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TTU System makes billion-dollar impact on Lubbock

By CATHERINE MCKEE STAFF WRITER

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In 2011, the Texas Tech Unieconomic impact on Texas, Chancellor Kent Hance said.

For every dollar Texas invests

"That's a huge impact on the state," Hance said. "We feel like one of the things we want the legislature to know is what an impact we have."

The system operates on more than 15 campuses and academic sites across the state and has an operating budget of roughly \$1.4 versity System had a \$7.37 billion million, according to a 2011 Leading the Way: 2020 report of performance and accountability.

The total number of jobs created in Texas Tech, the economy sees a from Tech operations, employees, students, research, universityrelated visitors and home football games in 2011 was 16,207, according to the report.

> Tech's impact on Lubbock, Hance said, is undeniable. Ac-



cording to the 2011 report, the Lubbock County economic development and impact was \$1.39 billion. "I've al-

ways said that

if Texas Tech were not in Lubbock, there certainly wouldn't be 250,000 people," he said. "It might not be 100,000."

For the first time in Tech history,

\$200 million in research in 2011. Hance said the number was \$48 million when he came to Tech in 2006.

"So we've had a lot of progress, and we feel like we've got a great story to tell and Texas Tech is the No. 1 economic factor in this area," he said. "It also has a huge impact in the entire state of Texas."

The system-wide strategic plan, Leading the Way: 2020, defines the priorities for each component of the Texas Tech University System. Since the plan's adoption, research

the university conducted more than has increased 62 percent from 2009 to 2011.

Education is not the only area Tech must excel in to reach tier one status. Tech also must become a leading research institution to meet the goal, Hance said.

To become an Association of American Universities institution, more research, totaling between \$350 million and \$500 million, is

Hance said his goal for the university is to reach \$500 million in research by 2020, but he said he

projects Tech will reach that goal ahead of time.

According to a news release, student enrollment has increased by 10 percent from 2009 to 2011.

There are approximately 44,000 students enrolled in the system. The goal for 2020, Hance said, is to have 40,000 students or more enrolled at the Lubbock campus, 5,000 students at the Health Sciences Center and 10,000 at Angelo State University.

"We feel like we're on target to do that," he said.

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JENNIFER POWELL, A senior public relations major from Plano and the Lubbock community relations intern at the American Red Cross, and Carley Thompson, a senior advertising major from Sugarland and the Texas Tech public relations intern at the American Red Cross, have been involved with 2012 Holiday Mail for Heroes Campaign. So far, the campaign has collected more than 1,000 cards for soldiers.

Holiday Mail for Heroes project more successful than ever before

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

The Red Cross's Annual Holiday Mail for Heroes project began in 2006 as a small project meant to distribute holiday greeting cards among members of the Armed Forces and veterans. It is not so small anymore.

The project recently experienced a growth spurt when Texas Tech students signed more than 1,000 cards for it, with more on

In a news release from the American Red Cross South Plains Regional Chapter, Shannon Smith, the executive director of the chapter, commended Tech students for their participation.

"The Red Cross could not be more thankful that so many Tech students were willing to give their time between classes and homework to send thanks to Armed Forces members and veterans," Smith said in the release. "We were very excited that the Red Cross Club wanted to get involved with the project this year, and 1,000 cards is completely beyond our expectations. It goes to show how one minute of someone's time can add up to something really big."

The increase in cards produced this year is because of student organizations participating in the project. Tech's Red Cross Club teamed up with Kappa

Kappa Gamma sorority, Delta Sigma Pi fraternity and the Tech United Way and successfully raised awareness for the cause.

Carley Thompson, a senior advertising major from Sugarland and the public relations and communication chair for Tech's Red Cross Club, said last year, there were only a little more than 100 cards that came from Tech campus.

"We had, like, no awareness of this project last year," she said, "so this is a big deal that we got so many signed this year."

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority contributed to the project for the first time by creating a sisterhood card signing event. Madison Murray, a senior public relations major from Monahans and the vice president of standards for the sorority, said she decided to organize this event to give back to others because she believes it is important. She participated in the project last year through another student organization in which she is involved and said that is from where the idea

"I have a passion for our veterans and those who have served our country," she said. "I have always respected them and appreciated the work they do, so I wanted to do something to show my appreciation."

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Scotty No



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Chris Brown, a senior multidisciplinary science education major from Haltom City, Jimmy Sefcik, a junior electronic media and communications major from Haltom City, Cory Thomas, a senior at New Deal High School, Gustavo Rodriguez, a senior physics major from Haltom City, and Dillon Greaves, a senior at New Deal High School, are in the band Scotty No. The band plays about two shows a month

Band of Tech students play local shows, opens up for Memphis May Fire

By SCOTT MACWATTERS STAFF WRITER

For the five-member band Scotty No, it has been a long journey. From a three member high school cover band based in Haltom City to a five member based in Lubbock, the members of Scotty No hope to never stop

playing music. Scotty No consists of Cory Thomas, a senior at New Deal High School, on vocals; Chris Brown, a senior multidisciplinary science education major from Haltom City, on lead guitar; Gustavo Rodriguez, a senior physics major from Haltom City, on rhythm guitar; Dilllon Greaves, a senior at New Deal High School, on bass; and Jimmy Sefcik, a junior electronic media and communications major from Haltom City, on drums.

The band started out as a three-member cover band called the Muffin Divers back when Sefcik, Rodriguez and Brown were still in high school in Haltom City.

"Blink, Green Day, Foo Fighters, Fall Out Boy, Jimmy Eat World — we covered anything under the sun," Brown said.

"If we could manage to play it, we would play it," Rodriguez said.

After high school, the three split up. Sefcik

and Brown went to the University of Texas, playing for,' and people were digging us." and Rodriguez came to Texas Tech.

"My freshman year, I sent (Sefcik and Brown) an email," Rodriguez said. "I downloaded a drum machine and I wrote a song. I got Chris to transfer here sophomore year, and limmy applied, too.'

After the three had decided to reunite as a band, Sefcik and Brown began the transfer process to come to Tech. However, the band was still missing a bass player and a vocalist.

"We picked up Dillon about a year ago on Craigslist," Rodriguez said. "He posted the ad." After a period with no vocalist, Rodriguez

said the band picked Thomas to do vocals, and they began playing shows in the Lubbock area. On Nov. 12, Scotty No helped open the show for touring band Memphis May Fire, who

"Right now we're on about two (shows) a month," Brown said.

Scotty No played to an audience of about 200 people in its last show, said Jason Melton, owner of J and B Productions.

Sefcik said the band is getting a lot better

with each show.

are signed to Rise Records.

"When we played Memphis May Fire last Monday, the crowd was so huge," he said, "and we were just, like, 'This is a big crowd we're Currently, the band has several home-

recorded songs on its Facebook page for download, even though Rodriguez said none of the band members are professionally trained in recording music.

"I've been playing with recording software and gear since high school," he said. "I've been individually recording everybody and mixing them together. I'm kind of self taught."

Despite their passion for music, the members of Scotty No agreed they would probably not be able to make a career out of it. Instead, plan on pursuing college degrees.

"I don't plan on stopping playing music ever," Rodriguez said. "I'm a physics major, but I want to be, like, a high school teacher. As much as I like the thought of teaching, I would love to play music over that, if ever given the chance, but I would still play music even if I had to go teach at a high school or something."

Sefcik laughed as he said the band would have to be offered a big contract to seriously pursue a music career.

"Until (a record label) backs a tour bus up to this driveway and offers us (\$2 million) in contracts, we're pretty much going to finish college," he said.

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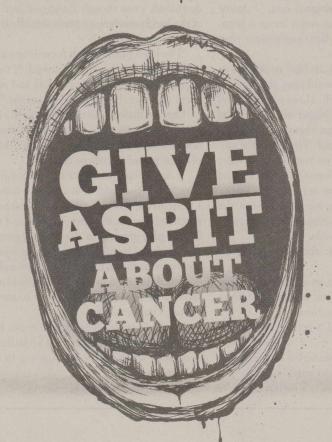
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She said her sorority members set up tables and each made cards

by coloring them. She said most of the cards' content thanked the troops for their sacrifices made, told about the prayers for the troops and their families and wished them happy

"It was a good turnout actually, and I was really pleased," Murray said. "Everyone was able to come hang out and have snacks, but then also do something for someone else. We were giving a couple hours of our day to brighten someone else's."

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holidays.

Of all the Stage 4 universities in the country, Hance said more students travel longer distances

Andrew Federico, a junior finance and agribusiness major from San Luis Obispo, Calif., is the vice president of finance for his pledge class. He said every year the fraternity tries to complete a number of community service projects and outreaches on campus, so the members decided to participate in

He said during Nov. 12 and 14, the fraternity members set up a table in the Free Speech Area and passed out 600 cards donated from Hallmark for four hours on both days.

"We think while troops overseas are spending their holidays in the battlefield, it's important to reach out to them," he said, "and let them know we appreciate all their service

"So it's not like (students) are just driving by," he said. "They're out there looking for us."

Sixty-two percent — almost two thirds - of Texas Tech University System students come

and hard work."

Federico said it was a great experience getting to meet students who have previously served overseas and converse with students and teachers writing brief messages

"It was really great how much of a difference we knew we were making for people who have family members or friends overseas," he said. "They appreciated all we were doing for them."

Federico said his fraternity would participate in the project again next holiday season.

"I think it's very important," he said, "that as a business fraternity and as Tech students to show support to all of our troops overseas."

from 280 miles away or more,

unsure of official reports, Hance said he assumes the economic impact is comparable to Texas A&M University and the Uni-

Thompson said the project would not have had so much success so far without the support from student organizations.

"I just want to thank them because they definitely got the awareness out," she said. "A lot of them didn't even need to do it for service hours, they just wanted to help out because it's a good cause, and we appreciate their help."

Cards will be accepted until Dec. 7. Anyone interested in participating in the project can mail cards to Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456 or dropped off at the South Plains Regional Chapter office located at 2201 19th St.

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versity of Texas.

Hance said since he has been Although he said he was at the university, the economic impact and research in the system has increased and he expects

that trend to continue. >>> kmckee@dailytoreador.com

Pot legalization no free ride to smoke on campus

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Young voters helped pass laws legalizing marijuana in Washington and Colorado, but many still won't be able to light up.

Most universities have codes of conduct banning marijuana use, and they get millions of dollars in funding from the federal government, which still considers pot illegal.

With the money comes a requirement for a drug-free campus, and the threat of expulsion for students using pot in the dorms.

"Everything we've seen is that nothing changes for us," said Darin Watkins, a spokesman for Washington State University in

So despite college cultures that include pot-smoking demonstrations each year on April 20, students who want to use marijuana will have to do so off campus.

"The first thing you think of when you think of legalized marijuana is college students smoking it," said Anna Marum, a Washington State senior from Kelso, Wash. "It's ironic that all 21-year-olds in Washington can smoke marijuana except for college students."

Washington and Colorado the first states to allow adults over 21 to possess up to an ounce showed both measures had sigschemes for pot growers, proces-

sors and retail stores, tens or hundreds of millions of dollars a year, financial analysts say.

But the laws are fraught with Watkins said. The same is true at the University of Colorado Boulder, where the student code of conduct prohibits possessing, cultivating or consuming illegal

"If you possess marijuana and are over 21, you still may face discipline under the student code of conduct," University of Colorado police spokesman Ryan Huff said.

Gary Gasseling, deputy chief of the Eastern Washington University police department, said that while they await guidance from the state Liquor Control Board, which is creating rules to

Even if conduct codes did not exist, marijuana remains illegal under federal law, another key reason that campuses will remain

Voters in November made Communities Act requires that of marijuana, and exit polling employees, much in the same nificant support from younger enforcement and transportation people. Taxes could bring the comes with clauses stipulating states, which can set up licensing that recipients maintain drug-free workplaces.

Washington State, for instance, receives millions in federal research funds each year, which prohibits them from allowing substances illegal under federal law on campus.

College dormitory contracts also tend to prohibit possession of drugs, officials said. Dorms and other campus buildings also tend to be smoke-free zones, which would block the smoking of marijuana, officials said.

At Eastern Washington, there is a student-led movement to ban smoking even outside across the entire campus, Gasseling said.

In addition, NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes from consuming marijuana or other illegal drugs.

With all these complications, it is reasonable to expect that some students will be confused by the new laws. "Some type of communication

is going to come out from the university to clarify this," said Angie Weiss, student lobbyist for the Associated Students of the University of Washington.

Derrick Skaug, student body vice president at Washington State, said he believes most students will understand they cannot consume marijuana on

"I don't see it likely that people will be smoking marijuana while walking around campus," Skaug said. "Most people do understand that just because it is no longer banned by state law, it doesn't amount to a get-out-ofjail-free pass."

Skaug acknowledged that some students might feel they should be allowed to consume marijuana on campus if it is legal everywhere else.

"It may be something worth starting a discussion on," Skaug said. "But there are a lot of issues that need to be addressed.'

Colleges in Washington already dealt with this issue in 1998 when the state approved the use of medical marijuana, which was also banned on campus, Watkins

Students who wanted to use marijuana for medical reasons had to live off-campus, and Washington State waived its requirement that all freshmen had to live in dorms to accommodate them, Watkins said.

Of course, pot has been illegally used on college campuses for decades, and students for decades have been getting busted

Marum said that many Washington State students who have medical marijuana cards are allowed by their residence hall advisers to consume marijuana brownies, even though the drug is banned on campus.

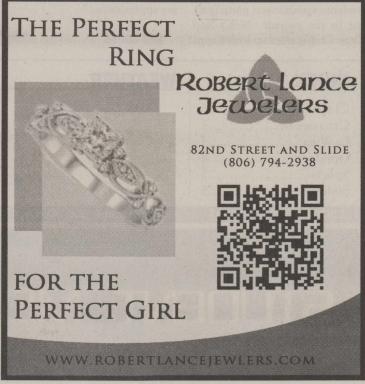
"People in dorms now who want to smoke, they do it," Marum said. "I do think more people will be smoking in the dorms when marijuana is legal for use."

One thing that will change: Some off-campus police departments have said they will no longer arrest or ticket students who are 21 and older and using

In Boulder and Seattle, prosecutors have said they will not prosecute criminal marijuana cases for less than an ounce for people age 21 and over.

Huff said University of Colorado police will no longer ticket people who are legal under state law to possess marijuana.





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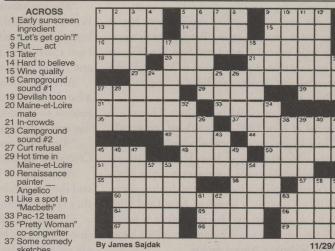
complications, especially at places like college campuses. At Washington State, students who violate the code face a variety of punishments, up to expulsion,

govern pot, one thing is clear.

"The drug-free environment is going to remain in place," he said.

The Drug Free Schools and any university receiving federal funds adopt a program to prevent use of illicit drugs by students and way other federal funding for law

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TAB hosts annual Murder Mystery Dinner

By LIANA SOLIS STAFF WRITER

The audience watched actors and attempted to solve the crime events." in their head as the characters on stage attempted to figure it out themselves.

Texas Tech Activities Board hosted its annual Mystery Murder Dinner Wednesday night at the Student Union Building Ballroom.

Matt Martinez, the special programs coordinator for TAB, helped put on the event this year and says it has been a tradition at Tech for several years.

"We decide to bring it back every year because the students simply love it," Martinez said. "It is one of TAB's biggest publicized

The event gives students a chance to watch a free, interactive show and to sit and eat a free meal as well, Martinez said.

"We choose a different play for the event every year and try to keep with the same size cast," Martinez said. "We, of course, always have the general mystery murder dinner theme though."

The night started with the play and the guests being served man mechanical engineering major from Houston, was one of the students who attended the event.

"I saw the posters advertising for it around campus and thought it would be fun," he said. "I've been to mystery murder shows before, and they have always been an interesting experience."

The play continued with the plot while taking several breaks for the audience to be served dinner and dessert as well.

"It was a big plus for them to provide dinner for everyone," Schroeder said. "People love free

Jared Schroeder, a fresh- food, and dinner and a show is always entertaining."

> The cast and workers behind the show worked on putting the whole show together for more than a month, Martinez said.

Alex Pounders, a freshman marketing major from Dallas, was a cast member of the event for the first time and said it was a great experience.

"I'm on the TAB board, so that's where I heard about it and wanted to audition," he said. "I was involved in theater in high school, so I thought it would be something that would be a good experience."

The play was interactive and gave the audience a chance to be involved throughout the show. Near the end, the audience also voted on whom they thought the

killer in the murder mystery was. "I think the audience really enjoyed it based on the reactions we were getting from them," Pounders said. "I knew there would be good reactions, but I had no idea the audience would

enjoy it as much as they did."

TAB plans to continue hosting this event for years to come because it has been so popular, Martinez said.

"It's been a great experience for me every single time, including this one," Schroeder said. "You don't have to be in theater to enjoy it, and it is something that is fun for everyone."

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Texas millionaire charged with child molestation

Marsh 3, the eccentric millionaire artist best known for his "Cadillac Ranch" art display along an interstate in the Texas Panhandle, was charged Wednesday with 11 felony counts of molesting children.

The 74-year-old turned himself in at a county jail after an arrest warrant was issued, accusing him of molesting two teenagers in 2010. His arrest follows the filing of several lawsuits against him for allegedly paying 10 teens for sex acts.

The charges could go before a grand jury in the next few weeks or soon after the first of the year, special prosecutor Matt Powell said.

"This is the beginning of the process," Powell said. "This is what we felt like we needed to do."

According to criminal complaints filed in Potter County, Marsh had the teens engage in sexual acts, including masturbation and oral sex, on three days in 2010.

child sexual assault and five counts of sexual performance by a child.

Marsh's criminal attorneys, Paul Nugent and Heather Peterson of Houston, denied the charges, saying in a statement that the teens in the civil cases waited until Marsh suffered a massive stroke last year to move forward with a plan "to become multimillionaires" by signing with a Houston personal injury

'The investigation into the group's claims is far from complete," the attorneys wrote in their statement. "There should be no premature rush to judgment. Stanley Marsh 3 is not guilty of the group's allegations, and will fight as vigorously as his declining health permits."

The six lawsuits claim Marsh paid the boys, ages 15 and 16, for sexual acts. One claimed that Marsh provided him drugs and

LUBBOCK (AP) — Stanley He was charged with six counts of alcohol, bought him two cars, and paid him at several points during a year in sums of as much as \$10,000.

> Marsh's civil attorney, Kelly Utsinger, has denied those allegations. He did not immediately return a call seeking comment on Wednesday's criminal complaints.

> The teens' Houston-based civil attorney, Anthony Buzbee, said two of the teens went to police in late summer before the lawsuits were filed, but two others didn't speak with investigators until early November — about the time Marsh's offices were searched. One teen's mother sought out a civil attorney when she didn't hear back from police, according to the lawsuits.

> Marsh is probably best known for planting 10 brightly painted Cadillacs nose down along Interstate 40 in the Panhandle in the 1970s. The cars, ranging from a 1948 club coupe to a 1963 sedan and gathered from junkyards, private

collectors and used car lots, have since become a pop art landmark.

Visitors through the years have splattered them with graffiti and in 2005 they were coated in pink to honor breast cancer victims, survivors and their families. Marsh also has painted them black and yellow to honor the passing of longtime

An Amarillo native and philanthropist, Marsh and his wife have donated to local art and education causes. After he suffered the massive stroke and a series of smaller ones, his wife was appointed his guardian.

Marsh was indicted on charges of indecency with a child in 1996, but the charges were eventually dismissed. That same year Marsh acknowledged no wrongdoing in a settlement with a youth who claimed Marsh sexually abused



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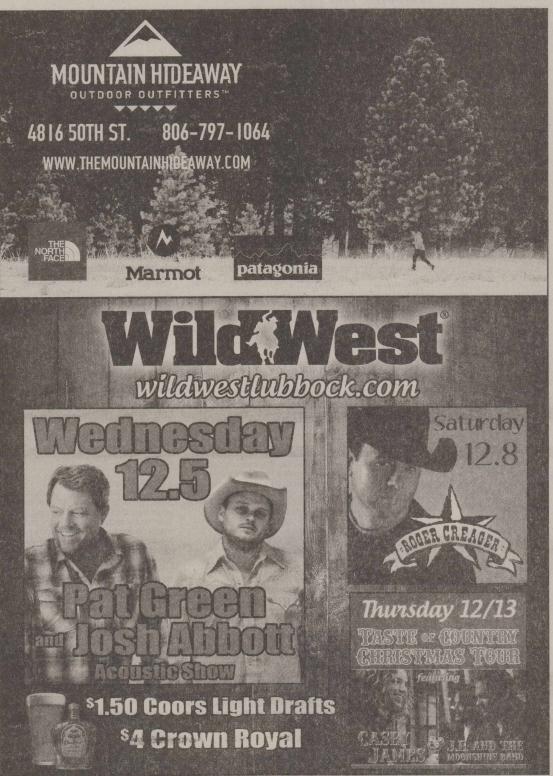
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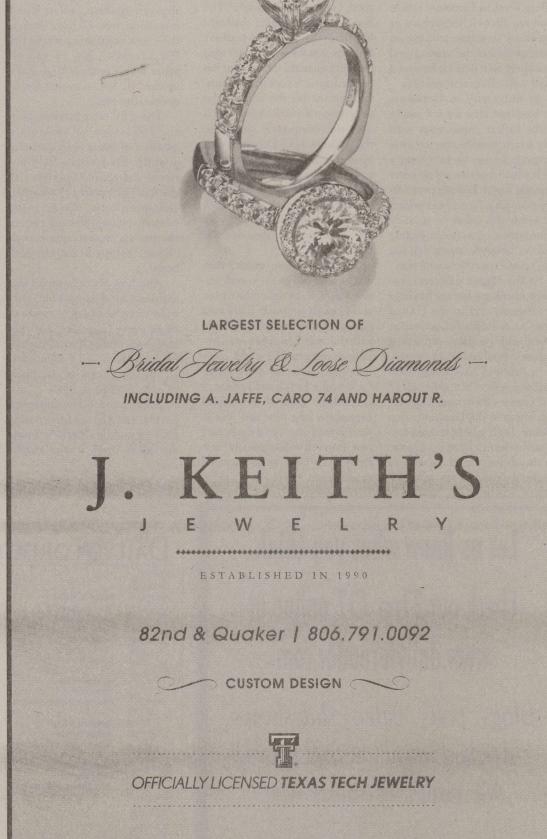
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Schools' foreign language programs need improvement

By MARIA-XENIA HARDT DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

Ten years ago, no one would have predicted that I would someday write for an English newspaper, get along in an English-speaking country or study English literature. As a German grammar school student. I was made to believe that English just wasn't my language.

I am doing all those things I previously presumed impossible now because I found the motivation to learn English, spent long hours working through grammar rules and vocabulary and worked as hard as I could when other people asked for a bit more than what I thought was capable of.

In America, being fluent in two or three languages is extraordinary. In Germany, it's average. So what is it that American students lack? Do they lack motivation? Are they unwilling to do the hard work it takes to become fluent in a foreign language? Or is there just no one who pushes them?

Motivation to learn a foreign language is indeed higher in Germany - and in Europe in general — because large populations speaking different languages reside so much closer. Within a 12-hour drive from Germany you can easily pass through five or six countries and read road signs in seven or eight different languages - an experience difficult to replicate in North America.

But that's not the only reason why Germans and Europeans learn more languages than their American counterparts. In German universities, unlike at UT, where even majors in popular languages like French start with a beginner course, students enter college-level language courses more or less fluent. They acquired their language skills in primary and secondary schools. Studying French at the college level in Germany means studying French linguistics or literature; it means gaining an understanding of the language and the culture that goes far beyond a fluent coffee shop conversation.

At university in Germany, the languages that are not taught in the earlier grades start with very tough introductory courses. Language courses are two hours a week, which is just enough to cover grammar topics. Learning vocabulary, practicing speech and writing are things you either do at home voluntarily or you don't. Failing to do so, however, means that you won't make it to the second year.

So the biggest difference between learning a foreign language in Germany and in the United States is not the level of motivation but the quality and style of teaching in grade school and at universities.

In Austin, I have taught German to pupils at a middle school and I have experienced language instruction at the University as a student. Both groups seemed motivated to learn a foreign language. At the elementary school where I taught, the nine- or ten- year-olds

were at the perfect age to acquire a language. But the advantages of their age and their motivation were wasted because the teaching lasted only a week. Those students probably won't hear or read any more German until college, if ever. And longer-term attempts to teach language in grade schools in the United States appear ineffective too. I've met many Americans here who studied French or Spanish for years in school but can now barely remember how to order a coffee. They readily admit that the language programs at their primary and secondary schools were inef-

Things seem a bit better at the university level. I've met quite a number of people who study a foreign language in college and, within two or three years, have gained a decent knowledge of that language. Unfortunately, I ended up in a less effective department.

I wanted to continue my study of Portuguese — a language that I had started to study in Germany and the intermediate Portuguese class I am taking offered promise. It's a small class with a motivated professor. When the semester began, most students were equipped with a sound knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, and I was quite optimistic that this course would help me improve. I was wrong.

Rather than moving on, the course repeated introductory grammar topics. We're not improving; we're just chewing on bits of knowledge most of us had already digested last year.

Learning a foreign language is hard work, and there are moments when I hated every language I've learned so far because I was afraid that I would never get it, or because I thought my head was too full to learn a single word more. But in these moments of self-doubt, I had teachers who said, "Yes, you're good, but you can be better." The Portuguese class doesn't challenge like that. This is not the teacher's fault, she just follows through with the curriculum the department has decided upon. It's not the students' fault either. It's the fault of the department's curriculum, which does not adequately challenge the students. UT's Department of Spanish and Portuguese has good equipment and good teachers, but rather than asking that their students go the extra mile, which is necessary in order that they really make progress, they demand far too little.

Schools and universities that don't make use of their students' motivation waste their talent, time and so much potential. They miss out on equipping young people with the tools they need to successfully go out into the world, communicate, understand and come back with a broadened horizon. I entered the world of the English language a long time ago, and at some point I discovered the beauty of it. I am still walking around in it today and so far it has never ceased

Attorney General's office helps military families

By GREG ABBOTT

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) would like to thank service members and their families for the sacrifices they make each day to serve and protect our nation. The OAG recognizes that complications resulting from military responsibilities can impede parents' ability to provide the emotional and financial support their children need and deserve. The OAG's Child Support Division helps families establish, modify and enforce financial and medical support for children.

Many military families move parents who frequently because of multiple permanent changes in station (PCS); they experience parentchild separations during yearlong and multiple deployment cycles, and experience mental and physical health issues resulting from combat. These and other factors can take a heavy toll on veteran and military family life and compound child support or parenting time (access/visitation) issues. In response, the OAG provides specialized child support assistance and enhanced services through a project called Help Establishing Responsive Orders and Ensuring Support (HEROES) for Children in Military Families.

The HEROES project pro- reviews.

vides family-centered child support services to families of service members and veterans when they encounter difficulties in resolving paternity, child support and parenting time issues, or when they need expedited or individualized help. In addition, HEROES project staff and attorneys, in close cooperation with Judge Advocate Gen-

eral offices in San Antonio, Killeen and El Paso, offer free legal information sessions to need help understanding paternity, child support or parenting time legal matters.

These sessions, called Parenting Order Legal Clinics (POLCs), are held at Fort Bliss (El Paso), Fort Hood (Killeen) and Joint Base San Antonio. The two-hour clinics are coled by military legal assistance attorneys and OAG assistant attorneys general who provide general paternity and child support information and can offer one-on-one briefings and case

The HEROES project also tools for assistance with child aims to promote positive coparenting. It is important to children's well-being that both parents stay involved with their children. HEROES project staff connect parents to local organizations that provide access and visitation services, including co-parenting education, alternative dispute resolution, development of par-

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> anywhere in Texas. Hotline attorneys do not represent parents. Rather, they provide tools and guidance, and answer parents' questions related to child custody and visitation issues, as well as paternity and child support. The statewide toll-free number, (866) 292-4636, is answered in English and Spanish, Monday - Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. The hotline has a corresponding website, www. txaccess.org, where parents can download sample materials and

support issues.

Points to Remember

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The OAG offers free on-site military Parenting Order Legal Clinics to help parents understand paternity, child support and parenting time (access/visitation) legal matters. The HE-ROES project provides enhanced child support services responsive to veteran/military families' needs. To make appointments, obtain a legal clinic schedule or ask general questions, call (512) 460-6400 or email heroes@texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Abbott is the attorney general

Big Ten, SEC expansion taking over college athletics

If any conference

deserves the tag

it's the SEC.

By SEAN ZAK BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

It's all happening, right before our eyes. It started a few years ago and is heating up. We just have not realized it yet.

The Big Ten and the SEC, each now boasting 14 nationally prominent college allegiances, are dead set on a collision course to dominate college athletics.

The recent additions of Maryland and Rutgers to the Big Ten — be it mainly for ownership of a fraction of East Coast television sets — have driven their new conference above the Pac-12, ACC, Big 12 and all other feeble leagues that make up the NCAA — except for, of course, the SEC.

The SEC was already atop the landscape of collegiate sports, and it has been there for a while. Six-straight BCS national championships, three of the last eight college basketball championships, the reigning softball champion and two of the last six women's basketball championships all call the SEC

And how about baseball and the pings of aluminum bats that wake us up and keep us awake at night every June. The SEC has had three champions in college baseball in the past four years, advancing a team to the finals in each of the last five.

For fans that adore collegiate parity, the list unfortunately goes on and on. There is barely any more room in the trophy

Then the SEC stole Missouri and Texas A&M — two schools

known for balance across their athletic departments - leaving the Big 12 with a much less meaningful group of 10.

If any conference deserves the tag athletic monstrosity, it's

But here comes the Big Ten, ponying up to the bar where only the SEC likes to call the shots. Can they belly up against the Santa-sized SEC and compete? They certainly can — and most certainly will.

Ten will, at the very least, hang out near the successes of the SEC. No other conference can match the depth of 14 full-fledged collegiate

programs — at least not yet. More programs means more opportunities for other schools to define their season, much like Texas A&M did this year with a victory over Alabama.

Fans on this campus can recognize just what a victory over No. 1 Ohio State can do for a program. It has since helped bring two conference championships and dates with national television at the Rose Bowl.

And for all the magic the SEC has in football, the Big Ten has it in basketball. Coincidentally, the best coaches in the nation lead the best programs in the nation.

Ohio State's Thad Matta, Michigan's John Beilein, Michigan State's Tom Izzo, Indiana's Tom Crean and Wisconsin's very own Bo Ryan constitute five of the best coaches that toe the hardwood in the nation. Each of their programs began this season ranked in the top 25.

The SEC boasts two pre-

mier coaches in John Calipari and Billy Donovan, both wellknown for having stable hands

For football, Alabama's Nick By sheer numbers, the Big Saban (3), LSU's Les Miles

> (1) and South Carolina's Steve Spurrier (1) have all brought home nationathletic monstrosity, al championships to the

But if SEC fans were rejoicing when

Urban Meyer stepped down at Florida, they can only count their blessings a little while longer. The man that once dominated the SEC now lives comfortably in the Big Ten. He also has not lost a game yet as head coach at Ohio State.

Joining him in conference is Michigan's Brady Hoke, Nebraska's Bo Pelini, Penn State's Bill O'Brien and Wisconsin's (lessthan-revered) Bret Bielema four young, promising coaches that have all exceeded expectations during their short tenures.

So the Big Ten is up-andcoming in football, the SEC is up and coming in basketball. Each conference currently has a stranglehold over the sports that matter most in America. The best part of it all? Neither is leaving the spotlight anytime

When college football fans sit down to watch the most important games on New Year's Day, they will likely be watching teams from either of these conferences, much like they have for years.

Each season the two conferences send football teams to meet in the Gator Bowl, the Outback Bowl, the Capital One Bowl and, if necessary, the national championship. Over the next few years, it may likely become more than necessary because the next generation of players want their piece of the

According to Scout.com, the SEC and Big Ten own eight of the top 10 recruiting classes for football in 2013. For basketball, the two conferences have pegged four of the top six spots.

It might seem unfair that just a pair of conferences are set to rule over college athletics, but other conferences can turn those pointer fingers back toward themselves.

It was Nebraska's movement from the Big 12 to the Big Ten that began the coast-to-coast shakeup of schools and conferences. Then A&M and Missouri followed suit and now, for better or for worse, we have Maryland and Rutgers moving to the Big

Can't blame them, though. Over the past few years and surely for years to come, the place to be in college athletics is either the Big Ten or the SEC.

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Defender plays with fierce attitude

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

A position change in the middle of the season during freshman year would spell doomsday for many players. Not for Mallory Yacullo.

Yacullo, a 20-year-old junior defender from Parker, Colo. said she came to Texas Tech as an attacking midfielder. After an injury to one of her teammates during the 2010 season. Yacullo said the coaching staff moved her to defense to play one of the outside back positions.

"I'm like a really mean player," Yacullo said. "Not really defensiveminded, more offensive-minded, which is actually the role of the outside backs on our particular team. I think my mindset and the mindset (the coaches) want out of the outside backs kind of correlated well with each other, so they stuck me back there (during) about the middle of the season my freshman year."

While Yacullo admits she is not the best one-on-one defender and not the best at reading forwards, she has thrived in her position as an attacking outside back in Tech coach Tom Stone's system. In her three years at Tech, Yacullo has played

This season she has started 20 out of 22 matches. For her career, Yacullo has scored one goal and collected four assists. This season she took three shots, two of which were shots

Though Yacullo has had to work on her defensive skills, Stone said her offensive abilities make her an ideal outside back in his system because it requires backs to play an offensive role in the attacking half of the field. Stone said she thinks Yacullo is only about 75 percent of the way to becoming the player she can be and expects her to only get better during

"When you take an attacker and put her at outside back, you get a couple of great qualities," Stone said. "One, she's very technical like most attackers are, and two, she is great at getting forward. She's very comfortable when she gets into the attacking half of the field.'

Yacullo's offensive abilities as an outside back became apparent almost immediately during her freshman season. With Tech trailing by one goal in a match against Nebraska on Oct. 3, 2010, Yacullo knocked in the game-tying goal as the clock struck

Despite her success at Tech, Yacullo said she was not always sure she would attend the school.

Yacullo became familiar with Tech because Stone was good friends with the coach of her club team, Colorado Storm Soccer Club, she said. Being from Colorado, Yacullo said she was iffy about moving to Texas because it would be a big change. After visiting Lubbock and meeting the girls she fell in love with Tech and decided to determination. That determination attend the school, foregoing other options like the University of Colorado and Arizona State University.

"I just felt right at home as soon as I got here, and I wasn't expecting to at all," Yacullo said. "My visit was really special. I love Tom, and I love the coaching staff. It was a done deal by the time I had left. I pretty much knew this was where I would end up."

The biggest change moving from Colorado to Lubbock, Yacullo said, is the scenery. At home she could go hiking in the mountains or go skiing.

in 53 matches, starting 36 of them. zero to send the match into overtime. In Lubbock, she said there is not much to do outside of campus.

Despite the change in scenery, Yacullo said she enjoys being in Lubbock. In her free time, she said her favorite thing to do is hang out with teammates. However, she also likes to knit, particularly scarves because they are easiest to make, she said.

On the field, Yacullo is an awesome player, junior goalkeeper Victoria Esson said, because she plays with played a role on a defense which allowed 23 goals all season and recorded 10 shutouts.

"I know a couple of weeks ago (Yacullo) wasn't feeling very well, but she was never going to give up, and she ran herself into the ground for the team," Esson said. "It shows her dedication toward the team and the game."

In terms of playing style, Yacullo said she would describe herself as scrappy. Her biggest strength, she said, is her mentality when she is playing.

"I'm just so competitive and emotional," Yacullo said. "I think that that drives me to push myself on a daily basis. You know, just never being satisfied."

Stone said Yacullo is a feisty player who plays with a demeanor he wishes all of his players had.

"(Yacullo) weighs about 120 (pounds) and yet plays like she's 160 (pounds) and is just full of attitude," Stone said. "She gets under her opponents' skins; (she is) not afraid of a fight when there is one to be had, and

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Despite Yacullo's on-the-field demeanor, Esson said she is one of the most positive members of the team and is a leader. Whenever one of the girls is feeling down, Esson said Yacullo is the one who goes and talks to her and tries to make her

"She tries to pull you back up," Esson said. "She's an awesome asset to have on the team, and I'm thankful she's here.'

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