sophomore anthropology and theatre major from Houston.

Weinhoffer and Haertling both agree handing out informative brochures is the best non-hostile way to educate Tech students about what they are consuming.

"That's the way to do it," Weinhoffer said, "that's the way to foster good relationships between people, and good information sharing is being nice to people about helpful information."

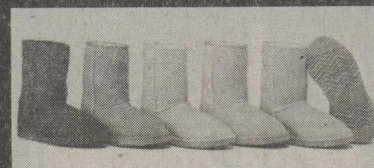
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## Sophomore Hinkle making strides in second year

By **HOLDEN WILEN**  
STAFF WRITER

For sophomore defender Jaelene Hinkle, a year of experience at the college level has made a big difference.

After a freshmen season which culminated in her being named to the All-Big 12 second team and a unanimous selection to the All-Big 12 Newcomer Team, Hinkle said she is more comfortable this season. After leading the Texas Tech women's soccer team with four assists last season, Hinkle has already matched that total in only 14 matches this season.

"The first year, you're always very nervous," she said. "You're not sure about how much playing time you're going to get. You don't know if everyone is going to like you, and how your season's going to go."

Having a season under your belt really helps you come in and feel more relaxed. You know what to expect, what's going to take place all season."

Like many of her teammates, Hinkle said one of the main reasons why she came to Tech from Denver, Colo., was because of Tech coach Tom Stone. As a player for the U-20 U.S. women's national team, Hinkle said she wants to develop her game and continue to play a higher level of soccer. Since she would be play-

ing under the tutelage of someone with soccer knowledge like Stone possesses, she felt Tech was the best fit.

The main thing Hinkle has been working on is her ability to kick services into the penalty box. Coming to Tech has provided her with the opportunity to attack more from her defensive position, something she was not able to do as much for her club team, Real Colorado.

"On my club team it was always kind of just defending, where as when I came (to Lubbock) you really had to get involved and the team get up the field, get the next attack going," Hinkle said. "I think (Stone) has really helped me get to that place, especially with my heading as well."

Though he already considers Hinkle to be the consummate two-way player, Stone said in one year Hinkle has already greatly improved her ability to attack the defense with threatening crosses into the box.

"(Hinkle) plays left-back but she's half the time all the way up the field playing left wing or left mid," Stone said. "Super fit, very, very technical. Where I think she's improved this season is her service has gotten really dangerous. She's always had the skill to get that ball across, but now she's finding people."

Hinkle's best game this season

came in a match against Oklahoma on Sept. 28 at the John B. Walker Soccer Complex. In a match the Red Raiders won 2-1, Hinkle assisted on both goals, including the game-winning goal in the 43rd minute by junior forward Jessica Fuston.

Hinkle has recorded eight assists in her career thus far. She also has scored one goal, which came in a match last season against Hofstra on Sept. 2, 2011.

One of the greatest strengths of Hinkle's game is her speed, she said, because it allows her to get up the field really fast. Teammate and freshman forward Janine Beckie said Hinkle is an unreal player whose speed allows her to do things a lot of players cannot. The two players were also teammates at Valor Christian High School in Colorado.

There has been an ongoing question about who is faster between Beckie and Hinkle. The two players will determine who is faster in a competition at the end of the season, Beckie said.

While Stone said he would have to give the advantage to Beckie in a friendly competition, he said it would be a close race in a game situation because of Hinkle's determination.

"I think if there was a ball at stake and the game was on the line, it might be a tie," Stone said. "Janine looks like she's the fastest player we've got, but here's the thing about Jaelene: When something is on the line and she's got to go get it, I haven't seen her get outrun."

During the season, Hinkle said her favorite pastime is sleeping. However, she said she also enjoys hanging out with her teammates and relaxing while shopping or watching movies. Because the players are together all the time, Hinkle said they have been able to build friendships.

Hinkle said she also spends a lot of time with her older sister and role model, Jordan, who

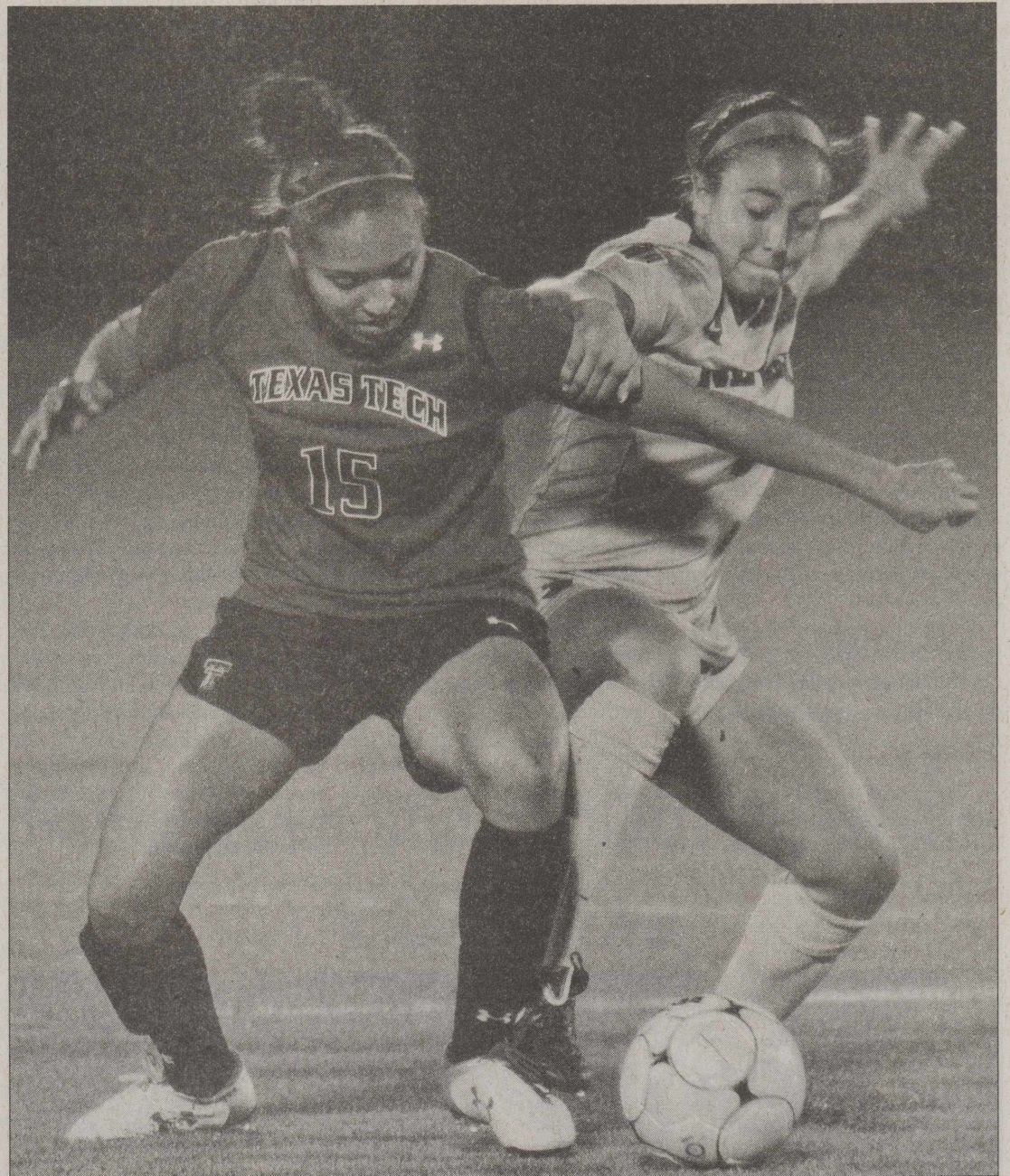


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TEXAS TECH DEFENDER Jaelene Hinkle fights for the ball with Nevada midfielder Megan Khademi during the Red Raiders' 1-0 victory against the Wolf Pack on Aug. 31 at John B. Walker Soccer Complex.

moved to Lubbock this year. The third of four children, Hinkle said her family has always been supportive of her soccer aspirations. "My family has always been my inspiration and always pushed me forward to do the best that I can," Hinkle said.

Overall, Hinkle said her goal is to win the Big 12 Championship

this season. While winning the Big 12 was a goal last season as well, Hinkle said she thinks this year's squad is better equipped with all the necessary pieces to win.

With a player like Hinkle on the team making the forwards' jobs easier, Beckie said Hinkle's impact helps the team towards

its goal of a conference championship.

"It's so much fun to play with her because she knows the right balls to play," she said. "She knows how to play it deep, she knows how to beat a player. She's an all-around player anyone would want on their team."

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## Texans cut KR Holliday, sign LB Ruud

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Texans set out to solve two issues Wednesday, cutting return specialist Trindon Holliday and signing linebacker Barrett Ruud in the wake of Brian Cushing's season-ending injury.

Cushing was placed on injured reserve after tearing his left anterior

cruciate ligament in Monday night's 23-17 win over the New York Jets. The 6-foot-2, 242-pound Ruud, a second-round pick by Tampa Bay in 2005, was cut by New Orleans on Monday.

The Texans (5-0) play Green Bay (2-3) on Sunday night. While coach Gary Kubiak has started

grooming Tim Dobbins to replace Cushing, the team looked to improve its subpar return game by releasing Holliday.

The 5-foot-5 Holliday won a roster spot after returning three kicks (two punts and a kickoff) for touchdowns in the preseason. That didn't translate to the regular season: Houston ranks last in kickoff return average (17.6 yards) and 16th in punt return average (9.2 yards).

"By no means is it a statement or anything about what we thought of Trindon," Kubiak said. "We have not been playing up to par on special teams, giving returners the opportunity. That had nothing to do with it. You never know, our paths may cross again. But we wish him the best. He did a good job, he earned his way onto this team, but we had to make a tough decision."

The more immediate concern is filling Cushing's role. The 2009 first-round draft pick was not only the team's leading tackler this season (43), he was also one of the emotional leaders and most respected

players in the locker room.

"You feel for Brian, because of what football means to him, and what this team means to him," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "But it's time to take it to a new level. It's time for me to step up, it's time for this team to step up. It's just another challenge for us to overcome."

Dobbins came in for Cushing on Monday night, and Kubiak reiterated Wednesday that Dobbins was the best option to step into Cushing's spot. Dobbins played his first four NFL seasons with San Diego, including one season under Wade Phillips, now the Texans' defensive coordinator.

"We know Dobbins is going to go in there and play well," Kubiak said, "and every player in our locker room is going to take on a little bit more responsibility."

Outside linebacker Connor Barwin kicked Dobbins during the Texans' team meeting on Wednesday, trying to lighten his mood. Dobbins, a standout on special teams last season, was already in game mode.

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# Mountaineers' arsenal aims for perfection

By MICHAEL DUPONT II  
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With a quarterback that has thrown 24 straight touchdowns with zero interceptions and arguably the best one-two combination at the receiver position, one would think West Virginia wouldn't have any trouble finishing off its opponents.

However, the past two weeks have gone down to the final possession for West Virginia. Before the 48-45 finish in Austin this past weekend, the Mountaineers seemed to score every other play in the 70-63 win against the Baylor Bears in Morgantown, W.V.

West Virginia has scored 118 points in the past two weeks but allowed 108, which has caused questions to rise about the ability of the Mountaineers defense to get stops.

West Virginia senior defensive back Pat Miller said regardless of how effective the defense proves, he feels it will continue to be criticized.

"As the season goes on, I feel like each game we perform our best and try to step up every day," Miller said. "(People) are going to criticize. They always are going to try to find something to criticize about. We know what we have to do, and we know the key situations in the game, and we know we just have to come in and play."

The Mountaineers defense was able to make a crucial stop against Texas in the fourth quarter that allowed West Virginia to score yet another touchdown, putting them in front of Texas by two possessions.

Miller said he credits the defense's ability to get stops in key situations to the West Virginia offense and the experience the defense gains from going against the Mountaineer offense each practice.

"It makes a big difference," he said. "We have one of the top offenses in the nation, and we go against these guys every day, so that helps us a lot."

Mountaineer senior quarterback Geno Smith has already amassed nearly 2,000 passing yards just five games into the season, which may give a skewed view that West Virginia is a pass-heavy offense.

The Mountaineers may rely heavily on the arm of the Heisman hopeful along with his impressive one-two arsenal of Tavon Austin and Stedmon Bailey. However, Andrew Buie had the best game of his collegiate career last week against the Longhorns providing balance to the "Geno show."

The sophomore running back scored two touchdowns, rushing for 207 yards on 31 carries.

Buie said he thinks his performance on the ground against Texas made a statement

Mountaineers are not the one-dimensional offense many perceive them to be.

"I feel like it was a big confidence builder going into this game coming up," he said. "My offensive line did a phenomenal job upfront, (my) fullback did a good job, my wide receivers did a good job blocking out on the perimeter, and it made my job pretty easy. All I had to do was hit the holes and just run."

"It was a way to show we can actually run the ball instead of having to sit back and pass it all of the time."

West Virginia is the fifth-ranked team in the nation and is also projected to win the Big 12 in its inaugural season.

However, Buie said he thinks this Mountaineers team is capable of something bigger than a conference championship if everyone plays to their potential.

"I feel like if we continue as a team, I feel like we're our biggest opponent, and I can see (a) national championship at the end of the season," said Buie.

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said he did not feel this week's game in Lubbock was a trap game in any sense.

"I don't understand what a trap game means," Holgorsen said. "You play the same every week. If you don't have the ability to understand that every week is the same, you get beat. Whether it's a trap game or big game, it's a game."

The game will show regionally on ABC this weekend when the Red Raiders face off against the Mountaineers at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Jones AT&T Stadium.

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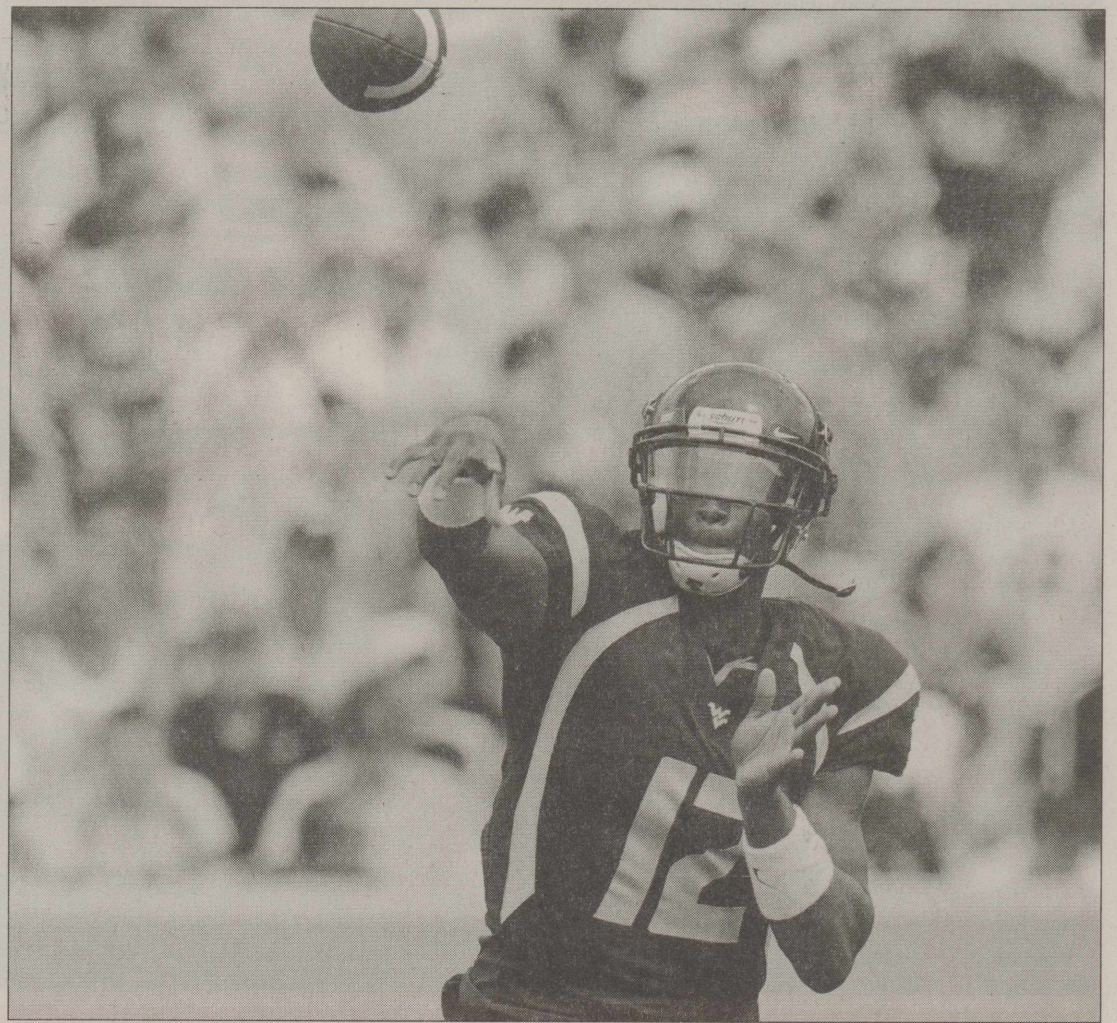


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GENO SMITH ESTABLISHED his Heisman candidacy early in the 2012-2013 season, throwing for 24 touchdowns without any interceptions.

*As the season goes on, I feel like each game we perform our best and try to step up every day.*

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