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Tech to build new Abilene nursing facility

Hendrick Health System to aid in construction

By BRIAN HOWARD
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The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center recently announced funding from the Abilene community to construct a new facility at the TTUHSC campus in Abilene.

Hendrick Health System will help con-

struct the new facility, which will attach to the existing pharmacy school building at 1718 Pine St., and then the nursing building will be given to TTUHSC in the form of a donation.

Tim Lancaster, president and CEO of Hendrick Health System, said the new construction project has already received support from the Abilene community, con-

tributing approximately \$13 million thus far, which is only \$2 million away from the \$15 million expected cost.

"We are happy to continue the partnership with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing," he said. "Our community recognizes that quality health care is contingent upon quality education and training for our future nurses. Our partnership with Texas Tech University has been instrumental in attracting some of the best nursing candidates in the field and hopefully keeping them in Abilene."

Dr. Tedd Mitchell, TTUHSC president, said the support shown by the Abilene com-

munity is outstanding and will contribute to increased educational opportunities for students and improvements in the quality of health care in Texas and the rest of the country.

"This gift from the Abilene community and our continued partnership with Hendrick Health System will ensure the continued availability of outstanding nursing education to students and will enhance the already high quality of health care offered to Abilene residents," Mitchell said.

The vision and emphasis on educational opportunities by Abilene leaders is what has made the possible construction of a new

nursing school facility become a reality, said Pearl Merritt, regional dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing in Abilene.

"When I came on board March 1, 2010, I was already familiar with the key leaders involved in this project and had worked with them in the past on various projects," she said. "These Abilene leaders are visionary and proactive in taking the lead to build our new Texas Tech School of Nursing. Abilene is known for its educational opportunities with three private universities and community colleges."

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Tech alumnus releases book on succeeding Barnes 'able to overcome' past, change his outlook

By ROCIO RODRIGUEZ
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After being raised in a single-parent family and incarcerated for a crime he did not commit, Darrell Barnes found his calling as a motivational speaker and author.

Barnes, a Houston resident who graduated from Texas Tech in 1995 after studying television communications, is described by friends as a trooper.

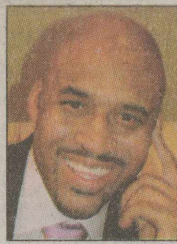
"If I had to sum it up, I'd say that he's a survivor," said Marquis Washington, a fellow member of Tech's Alpha Phi Alpha. "Out of all the people that I know, he would be the person who would survive anything, even the end of

the world."

Barnes' book, "Pit to Palace: 7 Proven Principles for Ultimate Success," is a plan for readers to improve their lives and achieve success.

According to Barnes' website, the book will help readers identify negative influences and how to change them, how to believe in themselves and their abilities, and how to develop a personal game plan for the future.

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Texas Tech baseball is in Manhattan, Kan., for a three-game series against Kansas State. Tech has lost its last two Big 12 series. SPORTS, Page 6

Rhode to Jeopardy!

Grad student competes on iconic show



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By SYDNEY HOLMES
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"Jeopardy!" has been known for years as the television program for brainiacs and wiz-kids with excessive amounts of intelligence.

On Tuesday, Texas Tech philosophy graduate student Jason Rhode was aired competing on the well-known show and leaving his mark on the "Jeopardy!" stage.

When going into Final Jeopardy, the Lubbock native was in the lead. However, he answered the final question incorrectly, which cost him the game.

"I was really bummed about it at first," he said. "I've had a lot of

time to deal with it, too. But everybody else is like, 'Oh, God. It'll haunt you for the rest of your life.' But, I got to go on 'Jeopardy!,' which is awesome. Four hundred people a year get to do that, so I'm not complaining."

Rhode said the filming style of the show is not what viewers would expect.

"We filmed Jan. 21. They usually do five shows a day," Rhode said. "You do a show, and if you win, you go backstage and switch your tie, or blouse, or whatever. And Alex (Trebek) of course, goes back and switches his tie, shirt, jacket — and suddenly it's Tuesday."

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Landscape as Knowledge Series

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: English Building, Room 108

So, what is it?

Lucy Lippard, internationally known writer, activist and curator who lives in Galisteo, N.M., will present a talk based on her recently published book, "Down Country: The Tano of the Galisteo Basin, 1250 - 1752." Lippard is presented with funding from the art history area of the School of Art.

South Plains College at the Cactus

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Cactus Theater

So, what is it?

The Creative Arts Department has bands performing this week. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., and admission is free. Thursday's theme is "Thursday Night Live."

Studio 360: Beginning Art Classes for Adults

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: TTU Museum

So, what is it?

Free art class led by Sarah Collins the third Thursday of each month for ages 18 and older.

All That Remains

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Cactus Courtyard

So, what is it?

A concert featuring All That Remains with Nonpoint, Hail the Villain, STF and Sinful Serenade. Tickets are on sale at Ralph's Records and frontgatetickets.com.

"Footloose"

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: TTU Maedgen Theatre

So, what is it?

The Texas Tech Department

of Theatre and Dance presents "Footloose," by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie. In this adaptation of the 1984 film, a city kid attempts to adapt to life in a conservative backwater midwestern town. Tickets cost \$12 for individuals and \$5 for students with a valid ID. Shows run through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., April 28 through April 30 at 8 p.m. and May 1 at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

Texas Tech Track and Field Invitational

Time: All-day event

Where: Fuller Track

So, what is it?

Come cheer for the Red Raiders and Lady Raiders in their last home meet of the season.

Texas Tech Softball

Time: 6 p.m.

Where: Rocky Johnson Field

So, what is it?

Cheer for the Red Raiders as they take on the Texas Longhorns.

LMAO of Texas Presents: Danielle Ate the Sandwich

Time: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Where: D'Vine Wine

So, what is it?

Danielle is widely known across the United States for her online videos. She has a knack for taking popular music and revamping it with her sweet, soft voice and ukulele.

"Adam's Eve"

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: C.A.T.S. Playhouse

So, what is it?

Join Children and Adults Theatrical Studios for this hilarious comedy written by Matthew Carlin and directed by Tim McIntire.

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

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

FORMING FRAMEWORK



JORDAN ROBERTS, A freshman visual studies major from Buffalo Gap, works on a project for her class in the Architecture building Wednesday.

Show

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Not only was the filming of the show a bit backward, but Rhode said the entire experience was dreamlike.

"You see ('Jeopardy!') every single day, so the idea that it's a real place somewhere is just bizarre," he said. "You have this relationship with this space that you see on TV, and all of a sudden you're there. You get on this movie set, then you're on to the studio, then you meet Alex, and then you're playing the game."

"So any one of these things by themselves would be pretty incredible — something that you talk about on Facebook or tell all your friends about for years — but it's about any of these things happening all at once. It's still very surreal to me."

Although he enjoys "Jeopardy!," Rhode said the motivating factor behind his participation on the show was his sister and Tech alumna Katie Rhode.

"I've watched 'Jeopardy!' every day for at least the past 10 years," Katie Rhode said. "Family and friends know not to call me when it's on. I'm a really big fan."

Katie Rhode said her faith in her brother stems from her admiration of his intelligence, which she said has been evident for the majority of Jason Rhode's life. "Jason has been gifted his whole life," she said. "He just

has a really rare combination of interest in the world, and he's an avid reader. But also, he's able to retain (information he has learned). That's the really remarkable thing. He has

encyclopedic knowledge; he always has."

JP Acreman, Jason's roommate and long-time friend, helped Jason study and prepare for the taping of "Jeopardy!" in a somewhat unconventional way.

"It was fun. We

mostly went out to (bars to do trivia)," Acreman said. "It got him kind of used to thinking

about categories that maybe his area of knowledge wasn't as big in."

Acreman said trivia can be a simple activity if the materials studied are valid.

"One of the things we found out for sure playing bar trivia was that trivia is sort of a thing where you just need a generalized knowledge of things," he said. "Then you're able to sort of piece everything together once you actually see the question and get the context that they're talking about. Then it becomes easier to answer the question."

Jason Rhode said the support he received from his family, friends and the Tech community was an encouraging aspect of his "Jeopardy!" experience.

"I feel like I'm already a winner, even though I didn't technically win on the show," he said. "The fact that other people got so much out of it is winning enough for me."

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Nursing

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The new School of Nursing campus building will bring advantageous teaching opportunities for faculty and learning opportunities for students, Merritt said.

"The students and faculty will be able to maximize our fullest potential in a beautiful 'state-of-the-art' building," she said. "Since we will be connected to the pharmacy school, we will have the

'campus feel,' and I believe the students will benefit from that environment."

Enhanced technological capabilities, coupled with a much larger building, will help to breathe new life into the TTUHSC School of Nursing in Abilene, Merritt said.

"We will have enhanced technology service, and the simulation center will be state-of-the-art," she said. "Our classrooms are very large, and we will be able to host symposiums on our campus. The architectural structure is very eye catch-

ing and will stimulate much interest."

The addition of the \$15 million building dedicated to the School of Nursing is important to Abilene as well as TTUHSC, Merritt said.

"Overall, Abilene is a very progressive city with friendly people, and they have warmly welcomed Texas Tech to town," she said. "The opportunities are here, and we believe Texas Tech University Health Science Center and Abilene will prove to be a great model for others to follow."

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MAN OF STEEL



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MATTHEW HUFFMAN, SOPHOMORE agriculture education major from Dallas, uses a plasma cutter on a piece of steel to complete his project in the Agriculture Communication building Wednesday.

American Airlines posts huge 1Q loss

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines lost \$436 million in the first quarter as it battled rising jet fuel prices, foreshadowing huge losses at other U.S. airlines. American responded to the grim numbers Wednesday by announcing it will scale back plans to add new flights and retire at least 25 older, gas-guzzling planes later this year. Prices for jet fuel have been rising sharply since September, and American spent \$1.8 billion on fuel in the first quarter — an increase of \$366 million or 25 percent from this time last year. AMR said at current oil prices, it expects to spend \$1.2 billion more on fuel this year than it did last year.

Two Western photojournalists killed in Libya

MISRATA, Libya (AP) — Two Western photojournalists including an Oscar-nominated film director were killed Wednesday in the besieged city of Misrata while covering battles between rebels and Libyan government forces. Two others working alongside them were wounded. British-born Tim Hetherington, co-director of the documentary "Restrepo" about U.S. soldiers on an outpost in Afghanistan, was killed inside the only rebel-held city in western Libya, said his U.S.-based publicist, Johanna Ramos Boyer. The city has come under weeks of relentless shelling by government troops. Hetherington tweeted Tuesday: "In besieged Libyan city of Misrata. Indiscriminate shelling by Qaddafi forces. No sign of NATO." "Tim was in Libya to continue his ongoing multimedia project to highlight humanitarian issues during time of war and conflict," Hetherington's family said in a statement. "He will be forever missed." Chris Hondros, a New York-based

photographer for Getty Images, was also killed. "He has an intimacy in his work," said Swayne Hall, a longtime friend who works as a photo editor with The Associated Press. "Some people will use a long lens so they don't have to get up close. But Chris will get up close, he's just not afraid to be with whatever he's photographing." The two other photographers — Guy Martin, a Briton affiliated with the Panos photo agency, and Michael Christopher Brown — were treated for shrapnel wounds, doctors said. The circumstances of the incident were unclear. The statement from Hetherington's family said he was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade. Gadhafi's forces have intensified their assault on Libya's third-largest city, firing tank shells and rockets into residential areas, according to witnesses and human rights groups. NATO commanders have admitted their airpower is limited in being able to protect civilians in a city — the core mission of the international air campaign.

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"I was incarcerated for a number of years for a crime I didn't commit, and in the process, once I was released, I had to come up with a plan of action how to get my life back on track and become who I am able to be," Barnes said. "And through that process I came up with a set of principles of success, which is how the book came out."

Washington said he remembers when he and Barnes first began school

at Texas Tech and how at ease Barnes was in his new environment.

"I think when we first got to college, though he was the freshman in our group, he was the person who seemed more at home than anyone else," Washington said. "I didn't know him then, and I didn't know what to expect, but after getting to know him, I came to realize he's like that — he can adapt to pretty much any environment."

Willie Parker has been a friend of Barnes's since they were 11 years old and said Barnes was able to change his life and mature through trials and tribulations and succeed, which is what

his book is about.

"Obviously he's been through things in his life, but he's been able to overcome that, and being able to come to the point where he is at, it's just a test of his character," Parker said.

Barnes travels across the United States and speaks to people of all ages about making positive decisions.

"The first thing, I tell them is to believe in themselves because if it is something you believe and envision for yourself, then it is possible," said the author, who is also a life coach, through Les Brown's Speakers Network. "Most people, the reason why they haven't

been successful is because deep down inside they don't believe they can actually accomplish the goals they set for themselves."

However, it is not Barnes's experience growing up without a father or being in jail for six years that inspires him to speak to others.

"The No. 1 motivator that encouraged me to get out there was just coming into the realization that that was my true calling," Barnes said. "I think the freeing expression of the most you'll ever become is when you realize what you were put on this earth for."

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Don't cut vegetables out of US budget diet

As the 2012 election cycle begins to kick off and opportunistic politicians attempt to make names for themselves, a funny thing begins to happen.

Politicians — who previously voted for trillion-dollar wars, trillion-dollar tax cuts and ear-marked projects for their constituents — all suddenly have epiphanies and begin to get serious about our nation's revenues and expenditures.

Conversations about our national debt are often filled with much misinformation, and the nature of the subject itself can often be sort of counterintuitive. To this I offer an analogy.

Imagine you're sitting at your dining room table about to eat a large meal. Your plate consists of roughly 25 percent fried chicken, 25 percent mashed potatoes, 20 percent macaroni and cheese, 20 percent dessert and 10 percent mixed vegetables.

Before you have at it, you remember your doctor recently informed you're at risk of developing diabetes and it's imperative you go on a diet. You start to feel guilty and decide to remove some food from your plate.

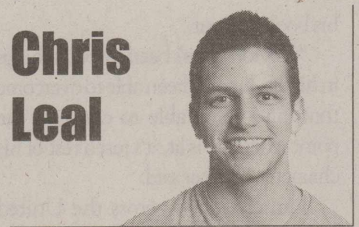
The edible recipient of your banishment? The vegetables — the least contributing factor to your caloric intake and yet simultaneously the most vitamin-dense portion of your meal.

If we recognize this is a terrible way to go about dieting, then why are our lawmakers taking the same approach with regards to putting our national budget on a diet? I'm still baffled that the apex of last week's budget "negotiations" was whether to fund Planned Parenthood or not — a whopping .00002 percent of our national budget.

If you are to get serious about dieting, you must set your personal diet. You cannot have your cake and eat it too. You cannot have your national budget and not have a deficit. You cannot have your national budget and not have a deficit. You cannot have your national budget and not have a deficit.



Chris Leal



etary preferences aside and observe what nutrition tells you. Likewise, if the representatives in our state and national capitals are to get serious about our debt problem, they're going to have to set aside their bilateral façade of political ideology and let economics guide the way.

Right now we have politicians proposing plans to cut the mixed vegetables — education, social programs and infrastructure — out of our diet, while leaving the fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, and dessert — the equivalent to U.S. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Defense spending (or "Halliburton-welfare," whichever) — alone.

Social welfare expenditures are often the first thing to be sacrificed at the dietary altar, with the excuse being that it's such a large drain on our national income.

For most of the world, this may be true. Australia spends 28 percent of its GDP on social welfare, Hungary spends 21 percent, Germany spends 22 percent, France spends 23 percent, Estonia spends 25 percent and Canada spends 26 percent.

In the U.S., however, we spend 7 percent of our GDP on social welfare; it's hard to see how cutting this will balance our budget (especially without serious long-term detrimental effects to our economy). Just think, a representative government elected by society spending money to improve the well-being of society — what a waste!

Another political favorite is to lament on all the profligate spending President Obama and his cronies are condoning and that they, in fact, are the cause of our current debt problem. This is a little like finding out you have contracted diabetes and then blaming it solely on the last meal you ate.

Harvard professor Kenneth Rogoff and his co-author Carmen Reinhart

wrote a terribly insightful book a couple of years ago called "This Time is Different." It's an empirical study of 800 years' worth of financial crises.

In this book, the pair finds that in countries that have just experienced banking crises (like the one we experienced in 2008), national debt expands, on average, 86 percent over a three-year period. So far, under President Obama and our economic recovery, our national debt has expanded roughly 35 percent.

Some politicians advocate we immediately introduce deep austerity measures here in the U.S. Fortunately for us, our friends across the pond in the U.K. have already embarked on this experiment, providing us with insight into how this drastic about-face affects an economy.

The result? A move back into recession, the loss of 300,000 jobs, a 3.5 percent decline in consumer spending — the largest in 15 years — and a projected 2 percent decline in real personal income — the largest decline since the 1930s.

Is this really what we want while our economy is still recovering and our unemployment rate is already so high?

Our economy is like a giant ship or a large train; you can't stop and turn direction at the drop of a dime. Our fiscal problem is not short-term spending, it's long-term commitments. And all this talk of not raising our debt limit is absolutely ludicrous; the discussion exists only to distract the public and to gain some political points. No doubt about it, it will be — and deserves to be — raised.

While the subject of our national debt is sometimes daunting, and debate on how to cut it may go in circles — in its own weird way, unique to the United States — all the cacophonous public discourse is slowly moving in the direction of settling on a real solution.

It was Winston Churchill who famously told us that we, as Americans, will always do the right thing — only after we've exhausted all the alternatives. And, to find light in the situation, it certainly appears our politicians in Washington are running out of vegetables to cut.

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Child beauty pageants unhealthy

Beauty pageants are a universal form of entertainment that has been around for decades. They promote self-confidence, poise and global awareness in young women.

However, when these contests are extended to young children, you get quite a different effect.

Pageant Stars USA shares a brief history on child beauty pageants. According to its website, it all started in the late '60s as a side attraction for a New Jersey amusement park. In my opinion, it should have stayed there.

Instead, the concept took off like a rocket and expanded into a billion dollar industry. The site estimates there are some 25,000 contests each year.

Want a glimpse of what this industry is like? Check out "Toddlers and Tiaras" on TLC. If you are a child-loving, logical person, I hope you will agree that the majority of this business is catastrophic.

When operated correctly, beauty contests focus on much more than looks alone. Contestants are judged on their abilities to maintain poise and grace. The process encourages them to look inward and gain confidence in who they are and how they carry themselves.

Surrounded by equally beautiful women, these ladies begin to look at what makes them different on the inside. Sounds wonderful, so what is the problem?

Child pageants are of a different nature all together. Young girls are very easily influenced in the early years of life. Like a sponge, they absorb everything around them. They are also dependent on parents'

Bayley Fuller



advice and approval. These characteristics change the effects that a pageant has on them.

Typically a contest should teach a child that if you work hard at something, it will pay off. With sports, this idea of a contest is good. Children practice, they develop a sense of a team and they learn valuable lessons.

Beauty pageants teach them what you look like is not good enough. You have to try hard, not by practice, but by changing the way you look, to please others. Natural things are not pretty, and being pretty is what gets you ahead.

Are these really things we want our children to learn?

Sure, there are positive sides. Children still learn practice, patience and structure, but the younger these children are the less of these they can comprehend and appreciate.

I worry what the side effects are of the many things these children are forced to do.

For instance, waxing the eyebrows of a 5-year-old and telling her she can't win without fake nails can only turn out badly.

They say beauty is pain, but for a 6-year-old? I don't even always agree with what we as women put ourselves through as it is. No young child should have to be pushed through painful beauty regimes to be considered a winner.

The first time I got my eyebrows waxed, I jumped 10 feet in the air when the not-so-gentle lady ripped the strip from my face. Did I feel prettier? Not really. I was younger, and I was just mad my eyes were watering and

my eyebrows were bright red and swollen.

The first time I got fake nails, I was amazed they used a Dremel tool to sand off the top layer of my nails before putting the new ones on top. I was even more amazed when an hour later I was popping pain pills to get rid of the feeling that someone had smashed my hands with a hammer.

Is it painful now? Did I stop doing it? No, of course not. I waited till I was older and got used to it, and I loved the way it looked. But as a younger girl, it was awkward and it hurt.

Now, forcing a child of 4 or 5 to do the same thing is ridiculous. Telling her she can't win if she isn't "a big girl" and doesn't fight through it is just bad parenting, in my opinion.

Purchasing dresses that are, on average, between \$1,500 and \$4,000 and hairpieces the size of an overweight terrier is just plain craziness. However, pageant parents swear over and over again that they do it cause their children just "love" it soooo much.

Give a 5-year-old a \$10 Cinderella dress and a cheap plastic wand that she can twirl around, and she'll be just as happy, if not happier.

Let her get dirty in a sand box or play with finger paints instead of loading her up with hairspray and making her hold still for two hours on average to apply fake hair and makeup.

Get her a bike or a Barbie Jeep to ride around with her friends instead of making her practice a seductive dance in a tight costume to show to judges.

My point is, the pageants are for the parents and not for the children. Let them be kids and learn life lessons playing in the neighborhood or at gymnastics play dates. Don't teach them being pretty is the only thing that gets them prizes and that to be liked they have to go through physical pain.

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Sports fan violence always uncalled for

There are a couple of things in this world worth fighting for in an actual physical altercation or that merit breaking the laws of God and man. Your favorite sports team is not one of them.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of extreme fans who appear to think otherwise.

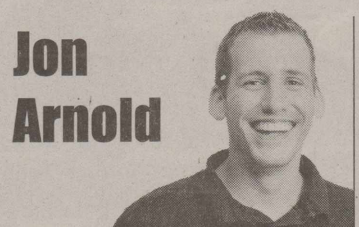
You may have heard about Bryan Stow, a paramedic from Santa Clara, Calif. Stow seems like a pretty normal guy. Works hard, has two kids and a wife, and loves baseball. How American is that? So, surely when Stow traveled to Los Angeles to watch his San Francisco Giants during the Dodgers' opening weekend, he didn't expect to be fighting for his life hours later.

Yet, that's exactly what happened. Stow, who wore a Giants jersey to the game, was attacked from behind while leaving the stadium and is still in a coma after suffering severe head trauma. *The Los Angeles Times* reports police are still looking for two suspects who they believe were accompanied by another adult and a young child.

I don't care how obnoxious someone is or how much you hate the other team. An attack that lands someone in the hospital is way too far to take any dispute.

Another example of fandom gone horribly wrong is that of Harvey Updyke. Updyke, as you may recall, is the 62-year-old Alabama

Jon Arnold



fan who applied lethal amounts of a chemical to a beloved grove of trees on rival Auburn's campus.

Already the poster child for doing insanely stupid things on behalf of fandom, Updyke reenters the discussion for a new reason. Updyke was traveling to visit family Wednesday after going to a courthouse to waive a preliminary hearing for the tree incident, according to al.com. When he stopped to gas up, he claims he was jumped and ended up going to an emergency room.

Again, no matter how stupid Updyke's actions have been, you shouldn't take matters into your own hands and assault someone.

These incidents are all disgusting, but are nothing compared to some of the violence exhibited across the pond. In Scotland, the Old Firm rivalry is infamous for violent clashes between supporters. One team, Celtic, is traditionally backed by Catholic supporters and the other, Rangers, by Protestants.

The two clubs are no strangers to violence, but things have been a bit better in recent years. Now it looks

like they might be taking a turn for the worse once more. Neil Lennon, Celtic's manager, was sent a nail bomb in the mail, which authorities said was meant to maim or kill him, according to Sky News. This is just the latest incident, with plenty of heinous acts committed by Celtic supporters as well.

It's just not worth it. Sports are supposed to be fun, and while we frequently treat them as matters of life and death, we should be able to separate them from actually causing physical harm or doing illegal and stupid things.

Thankfully at Texas Tech, we don't have too many problems. Fans of the Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs frequently throw only verbal jabs. The only time things get somewhat ugly is when Texas A&M or Texas visits, and the physical confrontations are minimal.

Just remember not to get caught up in the moment when you're at sporting events or around fans of the other team. They're just like you, only they chose to go to a different school or are from a different part of the country.

There's no room in sports for garbage like fans attacking each other. Let's keep it out of the games we love.

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Blatant disrespect of instructors is festering problem in college courses

By KORRIN BISHOP
OREGON DAILY EMERALD (U. OREGON)

Respect is endangered. Common courtesy is declining. Maturity levels have plummeted.

The evidence of these truths can most clearly be observed in the classroom of an institute of higher education.

It is an unfortunate truth that the behaviors of students toward their instructors have moved from being collaborative and constructive to callous and demeaning.

Instead of eloquent debates, students demand their opinions be held high and mighty.

Instead of learning from mistakes, students argue at the top of their lungs for one extra point on a test.

It is gravely disappointing to

watch the entitlement generation turn college courses into high school classrooms one would only see on an exaggerated television series.

In an attempt to save civility, I would like to use this letter to pay my utmost respect to an instructor who the University is privileged to have.

This is my third term taking the second-year American Sign Language sequence from Peter Quint, and it has truly been an honor. As a member of the deaf community, Quint offers students the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in deaf culture.

Students are given the chance to learn firsthand about creating a positive environment for equal language access. If anything, my classes with Mr. Quint have taught me just how much of a struggle members of the deaf community must endure to gain this.

In the classrooms of a hearing-dominated world, Quint could not be paid enough for the work that he does.

I believe Quint's best attribute is his incredible sense of compassion. He is understanding of students and maintains a positive attitude through both highs and lows. His sense of humor is engaging and an amazing asset to helping learn the language.

Quint is open to feedback and is continuously looking for ways to improve as an instructor. He is passionate about what he teaches because he understands the greater impact educating has beyond the classroom walls.

I encourage all students to take a stand. Prove to society that we are not dwindling into a mass of barbarians. Show that we have manners and that we understand how to express gratitude.

We must stop belittling those who teach us and instead raise them up and acknowledge the immeasurable value they bring to our campus. Be an advocate.

Pay respect to an instructor who, most likely, is too often overlooked. These are the people who are opening up the world to us, and they are doing it because it is what they love to do.

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Low keeps campus social networking interactive, fresh



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
LISA LOW, THE associate director of digital communications and emerging media, is the face behind all of the Tech social media outlets.

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

At any given time, Lisa Low has a browser window open for Facebook, a few for Twitter and one for a loading YouTube video. However, this will not get her fired. In fact, it's her job.

Because of Texas Tech's involvement with social media, and its large Internet presence, the university was recently ranked 23rd in the top "social media colleges," according to StudentAdviser.com. Low works in the Office of Marketing and Communications as the director of digital communications and emerging media, meaning she — and her graduate assistants and interns — keeps up with all these pages.

"It's just as important as a channel as a website or a brochure, or anything like that. It's basically your virtual front porch, so to speak," she said. "It's important for us just to be where our audiences are."

Throughout the day, Low has multiple windows open on any of the three computer screens on her desk. Each window is for a different search, for words like "Raiders," "guns up," "Texas Tech" or anything related to the university. These allow her to keep up with what people are saying about the university.

Low said she monitors the media outlets for chances to interact with the online community, whether it be an 11-year-old football fan or a 90-year-old alumnus.

Work begins with a content plan, usually with information from Texas Tech Today. Low said she then plans the posts for the different platforms. Before posting, she said, each post goes through many people to be sure it is grammatically correct and has enough value to be worth posting.

"We don't post unless we have something to say," she said. "We try to keep it interesting and engaging ... We concentrate on how it will add value."

Next is the part Low described as "fun, or agony" — when the post goes public. A good posting will be liked on Facebook or re-tweeted on Twitter, but they are not always so well received.

"I never cease to be amazed at the ability for people to take things the wrong way," she said.

When there is a negative response, her course of action is to take responsibility. Low said her interns and graduate assistants are valuable and helpful, but when taking a complaint, she has to act on her own.

Deleting a comment is a last resort, she said, and when she does, she will contact the user directly, explain why it was taken down and possibly ask them to repost without the offending remark.

With her Twitter searches, the process is a bit different. She said she often finds complaints and will directly message the user, who is often surprised, and sometimes upset they were "caught." However, she said 90 percent of the time the exchange ends positively.

One of the biggest issues was the bad weather days, and Low's graduate assistant, Ashley Gilliland, said she often finds tweets about how slow Tech's Internet is.

"We don't control anything people are complaining about," Low said, "but it's a very powerful experience for the institution to reach out to these individuals."

She said she offers as much help as possible and tries to connect the user with a person who may know more about the issue, like someone in the Office of Financial Aid or the Information Technology center.

These two-way conversations are the central focus of Tech's social media, Low said.

"Just being able to connect with so many different people, students, faculty, staff, it's so fun," said Gilliland, a graduate student in mass communications from Fort Worth.

Using this focus, and modeling the university as a business, helped Tech rank the way it did. StudentAdviser cited the "Guns Up Gallery" as one of the best parts of Tech's online presence, and Gilliland agreed the photo album of fan-submitted pictures is a high point.

"People really love when we ask for original content," she said. "And at the same time, we love to see those pictures."

Tech's history with social media has always been avant-garde, Low said. She started with the Office of Marketing and Communications in 2005, before Facebook or anything the group uses now. Then, Tech was one of the first universities on iTunes U. When Twitter gained popularity, Low said, Tech had an account even before schools like Stanford.

Now, Low and Gilliland said they are always on the lookout for the next big thing to keep the university connected.

"We're in it for our community, we're really trying to add value; it's not about us, it's about you," Low said. "We're pleased with the ranking, but we give the credit primarily to our audience."

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Artist explores newsfeed, portrays with photography

By LAUREN FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

Scrolling through newsfeeds, looking at current statuses and reading the latest tweets are how college students keep updated on the lives of friends and family.

Exploring this topic, Lori Hepner, from McKeesport, Pa., created photographs describing the 140-character updates.

Showing in the SRO Photo Gallery in the sub-basement of the Texas Tech School of Art through May 8, "Status Symbols" is an exhibit featuring long-exposure photographs of circular patterns.

"The project started with my fascination about how people don't necessarily think about what they post when they are posting these things all the time," Hepner said.

She said she was inspired by a technology workshop in Pittsburgh

about Arduino's, micro-controller computers.

Working with friends in the electronics field, Hepner designed her own computer program that translates individual status updates into binary code. The ones and zeros of the code are then translated into blinking LED lights, of which Hepner takes long-exposure photographs.

"I think it's very different from traditional photography," she said. "It's also a new way for people to think about what they are posting on the Internet."

Jason Nye, a senior studio art major from El Paso, said he uses his Facebook account to post photos of artwork in progress.

"I do get feedback from friends, and sometimes I get suggestions, and I use those suggestions in my work," Nye said. "If used the right way, (social media) can be a really good thing for art."

When making the pieces, Hepner used the top five Twitter feeds at the time: President Barack Obama, Brit-

"(This exhibit) is something that even if people don't understand how it is made, they can appreciate the beauty generated in the prints themselves."

LORI HEPNER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
PENN STATE



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

LORI HEPNER, AN assistant professor of integrative arts at Penn State University has her work displayed in the Texas Tech SRO Photo Gallery on Tuesday in the Art building.

ney Spears, CNN, Ashton Kutcher and "The Ellen Show."

She said she was shocked by the differences between the five.

"I've had an interesting time trying to explore the exhibit and get a grasp on what it is," said Zach Tate, a master's student in ceramics from Springfield, Mo. "(Technology) is becoming a more ever-present element to deal with."

Hepner believes technology is opening up the art world for people outside of New York City. She links social media to the increased exposure opportunities younger artists have today.

Hepner is happy with the "aesthetically pleasing" outcome of her creation.

"For me, I enjoy the process of making it, but I think it's really about

what ends up being the final product," she said. "My process is sort of really important to how the piece ends up looking like later."

Tate believes the photographs are futuristic but make sense in the technical aspect of light on paper.

Nye said Tech students need to be subjected to all types of artwork to learn about what's going on outside of Lubbock.

"(This exhibit) is something that even if people don't understand how it is made, they can appreciate the beauty generated in the prints themselves," Hepner said. "Maybe next time students go to tweet, they will think about what it is that they are putting out there. Every update they post ends up being a portrait of themselves."

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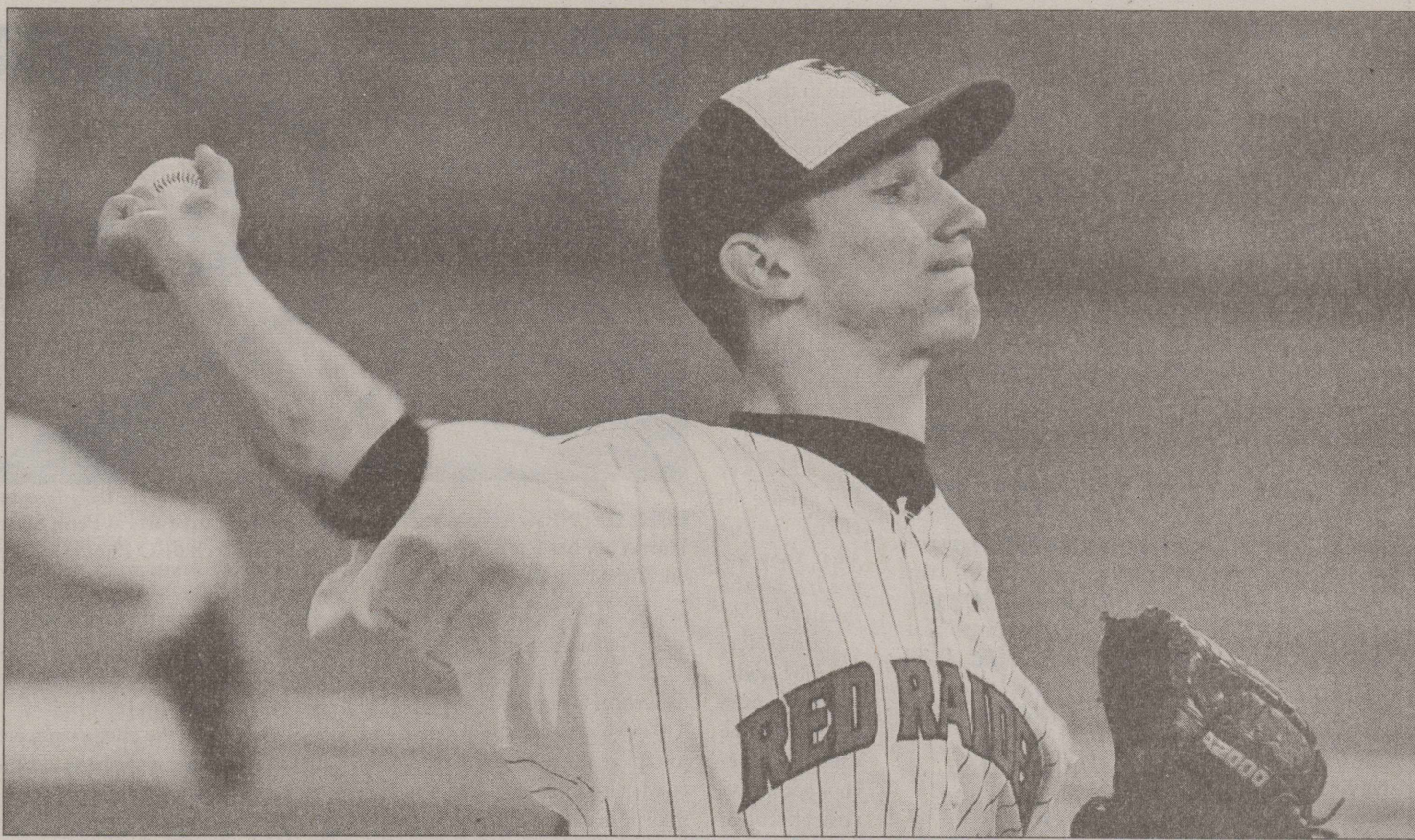
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Red Raiders continue road trip with series at K-State



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TREY MASEK THROWS a pitch during a game earlier this season at Dan Law Field. Masek gave a masterful performance in his most recent start against Texas, getting the win. He'll again start the second game of the series for the Red Raiders, going Friday against Kansas State.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Two consecutive Big 12 Conference series losses usually warrant a heightened sense of urgency at this juncture of the year.

Texas Tech pitcher Trey Masek believes otherwise.

Masek said he believes the Red Raiders (24-15, 6-9 in Big 12 play) are not in desperate need of a long winning streak to get things back on track heading into a weekend series against Kansas State.

"I don't think it's necessary, but yeah, it'll help for sure," Masek said Tuesday. "If we can rattle off a few wins here in the next week or two, then that'll definitely put us in a good position come tournament time."

Tech, coming off back-to-back series losses against No. 9 Texas A&M and at No. 4 Texas, begins a three-game series against the Wildcats (21-

15, 5-10) at 6:30 p.m. today at Tointon Family Stadium in Manhattan, Kan.

Freshman David Paiz starts Friday's game, while Masek takes the mound for the second game of the series.

If Tech's pitching can repeat the numbers it posted against the Longhorns last weekend, the odds of winning the series likely will tip in favor of the Red Raiders.

Against Texas, Tech starting pitchers combined to log 20 innings of work, allowing 10 hits and four runs.

Tech coach Dan Spencer said the reason his team's starting pitching wasn't good enough to win the series is because the offense could not match the pitching's level of play.

But Spencer said the pitching, especially Paiz and Masek, is better than he expected it to be.

"I am (surprised) at times when they're really good," Spencer said. "Not any surprised

in (Paiz and Masek's) ability because we feel like those are weekend starters in our league."

Kansas State, though, may be the opponent the Red Raiders need to encounter following series against the Big 12's top two pitching squads in A&M and Texas.

The Longhorns and Aggies boast the conference's No. 1 and No. 2 team ERA, respectively. The Wildcats rank seventh in the Big 12 with a 3.70 ERA.

Tech's offense, despite its recent slump, ranks third in the conference in team batting average at .291.

That isn't the only offensive category Tech is at the top of — Red Raider batters lead the Big 12 in strikeouts with 303, 27 more than Nebraska's 276.

Spencer said it's just a matter of time before the offense gets things rolling its way.

"It seems like the better we pitch and the better we play defense, the less we hit," Spencer said. "I think that's just a collective deal where we kind of got in a funk, and I think as quickly as we got into it, we can

get out of it."

A series sweep would bring Tech to .500 in Big 12 play, increasing the Red Raiders' chances of getting back into the top half of the conference standings.

With the gauntlet of No. 11 Oklahoma, A&M and Texas now in the rear view mirror, Tech's toughest remaining opponents are No. 20 Oklahoma State and Kansas, which currently are third and fourth in the Big 12.

Tech pitcher Brennan Stewart, Saturday's starter against Kansas State, said the Red Raiders will not make the mistake of taking their remaining opponents lightly.

"One through 10, they're all going to be tough," Stewart said. "We stay focused nine innings, that's our motto. You know, Spence is always telling us, 'We're playing nine, we're not playing five, we're not playing six, we're playing nine.' ... They're a good team, and we're not going to take them for granted."

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Tech softball relishes week off, prepares for Longhorns

By THORN COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A little rest came to Red Raider softball earlier this week as it prepares for its series with Texas starting this Friday.

The team has played midweek doubleheaders for the last two weeks, and catcher Cydney Allen said she welcomes the chance to rest in the week.

"I absolutely like the chance to rest in the week," Allen said. "We get to take a day off, then come in and work out light on Tuesday. We will hit it hard Wednesday and Thursday and make sure we're ready for the Longhorns."

Allen said having the extra time to look at their upcoming opponent also gives the Red Raiders the advantage of focusing on just one opponent. She said the Longhorns, who are undefeated in Big 12 Conference play, are a powerhouse of a team, and having extra time to study them could never be a bad thing.

"They are good, but you almost don't want to think about that going into the game," Allen said before practice Wednesday. "You don't want to lose the game in your mind before you even step on the field."

Tech pitcher Brittany Talley said she prefers to play in a weekend series rather than a midweek series for many different reasons.

"The team goes into weekend

series with a much better mentality," Talley said. "It is just nice to get some rest and get some time to look at Texas."

Tech coach Shanon Hays said he has mixed feelings about playing midweek series. On one hand, he said midweek series give the team some live action play, and that is good for preparation against a tougher opponent.

But he also said not playing a midweek series gives his team more time to rest and watch film to prepare.

"Sometimes you want a midweek," Hays said. "We are just going to hit it hard in practice this week, watch some film and try not to focus on what happened to us last week."

Hays said another downfall of not having a midweek series is the team has to live with getting swept by Oklahoma State last weekend for an entire week.

He said the team needs to have a short memory this week and just focus on the conference-leading Longhorns.

"This season we need to have a short memory in our Big 12 series," Hays said. "I mean, look at Nebraska — they had three Big 12 wins and were ranked 11th last week. There is just so much parody in the Big 12 this year."

Tech opens against the Longhorns at 6 p.m. Friday at Rocky Johnson Field.

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TECH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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- Sept. 10	Open	
- Sept. 17	New Mexico	Away
- Sept. 24	Nevada	Home
- Oct. 1	Kansas	Away
- Oct. 8	Texas A&M	Home
- Oct. 15	Kansas State	Home
- Oct. 22	Oklahoma	Away
- Oct. 29	Iowa State	Away
- Nov. 5	Texas	Away
- Nov. 12	Oklahoma State	Home
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No. 41 Lady Raiders finish season on road

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

History is against Texas Tech women's tennis today and Friday.

Even though the Lady Raiders are having their best season in years, they still have obstacles to overcome — namely, Baylor and Texas A&M.

Tech hasn't defeated the Bears since 2002 and has come up short for the last 24 years against the Aggies. A&M remains the only Big 12 Conference team Tech has yet to notch a win against since the formation of the league.

"A&M and Baylor are definitely going to be opportunities and a big bridge to cross," Tech coach Todd Petty said. "I think the girls are ready for the chal-

lenge, I think they feel like they can play with anybody in the country and there's no exception here."

The No. 41 Lady Raiders (17-5, 7-2 in Big 12 play) begin their quest for history today when they face No. 7 Baylor at 6 p.m. in Waco.

Four of the top 125 singles players in the country await the Lady Raiders, including 15th-ranked Sona Novakova. The junior is 12-6 in the No. 1 position, with all of her matches coming against ranked opponents.

Not only is Novakova ranked in singles play, but she also is a part of the No. 30 duo in the country.

Novakova and doubles partner Nina Secerbegovic are 9-1 overall and undefeated as the

No. 1 doubles team.

Despite the first place Bears having so much firepower, Tech freshman Haley Fournier said the team is ready to take on Baylor and believes it can walk away with a win if the Lady Raiders do their job.

"I honestly think in our first match against Baylor we have nothing to lose," she said. "We'll go out there really hoping to win because that's just a team that we really wanna beat, and we know we can beat if we all come mentally prepared and play well."

After facing Baylor, the Lady Raiders hit the road to travel to College Station for their season finale against the No. 30 Aggies on Friday.

A&M gets the chance to take

a day to rest before taking on Tech at 6 p.m. to bring a close to both squads' seasons.

The Aggies are not as highly ranked and do not have as many weapons as the Bears, but they have given the Lady Raiders problems.

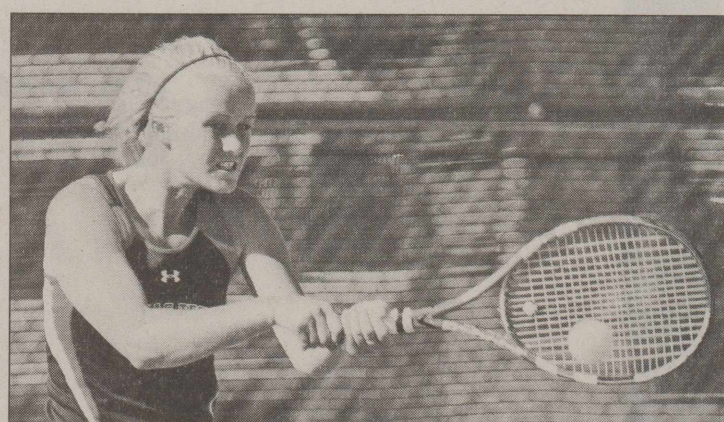
The last time Tech beat A&M was March 8, 1987, in Lubbock.

"A&M's kind of one of our rivals," Petty said. "It's a good rivalry, but I think it's one the girls are looking forward to."

The Lady Raiders are on a remarkable run and now have the Aggies in their crosshairs for their next monumental victory.

Earlier this season Tech defeated Texas for the first time in program history, and are en route to a finish for the record books.

"It would be unbelievable for



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HALEY FOURNIER RETURNS a volley against Iowa State on April 8. The Lady Raiders face Big 12 leader Baylor at 6 p.m. today in Waco, and fifth-place Texas A&M at 6 p.m. Friday in College Station. Texas Tech women's tennis has not beaten A&M since 1987.

all of our hard work to pay off, to knock off these two teams," Tech sophomore Caroline Starck said. "We have done really well this

season already, but that would just really be the icing on the cake to finish off strong."

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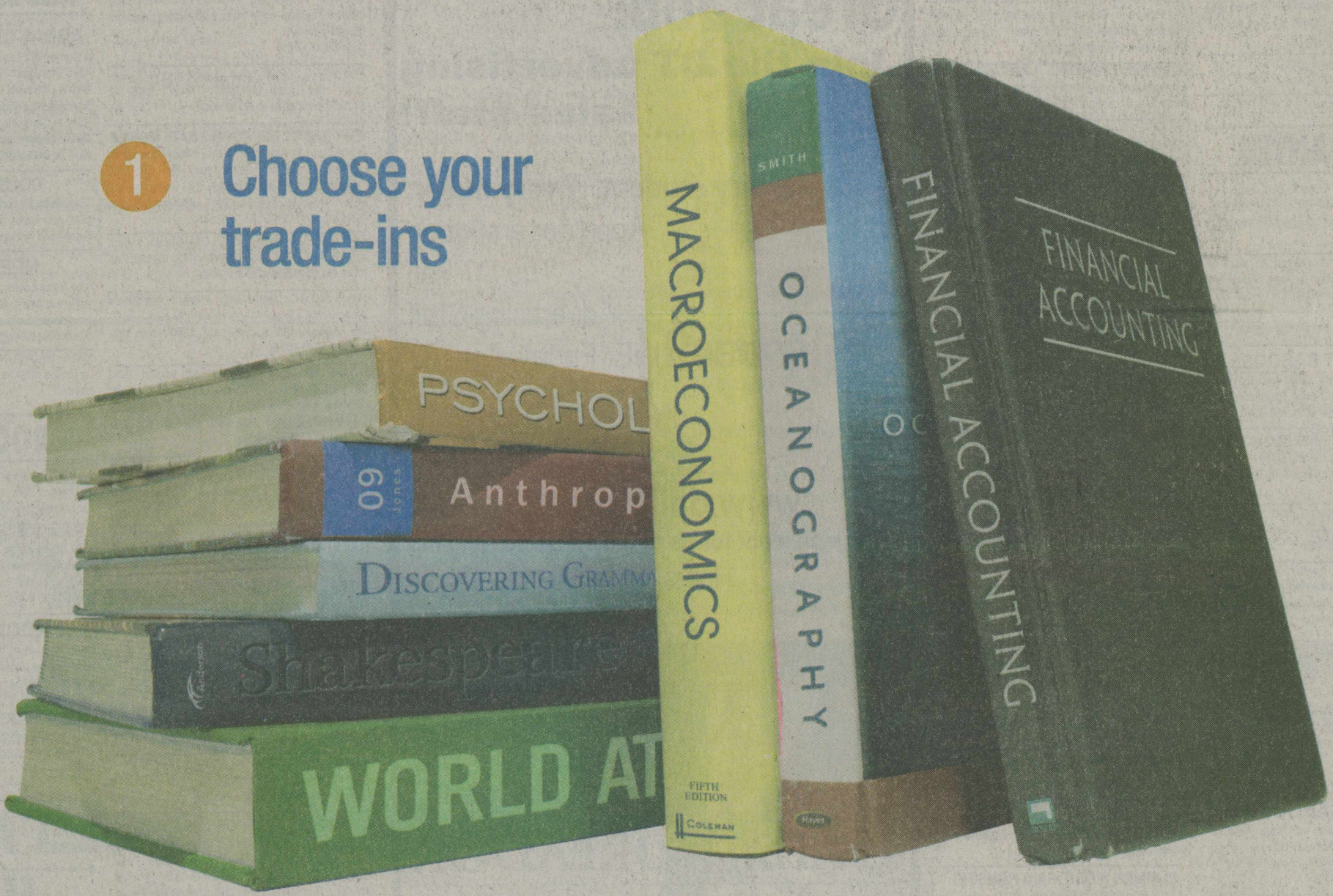
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