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Prop 3 rejected locally, passed by state

Amendment provides funding for state school loan program

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**
STAFF WRITER

Final election results show Proposition 3, a constitutional amendment that would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the Hinson-Hazlewood College Student Loan

Program, did not pass by Lubbock County voters, but it did pass statewide.

The program provides low-interest loans to students who are unable to finance the full cost of college through other means. Those in Lubbock County who participated in the election came

out as being 44.47 percent for the bill and 55.53 percent against it, out of a total of 8,841 votes cast.

"It's unfortunate that Proposition 3 didn't pass in Lubbock County," said Alan Arismendez, a senior biology major from Mission and a member of the executive board of the Texas

Tech Student Democrats. "I think that if more students would have participated in the election, they might have played a role (in getting it passed)."

Tyler Patton, Tech's Student Government Association president, said he is one student who is in favor of the bill.

"I think that public education should always be a priority," he said. "I'm glad this is something the legislature was willing to do."

Although he agrees with the bill, Patton said it is not a perfect

solution.

"The problem with Proposition 3 is it's not really funding student loan financing the way it should," he said. "It allows the government to levy a property tax to pay off the debt

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Tyler Patton
SGA President

service. I feel like if we are going to make a commitment to funding public education, instead of trying to hide behind a hidden tax that people really don't know about, we should raise taxes in order to assist students participating in the Hazlewood program.

"I really feel like we should try to make financial assistance from the state as transparent as possible."

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Distractions dangerous for pedestrians too, police say

Weeklong safe driving campaign events end



PHOTOS BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreador
ERASMO ESTRADA, A sophomore civil engineering major from Perryton, listens as Ryan Barnes explains how the drunk driving simulator works Monday outside of the Student Union Building. The driving simulator was part of the Arrive Alive Tour, which promotes how students should never drink or text while driving.

By **CAROLINE COURTNEY**
STAFF WRITER

The dangers of driving while distracted are well documented, but a more recent phenomenon is grabbing the nation's attention: distracted walking.

"(Students) have a responsibility to those people who are out there on the road with them to be safe and conscientious."

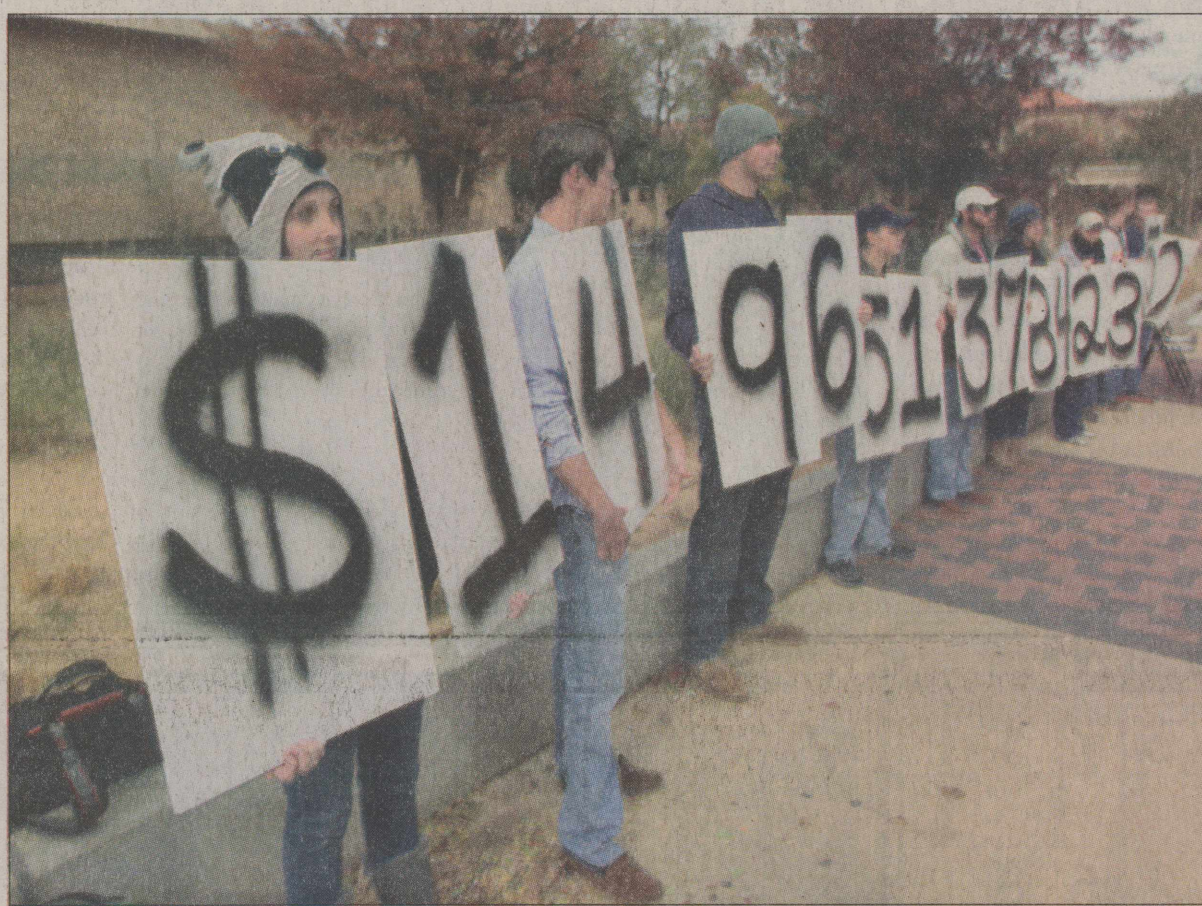
Heather Medley
Marketing & Training Coordinator, TTU Parking Services

The number of pedestrians who visited emergency rooms for similar incidents has doubled each year since 2006, which was the first year in which these statistics were reported.

More people each year report injuries sustained from walking into stationary objects, tripping off curbs and, in the case of the woman whose YouTube video went viral, falling into fountains at the mall.

According to research conducted by Ohio State University, emergency rooms treated more than 1,000 pedestrians in 2008 for injuries sustained while talking or texting on cellphones. The number of pedestrians who visited emergency rooms for similar incidents has doubled each year since 2006, which was the first year in which these statistics were reported.

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PHOTOS BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES of Texas Tech and the Texas Tech Young Americans for Liberty hold up signs to represent the amount of debt the United States has in the free speech area outside the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

Debt on Display

Group uses signs to show national debt



JEREMY KITCHEN, A junior political science major from Meadows Place, talks to Jennifer Hightower, a senior human sciences major from Houston, about national debt during a protest sponsored by The Young Conservatives of Texas Tech and the Texas Tech Young Americans for Liberty in the free speech area outside the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

The Young Conservatives of Texas Tech and the Texas Tech Young Americans for Liberty hosted a protest Wednesday outside of the Student Union Building called Visualize the Debt. The participants held signs with individual numbers representing the almost \$15 trillion in debt the United States has accrued.

Tech to honor vets with slate of events

Schedule set for Veterans Day

By **STEVIE DOUGLAS**
STAFF WRITER

In correspondence with Veterans Day and the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the Texas Tech Military and Veterans Program is pairing up with the campus Veterans Association to honor service men and women who died in Operation New Dawn.

The two organizations have planned a series of events, including a special service to be hosted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Memorial Circle, where the 6,200-plus casualties of the war will be named.

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SCHEDULE

-Thursday

Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series Presents Former POW Dave Carey
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Allen Theater

-Friday

Memorial Service
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Memorial Circle

Lady Raider Basketball vs. New Mexico
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: United Spirit Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Troy
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: United Spirit Arena

-Saturday

Veterans Day Tailgate
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: Raidergate parking lot

Wounded Warrior Football Game, Raider Walk
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Jones AT&T Stadium

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Kansas
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: United Spirit Arena

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books II

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmarks Arts of the Texas Tech School of Art So, what is it?
 Enjoy an exhibit featuring 106 small artist books from a group of international artists, which will remain on display through Nov. 20.

Barbra Riley: Rediscovering The 17th Century Dutch Still Life

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmarks Arts of the Texas Tech School of Art So, what is it?
 Barbra Riley: Rediscovering the 17th Century Still Life, will be presented as the third show in the 2011-2012 SRO Photo Gallery exhibition series.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center So, what is it?
 OLLI presents "John F. Kennedy Assassination," by David and Robert Carr, Freedomio Paschall, Cuck Heinz and Monte Monroe, in which the historians will discuss the "what ifs" of the national tragedy.

Vietnam Center and Archive Guest Lecture Series

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it?
 Dave Carey, a former POW, will discuss what he went through during the Vietnam War and give his message which empha-

sizes the power of the human spirit to triumph over adversity.

FRIDAY

Remembrance Day National Roll Call

Time: 9 a.m.
Where: Memorial Circle So, what is it?
 Listen as Texas Tech Students, faculty, and staff read the names of fallen soldiers from the past decade over a period of eight hours.

Veterans Day Event

Time: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Silent Wings Museum So, what is it?
 Enjoy a day filled with honoring the fallen soldiers varying from a presentation of colors to a guest speaker.

Lady Raider Basketball vs. New Mexico

Time: 6 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it?
 Support the Lady Raiders as they compete against New Mexico.

Red Raider Basketball vs. Troy

Time: 8:30 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it?
 Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Troy.

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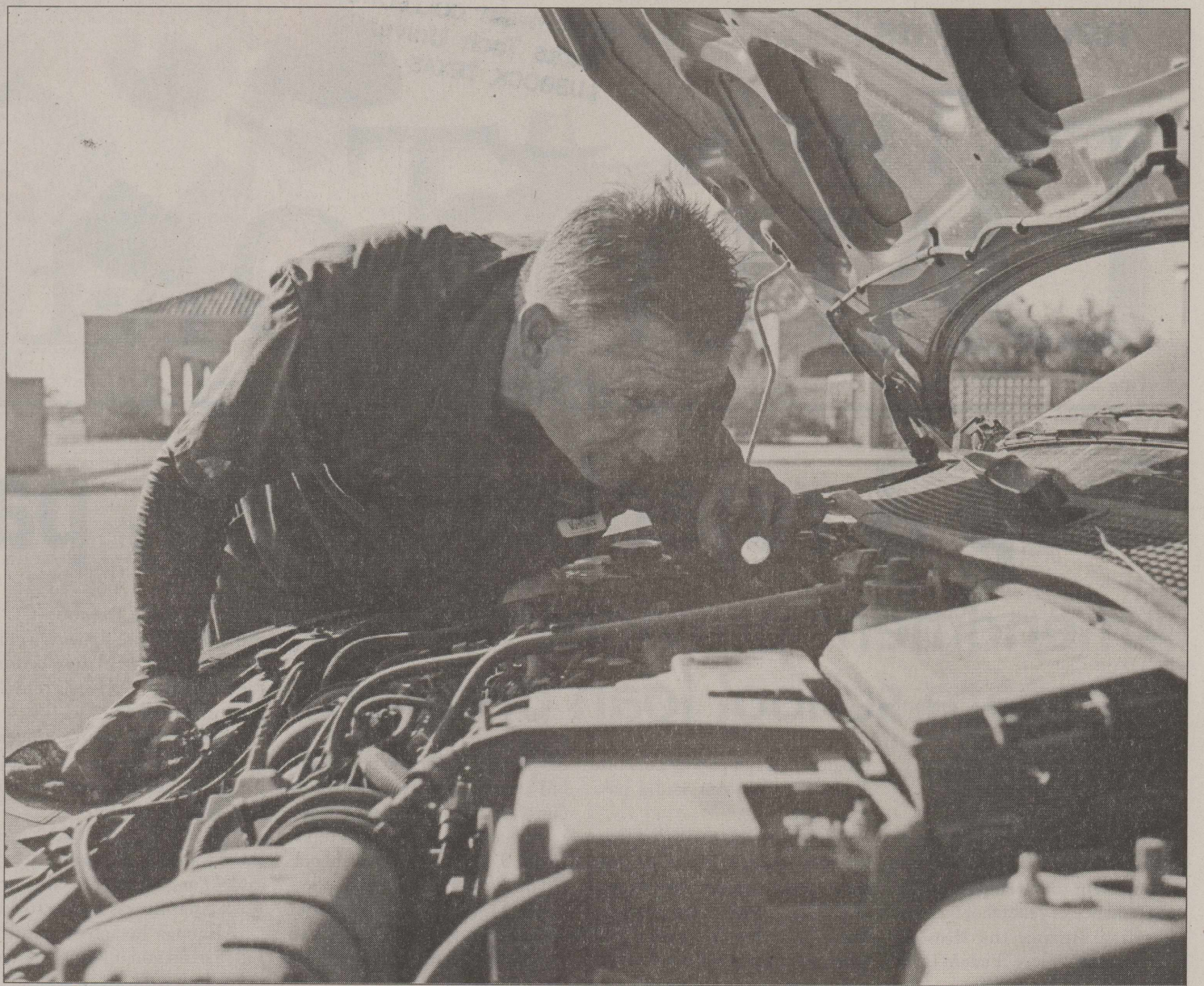


PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreador
 GIG PIERCE, A Scott's Complete Car Care employee, inspects a car during the car clinic hosted by University Parking Services in the Commuter West lot Wednesday.

POLICE BLOTTER

Tech officer turns illegal immigrant over to US Border Patrol

November 2
 11:51 p.m. - A Texas Tech officer investigated the theft of a John Deere Gator from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

a Tech officer documented information on a stolen bike on 18th Street. The bike was taken in for safekeeping until the owner can be contacted.

Tuesday
 2:12 p.m. - A Tech officer investigated a traffic accident in the R-10 parking lot. Someone ran into an unattended vehicle.

November 3
 11:42 a.m. - A Tech officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z-4 parking lot. Someone had broken the side view mirror of a vehicle.

Saturday
 1:07 a.m. - A Tech officer arrested a student for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at Coleman Hall. The student was taken to Lubbock County Jail.

Monday
 7:01 p.m. - A Tech officer documented information on a traffic stop on Fourth Street. A Tech officer discovered that the driver was an illegal immigrant and turned the driver in to the U.S. Border Patrol.

8:50 p.m. - A Tech officer documented a medical emergency at the Recreation Fields. A male student dislocated his shoulder while playing football and was subsequently taken to Covenant Medical Center's emergency room.
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In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Some legislators in New York are considering proposing legislation to prohibit the use of electronic devices while crossing the street. State Rep. Charles Perry said Texas representatives have not proposed similar legislation this session, but could happen in the future.

Two students have walked into campus buses within the last month, according to campus police reports.

Tech Police Department Sgt. Ricky Eade said there has been an increase in distraction-related injuries on campus, and the primary reason for them is technology.

"(The accidents can result from) riding your bike with headphones on, driving with headphones on, texting while driving or texting while you're on a bike," Eade said. "It's something you have to choose as an individual."

University Parking Services hosted a weeklong campaign Nov. 2-9 to promote motion awareness on campus, which was proclaimed Distracted Driving Awareness Week by Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin.

University Parking Services kicked off the event Nov. 2 with a flash mob, which was followed by a week's worth of speakers who detailed specific tragedies resulting from carelessness.

One such incident was the death of Lubbock Judge Rusty Ladd on Sept. 30. Ladd was killed on his motorcycle by a young woman who was changing the radio station, which was an accident that could have been avoided, said Heather Medley, marketing and training coordinator at University Parking Services.

"It really impacted the community," Medley said. "The city felt the impact of that loss. He was a pillar of the community."

To prevent future distraction-related accidents, the University Parking Services' campaign includes three elements to promote motion awareness: education, enforcement and engineering.

Medley said she researches high-traffic areas where the most accidents take place, and makes changes to try to prevent some of

those accidents. For example, the university built a fence between the parking garage on Flint Avenue and the Chitwood-Weymouth dormitories to compel students to use the crosswalk at the corner instead of jaywalking across the street.

"We just want to pinpoint those high-traffic areas and look at those and see if there are things that we can do engineering-wise to help curb some of the issues," Medley said. "But, next week is really going to focus on education."

University Parking Services aimed to educate students through last Friday's Twitter party, where they dispelled the pervasive myth about how students supposedly receive full tuition if they are hit by a campus bus. This is myth, however, is completely fictional, Medley said.

Students had the opportunity to use a simulator of texting and driving Monday, as well as a simulator for driving under the influence. Medley said the purpose of these events was to give students the experience of a texting- and driving-related crash.

Stephen Bessent, a freshman apparel and design manufacturing major from Mineral Wells, said the experience gave students insight into not only the difficulties of distracted driving, but also the financial consequences of doing so.

A DUI ticket in the state of Texas costs \$17,000, increases the cost of insurance and could result in civil litigation.

"People actually really don't pay attention when they text," Bessent said. "I've done it. I've had an accident because of it. I just ran over a curb into a telephone pole. I just clipped it."

Bessent said he has not been texting and driving since his accident.

"When you text and drive, it doesn't just affect you. Often times, it affects somebody else as well," Medley said. "We want students to understand that they have a responsibility to the students who sit next to them in class, to their roommates and to those who live next to them in their apartments. They have a responsibility to those people who are out there on the road with them to be safe and conscientious."

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Group: Texas jobs fund missing creation goals

AUSTIN (AP) — A government watchdog group in Texas said Wednesday that a job creation program touted often by Gov. Rick Perry as he seeks the Republican presidential nomination has delivered on barely a third of the jobs it promised to bring to the state by the end of last year.

But Perry's office fired back immediately at Texans for Public Justice, arguing the end of 2010 is a false deadline and the report an unfair judgment on the success of the Texas Enterprise Fund. The figures cited by the group, a left-leaning organization that's often critical of Perry, are future job-creation targets that were never meant to be reached by last year, a Perry spokeswoman said.

The fund, Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed added, "continues to be one of the state's most competitive deal-closing tools."

The Texas Enterprise Fund has handed out \$440 million in public money in the form of economic development grants to private companies since its creation in 2003 in an effort to bring jobs to Texas. The grants are approved by Perry, the lieutenant governor and state House speaker, with Perry's office responsible for negotiating the grants and distributing the money.

The report issued by Texans for Public Justice found that companies getting money from the fund created 22,349 jobs by end of last year, or roughly 37 percent of the 59,100 jobs that the governor's office says the participating firms had promised to create as of this summer. The group's numbers are based on a review of the state's contract with each company that received a grant, said Andrew Wheat, the group's research director. "Our report is assessing how

these projects performed on the basis of their original contract," Wheat said. "The governor's office is getting different results because, when the going gets tough as it has in this recession, they tend to amend the contracts and move the goalposts."

As an example, Wheat cited the job creation target for 2010. The original contracts called on those receiving grants to create 11,876 jobs in that year, a figure he said dropped to 6,959 once the deals were amended by Perry's office.

Nashed said she couldn't confirm the renegotiated targets for 2010, because the governor's office only measures the fund's cumulative results — not year by year or contract by contract. She said the enterprise fund's amended agreements called for grant recipients to create 23,410 jobs by the end of last year and they had exceeded expectations by delivering 33,400.

She said the fund allows "for these amendments and re-negotiations because you can't predict what a business cycle is going to be like." Firms that renegotiate with the state to enter into new, less stringent contracts are required to pay penalties, and through August, the fund has received more than \$25.7 million in such repayments.

Texans for Public Justice also criticized how Perry's office counts the number of jobs created. Wheat said the fund has given money to five projects his groups considers fraudulent, because the firms are claiming to have created more jobs than they actually have. Perry's figures also include jobs created by Samsung Electronics Co., which the report excluded because the governor's office is currently completing a "jobs audit" of that agreement to see how many new positions were actually created.

Prop 3 ←

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Propositions 1, 2, 5, 9 and 10 all are propositions that Lubbock County voters passed. Statewide, every proposition passed except for 4, 7 and 8. A total of 4,044 people from Lubbock County voted last Tuesday.

"The voting turnout was actually low, but that is about what we figured since it didn't involve anything local," said Kim Davis, a public relations official for Nomiss Communication.

Arimendez said students who are not registered to vote should register as soon as possible.

"We didn't have all that

great of a turnout since it was an off-year," he said. "I voted around 5 p.m. in the Student Union Building, and when they posted how many votes had been cast, there were only 150."


"Funding for higher education is going to be coming up

again and again, and we're going to need a larger portion our population with higher education degrees because the marketplace for jobs is going to get more demanding as the country progresses."

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The problems of gun control

I currently do not own a gun. The only reason I don't is because I live in an apartment complex that doesn't allow them. However, the complex also doesn't have any semblance of security.

Andrew Gleinser



So, if an armed assailant were to break into my apartment, I essentially would be screwed. A kitchen knife wouldn't do much good in this situation.

Therein lies the dilemma of gun control. Liberals will argue that if guns were banned, crime rates would decrease. They cite all sorts of statistics to prove this point.

Likewise, gun control opponents cite statistics to prove that increased gun ownership decreases crime rates. This is exactly why I pay little attention to statistics, as they can be manipulated to mean just about anything. As Mark Twain once quipped, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics."

Instead, I prefer to make a logical argument. First of all, would banning guns decrease the crime rate? My response is an emphatic "no."

The issue is that banning gun ownership would not get rid of all of the guns. It would only take guns away from law-abiding citizens who would use them for personal protection or recreation.

Criminals, by definition, are law-breakers. How can anyone in their right mind honestly think that a law banning guns would deter criminals from having them? They have no regard for the law in the first place, so another law would mean very little to them.

What it would instead do, is turn law-abiding citizens into much easier targets for criminals. Murderers, burglars and rapists would know they have the upper hand on their victims because they have guns and their victims do not. Therefore, they would be much more likely to commit such crimes.

Conversely, if a criminal were afraid of the possibility of a gun barrel greeting him if he broke through some door, he would think twice about doing it. Gun ownership acts as a deterrent to crime.

For those who say you should just call the police, let me explain the blatant lack of logic in this argument. In my situation, by the time I picked up my phone, dialed 911, explained my situation and gave my address to the operator, the intruder would have found me. My apartment is too small to allow this much time.

Even if I lived in a large house and was able to complete the phone call, the intruder would still find me before the police could arrive. If he didn't find me, he would find someone in my family first. Neither of those scenarios appeals to me.

What you have to remember is police officers are human. They

simply cannot be there immediately. As the saying goes, when seconds count, the police are just minutes away.

Although an alarm system would negate the need to call the police, it doesn't necessarily mean the intruder won't find you before they can get there.

So, instead of praying that the cops will show up quickly or that the intruder will show mercy, I would prefer to defend myself. At least I would know I have a good chance of surviving the ordeal and that responsibility is in my hands and not someone else's.

Now, the next argument against gun ownership would be that people like me would shoot others with no intention of harming me. This argument also holds no water. If someone breaks into my home, he obviously is not trying to collect donations for his church's fundraiser.

Regardless of whether his intention is to kill me or not, he has no business being in my home.

My mantra is to shoot first and ask questions later. If you tried talking to the intruder, this would give him the opportunity to find your location and potentially harm you. Personal protection trumps diplomacy. Let the police figure out why he broke in.

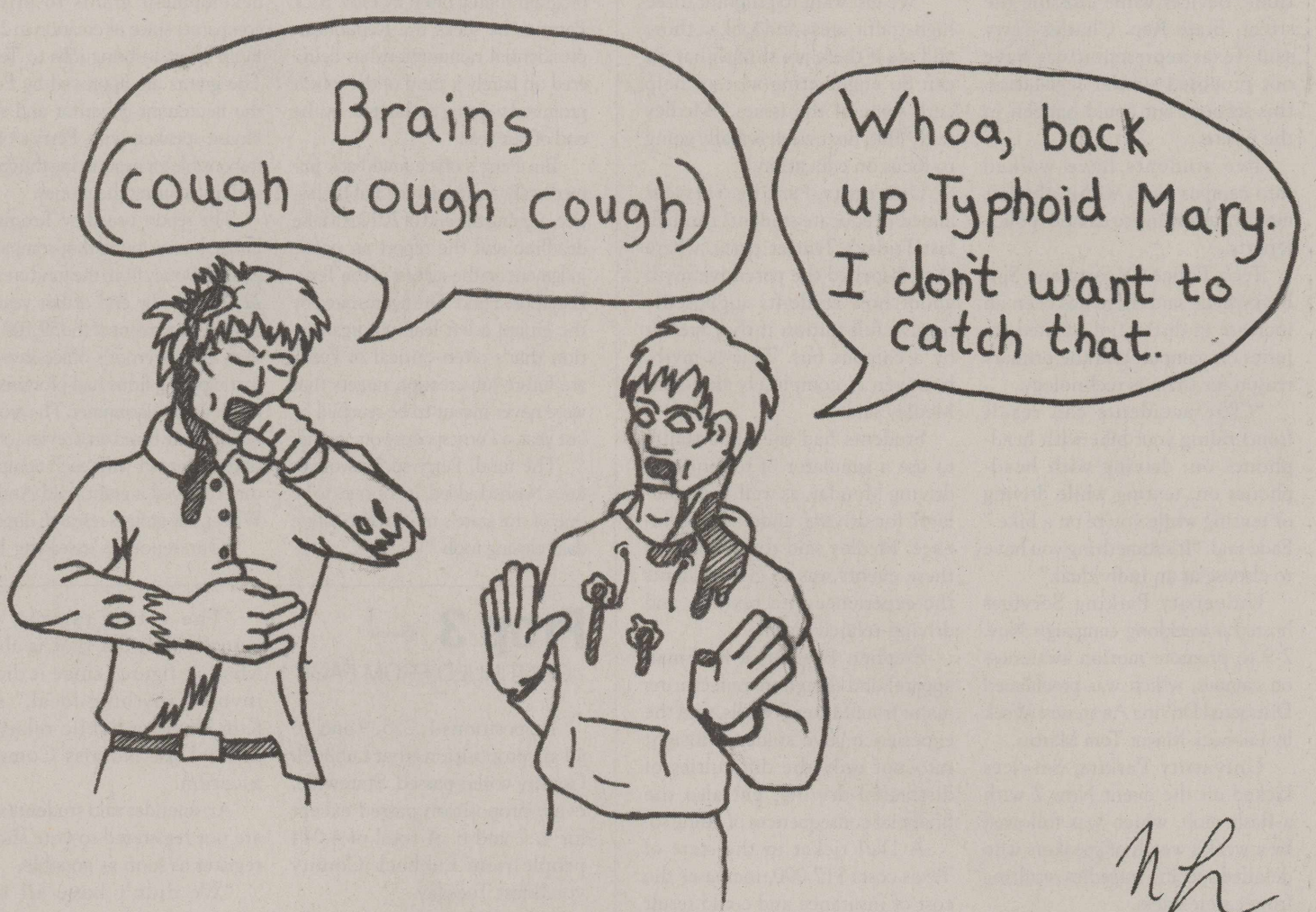
As far as I can tell, there is only one argument left to disprove. Some cite the wording of the Second Amendment to the Constitution, which states, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

They interpret this to apply only to state militias, which are obsolete today. But, the amendment is not limited to state militias. The Founding Fathers meant for the people to be armed to protect themselves against abuses and usurpations of power by the government. It was, after all, an armed people who rose up and rebelled against the tyrannical rule of the British.

So, don't be fooled by gun control advocates who will tell you that guns kill people. This is like saying pencils misspell words. We don't take away writing utensils because of a few illiterates.

An armed society is a polite society. Support gun ownership and don't tread on the Constitution.

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Five steps for landing great holiday job

With the holidays approaching fast, I know a ton of us are getting geared up to start blowing off even more classes with "mental health days" in preparation to go home.

Sydney Holmes



Then there are those of us, the few and the proud, who are desperately searching for holiday jobs.

I work in a store a lot of people want to work at, so, naturally, we've had many applicants come in looking for a way to make gargantuan amounts of money in a short period of time.

Some are incredibly impressive, but then there are others who act as if they are cavemen or cavewomen who have never seen the light of day.

So, ladies and gentlemen, think of this as my personal guide for you on how to get any job you want.

Step one: Turn on the charm.

Don't come up into your job's workplace copping an attitude. Managers want to hire people who are excited to work where they're applying. So, I don't care how bad your cheeks hurt, I want to see the

biggest smile you can manage slapped across your face. Even if it's a fake smile, it's a lot more effective than a monotone voice and references that only look good on paper.

Show those pearly whites all the way out the door.

Step two: Use a little humor.

On every single one of my applications under the "special skills" section, I put, "Perfect, shiny hair." I

feel like people appreciate a little humor. You're not applying to a Fortune 500 company, so feel free to jazz things up a little bit. If your future employer doesn't appreciate your sparkling

personality and humor, then chances are you don't want to work there anyway.

Step three: Actually go into where you're applying.

Online applications are fine and dandy if you never want to be called back. Go into the store, company or restaurant and let them see your face. They get a better feel for you then. So, instead of being that girl who applied online Jan. 5, you become the person who came in with

cute hair and an awesome blue blazer.

Step four: Dress the part.

It doesn't matter if you're applying or if you're interviewing, you've got to look presentable. If you look like you're just going on an average day

of shopping, you're not going to get hired.

Employers should be able to smell your desperation. And, for the love of God, do not, under any circumstances, wear jeans. I don't know when people decided to stop telling job applicants to not wear jeans, but I'll go ahead and reiterate this. No matter

where you're applying, jeans are never OK.

You always want to dress as nice or even nicer than the people who work where you're applying. Where I work, we dress relatively professional. So, if you walk into your interview wearing jeans, you can bet your bottom dollar that you're being talked about on the headsets. Once you're hired, you can go to work naked for all I care. But, until then, stop dressing like a hobo. And, maybe, don't actually go naked after all.

Step five: Find a place that you love.

Your happiness at your job is just as important as your employer's happiness with you. I, for one, love my job because of the people I work with. Make sure your job will surround you with positive influences. In turn, you'll actually want to go to work, even if the work itself isn't always so enjoyable.

If you don't believe me, consider this: I'm the one with a job I love. So, get out there with your precious, smiling faces and positive attitudes. You're guaranteed to find something you love, too.

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Professor leads coach-training program in Uganda

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

Between one assistant professor's classes and his business in Uganda, staying in Lubbock for a full month doesn't happen too often.

Jens Omli, an assistant professor of health, exercise and sports sciences at Texas Tech, founded the International Sport Connection, which is a program dedicated to training coaches abroad to help develop and improve coach-athlete relationships.

Omli runs the ISC's day-to-day operations.

When he was a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota, Omli met a soccer player named Mary Kabi, a Uganda native, and started to get to know her.

He said Ugandans are "incredibly hospitable" and he ended up staying with Kabi's husband and traveled with him to Uganda.

From there, he met a soccer coach and helped create the ISC.

"The International Sport Connection started as kind of a collaboration between me and a coach named Kyambadde Stone," Omli said. "He is a Ugandan soccer coach who runs a grassroots inner-city soccer program for vulnerable boys and men in Kampala, Uganda. The ISC kind of emerged out of our conversations about how sports could be used in the context of Uganda to help youths and youth communities develop."

Omli said the ISC would not be possible without the funding by the state department.

"We've partnered with the Sports United Division of the U.S. Department of State's Bu-

reau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to do sports diplomacy, coach training and cultural exchange programs," he said. "We just completed a two-year, two-way exchange with Ugandan soccer coaches. We're just beginning a two-year coach-training and cultural exchange program with Ugandan basketball coaches."

The ISC logo features the American and Ugandan flags together with a soccer ball in the middle, highlighting the four components of the ISC's coach education program: teaching, training, managing and mentoring.

During the past two years, the ISC has trained 382 coaches in its program.

Omli said the process includes six days of intensive training where coaches spend three hours on the field learning the technical and tactical aspects of soccer. After the on-the-field training, coaches spend three hours rotating through classroom sessions for off-the-field training.

Omli has plenty of experience with coach-athlete relationships. Growing up with a total of 51 different head coaches in all the sports he's played, Omli describes himself as "a professor who's a coach at heart."

He said he had some great coaches and some "not-so-great" coaches while growing up. Through his experiences playing sports, he said he's learned good ideas from great coaches, and fixed the bad ideas from the not-so-great coaches.

"I think the difference between a great coach and a good coach has more to do with the relationship that the coach



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JENS OMLI TEACHES a principles of sport coaching class and recently received a government grant to help teach basketball and soccer coaching skills in Uganda.

builds with athletes than their technical or tactical knowledge," Omli said. "So, I would say the great coaches I had were people who were able to build relationships with myself and my teammates."

Because Omli is involved in the ISC's day-to-day tasks, he said he usually doesn't stay in

Lubbock for a month straight.

When he is gone, his teaching assistant, Lisa Berg, often teaches his classes at Tech.

Berg met Omli in Minnesota when Omli was researching her soccer team while earning his doctorate.

Now that they both work at Tech, Berg said Omli has

included her in the ISC's coach training. While working closely together, Berg has seen Omli balance teaching with the ISC's projects.

"I think that's something I admire about Dr. Omli. He can balance (his work) and he sees the value in traveling and bringing what he's learned abroad

into the classroom," she said. "I don't think it has brought him down. I think the travel and his experiences have made him a better professor. He's a great communicator and is organized, in the sense that he knows whom to talk to and when to talk to them."

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Veterans

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Two student veterans will lead the Raider Walk before the Oklahoma State-Tech game and there will be a tailgate before the football game, which Oklahoma State veterans are invited to attend. There also will be a tribute to veterans during both the men and women's basketball games on Friday, said Ryan Van Dusen, assistant director of the Military and Veterans Program.

"Nine U.S. Army Special Forces operatives will be in attendance for the Roll Call of Honor on Friday," Van Dusen said. "It is exciting that Texas Tech is so open to recognizing veterans."

Todd Truesdell, a junior public relations major from Carrollton, will be one of the two student veterans leading the Raider Walk on Saturday.

"My grandfather is the oldest living Texas Tech football letterman," Truesdell said. "He graduated from Tech and then immediately joined the Marine Corps before World War II. He goes to every home football game and will be there for this tribute."

Truesdell served one tour in Operation New Dawn as a machine gunner for a convoy patrol in the Anbar province of Iraq. He attributes his service in the military to his grandfather, Jim Jay, and the armed forces members who served in the Vietnam War.

"The big reason that vets like me get so much respect is because of soldiers like them," Truesdell said.

The other veteran representative will be Chris Beck.

"These men really exemplify everything it means to be a student veteran," Van Dusen said. "Chris has a Purple Heart and is really involved with community service, and Todd is an entrepreneur."

The Military and Veterans Program chose the two representatives based on academic achievement, an essay and an interview, Van Dusen said.

Four student veterans representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine branches will be guest coaches for the women's basketball game Friday.

"It is an honor to represent the Army in any way," said Christopher Ridley, a freshman sociology major from Lubbock. "It's really nice to be

at an institution that honestly appreciates its veterans."

Ridley served in the Army for six years and assisted in Iraq during Operation New Dawn.

Tech also donates a portion of the Veterans Day game shirt funds to the Wounded Warriors Project, Truesdell said. This will be the second consecutive year the university has been selected to participate in this program.

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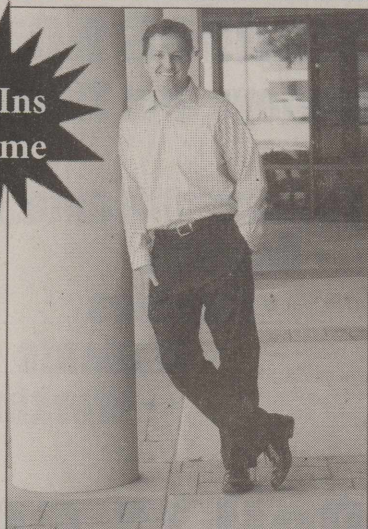
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Group races to write novel before end of month

By ASHLYN TUBBS
STAFF WRITER

For many students, the task of writing an essay with a word count requirement is viewed unfavorably, especially when time constraints are added.

Not everyone feels this way, though.

In fact, writing a 50,000-word novel in 30 days is a challenge one particular group in Lubbock is willing to take on.

National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo, is a month-long challenge during November in which people across the world write novels, which are defined as complete stories of 50,000 words or more, by themselves.

In order to "win," one has to complete his or her novel within the time limit.

"I don't think I've ever met someone who said they didn't want to write a novel," said Rachel Aguilar, this year's municipal liaison for Lubbock's NaNoWriMo. "It's a little piece of you that's going to be there forever."

More than 200,000 people participated in NaNoWriMo last year, and 35,000 crossed the finish line with completed novels.

Those who make the deadline can receive multiple discounts on writing software and proofs of their books.

This year, 300 people are registered for the competition in Lubbock, which is an increase from last year.

"We had a really small group last year," Aguilar said. "So, for the last 12 months, I told everyone about it. This year there has been more active participation. It has exploded, and it's very inspirational."

Those participating in the writing competition meet at events where they socialize with each other, discuss progress on their novels and gather ideas from one another.

"Last Friday, we worked for like four hours in a Starbucks,"

Aguilar said. "It was good encouragement to see how everyone was doing."

On Tuesday, the writers met at The Lantern Tavern for a "Character Dinner Social." They went around the table and shared progress reports while describing their stories in detail.

Aguilar said there are a variety of stories people are writing. Some of the novels are fantasies that contain fairies and magical powers, while some are collections of real life experiences.

"This is my first experience doing NaNoWriMo, and it has been a lot of fun," said Claire Thompson, a senior nursing student at Lubbock Christian University. "I found out about it Nov. 1 and I went to the write-in at Starbucks. I had no idea what I was going to write about, so I talked to a friend and I used the story ideas we had been planning to write together."

Then, the unexpected occurred, causing an obstacle in Thompson's race to finish her novel.

"I was halfway finished on Monday, which was National Back Up Your Novel Day, and my hard drive crashed," Thompson said. "I started over this morning, but my spirit is not broken. It has taken more effort than I expected, but it has been a blast every step of the way."

Another writer who is writing her first novel is Brenda Kissko, a Tech alumna.

Her southern fiction story is about a girl who grows up on a ranch in modern-day West Texas. It starts from elementary school and continues on to college, following her path of finding her true meaning in life.

"My novel explores the relationship between land and man," Kissko said. "All my life, I've wanted to write a novel. My dream job would be to be an author. I thought I would do NaNoWriMo this year since I missed the deadline last year. I'm a slow writer and I work well un-



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SARAH LOBLEY, a Lubbock Christian secondary english education major from Texline, dressed as her character Lyra, talks to Renee Rhodes, a Lubbock Christian theater major from Austin, about the inspiration behind her novel during a character dinner Tuesday at The Lantern Tavern. The character dinner was a social event for Lubbock residents participating in National Novel Writing Month. NaNoWriMo is an activity to inspire people to write a novel of 50,000 words in a month-long span.

der deadlines. If I succeed, then I will have the complete first draft of my novel."

Most of the novelists participating are juggling school, work and their families, yet are still producing their novels in a month.

"It really is time consuming, but it's just like giving up a couple of nights a week," Aguilar said. "Instead of going out Saturday night, stay home and (work on your) novel. You don't have to put your life on hold, though."

Aguilar said she finished her novel within the time limit last year.

"It's not really about winning. It's about reaching that goal," she said. "Any time I get discouraged, I look at my novel as my achievement and inspiration."

Kissko is confident she will complete this competition as well.

"I'm thinking positively and I am very determined, but I do work full-time and I travel a lot, so it's definitely a challenge," she said.

Some of the novelists hope to

be published authors someday.

"I think it's something we all hope for because we don't want all this writing to be in vain," Aguilar said. "But if it's not published, that doesn't mean you failed."

Even though the competition is challenging, Kissko said the experience has been valuable.

"I've lost some sleep, but I keep telling myself I can do anything in a month, and I see myself that much closer to obtaining my goal," she said. "It has also enabled me to meet writers in the

community that have the same goals that I do. It's nice meeting like-minded people."

Those interested in participating in the free challenge can register at <http://www.nanowrimo.org>. For more information, visit the Lubbock WriMos 2011 page on Facebook.

"It's really great to stretch yourself beyond your comfort zone," Kissko said. "It's good to have a support team in challenges like these."

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'Family Circus' creator Bil Keane dies at 89

PHOENIX (AP) — Bil Keane's "Family Circus" comics entertained readers with a simple but sublime mix of humor and traditional family values for more than a half century. The appeal endured, the author thought, because the American public needed the consistency.

Keane, who started drawing the one-panel cartoon featuring Billy, Jeffy, Dolly, P.J. and their parents in February 1960, died Tuesday at age 89 at his longtime home in Paradise Valley, near Phoenix. His comic strip is featured in nearly 1,500 newspapers across the country.

Jeff Keane, Keane's son who lives in Laguna Hills, Calif., said that his father died of congestive heart failure with one of his other sons by his side after his conditioned worsened during the last month. All of Keane's five children, nine grandchildren and great-granddaughter were able to visit him last week, Jeff Keane said.

"He said, 'I love you' and that's what I said to him, which is a great way to go out," Jeff Keane said of the last conversation he had with

his father. "The great thing is Dad loved the family so much, so the fact that we all saw him, I think that gave him great comfort and made his passing easy. Luckily he didn't suffer through a lot of things."

Jeff Keane has been drawing "Family Circus" in the last few years as his father enjoyed retirement.

Keane said in a 1995 interview with The Associated Press that the cartoon had staying power because of its consistency and simplicity.

"It's reassuring, I think, to the American public to see the same family," he said.

Although Keane kept the strip current with references to pop culture movies and songs, the context of his comic was timeless. The ghost-like "Ida Know" and "Not Me" who deferred blame for household accidents were staples of the strip. The family's pets were dogs Barfy and Sam, and the cat, Kittycat.

"We are, in the comics, the last frontier of good, wholesome family humor and entertainment," Keane said. "On radio and television, magazines and the movies, you can't

tell what you're going to get. When you look at the comic page, you can usually depend on something acceptable by the entire family."

Jeff Keane shared the sentiment, saying "Family Circus" had flourished through the decades because readers continue to relate to its values of family moments.

"It was a different type of comic, and I think that was my dad's genius — creating something that people could really relate to and wasn't necessarily meant to get a laugh," he said. "It was more of a warm feeling or a lump in the throat."

Keane's friend Charles M. Schulz, the late creator of "Peanuts," once said the most important thing about "Family Circus" is that it is funny.

"I think we share a care for the same type of humor," Schulz told The Associated Press in 1995. "We're both family men with children and look with great fondness at our families."

Keane said the strip hit its stride with a cartoon he did in the mid-1960s.

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Up 'til Dawn hosts a letter writing campaign

By PAIGE SKINNER
STAFF WRITER

"Just 25 letters covers the cost of a chemo wig for a child with cancer."

This was just one of the statistics written on a poster board at the Up 'til Dawn program's event, which encouraged volunteers to write letters to potential donors for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event was hosted at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Tech's Frazier Alumni Pavilion with the aim of raising money and awareness for childhood cancer.

Libby Verret, the program's assistant director, said the event was free because of the donations and sponsorships from local businesses.

"Up 'til Dawn is come-and-go," said the junior public relations major from Dallas. "We have free food and free T-shirts. We provide pre-written letters and envelopes for you to send to family and friends asking for donations for St. Jude."

In the past, the event at Tech has raised more than \$25,000, said Emily Blanding, a St. Jude event-marketing representative.

Blanding said each person signs his or her name at the bottom of each letter, so when St. Jude receives a donation, they know who helped contribute.

Blanding became involved

with St. Jude through her sorority in college. She said she was an intern at St. Jude and now works in a full-time position.

The event has been at Tech for numerous years, Blanding said.

"It has actually been here on the Tech campus for several years," she said. "I've only worked with the students here at Tech. This will be my third year to work with the students."

The Straight Six Band, Tech's Comedy Troupe and Haden Burghard, a band, all came out to perform, entertain and support the event.

Raffles were also included in the event. When a person writing letters was finished, they turned their work in and were told what raffles they could enter. The prizes included gift certificates to restaurants and stores. The grand prize raffle was a \$200 Visa gift card, if someone had 50 letters to send.

Many students came out to support the cause and address letters to potential donors.

Vanessa Torres, a freshman biology major from Lubbock, said she heard about the event through Tech's Honors College.

"I thought it would be nice to write letters to try to help kids with cancer," she said. "I think they need the most help."

She said her goal was to write 20-25 letters in a couple

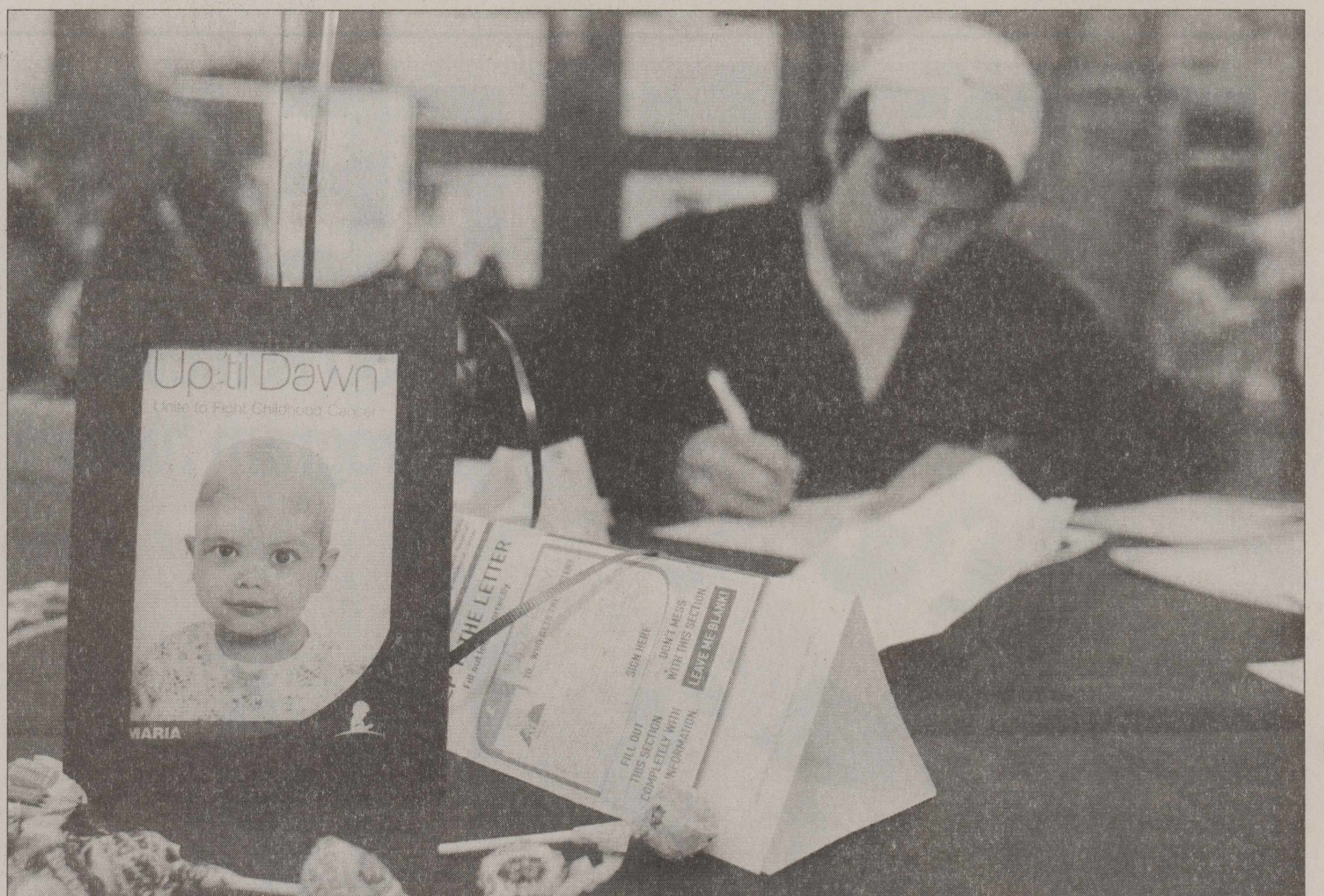


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STEVEN FARRELL, A sophomore business major from Allen, writes a letter to a child at St. Jude's Children Hospital during the fundraising event Up 'til Dawn sponsored by Delta Delta Delta on Wednesday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

of hours. Torres said she could relate to people who deal with cancer because her mother was diagnosed

with cancer a few years ago. Trevor Nyberg, a freshman undeclared major from Tyler, said he could also identify with

the cause because his mother has had breast cancer twice. Nyberg was participating in the event with his fraternity,

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and said there is a history of cancer in his family as well. >>pskinner@dailytoreador.com

'Breaking Bad' teaches student to recognize sketchy behavior

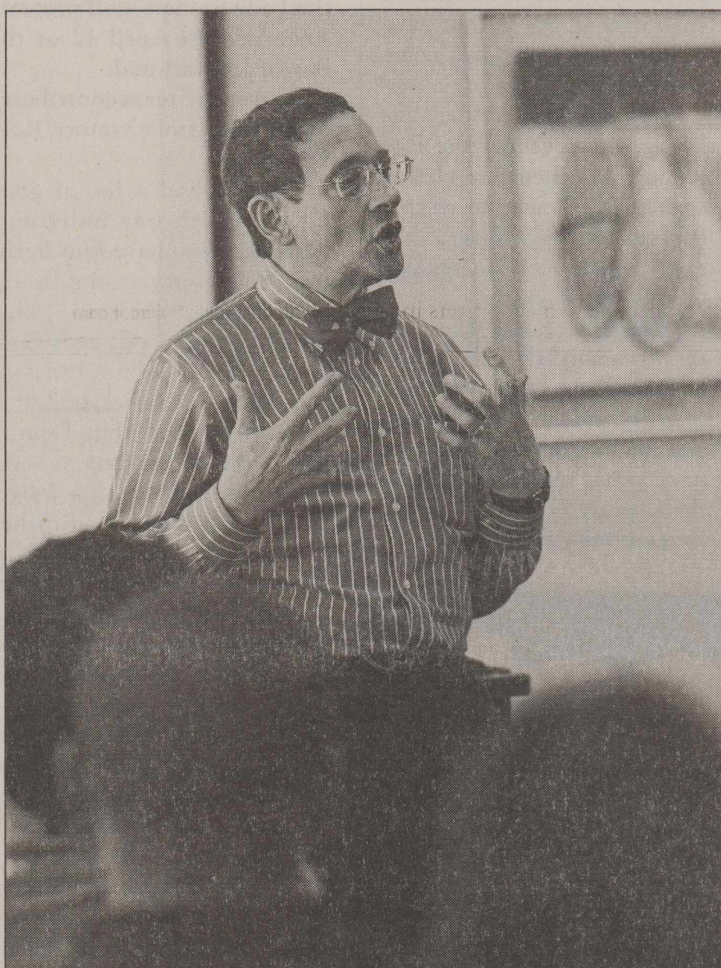


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GERALD KOOCHEER, ASSOCIATE provost and professor of psychology at Simmons College, speaks on the importance of ethics and honesty in lab experiments during "Breaking Bad: Stopping Sketchy Scientists" hosted by Texas Tech University Ethics Center in the Student Union Building on Wednesday.

By DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Some research students may witness unethical practices during scientific investigations.

The "Breaking Bad: Stopping Sketchy Scientists" event taught students the steps they should take in recognizing and confronting "sketchy scientists."

Gerald Koocher, speaker for the event, a psychologist, associate provost and dean of the Health

Sciences Center at Simmons College and a lecturer at Harvard University, presented students with the problem and his plan Wednesday.

Koocher believes three things need to happen for a researcher to cheat. They must put their principles aside, there must be an urgent need for the information they're working on and the chances of getting caught are perceived to be low.

"Some who are caught cheating

often say they believed the results would turn out that way whether they cheated or not," Koocher said. "You can see where the slippery ethical slope might be."

Grant deadlines, pressures to publish in peer-reviewed publications and tenure were stressors Koocher detailed that may push researchers and students to cheat or "fudge" their results. Koocher said the best defense against "bad science" is colleagues.

The three prongs of "bad science" warranting federal investigation when grant money is given are fabrication, falsification and plagiarism.

According to Koocher, fabrication and falsification are often clear, but plagiarism is subject to cultural differences.

He detailed a survey of business students at the University of Tehran, Iran, where students often felt justified in cheating or felt the cheating culture was accepted.

"There's a cultural orientation where memorization is more important in some cases than interpreting information," Koocher said.

Koocher advised students to be clear with individuals from different cultural backgrounds when they collaborated to avoid confusion. However, carelessness, bad habits and incompetence are often causes of problems as well, Koocher said.

Use of the wrong methods or

improper handling of materials are things Koocher attributes to the "Bozo effect," which is ineptitude without the intent to deceive.

"We have to keep in mind that not everybody that does something stupid or sloppy is unethical," Koocher said.

But, he explained, there are practices the federal government does not investigate. Intentional biases, sample rigging and questionable publication practices concerning authorship all fall under Koocher's "bad science."

He warns students not to be pressured by their professors in misleading research results or listing professors as first authors of their publications or master's theses.

"It's easier to criticize down the food chain than up," Koocher said. "A bully is more likely to get away with cheating than a nice person."

Students and institutions often believe the scientific record will correct itself over time, but Koocher cautioned this is no longer true. Government grants and funding are less frequently given to researchers who are testing hypotheses that have already been investigated.

"If somebody can reproduce your results in the lab, they must be good," Koocher said, "but don't count on that happening because scholarly journals don't want to publish old stuff."

Koocher's own research shows the people who are most likely to intervene in bad scientific practices are higher up in their careers, have few or no social ties to those cheating, perceive the cheating as unintentional and feel the need to maintain institutional integrity.

For those who want to intervene, Koocher advises the individual to offer help, express concern and act confused as to the irregular results.

"Whistle-blowing is not always easy," Koocher said. "When you come forward with any of these things, you are signifying that you know something."

At the end of his presenta-

tion, Koocher answered students' questions concerning fraudulent research and how to determine right from wrong in the exclusion of outlier results and methodology.

"I thought it was really informational," said Becca Wessels, a senior human development and family studies major from San Angelo. "I'm going to be a research assistant next spring and it helped me figure out what I should do in situations I might be put in."

"Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good," Koocher said. "Your job as a graduate student is to learn how to do good research."

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OKLAHOMA STATE QUARTERBACK Brandon Weeden throws the ball around during pregame of last season's game against the Red Raiders. The Cowboys beat Texas Tech 34-17 Oct. 16 at Jones AT&T Stadium.



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By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

There is a time when Oklahoma State head coach Mike Gundy forgets about the hype and expectations surrounding the Cowboys.

But, this time doesn't come until the notoriously on-edge, Red Bull-guzzling coach starts sawing logs.

"There is a certain moment that you can release the pressure, but it doesn't go away until you go to sleep at night," Gundy said.

The apprehension is justified. Oklahoma State has risen to No. 2 in both the Associated Press poll and the Bowl Championship Series standings. Even more, the Cowboys are a near-lock for the BCS National Championship Game if they can win their final three games against Texas Tech, Iowa State and Oklahoma.

Rather than ignoring and avoiding this probability, Gundy has embraced the adulation from voters and fans.

"We cannot get our ranking out of the players' heads," Gundy said. "If (they acted) like it is not there, then the players' responses would be different. I am pleased that people across the country see Oklahoma State as a quality football team."

"I am glad everyone has to like us."

However, this is unfamiliar terrain for the Cowboys, as they haven't been ranked this high before in the program's history.

"I wish there were coaches and players out there who have been in this situation and are in this situation and know (how) to relieve it," Gundy said. "I wish they would let me know. I certainly do not know how, other than to focus on

practice."

One thing Oklahoma State doesn't have to worry about is its offense. The Cowboys' attack is currently third in the country, averaging 557 total yards and 50 points per game.

Surefire NFL first-round pick Justin Blackmon has been a key part of that success lately. In last week's 52-45 victory against Kansas State, the junior had 13 grabs and two touchdowns amid a draping of defensive backs.

surprise me what he's been doing. That's just how good of a player he is."

Blackmon has electrified, but fellow wide receiver Tracy Moore has helped keep defenses from focusing solely on him. Moore has three touchdowns and is averaging more than 14 yards per catch.

"(Moore's) numbers aren't as crazy as they were last year," Weeden said. "But, he's still having a heck of a year. His attitude has been unbelievable. He's had a great attitude. He's not a guy that's selfish."

Oklahoma State prefers to attack defenses through the air, so there won't be any taking advan-

"For us, we want to finish this season undefeated, so every game counts."

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"We found ways and different route concepts that, no matter what they played, we could give him the ball," quarterback Brandon Weeden said. "It doesn't

there won't be any taking advan-

Tech earns victory at Texas State Challenge

The Texas Tech women's golf team won its first tournament of the fall season Tuesday at the Texas State Challenge at Onion Creek in Austin.



The Lady Raiders had to battle against difficult weather throughout the tournament as they shot a 34-over-par 874 on the way to victory, Tech coach Jojo Robertson said.

"There was definitely some challenging weather out there," she said. "The golf course played hard. We dealt with some rain and some high winds, so it was pretty hard to go into. Saying that we wanted to shoot a certain score every day was hard because it definitely played a lot harder than that."

The victory is the first for the Lady Raiders' golf program since its win April 12 at the Baylor Invitational.

The entire team contributed to the four-stroke victory, Robertson said.

"We've had a lot of good finishes with our individual players, but to have four in the top 20 is pretty strong in any tournament," she said. "That just shows how well everybody played. It was definitely a good tournament for everybody."

Tech junior Gabby Dominguez won the tournament by one stroke, shooting a 2-over 212. Deborah DeVilla finished in seventh place, while Kim Kaufman and Beverley Mendoza tied for 14th place.

Dominguez was the most consistent Lady Raider of the tournament, Robertson said.

"Gabby (Dominguez) was pretty steady," she said. "She was pretty calm for the conditions and having the lead. It was definitely a good plan."

The individual tournament title came down to the last hole. Dominguez was tied for the lead and made a 15-foot birdie putt to claim the title.

The tournament was the last of the fall season for the Lady Raiders. They will resume play Feb. 12 at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The team is happy to end the season with a victory, Robertson said.

"We were definitely looking for a win this fall," she said. "So, to finish the fall with a win just gives us something to look forward to in the spring when we'll go out and try to get another one."

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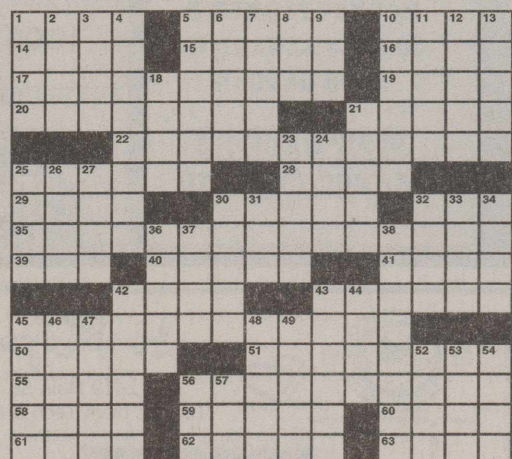
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Gaucho's weapon
- 5 What two lanterns in the Old North Church signified
- 10 Shenanigan
- 14 "Paradise Lost" setting
- 15 Assessed
- 16 Holder of small tools
- 17 Symbolic gifts
- 19 José's hand
- 20 Like some ink cartridges
- 21 Vitruvian Man is on some Italian ones
- 22 Exasperate
- 25 Pago Pago resident
- 28 Sosa's 1,667, briefly
- 29 Conspiracy theorist's worry
- 30 Zeno, notably
- 32 Styled after
- 35 Soother for men
- 38 Stadium sound
- 40 Shake
- 41 Victory goddess
- 42 Deion: NFL nickname
- 43 Bk. after Proverbs
- 45 Indigenous language
- 50 Selectric selection
- 51 Became one lane, say
- 55 Hammer feature
- 56 President's option, and a hint to the puzzle theme in 17-, 22-, 35- and 45-Across
- 58 Soprano Te Kanawa
- 59 Clets zero mpg
- 60 First name in bike stunts
- 61 Fall runner's goal, perhaps
- 62 Requirements
- 63 Take it easy



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

3 "Hello, Dolly!" surname
4 Part of a best man's toast, maybe
5 Jesh of "True Grit" (2010)
6 Comedian
7 Smirnoff
8 Cordwood measure
9 Bard's nightfall
10 Many pop-ups
11 Asteroids maker
12 Syntax problem
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34 Whizzes
36 "The Canterbury Tales" estate manager
37 Gin flavoring
38 Quick look
42 Dipstick
43 Door to the street
44 Brusque
45 Kisses and then some
46 Kate's TV roommate
47 Regal topper
48 Frère de la mère
49 Blunt, as truth
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53 Nice warm times
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Some players back to being legit options

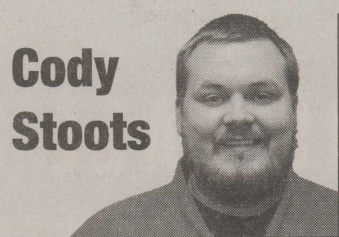
Wheel, deal
The trade deadline, if one exists, should be coming up in your league. Don't be ashamed to swap out surplus positions and depth for a starter at a position where you are weak. There is no sense in having great backups and good starters in the playoffs. Remember, though, quality is to be had now, not quantity. If you have to overpay for a stud, do so.

Fantasy football zombies
These players were thought to be of no use, but they rose to prominence.

Reggie Bush — Miami Dolphins running back
Bush heading to Miami was a tough call for fantasy owners because we didn't know how the Dolphins valued him. It soon became clear he would not be able to handle the carries by himself, and Daniel Thomas took over. However, when the injury bug bit Thomas, Bush stepped back in and has been impressive. It is clear the Dolphins figured out his usefulness. Bush is a legitimate option down the stretch.

Mike Tolbert — San Diego Chargers running back

The big bruising back seemed to take the backseat to Ryan Mathews,



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but with Mathews battling injuries, Tolbert has found himself useful again. He is still a legitimate option going forward and is a candidate to have big weeks because of his goal-line efficiency, but beware if Mathews starts getting the majority of touches again. Tolbert will move into a backup role and you may want to do the same with him.

Willis McGahee — Denver Broncos running back

It seemed his injury and the emergence of Tim Tebow would slow him down, but this doesn't appear to be the case. The injury concern is high, but as long as Tebow is taking snaps, the Broncos will need the running game to take pressure off of him. McGahee exploded this past weekend, so don't expect those numbers every week.

He is worth a start on a team with questionable depth at running back.

Put your hands behind your back

Always think about picking up handcuff players. If a starter has been struggling, target the backup quickly on the waiver wire or free agency. Even if you can't eventually trade these players, stash them so no one else can get them. These late season flames and pickups often win leagues.

Roy Helu — Washington Redskins running back

Ryan Torain didn't work out, so it will be Helu's job to be the starting running back going forward. It is a shame he has to play at this position because his real efficiency is in the passing game. If you play in a points-per-reception league, you have to think about Helu right now. He is a major focus in the Redskins' passing game.

Joshua Cribbs — Cleveland Browns wide receiver

Cribbs has put together solid efforts in back-to-back games and will apparently see time as a running back for the Browns because of their lack of talent and some injuries in the backfield. This talented return man made his presence known the past couple

of weeks, and is slowly gaining favor with Colt McCoy. If your team scores return points for position players, he is a must-grab for stashing.

Ben Tate — Houston Texans running back

The Texans seem dedicated to running the ball, and as Andre Johnson is expected to miss more time, this is a good thing for fantasy owners who are targeting Tate. He has seen plenty of touches, even with Arian Foster playing after Foster's return from injuries. Tate is a decent pickup if depth is an issue and you still have questions about Foster's durability.

Quick, bold predictions

Marshawn Lynch was a flash in the pan for the Seattle Seahawks. He faces the stingy Ravens' defense and will not repeat last week. Tom Brady will still have an above-average week, even with the Jets' defense playing at pretty high level lately. The Texans will run the ball too much for Matt Schaub to be a factor. Michael Bush will be the starter in Oakland for the rest of the year.

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Kansas St. struggling vs. pass, Aggies next

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Having successfully shored up last season's troubled run defense, No. 17 Kansas State is now struggling to defend the pass.

The Wildcats, who last season allowed 231.4 yards rushing per game, are ranked third in the Big 12 in that category this season. It's a big reason they're off to a 7-2 start and carry that national ranking.

Now, the problem is that they're allowing 302.8 yards passing per game.

Granted, facing pass-happy No. 7 Oklahoma and No. 2 Oklahoma State in back-to-back weeks hardly helps. Still, Kansas State's pass defense is ranked 117th out of 120 Football Bowl Subdivision teams, and has allowed four 300-yard passing performances this season.

In fact, the Wildcats have been on the wrong end of three of the best Big 12 passing games this season: 505 yards by the Sooners' Landry Jones, 502 by Brandon Weeden of Oklahoma State last week, and 461 by Seth Doege of Texas Tech. Baylor's Robert Griffin III threw for 346 yards against the Wildcats in a losing effort early in the season.

The Wildcats don't get a breather this week, either, with Texas A&M's Ryan Tannehill coming to town on Saturday.

Given that those quarterbacks account for 26 of 34 total performances in which a Big 12 team

has amassed more than 300 yards through the air, perhaps the numbers put up against the Wildcats aren't anomalies.

"The teams that are throwing the ball for these ungodly numbers are doing it week-in and week-out," Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said. "It's not like all of a sudden they've arrived in the passing game against Kansas State. They've been consistently good throwing the football throughout. Now by the same token, yes, we have some things that we have to get corrected that create some of the problems that we've had with the passing game."

The pass rush needs to improve, Snyder said. It is the cornerback's job to cover wide receivers, but they can only do that for so long. To help them, the defensive line has to put pressure on the quarterback.

While the staggering numbers put up by Oklahoma and Oklahoma State the past two weeks put the entire defense on notice, defensive back Nigel Malone said there's been improvement.

"It takes a while for certain things to mesh together and to come along, and I think it finally is starting to, definitely in the back half of the secondary," Malone said. "I know stats probably will say otherwise, but as far as on the field us coming together, I think that it's become a lot better."

Cubs interview Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux

CHICAGO (AP) — One of Mike Maddux's first calls when he learned the Chicago Cubs were interested in talking to him about their managerial opening was to his brother, Greg. Just to get some updated information and a bit of background on the team that might want to hire him.

"It's kind of cool to be considered," Maddux said Wednesday after interviewing with president of baseball operations Theo Epstein, general manager Jed

Hoyer, scouting/player development head Jason McLeod and assistant GM Randy Bush.

"I enjoyed it, man. Pretty neat. Something I've never done before, so it was a learning experience on both ends," Maddux said. "I think I got to know them and they got to know me, see what our values are. We share a lot of values, share passion. We share the inner drive to win."

Maddux, the pitching coach of the

two-time defending AL champion Texas Rangers, is the third person to officially interview for the position created when Epstein fired Mike Quade last week.

The Cubs have also interviewed Phillies bench coach Pete Mackanin and Brewers hitting coach Dale Sveum. Cleveland Indians bench coach Sandy Alomar Jr. will have his turn Friday.

Maddux flashed a sense of humor during a meeting with reporters. Especially when asked how he would

handle the moody, one-time ace Carlos Zambrano, who was suspended for 30 days last season when he cleaned out his locker and threatened to retire shortly after giving up five homers in a game against the Braves.

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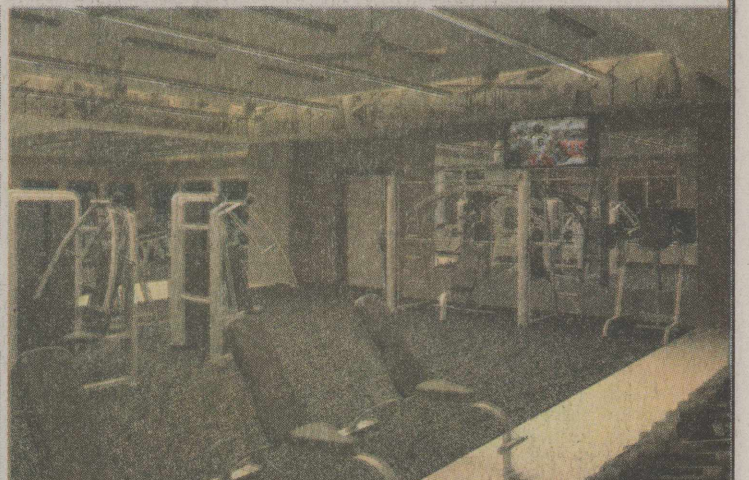
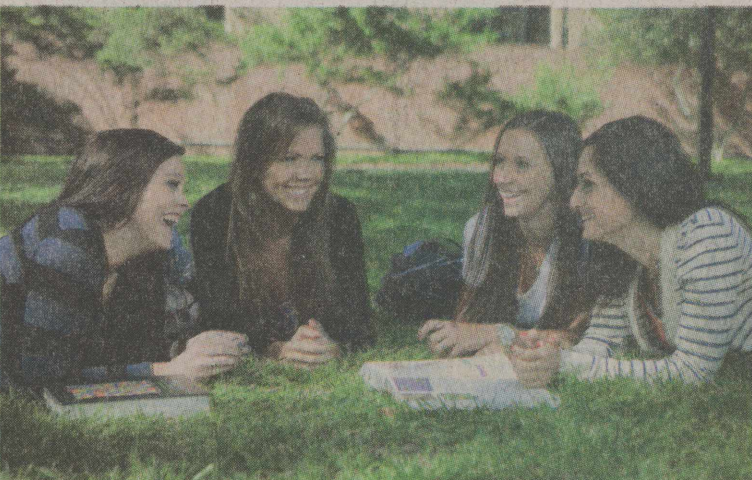
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