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MEMBERS OF DELTA Tau Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma point to their Homecoming Court nominees after their performance to songs by the Beatles during S.O. Sing on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena. PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

Sweet, Sweet Singin' S.O. Sing kicks off Homecoming week

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

United Spirit Arena was filled with thousands of Texas Tech students supporting their fellow organization's members representing them in the Homecoming court.

Tech's Homecoming week kicked off with Student Organization Sing on Wednesday at 8 p.m. The event was packed with song and dance numbers of different student organizations to showcase the organization's Homecoming king and queen nominees.

The theme this year was "iTech," a music theme, and the 24 organizations represented portrayed different musicians by singing and dancing.

The Homecoming king and queen nominees dressed up as different musicians to fit into the "iTech" theme. The musician impersonations included Ginger Spice from Spice Girls, Lady Gaga, Buddy Holly and Willie Nelson, just to name a few.

Amy Ashby, a Homecoming queen nominee representing the Chi Omega sorority, said Chi Omega and its partner fraternity for S.O. Sing, Alpha Tau Omega, practiced their dance at the ATO lodge for hours each night of this past week.

"It's been really fun getting to know all the guys," said the senior public relations major from Lubbock. "We've just been working on our dance so, we're prepared for tonight."

Ashby said she does not have any strategies for winning Homecoming queen but to be herself and to have fun.

Matt Kidd, a Homecoming king nominee representing the Farmhouse fraternity, said he had a few butterflies before performing his two dances for the night.

He performed in one dance for his fraternity and its partner sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, and one for the royalty dance, where all the Homecoming king and queen nominees performed.

He said it is a privilege to get to represent Farmhouse as a Homecoming king nominee.

"For me personally, having the honor to represent my fraternity in front of the entire campus is a huge honor," the senior accounting major from Kingwood said.

Austin Connor, a dancer in S.O. Sing representing the fraternity Delta Tau Delta, said "we danced our hearts out."



MEMBERS OF SADDLE Tramps and High Riders sing and dance to Pirates of the Creep during S.O. Sing inside United Spirit Arena on Wednesday. PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador

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Tech awarded for program's excellence

STEP has graduated all its accepted students

By GREG LINDEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech and South Plains College were nationally recognized for their combined efforts in promoting the Successful Transition to Education Preparation program.

The program began in 2005 and has helped 124 students to date, said Janie Ramirez, administrator of outreach programs in the College of Education.

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Berk writes book on own kidnapping

School of Medicine dean shares his experience

By DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK
STAFF WRITER

On March 6, 2005, a man with a shotgun entered through an open garage door and abducted Dr. Steven L. Berk from his home in Amarillo. For two hours, Jack Lindsey Jordan, while on parole from a Texas state prison, forced Berk to drive around in search of an ATM.

Berk, regional dean of Texas Tech's School of Medicine at Amarillo at the time, was home with his son who was practicing guitar in another part of the house during the break-in. Berk said he told his son goodbye in the most unaffected tone possible and then left the house with Jordan.

"It was almost like what you see on TV," Berk said. "I'm sticking my head out the door and I have a gun at my back, but (my son) doesn't know that."

During his kidnapping, Berk credits his medical training with allowing him to keep calm under pressure. Sir William Osler's idea of equanimity, which is taught in

medical school, was Berk's motivation.

Now, he advises people to keep their garage doors closed when not in use. Berk acknowledged he has not suffered any trauma or symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder that have kept him from returning to a normal life.

"You're trained as a physician to always keep calm, to keep a cool head and not get angry," Berk said.

Two months after the kidnapping, Berk was inspired to write his story, but his responsibilities as a dean demanded much of his time. The book, "Anatomy of a Kidnapping: A Doctor's Story," was released in September 2011 by Texas Tech University Press.

The story includes details of the kidnapping, reflections on Berk's life, his own mistakes as a medical student and practitioner, as well as transcripts from the court case.

"It was a pretty big story in the area," Berk said. "To me, it was a great story — a story that had to be told."



BERK

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Human Sciences Week kicks off with charity run

Event raises awareness

By GREG LINDEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Parents with their children in tow began filling the Christine DeVitt and Helen DeVitt Jones Child Development and Research Center playground Wednesday afternoon in anticipation of the fifth annual Cathy Nathan Fun Run.

The Fun Run began following the retirement of the former director of the CDRC, Cathy Nathan.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Preston Pugmire

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Student Union Courtyard
So, what is it?

Enjoy a performance by Preston Pugmire, a one-man band from Idaho, with a unique technique of making music.

The Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Cactus Theater
So, what is it?
The lecture series presents Kara Dixon Vuic.

Urinetown the Musical

Time: 8 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.
Where: Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre
So, what is it?
The Department of Theatre and Dance presents Urinetown, a contemporary musical, which provides a comedic outlook when the citizens of a "Gotham-like" city experience a devastating drought.

FRIDAY

Feminist Forum

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center, Room 151
So, what is it?
The Women's Studies Program will host "Risk Perceptions & Innovation."

Texas Tech Soccer vs. Kansas

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: John Walker Soccer Complex
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Wildcats.

SATURDAY

Homecoming: Texas Tech Football vs. Kansas State

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Jones AT&T Stadium
So, what is it?
Support Red Raider football as they compete against the Wildcats.

Saturday at the Museum: Fossils!

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech
So, what is it?
Celebrate National Fossil Day with the Museum of Texas Tech.

SUNDAY

Texas Tech Soccer vs. Texas

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: John Walker Soccer Complex
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Longhorns.

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Student admits to false robbery, lying to Tech police

By **GLORIA LERMA**
STAFF WRITER

After losing his bicycle and backpack, a Texas Tech student spent more time and money than he expected when it was revealed he made up a story to fool police officers.

The Tech Police Department received a call reporting a robbery on Oct. 2 near the Flint Avenue parking garage. According to the Tech Police Department's summary of daily reports, the student was allegedly knocked off his bicycle while he was riding in the grass area of the south side of the parking garage. His bicycle and backpack were allegedly then taken from him.

When police officers conducted a follow-up investigation of the robbery, the complainant admitted to filing a false police report. The student later stated that the robbery of his bicycle and backpack did not occur.

According to the campus crime update, the student admitted that he lost his bicycle and backpack after being intoxicated earlier that day. After speaking to a family member about replacing the missing items, he filed the false police report with Tech police.

Although this is not the first time a false crime report has been made to Tech police, Col. Kenny Evans, Tech chief of police, said it is not a common occurrence.

"We do not have a lot of false reports — maybe once a year and, of course, that varies," he said. "Sometimes, we go years without having any false reports. There are certain issues that could classify a false police report."

The name of the student was not released in order to protect his identity. Even though the student did admit to lying to police, Evans said he still has

consequences to face.

Filing a false police report could have consequences much greater than the student anticipated, Evans said. The student is now subject to a class B misdemeanor. Punishments for falsifying a police report include a fine of up to \$2,000 or imprisonment. Anyone who falsifies a police report can be sentenced to jail for longer than a year or put on probation, he said.

The Tech police report did not state what actions will be taken against the student, and they have not confirmed if the student will be charged with lying to police. However, Sofia Rodriguez, director of Student Judicial Programs, said consequences are still possible.

"I can't talk about a specific student's case, but what I can say is that Tech police do report everything to Student Judicial Programs," Rodriguez said. "Once we receive a report

from anyone of the Tech community, including Tech police, I review the alleged violation and, upon my review, I assign the case to a hearing officer. If the student is found responsible for the action, they are subject to reprimands: anything from expulsion, suspension and even community service."

Alexander Zapata, a sociology major from Corpus Christi, expressed his feelings about the incident.

"If the student isn't charged, where is the line drawn? People need to understand that services like the police, ambulances and the fire department are serious and should be used in real situations," he said. "My laptop was stolen and never recovered, and (it's frustrating) to think that more resources could have gone into an actual crime instead of following made-up clues for a false report."

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STEP

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STEP 1 occurs when a student attending South Plains College obtains a two-year associate's degree in art, also known as the AAT. STEP 2 then involves the student transferring to Tech with the ultimate goal of preparing for a teaching career following graduation.

Ramirez said this program is for students who want to teach. Whether in elementary school, middle school or high school, STEP 2 will help students who transfer from South Plains College in obtaining the correct certifications, ensuring students are prepared for teaching in the classroom.

"It's a very good support system," Ramirez said. "After transferring to Texas Tech, students will be paired with mentors who have already been where the

students are to help them adjust to the new lifestyle. This allows the new students to ask whatever questions they may have."

The program has graduated all of its accepted students, Ramirez said, and has also been successful in the work Tech does with minorities.

"Tech doesn't serve just minorities, but the Latinos who are taking this (program) are having high degrees of success," she said. "After being recruited from South Plains College, everyone has graduated, and 35 percent of students in STEP 2 are Hispanic."

This semester, Tech has focused much of its attention on recruiting minorities, Ramirez said, and STEP 2 is an excellent program offered by Tech that gives minorities chances to succeed and finish school.

Ramirez said that after graduating from STEP 2, not all students will go straight to class-

rooms. Around 5 percent will continue their educations and achieve master's degrees, while 10 percent will go to law school or other institutions. However, 85 percent will choose to teach and go on to educate others in their fields.

Jerry Perez, an undergraduate advisor at the College of Education, said there are around 13 students taking advantage of the program this semester. Perez said while the spring 2012 semester will see new changes in the process of admitting new students, it is too soon to tell if these changes will make the application process more competitive.

"Students must meet three or four criteria to be accepted," he said. "Students must meet the Texas Education Agency's requirements, have at least a 2.7 GPA and also meet the testing requirements to be considered for admittance."

Perez said the admittance ra-

tio was around 90 percent in the past, but with the new changes taking place next semester, this ratio may change.

If they apply by the deadline, students may receive a transfer scholarship of up to \$2,500 from Tech to help with the costs of college, Ramirez said.

"STEP 2 is currently funded by the CH Foundation, which gives 80 percent of the funds to students in the form of stipends to help pay for certification costs," she said, "but we need more outside funding for more colleges to get involved."

Ramirez said she hopes more community colleges in and around Lubbock will take advantage of this program in the future.

"South Plains College is the only college taking advantage of the STEP 2 program, and this is an excellent way to recruit minorities to Texas Tech," she said.

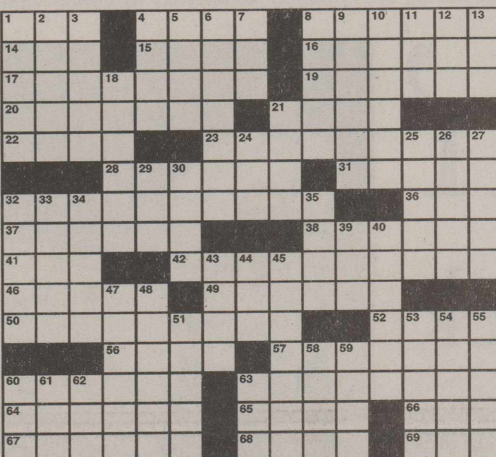
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Punch with a point
- 4 Handle trouble
- 8 Shake
- 14 Article sometimes dropped
- 15 Cracked just a bit
- 16 Falter cause
- 17 Cher title words before "my baby shot me down"
- 19 A cupcake's may be creamy
- 20 "The Bourne Identity" malady
- 21 Bar closing?
- 22 Wrist exercise provider
- 23 Lawn invader
- 28 Revolt
- 31 We're on it
- 32 Olympics opening ceremony VIP
- 36 Future school?
- 37 Fresh
- 38 Have ambitions
- 41 "___hood"
- 42 Place to keep thyme



By Tom Hellman

10/13/11

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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TWO FISTED OLDEN
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ALTAEREGO BSIDE
BOOD TIGHTENDS
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- 6 Quack's wonder drug
- 7 Physics class unit
- 8 Biblical twin
- 9 Strung out
- 10 Biological family subdivisions
- 11 Clock std.
- 12 Links concern
- 13 Stimup site
- 18 Dennis the Menace's neighbor Wilson
- 21 Flowing garment
- 24 Robot play
- 25 Toiletary product whose slogan once began "Don't be half-safe"
- 26 Put away
- 27 Racliance
- 29 Arabic "son of"
- 30 Green who played a werewolf in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
- 32 Young chicken
- 33 "The Family Man" co-star Tea
- 34 Squash variety named for its shape
- 35 Syncopeated pieces
- 39 Erie Canal mule
- 40 Specialized undergrad track
- 43 Part of FEMA: Abbr.
- 44 Farm, tree entry
- 45 Somewhat spotty on top?
- 47 Lascivious lookers
- 48 Stidlined
- 51 Very low
- 53 Globular
- 54 Developmental period
- 55 Soaked
- 58 National, before moving
- 59 Gab attachment
- 60 Trader's buy: Abbr.
- 61 Caudron tender
- 62 Obstacle, to Hamlet
- 63 Some parents

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The Cathy Nathan Fun Run is an event geared towards raising awareness for the CDRC and raising funds for an endowment to help struggling parents who cannot afford the means to send their children to the CDRC.

The Cathy Nathan Fun Run had participants pay a \$12 fee, and they held a silent auction offering several box packages. The silent auction included a coffee and chocolate package, two Tech sports packages and weekend getaway passes.

Also at the event was a raffle including an autographed mini helmet from Tech football head coach Tommy Tuberville and a Red Raider basketball signed by men's coach Billy Gillispie and Lady Raider head coach Kristy Curry.

Stacey Johnson, Director of the CDRC, said the proceeds of the raffle, the silent auction and the participation fee go straight to the endowment scholarship that helps parents send their children to the center.

Cathy Nathan traveled from Hill Country to make the event. Nathan said this event expanded

on The Race the Kids event, which raised funds to help build the playground the kids and participants were using during the festivities.

Johnson said the event has been hosted every year, with proceeds going directly to the endowment to help parents supplement their child's tuition.

Cathy Nathan was a director here for 17 years and had two goals," Johnson said. "One was to expand the center and to get a new building, while her second goal was to open up to new families."

Following Nathan's retirement, she wanted to try and give more families the chance to attend the CDRC and the Fun Run idea was born. To honor Cathy Nathan for all the hard work she put into her years of being director, the event was named after her.

"It is very humbling," Nathan said. "Since it's for a good cause, I'm OK with it."

By hosting the Cathy Nathan Fun Run, the goal of allowing more families into the program becomes more realistic, Johnson said.

"Not many people know but the CDRC is open to the public," she said. "The CDRC just wants the program to be accessible to all children and families. The program has become bigger every year."

"I think it's important because the CDRC helps our campus and community."

KRISTY CURRY
HEAD COACH
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Curry, head coach of Lady Raider basketball, came out with assistant coach Brooke Stoehr and some of the Lady Raider players to give support to the kids and families participating in the Fun Run. The Lady Raiders were seen giving high fives, cheering the

children on and also allowed the children a chance to pose for pictures with the coaches and players.

"Anytime we can help out on campus we will," Curry said. "I think it's important because the CDRC helps our campus and community. It is also great for our players to come because athletes are looked up to, and to get to go out and support the campus and community is something we enjoy after the campus, CDRC and community continue to support us."

Teresa Guzman, a political science and communications major from Converse, said she works

at the center because she loves children. Guzman said in her first year with the CDRC she had learned many new things such as becoming more patient and being a role model.

"You see how some teenagers act a certain deviant way," Guzman said. "If these teenagers had someone to lead them and teach them when they were younger they would have had the chance to become a more decent human being."

Guzman explained the CDRC is not just a childcare center, but also a research development center. The way the CDRC teaches the children is by building on their strengths and making sure they are in a comfortable environment, she said.

"When having a bad day this is the place to lift me up," Guzman said. "The children calm me down and bring me back to the basics."

Nathan said there is one thing she would like to see happen to continue the center's progress.

"Only one thing could make the CDRC better," she said. "Funding for teacher's salaries to be compared with public school teachers would help the CDRC retain many great teachers who they lose to the public schools."

She also said she hopes more people will take advantage of the services the center offers.

"I would love for students to be apart of this and be aware of us," Nathan said. "We're the best kept secret on campus."

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Baylor: Oct. 26—6:30 p.m.
Texas: Nov. 9—6:30 p.m.
Kansas: Nov. 12—TBA
Missouri: Nov. 26—7 p.m.

Play-by-Play: Luke Wempe
Color Commentary: Jackie Vincent

Soccer Home Games 7 p.m.

Kansas: Oct. 14
Texas: Oct. 16

Play-by-Play: Luke Wempe
Color Commentary: Thomas Lott or Curtis Knox

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Mondays, 5 p.m.: Chancellor Kent Hance
IS 4100—Personal and Professional Leadership: Practical Tools for Success

RUN RAIDER, RUN



PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador

A CHILD CROSSES the finish line at the Run Raider Run event hosted by the Christine DeVitt and Helen DeVitt Jones Child Development Research Center to raise money for an endowment scholarship to the childcare center.

Daily Toreador earns national recognition

DT wins 13 CSPA awards

Texas Tech's student-run newspaper, *The Daily Toreador*, received 13 Gold Circle Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which is affiliated with the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York City.

The *Daily Toreador* competed with hundreds of college newspapers around the nation, representing the best of university journalism. The awards reflect entries produced between June 16, 2010, and June 15, 2011.

Kevin Cullen, who is in his sixth semester as editor-in-chief of *The Daily Toreador*, said he is pleased with what the paper has accomplished in the past year.

"I'm very proud of our showing at the 2011 Gold Circle Awards for newspapers," said the senior

journalism major from Las Cruces, N.M. "I think it says a lot about where we are as a newspaper and where we are headed, and it shows the level of dedication to serving the Texas Tech community with which our staffers work daily."

Cullen said these awards have set a standard for his staff, and he hopes the paper will continue to excel in the years to come.

"The 13 awards we received this year set a good precedent and raise the bar," he said. "I look forward to seeing *The Daily Toreador* and its staffers raise that bar even higher in the coming years."

The CSPA recognizes 78 categories in the newspaper division, covering the aspects of news coverage, sports coverage, page design and photography.

Recipients of the awards consist of Jon Arnold, Tony Cardone, Kevin Cullen, Sam Grenadier, Tommy Magelssen and Britton Peele.

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Texan freed by DNA test after 25 years exonerated

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas appeals court on Wednesday formally exonerated a man who spent nearly 25 years in prison for his wife's 1986 fatal beating, reaffirming a judge's decision to set him free last week to another man.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals declared Michael Morton innocent of killing his wife, Christine, and made him eligible to

receive \$80,000 from the state for each year of confinement, or about \$2 million total.

Morton, 57, was convicted on the basis of circumstantial evidence and sentenced to life in prison. He maintained over the years that his wife and their 3-year-old son were

fine when he left for work at an Austin grocery store on the day she was killed, and that an intruder must have attacked her.

POLICE BLOTTER

Six students arrested at Tech-A&M game, 11 more issued citations

October 3
10:06 a.m. - A Texas Tech officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z-3 parking lot. Someone had dented the top of the cab of a vehicle.

October 4
3:30 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated the theft of a vehicle at Wiggins Dining Hall. A university catering truck was taken.

6:29 p.m. - A Tech officer responded to a medical emergency at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. A student had a broken leg and was transported to the University Medical Center emergency room.

October 6
2:33 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student at Weymouth Hall for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The student was taken to Lubbock County Jail.

Friday
8:22 a.m. - A Tech officer investigated a domestic violence

report in the library. A female student was confronted and grabbed several times by her boyfriend.

Saturday
5:02-9:42 p.m. - Six students were arrested and 11 more were issued citations for alcohol-related charges at Jones AT&T

Stadium and the surrounding parking lot.

Sunday
12:13 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a non-student for public intoxication and assault of a peace officer on Fourth Street. The non-student was then taken to jail.

Monday
11:45 p.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication at Weymouth Hall. The student was then taken to jail.

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US needs more focus on border security

How do you secure the border with Mexico? Do you build a fence? Do you increase the size and funding of the Border Patrol? Will either of those plans work? Does it really matter?

These are all questions plaguing politicians today, especially those from border states. The Obama administration falsely claims the border is more secure than ever before, showing its naiveté on the matter. Drugs and illegal immigrants come into the United States while guns go into Mexico seemingly unchecked.

The Department of Homeland Security is one of the most worthless governmental agencies in existence, while its head, Janet Napolitano, is arguably the most inept and incompetent person in Washington. Texas governor Rick Perry talks tough about border security, but realistically he has done very little.

When deciding what should be done, the first thing should be to examine the importance of this issue. Obviously, the

Andrew Gleinser



economy is in shambles and the national debt is skyrocketing. Those are important problems, to be sure, but so is the safety of American citizens.

The violence perpetrated by the drug cartels in Mexico has escalated beyond the control of the Mexican government. Things have gotten so bad that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton compared Mexico to the Colombia of 20 years ago, though she was quickly forced to recant this statement by the Obama administration.

This matters to us because, in spite of what the federal government will tell you, violence along the border has gotten out of hand. American citizens living along the border are being

threatened, harmed and sometimes killed by drug smugglers as they try to get their products to markets in the United States.

If the issue was confined to just Mexico, then it would not be a big problem for us. But things have gotten to the point where people along the border are arming themselves so they can defend against the robberies, carjackings and occasional murders committed by drug smugglers.

If this violence were being committed by a nation, it would be considered an act of war. But since rogue factions operating on foreign soil are responsible, it's essentially written off. Yet, we spend billions of dollars each year fighting al-Qaida on the

other side of the globe. Where's the logic?

It's imperative the government takes all the necessary steps to protect its citizens. In order to do this, a different approach needs to be taken. The federal government's attempts to track the drug cartels

have proved futile, as seen recently in the "Operation Fast and Furious" debacle in which government officials lost roughly 2,000 firearms intended to track cartel movements.

Stronger measures need

to be taken to secure the area. The answer would be to bring the troops from Iraq and Afghanistan home and send them to the border. The armed forces should set up stations every

eight mile on the border and place eight troops at each station. Additionally, two Border Patrol agents should be placed at each of these stations.

For those who doubt the feasibility of this plan, let me explain further. The United States-Mexico border stretches 1,969 miles. Eight stations every mile would bring the total number of stations to 15,752. Eight troops per station would total at 126,016 troops. That's roughly equal to the number of troops currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Money would be saved overall because it costs less to send troops and supplies to the southern border of the United States than it does to send them halfway around the world. Plus, with the border being secure, the illegal drug trade would be severely crippled, saving law enforcement time and money.

With the military securing the border, the construction of a fence could be completed.

When the fence is completed, the soldiers could return home while a larger and stronger Border Patrol would take charge and constantly monitor the border while using the latest technology, such as unmanned reconnaissance drones.

It makes no sense to spend billions of dollars per month to fight al-Qaida on the other side of the globe while our citizens are being threatened right here at home. The primary duty of the federal government is to protect its people from foreign invaders, which is essentially what the drug cartels are.

If the Obama administration continues to deny the importance and severity of the violence on our southern border, then it should be considered guilty of dereliction of duty.

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The primary duty of the federal government is to protect the people from foreign invaders ...

Breaking up, while tough, can be necessary for happiness

The song "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do" by Neil Sedaka is a timeless adage of the difficulties of being without someone. Many of us come to college and meet our spouses or get involved in our first long-term relationships, but many of us also reach a point where we want to experience something different.

The fear of being alone is crippling, but what do you do when you aren't sure if it's time to let go? When do you know if it's time to break up?

The ultimate answer is that you don't know. Breaking up is a total gamble. For me, I know I run through all the ridiculous possibilities of what could happen post-break up.

What if he meets a girl at a gym 20 times hotter than me, and all of his friends like her 20 times more than they liked me? I don't know if my ego could handle it.

What if his great-uncle dies

Sydney Holmes



and he comes into a large sum of money? Damn.

What if he hits "the big time" and I was the idiot who dumped him? Double damn.

The fact of the matter is these are all completely irrelevant questions. If something happens to the person you're dating that makes them better off than when you were dating them, then so be it.

There are some legitimate questions you should ask yourself before breaking up with someone.

Firstly and most simply, ask yourself if this person is still mak-

ing you happy.

I know that we, as potential wives and husbands, are supposed to look for financial security, physical attractiveness and someone who is going to look good driving a minivan — all valid and important things. But when those things fade, I would much rather have the love and happiness my partner brings me to fall back on.

Are you in love with the person or with the potential of that person?

This all goes back to the fear of being alone. I've talked about this before, but I'll say it again. A lot of the time, people will force

themselves to be in love with someone they really couldn't care less about just so they don't have to go to that winter formal or awkward cousin's wedding stag. While this is totally understandable, it's stupid. Most of the time, I discover the most about myself when I'm alone, but that doesn't mean you can't learn about yourself through a relationship. This brings me to my next question.

What have you learned or not learned about yourself through the relationship? Maybe your confidence goes through the roof when you're in

a relationship. You feel wanted and happy, or maybe you realize those "good morning" texts are annoying as hell when you just want to sleep. Maybe you're a relationship person or maybe you're not, but you're certainly not going to be able to find this out any other way than by being in a relationship.

Are you bored with your relationship? Ultimately, if this is your only problem, you're in good shape. It's very easy to get bored, but it's also very fixable. Join Groupon, go to the theater and be spontaneous and surprising. Nothing is more important than keeping the spark alive.

One thing I've heard and personally encountered is the idea of being in a relationship with your best friend. You have to make sure that while you're dating your best friend, you both are still more than just best friends. My mom said it best when

she said love and hate are the exact same things. They're just on opposite ends of the spectrum. They're both signs that you still care. There's a problem, however, when you reach indifference. I can tell you all I want about relationships and even be conceited enough to think you're going to do as I say, but, at the end of the day, it's up to you. As long as both parties involved still care, there's still a way to get through any rut in the relationship.

If it truly is time to break up, you'll know. By this same token, while you're thinking there's no one else out there, there are plenty of other nice and funny people out there who, in the end, can probably teach you even more about yourself.

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The fear of being alone is crippling, but what do you do when you aren't sure if it's time to let go?

Occupy Wall Street protesters seek economic equality, empowerment

By **BRANDON DAVIS**
THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN (PRINCETON U.)

I met Anthony, an actor from Brooklyn, and his friend Ophelia, an Amherst College student, in Washington Square Park at 2:30.

They had heard the rally was to begin at noon; the website I had read said 3. No matter, we hopped in a cab back downtown to Zuccotti Park.

"Hey man," Anthony pleaded with the taxi driver. "We're protesting for economic equality, but we don't have enough money for a taxi." The driver was happy to take us without charge. "Lots of MTA workers have been letting people ride for free," Ophelia told me. The whole city seemed to sizzle with revolution.

I decided to attend Occupy Wall Street, the social justice campout that began in the financial district over three weeks ago, mostly out of curiosity. I first read about OWS in August when the Facebook event was sent around.

The cynic in me didn't take it seriously, this overly self-aware attempt to ride the wave of a more genuine Arab revolution-

ary spirit. Sure, I'm against our country's taxation policies that benefit the rich, and I'm against Wall Street's excess and unaccountability, but who isn't? What good will this protest do?

The media has the same perception that I did. The protesters are banjo-strumming hippies; they are against "the Man" without any real sense of who or what the man is, and their causes range from animal cruelty to global warming. They are jobless pot-heads looking for something to do. Pundits seem eager for reasons to discount the protesters.

After seeing some of the "occupiers" I can see why. One naked woman was being painted hot pink; another young man held up a mouse with a sign: "If this is what I have to do for money, so be it." Kanye West and Russell Simmons stopped by on Monday. Tourists and supporters wander through the protesters, taking pictures and getting "Occupy Wall Street" spray-painted on "I <3 NY" t-shirts. "Things move more slowly here," Ophelia said. The occupation is a performance art piece — open to the public, 24/7, donation optional.

But that's not to say that

OWS lacks depth. The occupation switches between revelry and religiosity; the delirium is purpose-driven. At 3:30, the interfaith service begins. A group of spiritual leaders congregate at one end of Zuccotti Park and take turns sermonizing. "Jesus is with the 99%," read most of the signs; "Finally an occupation radical Jews can get behind," said another. A statue of a golden bull was carried behind them.

The religious service works well with OWS' set-up; the occupiers have created a system called "mic check" to maintain the anarchic structure: Whenever someone wants to speak, the entire group repeats every sentence he says, sounding just like the call and response prayers in church. There are definitely a few rebels without a cause

in Zuccotti Park, but there are also people who have dedicated their careers to understanding and fighting for justice, as well as ordinary Americans who are simply fed up.

Katherine Collins fits both descriptions. Collins, the daughter of a single mother in rural Kentucky, made the trip to Wall Street with 42 classmates from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Berea offers a fully subsidized four-year degree; its student body is made up of entirely low-income students who often choose to stay in Appalachia and help out their communities.

Collins comes from an area where families have to choose between selling off land they've had for generations, or allowing their families to starve. "I

protested because I am part of the 99%," Collins said. This movement has been derided as class warfare, but there really are different classes in this country with divergent objectives; I wonder how anyone can seriously begrudge someone like Collins for standing up for her opinions.

The objectives of that "other" class — the 99% — are just as diverse as the media shows, possibly even more so. "Socialism" is not a dirty word here, and neither is "feminist" nor "queer." Supporters of Mexican Zapatistas, Ron Paul acolytes and everyone in between have managed to create a community founded on respect and equality, where all ideas are valued and shared.

The "We are the 99%" slogan is not only about our country's

wealth inequality, though that is the principal concern; it is also about the inability of 99% of Americans to influence policy in any meaningful way, no matter who we elect to Congress or how many letters we write. People are struggling in this country, but our government will not listen to them.

Occupy Wall Street is messy and chaotic. It lacks clear objectives, and some of the protesters seem naive and self-important. But it reminds our politicians that this country belongs to all of us and not to corporate interests. It unites all Americans who have ever felt disempowered, helpless or frustrated in the face of a so-called democracy that actually serves whoever foots the bills. That, to me, is a cause worth painting your body for.

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MEMBERS OF THE Texas Tech pom squad cheer during the Tech Activities Board's Homecoming kickoff event in the north plaza of the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

Berk

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So far, the book has received positive reviews from different media outlets. Blogcritics.org recommended it as "a book perfectly suited for a 'required reading' list for medical students and young doctors."

New York Journal of Books reviewer Lois Henderson claims the "story is riveting from start to finish" and "should prove to be an exciting and compelling read for medical and legal professionals, as well as for those in law enforcement."

"It's one of (Amazon.com's) top new releases in biographies," Berk

said. "Considering I'm not a professional writer, I'm very pleased."

Berk obtained his bachelor's degree from Brandeis University in Massachusetts and his doctorate of medicine from the Boston University School of Medicine. After his schooling, Berk spent time at East Tennessee State University as the chairman of medicine.

For the past six years, Berk has lived in Lubbock as the dean of the Tech School of Medicine and provost for the Health Sciences Center.

"It's been great," Berk said of his time as dean and provost. "We have a lot of good missions and a lot good success stories."

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Hollywood hacking case victims include Johansson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Florida man was charged with hacking into celebrity email accounts in a computer invasion scheme that led to the posting of private and revealing information, including nude photos of actress Scarlett Johansson, on the Internet, federal authorities said Wednesday.

Christopher Chaney, 35, of Jacksonville, was arrested without incident as part of a yearlong investigation of celebrity hacking that authorities dubbed "Operation Hackerazzi."

There were more than 50 victims in the case, including Mila Ku-

nis, Christina Aguilera and actress Renee Olstead, authorities said. Others were named only by initials and investigators wouldn't disclose if they were famous, but said victims named in the indictment agreed to have their identities made public.

"It helps get out the message that cyber-hacking is a real threat," U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte said of the case, describing those who engage in such activity as "scum."

Chaney made his initial court appearance in a Florida courtroom Wednesday and was released on \$10,000 bond. He was charged with 26 counts of identity theft,

unauthorized access to a protected computer and wiretapping. If convicted, he faces up to 121 years in prison. An email left for Assistant Federal Public Defender Maurice Grant II was not immediately returned.

Celebrities and people in the news have long been targets of privacy invasion but concerns have redoubled in the Internet age.

In Britain, publisher Rupert Murdoch closed down the News of the World this year after contentions that the tabloid routinely hacked into people's phones in the hunt for exclusive stories. The

paper, which had published for 168 years, faced allegations of systematically intercepting private voicemail of those in the news — including a teenage murder victim.

Claim of Jackson swallowing fatal dose dropped

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dr. Conrad Murray's defense on Wednesday abandoned a theory that it touted for over a year that Michael Jackson swallowed the drug that killed him, an abrupt shift in strategy that potentially undermines its case.

The reason was clear: The defense had learned that its claim that the singer swallowed the anesthetic propofol while Murray was out of the room in June 2009 can't be supported with scientific evidence.

The developments, along with a medical expert's repudiation of Murray's medical skills, suggested that the defense must recoup significant lost ground in its bid to acquit him of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death.

Murray has pleaded not guilty. It was not clear whether the defense would still argue that Jackson gave himself a dose of the drug some other way, such as injecting it into an IV tube that was sending the drug into him.

"This is potentially devastating for the defense," said Manny Medrano, a former federal prosecutor who now practices criminal defense. Since the defense proposed in opening statements that Jackson may have self-administered propofol, he said, "that will become the elephant in the room for jurors."

Medrano said the 11th-hour switch shows "a lack of preparation and failure to really think the defense theory through."

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor and prosecutor David Walgren appeared stunned when attorney Michael Flanagan arose in a hearing outside the jury's presence and an-

nounced the defense's decision.

"We are not going to assert at any point in this trial that Michael Jackson at any time orally ingested propofol," said Flanagan, who revealed he had commissioned his own study about oral ingestion of the drug. He said the study concluded that it would not be absorbed into the body when ingested.

The defense first offered the theory that Jackson swallowed the fatal dose at last year's preliminary hearing. Both in and out of court, attorneys suggested that the singer may have poured some into fruit juice and drank it. Experts have testified this week that the theory was unreasonable.

Jurors have seen charts which note that a small amount of propofol was found in Jackson's stomach, but Flanagan told the judge on Wednesday the method of oral ingestion was not specifically mentioned in openings.

Flanagan's recent questions to witnesses indicated that he might now say that Jackson swallowed pills on his bedside table, specifically the sedative lorazepam. If they do focus on the sedative, they would be challenging the coroner's ruling that propofol killed the singer.

Moments after Flanagan's announcement, the jury was reconvened and a prosecution expert took the stand, saying that Murray was guilty of extreme deviation from the standard of medical care practiced by physicians.

Murray was "responsible" for Jackson's death, said Dr. Alon Steinberg, a cardiologist from Ventura, Calif., who evaluated Murray's actions for the California Medical Board.

"If all of these deviations didn't happen, Michael Jackson might have been alive," he said.

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MEMBERS OF PHI Delta Theta and Zeta Tau Alpha dance to songs by AC/DC during S.O. Sing on Wednesday in United Spirit Arena.

S.O. Sing

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Its partner sorority for S.O. Sing was Kappa Kappa Gamma. Connor said he felt they did great and it did not take them long to master the dance to a mash up of Beatles songs.

In the Greek category, the first place winners for S.O. Sing were Kappa Delta and Kappa Sigma. Second place went to Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Delta Theta, while Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Nu received third place.

For the student organizations categories, the Saddle Tramps and the High Riders won first place.

San Juanita Villarreal, a High Rider, said the Saddle Tramps are like its brother fraternity.

The freshman undeclared major from San Antonio said they practiced for the past two weeks. She said it feels "awesome" to win the student organizations category in S.O. Sing.

"There is nothing better than first place," she said.

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MEMBERS OF DELTA Tau Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma dance to songs by the Beatles during S.O. Sing.



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Rusk's withdrawal hurts Red Raiders

The Texas Tech men's golf team finished in last place at the Jack Nicklaus Invitational in Dublin, Ohio, on Tuesday after losing Chandler Rusk to a rib injury in the second round Monday.

The Red Raiders' final round 27-over-par 315 was the worst round of the tournament. However, Tech only played with four players at the tournament.

The team was not able to match up with the tough competition with only four players, Tech coach Greg Sands said.

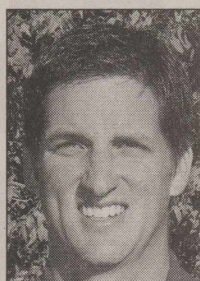
"It's hard to play efficient when you only have four guys against five," he said. "We did the best we could with four and we had to count up all four scores. It is what it is, but it didn't help us."

The No. 3 Texas Longhorns won the tournament by 16 strokes, shooting 2-under, while the tournament host, Ohio State, finished in second place by shooting 14-over.

The youth of Tech's team is showing early in the season, Sands said.

"We played four guys and two of the guys were true freshmen," he said. "It didn't leave us any margin for error, and

it's a tough golf course. We just need to get better and better, and I think this team has a lot of potential. It's young and we just didn't perform as well as I know we can."



SANDS

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HEAD COACH
TECH MEN'S GOLF

"I was proud of him for calling it on himself."

He had brought an extra 3-wood to practice with on the range and forgot to take it out of his bag, Sands said.

"Excuses, excuses, but it kind of wasn't our week this week," he said.

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K-State defense carries lackluster offense

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

Robert Griffin III has 1,815 total yards this season. The entire Kansas State offense has 1,678

Sure, the Baylor quarterback has catapulted himself into the Heisman Trophy conversation and has been nothing short of captivating thus far, but that did not stop the Wildcats from sending Griffin and the Bears back to Waco with a 36-35 defeat Oct. 1 in Manhattan, Kan.

The offensive output for Kansas State has not stopped them from reeling off five straight victories to open the 2011 campaign. It is actually the stopping of opposing offenses that has helped the Wildcats remain undefeated and rise to a No. 17 ranking. But the ranking is not something this particular Kansas State (5-0, 2-0 in Big 12 Conference play) team is too concerned with.

"I did not know we were ranked 17th, honestly, but that is good," wide receiver Chris Harper said. "That is the best we have been since I can remember, but that means that there are 16 teams out there that are better than us. So, we just have to get better."

Improving field position and accumulating consistent offense has been difficult for their five previous opponents. The Wildcats are allowing 16.6 points per game and have only allowed a conversion rate of 30 percent on third down for opposing offenses.

"They have developed a spirit about that, which I appreciate a great deal," head coach Bill Snyder said. "If you remember back two years ago when we first got started, I was really concerned about the spirit of our football team."

Snyder is in his second stint as head coach, taking over for Ron Prince after the 2008 season. From 1989 to 2005, he amassed 135 wins, inspiring Kansas State to rename its stadium to the "Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium."

With all the acclaim and accolades aside, Snyder's defense will have to face a Texas Tech offense Saturday that concerns him because of its pace. Last week against Texas A&M, the Red Raiders racked up 523 yards of offense on 105 snaps.

"This will be the fastest tempo we have played against," Snyder said. "The previous couple of weeks have been beneficial as we prepare to get lined up, get calls in and understand what we are doing before the snap of the ball."

Tech quarterback Seth Doege has been efficient, averaging 341 yards per game, while the Wildcats' defense is only allowing 206 yards per game through the



PHOTO BY JONATHAN KNIGHT/Kansas State Collegian

KANSAS STATE QUARTERBACK Collin Klein runs downfield against Kent State on Sept. 17 during a 37-0 victory in Manhattan, Kan. The Wildcats travel to Lubbock on Saturday to play the Red Raiders.

air. The imposing behemoths on the Red Raiders' offensive line — averaging at 317 pounds per man — are also a concern for times when physics is more important than talent.

"They are a physical group, and they can kind of engulf you," Snyder said. "We are undersized in that regard, for the most part."

As impressive as Doege has been, he will not be the only accomplished signal-caller at Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday. Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein has thrown for 593 yards and rushed for 468 more, including 113 rushing yards in a victory against Baylor, as compared to the mere six from Griffin.

"Athletically, he has certainly had some success throwing it, and certainly some successes running it," Snyder said. "He is a guy who makes it important to enhance his game and become a better

player, week in and week out."

There is talent around the junior, with Harper catching two touchdowns this season. That's not all the Oregon transfer has contributed. He is also devoted to blocking for a rushing attack — an attack which has been forced to replace Daniel Thomas, who amassed 2,850 yards and 30 touchdowns in two seasons.

"You have to make a sacrifice to do something to help your football team — when you would really like to help them by catching the football, you know, running up and down the field," Snyder said. "You have to be unselfish to do it, and our guys are making headway."

Playing in Lubbock, a place where the Wildcats have struggled, will be a test. Kansas State hasn't beaten the Red Raiders since 2000, but that hasn't hampered Harper's confidence.

"We've made huge strides since then," Harper said. "The mentality is the main (thing) that has changed. We have gotten (to be) better athletes since then, but the mentality is the main thing."

Playing in an environment like Jones AT&T stadium — where Dwayne Slay's slobber-knocking hits from their 2005 tilt might be repeated incessantly — does not intimidate this Kansas State squad.

"I know it has been hard on K-State down there," offensive lineman B.J. Finney said. "I have not really been told any details about it, but every time you go down there, it is a clean slate and a new shot to do what you want to do."

This season's shot is to win, regardless of the talent or statistical superiority of opponents. The Wildcats have proved that they can indeed win.

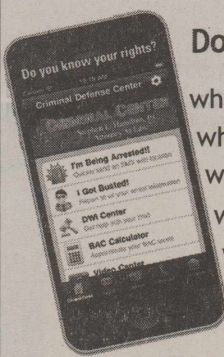
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Cracks showing again for hobbled Houston Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans were feeling pretty confident after a 3-1 start.

Now, Andre Johnson and Mario Williams are out with injuries, Matt Schaub missed practice Wednesday and the snake-bitten franchise must fight off the sense that another season is on the

brink of falling apart.

Johnson is expected to sit out Sunday when the Texans (3-2) play at Baltimore (3-1) after hurting his right hamstring in the Texans' 17-10 win over Pittsburgh in Week 4. Williams, the Texans' career sacks leader, is out for the season after tearing a pectoral

muscle Sunday in a 25-20 loss to Oakland.

Schaub sat out practice because of a sore throwing shoulder, but says he'll be ready to go by Sunday. The Texans acquired veteran Derrick Mason from the New York Jets to boost the receiving corps without Johnson.

Dealing with injuries to key players is nothing new to the Texans.

Johnson missed seven games in 2007 and tight end Owen Daniels sat out the last half of the 2009 season with a knee injury. Last year, Houston lost middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans to a torn left Achilles tendon after a 4-2 start and dropped eight of its last 10 games.

By now, the Texans say they've learned how to overcome that kind of adversity.

"We just feel like that can't stop us," left tackle Duane Brown said. "Everyone is here for a reason, and now other guys just have the opportunity to step in and make plays."

"Yeah, we have great individuals.

But now, we also feel like we have a great team, and we feel confident in all facets of our game, and that we can win from week to week. The loss of one or two players won't stop us from doing that."

Linebacker Brian Cushing says playing without Williams will be easier to absorb than the absence of Ryans did.

"Losing DeMeco is like losing a quarterback," Cushing said. "Losing Mario is more like losing a big-time receiver. DeMeco, he's absolutely the main captain of this team, with his leadership role and how smart a player he is. He gets guys lined up, he's really the general out there."

"Both those guys, obviously, you want them both next to you," Cushing said. "But it's football. Injuries are part of the game, other guys are going to have to step up and we're completely fine with that."

Second-round draft pick Brooks Reed will take Williams' spot at outside linebacker. Reed played about 50 snaps in Sunday's game.

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