## Rawls College kicks off speaker series Friday

By ALSTON TRBULA STAFF WRITER

Lance Nail, dean of the Rawls College of Business Administration, was recently featured as the first guest speaker during the Chief Executives' Roundtable speaker series Friday.

Jim Wetherbe, associate dean of research for the Rawls College and director of the Chief Executives' Roundtable, said the event was the first of a series. There are six total events in the series, three during the fall semester and three

in the spring

The series serves several purposes, he said. One is to bring leaders in the industry to Lubbock, and have them share their wisdom with faculty, staff and students in a classroom setting. The leaders also speak to people from local businesses at a luncheon, where they exchange information.

"It gives the students a chance to interact with CEOs and different types of people," Wetherbe said. "You'll often find it to be one of the days students remember during all their vears at school.

Nail said the discussions help the college in advancing its business curriculum and help local businesses by giving them new ideas on how to stimulate growth.

"It brings in fresh ideas and fresh perspectives," Nail said.

During Nail's presentation, "The Future of Business Education at the Rawls College of Business," he spoke about his plans to advance the business curriculum, how the new building and its advanced technology will help further

grow the college and massive online courses, or MOOCs.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education website, MOOCs are online classes where students are either graded by machines or by other students with little involvement from the professor. MOOCs are predicted to have a big role in the future of teaching.

Some university leaders are concerned about MOOCs for various reasons, according to the website. One concern regarding MOOCs is some of them are offered free of charge. This

has some professors questioning the value of the courses, and wondering if and how much students will benefit.

The college's staff is not ignoring the new form of online teaching, Nail said.

"We can't just close our eyes and pretend they don't exist," he said. "If you see some of the content that Coursera or edX have, which are the ones that Stanford, MIT and Harvard are producing. It's pretty high quality content."

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# Family Weekend reconnects parents with their students

Students, parents spend time together at several activities hosted by Parent and Family Relations

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**CHRISTINE SELF** 

UNIT COORDINATOR

TTU PARENT AND

FAMILY RELATIONS

By TORI O'HARA STAFF WRITER

This weekend, Texas Tech hosted its own sort of a family reunion, opening its arms to the university's

extended family: the parents and family members of the students.

Students.

Christine
Self, the unit
coordinator at
Tech's Parent
and Family Relations, said the
school has been
putting on family weekend
since 1956.

"This event allows the parents to reconnect with their children," she said. "Their students have been making a home here at Raiderland, while their par-

ents have been sitting at home hoping their students are OK."

Leigh Lowe, mother of junior student Keelan Lowe, said the hardest part for her is not when she drops off her son at Tech, but rather when he comes home and then drives

away a week later.

"When I leave him, I just say bye and I am fine," Lowe said. "But, when he is leaving me, it feels completely different."

Self said the distance between

parents and their students is usually hardest on the parents. "The stu-

dents have made themselves a home," she said. "They have new friends, are participating in new activities and they have classes to keep them busy. Their parents are not a part of that. They are at home and missing out on all the old activity that used to be in their

Some of the events that were provided to allow parents to reconnect with their students were the pancake breakfast, the family tailgate and the Taste of Lubbock event.

house."

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#### FOOTBALL | Week 3



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Kenny Williams runs past New Mexico defensive end Jake Carr and linebacker Joe Stoner during Tech's 49-14 victory against the Lobos at Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday.

### Tech dominates New Mexico for 4th straight year

By ZACH DISCHIANO STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Red Raiders head into their bye week undefeated after taking down the New Mexico

Lobos 49-14 Saturday.

The Lobos could not contain the Red Raider offense, giving up a total of 702 yards, with 377 coming through the air and 325 on the ground.

Mexico coach Bob Davie said. "We couldn't stop their run. We couldn't stop their pass if we're honest. That is the reality of the situation." A career-high six touchdown passes were re-

"They did a good job, schematically," New

corded by Tech senior quarterback Seth Doege, three of which went to junior receiver Eric Ward.

Doege reached two milestones in the game, completing his 500th career pass and joining the

5,000 passing yards club, a group consisting of only eight other members.

"I'm really proud of how he's played," Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said. "He's matured. He's thrown some good balls. He's a tremendous leader. Players respect him and that is the main thing. They understand he can score points. They react to Seth."

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#### Series ←

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The college of business staff is currently working on how to incorporate MOOCs into its program. Nail said they are discussing which courses could be taught as MOOCs, with the goal being to start offering the classes within

The college is making some changes to the business curriculum as well, he said. In the past, knowledge has been valued more than acquiring skills, but the college is going to change that.

Knowledge is what is learned from a textbook, Nail said. Leadership, teamwork and work experience are all examples of skills, which he hopes to emphasize in the business curriculum.

"How do you teach people how to work together in groups? How do you teach leadership? Those are skill sets," he said. "What we're finding is that these things are not easy to teach, and that knowledge is easier to teach, because it's out of the textbook. Consequently, the skills part [might have been] shorted in the past.

The staff at the Rawls is currently trying to figure out better ways to teach skills, but some skills aren't easily taught, Nail said.

"There will be some debates about whether you can teach leadership or not. Even if you can't teach leadership, you can discuss and talk about it," he said.

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Nail said the new building possesses technology that benefits faculty, staff and students, allowing them to watch and learn from business leaders worldwide using telecommunications.

"There [are] so many ways it will help," he said. "The telecommunications ability and the ability to have lecture capture are some examples. If we have a great lecture - let's say we have a guest that comes in and talks on a topic - we can capture the entire lecture and keep it for future generations to see."

Jim Hoffman, associate dean of MBA programs and executive education for the Rawls College of Business, said the series meetings play an important role in making the college successful.

"I think they're just critical because they allow the faculty and the students of Texas Tech to be connected to the Lubbock business community," he said. "Jim Wetherbe does an outstanding job running this along with the staff of the Rawls College of Business.'

Stuart Biltz, a junior marketing management major from San Antonio, said he thought the series meeting was helpful because it gave him an opportunity to learn more about Nail and his plans for improving the college.

"It's a great way for the students, the local business leaders and faculty leaders around campus to come and hear about Nail's initiative for the next couple years, and the strides we'll be taking as a business school," said Biltz.

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## Organizations celebrate Multicultural Fall Festival

**By KATIE MCKEE** STAFF WRITER

The audience chanted "Viva, viva, viva!" as Beatrice Perez, treasurer of the Latino/Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association, gave a presentation on the history of Mexican Independence Day.

The LHFSA hosted the Multicultural Fall Festival from noon to 2 p.m. Friday to teach students about the rich diversity on campus, LHFSA president Jerry Perez

The festival featured booths from the West Texas Turkishfood for those in attendance.

Diverse cultures are important

to the Tech community, Perez said. "(Tech students) are going to benefit from the rich contributions that (diverse cultures) give to the community," he said.

The event was a way to gain a global perspective, said Elaine Hung, a sophomore environmental engineering major from

"I really like exploring other cultures," she said. "I think it's a great learning opportunity for other stu-

American Student Association, dents to gain a better understanding Arabic Club, the LHFSA and free of why people do the things they do or their beliefs."

> Alicia Jade Guerin, a sophomore theater art major from San Antonio, said the experience recalled memories from her past.

> "Personally, I lived in Bahrain when I was younger so hearing the Arab presentation was interesting to me," she said. "There's a lot of cultural things I missed out on because I was younger, so it was kind of cool for them to explain it."

> Each presentation featured historical and geographical information about the cultures as well as

"The music was familiar to me when he played it," Guerin said. "So that was pretty cool."

Celebrating student diversity was the primary focus of the festival,

"People come from all over the world and come from [different] countries to attend Texas Tech," Perez said. "They bring with them something special to the university. They bring their culture. They bring their language. They bring their ideas to Texas Tech and each one is different."

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## Multiple personalities of the Muslim rage

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — At the height of the latest Islamic rage, one of the Muslim world's first media-celebrity imams told worshippers they were indeed witnessing a clash of civilizations. Just not the kind you think.

This one also is within Islam, and it helps explain the multiple personalities of the fury.

It's political: The uncompromising ethos of extremism clawing for any gains against more moderate voices. It's social: Fed by an explosive blend of economic stagnation, anger over U.S.-led wars and — in some places since last week — frustration as the soaring hopes of the Arab Spring hit the grinding realities of

And it cuts deeply into questions that have added resonance in a hyperconnected world that moves at the quicksilver pace of the Web: How to coexist with the free-speech openness of the West and whether violence is ever a valid response.

"Our manner of protesting should reflect sense and reason," urged Egyptian-born cleric Youssef al-Qaradawi in his Friday sermon in Qatar's capital, Doha, where he has found a worldwide audience through the Internet and a show on the pan-Arab network Al-Jazeera.

Yet such appeals — while frequent from many Islamic leaders and scholars in the past week - have competed against opposing calls that can tap deeper passions that have been funneled into violence. Political factions and hard-line clerics across the Muslim world have been quick to try to capitalize as after other perceived offenses against the faith.

"There's no doubt that every Muslim feels in some ways deeply troubled by any insults to the Prophet Muhammad, but how many have seen the video of this movie to make up their own minds? Very few," said Sami al-Faraj, director of the Kuwait Center for Strategic Studies. "You need someone to organize the protests and, in effect, throw the switch."

It's come in many forms.

Ultraconservative Islamists apparently have taken the lead in protests in Arab Spring countries such as Tunisia and Egypt in a show of force against the new leadership and their Western allies. In a curious battle of perceptions, Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood-led government called out riot troops to protect the U.S. Embassy against protesters also claiming to "defend" Islam.

In Libya, U.S. investigators are examining whether armed militants used the uproar over the film as cover to launch a pre-planned attack on the U.S. Consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi, killing the ambassador and three other Americans. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said Sunday the attack was not coordinated and premeditated, but others have challenged that view.

Crowds in Yemen condemned the film but also chanted against the continued U.S. military presence such as drone strikes that have targeted suspected al-Qaida leaders.

"Obviously there's a latent anti-Americanism that is coming out," said Salman Shaikh, director of The Brookings Doha Center in Qatar. "But that is only part of this," he said. "This is primarily about a struggle for the soul of these states.'

Elsewhere — from Nigeria to Australia — hard-line clerics and parties have mobilized demonstrations in both expressions of anger and messages to rivals. In Iran, protesters were given pre-made placards denouncing the U.S. in a clear sign of a state-organized demonstration.

On Sunday, Iranian newspapers reported that a religious foundation has increased the reward for killing British author Salman Rushdie to \$3.3 million from \$2.8 million in response to alleged insults to the Prophet Muhammad in his novel "The Satanic Verses." Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a death fatwa against Rushdie in 1989, but Iran officials later distanced themselves from the edict.

Bahrain protest groups, meanwhile, have used Twitter to organize

demonstrations that included burning American flags in the nation that hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Pakistan's conservative Islamist parties sent out text messages, mosque announcements and made phone calls to bring out protest crowds, including about 1,000 people in the northwestern city of Peshawar on Sunday and hundreds who rushed the U.S. consulate in Karachi, sparking clashes with police in which one demonstrator was killed.

"What kind of freedom of expression is that which hurts the religious sentiments of others?" said Haider Gul, a grocery store owner who joined the anti-American rally in Peshawar.

This question is not new — tumbling back over centuries and different faiths. It flared anew in 2005 when a Danish newspaper published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad that were deemed offensive by many Muslims. And it was a centerpiece of the debates after the 2004 slaying of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, whose film "Submission" criticized the treatment of Muslim women.

But the current film, "Innocence of Muslims," brings a new element: What if the sole intent was to provoke backlash and violence? It's unlikely to bring any clear-cut answers in the short term. America's free speech protect tions give a wide berth for filmmakers.

There are cases, however, where boundaries have been set. Last year, two Florida pastors were blocked from demonstrating outside a mosque in Dearborn, Michigan, after a jury ruled it would have breached the peace. One of the pastors, Terry Jones, touched off a series of violent protests in Afghanistan that killed more than a dozen people after he burned a Quran in March 2011.

If anything, the cultural gaps may have been pried farther apart by the scope of the latest violence and bloodshed.

Google has refused a White House request to take down the video clip from its YouTube site, but is restricting access in certain countries including Egypt, Libya and Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

A YouTube statement said the video was within its content guidelines. "This can be a challenge because what's OK in one country can be offensive elsewhere," it said.

At the same time, it's also opened fault lines within the Muslim world over what's an acceptable response. In many ways, it's simply an extension of the same internal struggles over Islam's moral compass that has gripped the faith for decades.

An Indonesian Muslim scholar, Komaruddin Hidayat, said Muslims have the duty to oppose to anything they deem offensive to their faith, but must "avoid using violence in expressing their objections." At the other end of the Muslim world in Nigeria, a top Islamic leader, Sheik Sani Yahaya Jingir, said violence never brings "any benefit to Islam.'

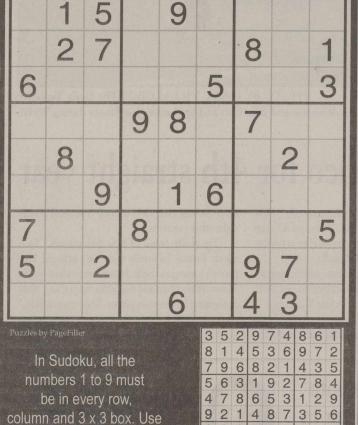
For Jumaa al-Qurishi, a 38-year-old Iraq librarian: "This is not freedom. This is an act of aggression."

"Yes, we understand the First Amendment and all of this stuff," wrote Khalid Amayreh, a prominent Islamist commentator and blogger in Hebron on the West Bank. "But you must also understand that the Prophet (for us) is a million times more sacred than the American Constitution."

He adds: "As Americans have their own idiots and fanatics, we, too, have our idiots and fanatics. And as Americans are utterly unable probably unwilling as well — to stop their idiots, we, too, are less able to rein in ours."

There's no wonder why the loudest voices still tend to rule the day, said Issandr El Amrani, a Moroccan-born journalist and visiting fellow at the European Center for Foreign Relations, a pan-European think tank.

"The resulting cascade of outrage is now predictable," he wrote in Abu Dhabi's The National newspaper. "Islamophobes in the West will say, 'We told you they're fanatics,' and the crowd-riling demagogues here will say, 'We told you they disrespect us.' And politicians everywhere will use the language of outrage in their petty calculations."



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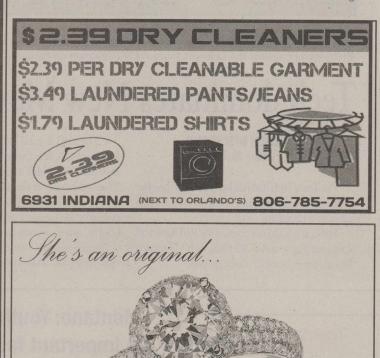
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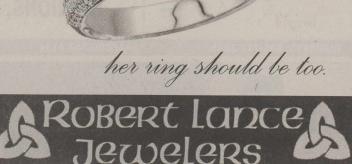
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#### Idaho couple works to recovers drowning victims

KUNA, Idaho (AP) — Gene Ralston and his wife left their home in southwestern Idaho less than a week after he had a coronary angioplasty, putting another 2,400 miles on their motorhome while traveling to and from Canada with their aluminum boat.

Ralston's doctor told him to take it easy, but the trip was just too important. "We left to go find Ralph,"

Ralston said.

Ralph Der, 59, drowned in early August while fishing at a lake in British Columbia. Although he had never met the Ralstons, they would become intimately involved with the man's family while working to recover his body from the lake floor.

"We know practically everything about him, his favorite fish, and all kinds of things," said Ralston, who has volunteered with his wife in body searches since the early 1980s.

They've recovered the remains of 80 people and participated in the high-profile searches for Laci Peterson and Natalee Holloway. Ralston acknowledges not everyone may understand their life's work - he chuckled at a recent headline in the Canadian newspaper that read:

"Idaho couple with odd hobby bring drowning victim home.'

"We don't think it's odd," said his wife, Sandy.

The Ralstons initially worked with watercrafts, dogs and GPS coordinate systems, but their searches for drowning victims became more exact 12 years ago after they started using side-scanning sonar developed with technology similar to that used in medical ultrasounds.

Ralston first learned about the technology in 1999 when he was assisting with a body search in Oregon. He was horrified when the company leading the effort charged the grieving family around \$30,000 for their time and use of the equipment, he said.

Ralston and his wife purchased their own scanning sonar in 2000 and traveled later that year to Utah's Bear Lake, where authorities sought help in recovering a young man who drowned six week earlier. The Ralstons found the body within a few hours, under more than 100 feet of water.

"It was just such an awesome experience," Sandy Ralston said, her voice choking up at the memory. "To actually find somebody when everybody else had just totally given up."

## Alpha Tau Omega hosts third annual GatorFest

By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

When walking past the blocked off street of University Avenue and Main Street Friday, the sound of Texas country music boomed through the air.

But, there was something missing this year. There was no fried gator to serve, which is one of the defining characteristics of the Alpha Tau Omega's GatorFest.

"Bash's cook quit the day of Gator-Fest," said Allan Carswell, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Salem, Ore., "so, now we have 30 pounds of gator to cook at tailgates."

Nonetheless, the third annual GatorFest still had a large attendance.

"It's a just a big block party," said Nick Yeary, ATO pledge class president. "It's awesome a fraternity can do something this big."

GatorFest is a philanthropic con- Yes I'm a dumbass." cert that benefits the Susan G. Komen foundation. Tickets cost \$15 if bought from a fraternity member, or \$20 at

The doors opened at 5 p.m., and the first band went onstage at 5:30 p.m. The concert headlined Charlie Robison and openers were the Marshall Vines Band, Seth Savage Band, Micky and the Motorcars, and Brandon Rhyder.

"We had a lot of great bands lined up this year," Yeary said. "It was a great

Robison is a Texas country singer/ songwriter who has released songs such as "Good Times" in 2004 and "My Hometown" in 1998. He has released

"On the road to Lubbock. Blue Light tonight. Yeeee haaaaaw!!!" Robison tweeted, only later to tweet, "Sorry, we are at Gatorfest in Lubbock tonight.

Carswell said Charlie Robison's performance was spectacular.

"He really got the crowd involved and wanted to keep playing even after he couldn't anymore," he said.

Yeary said the fraternity has been preparing for the concert since the beginning of the semester. ATO members would sit outside of the Student Union Building and sell tickets for the event during the day. He said all the work was worth it, though.

"Tons of people and other fraternities come out," he said. "It's a wonderful

Alex Edwards, a freshman undeclared major from Dumas, said this was his first time attending the event.

"I came with my bros. and we are having great time," he said, "and it's only going to get better."

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THE SETH SAVAGE Band plays at Alpha Tau Omega's GatorFest to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation Friday outside Bash Riprock's Bar.

### American Foundation for Suicide Prevention hosts second annual Out of the Darkness Walk

By LIANA SOLIS STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention hosted the Out of the Darkness Walk at Mackenzie Park in Lubbock.

Mariah Koch, a junior public relations major from Fort Worth, was head chairman of the walk this year.

"I was just one of the walkers last year," Koch said. "But when the director asked me to head it this year, I thought it would be a really great opportunity to help."

The walk happens every year to help raise money to spread awareness for suicide prevention.

"Half the funds go to help out nationally and the other half goes to help locally," Koch said. "The money is used to help fund programs to educate the communities on knowing the signs of suicide and how to help."

This year, the event hosted more than 80 people and raised more than \$3,000

"Considering last year we raised about

for the walk."

The people who participate in the walk are those who support the cause of suicide prevention or know what it is like to lose someone to suicide.

Erin Finlayson, assistant to the dean of Rawls College of Business Administration, participated in the walk for her first time this year.

"I wanted to participate because suicide is an issue that is very often overlooked," she said. "I really think this event the word about it."

Finlayson has lost four people to suicide in her life, including one of her best friends, she said.

"When I lost my best friend, it was very hard for me to talk to anyone about how I was feeling," Finlayson said. "People need to know that keeping it inside isn't a good idea and that there are also ways that they could help someone who might be struggling."

The fundraiser, both in Lubbock and nationwide, has helped bring awareness

\$300, this year was a really successful year to the issue of suicide and has benefited many people, Koch said.

Jared Schroeder, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Houston, attended the event for the first time

"I wanted to walk to show that I support the cause and to help raise money for it," he said.

Schroeder has also lost someone in his community who he went to school with because of suicide, he said.

When it happened, it really made and the money it raises will help spread people in our town more aware of the issue of suicide," Schroeder said. "We never thought it would happen in our town, so it really opened everyone eyes."

> Another purpose for the cause is to help people understand words really can hurt and people need to be aware of how they talk around others, Finlayson said.

> "If people just understood that there is always someone they can talk to in order to get help, maybe we wouldn't lose so many people to suicide," Finlayson said.

This event takes place every fall in Lubbock. To get more information about



PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador

MARIAH KOCH, A junior public relations major from Forth Worth and Lexie Chapman, a sophomore biology major from Lubbock lead the Lubbock Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk as chair and co-chair Saturday at Mackenzie Park.

participating or being a part of the event, go to the webpage or Facebook page for "Suicide really is a permanent solution

out more and we can help even more to spread awareness about this."

#### **Family** ← CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Taste of Lubbock hosted some of Lubbock's best restaurants for the families to enjoy. The proceeds of the event, Self said, goes to support the Texas Tech Parents Association Scholarship

Jeff Howard, from Sweetwater, is the president of the Big Country chapter of the Parents Association.

Howard said the Big County chap-

ter provides a network for the parents. students that are stuck or need help We cover a large area," he said

"We spread from San Angelo, to Midland, to Brownwood, and to Wichita Falls. This is our second year of being in operation, and we want to create a place where parents can come and support their kids and still feel like a part of the students' new homes."

"We also are a big help with Road Raiders," said Leigh Lowe, who is also a part of the Big Country chapter. "We cover such a large area, there will always be someone there to help out

Road Raiders is a network of parents who provide their numbers, so students who are on the road can always have someone to help them if needed.

As the victory bells rang out, signaling Tech has won yet another game this season, students end the weekend being able to combine their family from home and their new families at Tech, while parents can rest assured their students are happy and doing well at college.

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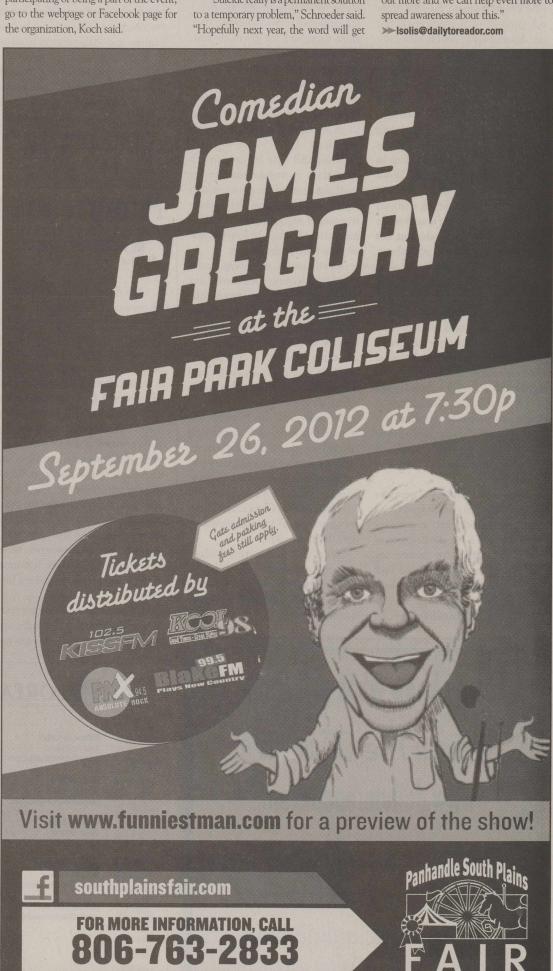




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## OPINIONS

## Youth vote an important factor in presidential elections

making.

he 2012 presidential elections are quickly approaching. Soon, Nov 6 will arrive with Barack Obama as the incumbent and Mitt Romney as the opponent for the Republican Party. The biggest question is: What is the youth doing to prepare for this cutthroat and decisive day?

The Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan center that provides facts and polls on issues facing the American public, published statistics on young voters and their affiliations in 2008. In the polls taken, 66 percent of adults under the age of 30 who voted in the 2008 election voted for

There was a wide gap between young voters and older voters in the last presidential election. More young voters were active during the 2008 campaign; 28



percent reported having attended at least one campaign event that year. When it comes to elections, we sometimes do not always know what to expect out of our young voters.

Obama's slogan four years ago was "Rock the Vote," and it brought thousands of young people to show support not only for the President but also for the Democratic Party. With this new election year, how will the youth vote? Republican or Democrat? It seems as though the youth this year is not as prepared or as four years ago.

Why is it that people between the age of 18 and 25 have the or recruited to help out with a

Most are required to take a government class sometime before going to college. We are all aware of how our government works and the rights we have as U.S. citizens.

There are, however, many factors that play into that

family, political affiliation, race, ethnicity, education and socioeconomic status can have a groups of adults that show the any political interest at all.

depends on how mobilized our youth gets. Were they contacted lowest voting turnout rates? campaign? Was some kind of incentive pro-

> vided? When stu-It does seem ironic dents are recruited or emthat the youth does ployed as interns, it is more not show the same likely they will be able to get interest when it is their friends our future in the to vote as well. What is evident is that there needs to be more done

to get young low turnout rate. For example, adults to go vote and show interest in the political scheme.

It is always the older age

enthusiastic as in the election of strong effect on turnout. It also most interest in voting. However, it does seem ironic that the youth does not show the same interest when it is our future in the making.

This year, it seems there is not that same commotion, excitement and involvement from our youth like there was four years ago. There is something missing from our youth with regards to this race.

Where are all those politically savvy students who give speeches about voting or hand out flyers about getting involved? It should be the young adults that are out there walking door to door to get people to go vote, making calls to their neighbors and attending conferences. It is our future that we are given the opportunity to vote on and many, frankly, do not show

My 18th birthday soon approaches and my chance to vote will finally arrive. But to be honest, probably a maximum of 10, or even 15, girls from my residence hall will end up voting. This year's race will be intense and nail biting and will likely be a close call with both political parties running on strong platforms.

This race could determine if control of the executive branch returns to the Republicans or if the Democrats will keep control of the Oval Office. Will our youth show the same involvement and turnout rate as four years ago?

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## America can't afford to live beyond its means

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Friday's job numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics are just another one of the many painful reminders of the recent economic collapse and ensuing recession.

In the month of August, three times as many workers left the job market as found jobs. There was no wage growth and the vast majority of jobs gained were low-paying, and most were jobs serving alcoholic drinks, indicating a trend towards escapism. This is the fourth month in a row of dismal jobs numbers that on the surface seem hopeful (the unemployment rate fell from 8.3 percent to 8.1 percent), but are discouraging when you look

This begs the question: Why is the economy still so bad?

Our president is very fond of saying that Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and the Republicans want to "take us back to the policies that got us in the mess in the first place." What typically follows is empty rhetoric about letting Wall Street write its own rules and cutting taxes for the 1 percent. That all sounds great, but that's actually not what got us here.

Everyone has heard the narrative before. A bunch of people bought houses and got mortgages. The banks then gambled with these mortgages, packaged them up, and invested on them in a very risky way. When some people defaulted on these mortgages, the whole thing went south, some banks failed, more people defaulted on their mortgages due to the economy, companies laid employees off, the ailing auto industry was hit by a lack of demand, and the whole economy cascaded into stagnation.

The second half of the previous paragraph is pretty much true. Once the initial shocks hit, everything imploded and a lot of weak sectors and companies were shaken up. But I don't buy the supposed root cause: greedy Wall Street investment bankers took risky investments on the backs of hardworking

I'm not really a fan of Wall Street so I'm not about to defend it, but the housing market has been the surest bet in the American economy since the '50s. Home values have always consistently increased, according to U.S. Census data, and people typically try to pay their mortgages because they need a place to live. Realistically, these investments weren't as risky as they're made out to be.

The real cause of the recession lies in people living beyond their

Government programs such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac made it easy for low-income people to get low interest loans, whether they were qualified for them or not. They were all about helping people become homeowners. There's no deeper-rooted American value than property ownership, and these programs reflected the great intention to give everyone a shot at owning

They did this by creating a secondary mortgage market for mortgage-backed securities which would then increase the attractiveness of mortgages for banks to incentivize lending to low-income or even no-income people.

Realistically, however, some people just weren't good candidates to take on the debt and responsibility that comes with owning a home and financing a mortgage. They shot too far when they weren't ready and came up short. They defaulted on their mortgages en masse and started the vicious cycle that got us where we are today.

Romney and the Republicans want to rectify the problem of living beyond our means. Entitlement reform is crucial to this goal. If we stay on this course of borrowing 40 cents of every dollar we spend, according to North Dakota Democratic Senator Kent Conrad, we will eventually default on our debt.

We need to practice budget austerity, otherwise the entire U.S. economy will follow the trajectory of the housing market with conse-

## Detroit is Obama's economic blueprint for America

By KEITH YOST

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During his speech before the Democratic National Convention last week, Barack Obama offered a gem to rival his pledge from his 2008 campaign "moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and the planet began to heal." In his words: "We reinvented a dying auto industry that's back on top of the world."

His statement must come as news to investors, who have watched General Motors's stock price fall steadily since its return to public trading in late 2010. It must come as a surprise to Ford, an American car manufacturer who received no government bailout and now has to compete against an Italian Chrysler that did. And it comes as shock to political observers such as myself, who never would have thought the president would run as pro-bailout, let alone lead off this strategy by taking ownership of a bailout that failed.

I've written before about the inappropriateness of "bailout" as a term to describe the government's loans to the banking industry. A bailout implies a net transfer of funds from public to private hands — but the relief program was not about covering the losses of insolvent businesses, it was about loaning money to illiquid financial institutions, made illiquid by a global financial crisis. In theory, the government should actually come out ahead on such interventions, and in practice this has been the case, with Troubled Asset Relief Program making its money back plus interest.

But in the case of automakers, bailout is the appropriate term. Neither GM nor Chrysler were merely illiquid; they were insolvent, bankrupt, made so primarily by their ruinous labor agreement with the United Auto Workers union. There was never any realistic hope of taxpayer's money being returned — even after the government forced tens of billions of dollars of losses on bondholders (the rightful owners of GM and Chrysler's assets), and even after the administration waived tens of billions of dollars of tax obligations, the bailout proper is still set to lose tens of billions of dollars. It's a failure of cosmic proportions.

The claim made at the time by promoters of the bailout was that the loss of taxpayer money was a necessary evil to save the jobs of U.S. factory workers. Even then, this was a shaky defense. If GM and Chrysler went through bankruptcy proceedings, their factories were unlikely to sit idle. Creditors, interested in getting their money back, would quickly reopen the plants or sell them to someone who would. Today, with the benefit of hindsight, we can see that the perils of bankruptcy proceedings are moot. With the UAW's ridiculous contracts still in place, the company's inept management virtually untouched, and the "re-invention" of GM consisting solely of the Chevy Volt — a car that Reuters estimates loses the company almost \$50,000 per unit sold — it is clear that the massive infusion of taxpayer and bondholder money into GM has only delayed the inevitable. Bankruptcy will come, and the time bought has been of little benefit to the American worker; GM has added only 4,500 jobs since the bailout.

The true reason behind Obama's massive political favoritism toward these corporations is easy to guess. Normal bankruptcy proceedings would on its host companies. As the midterm elections approached, and with the very real possibility that Democratic losses would mean the end of the president's push for healthcare reform, Obama

decided that he needed the votes of union members more than the nation needed its tax dollars. So he gave the union a way to retain its status quo, in return for its money and manpower. He even sweetened the deal by handing the UAW a 20 percent ownership of the resurrected GM. And why not? If you're going to commit a robbery, there's no point in leaving money in

As the presidential campaign enters the post-summer stretch, there's no doubt that the UAW will once again pledge their fealty to the man who gave them everything, returning their ill-gotten money back to Obama in the form of campaign contributions, and manning his operation with their members. It's a matter of survival for them — in two years' time, when GM is drowning and the midterms are near, they'll need a man in the Oval Office who will pour another bucket of other taxpayers' dollars into their trough. What Obama must hope for is that vothave ended the UAW's parasitic hold ers don't realize it is a matter of survival for them as well; in the words of Alexis de Tocqueville, "The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money."

## Americans must lead fight to reduce oil dependence

By CARLETON WHALEY THE DAILY CAMPUS (U. CONNECTICUT)

Oil is the energy that allows modern society to thrive. Unfortunately, it is non-renewable, meaning once it runs out, it's gone. In 2010, Russia discovered a massive oil field in East Siberia. The deposit was said to hold at least 150 million metric tons of oil (around 1.1 billion barrels), and for Russia, the world's leading oil exporter, this was certainly a boon. The world rejoiced at this new discovery, while simultaneously decrying oil and its hazards to the planet, pollution and energy efficiency. The United States, in fact, seems to be the prime example of; this two-faced argument. At the same time that we call for more efficient, clean energies, we are elated to know that there is more oil in the world to sustain us for a little

The reality is that oil is not going to be in the future much longer, or at least it cannot be if the human race is going to survive the way it has nate energy, such as tax incentives thus far. Oil is like an infection to us. Instead of seeking treatment, we chose to ignore the problem, despite knowing that oil will run out. We consume it rapidly: the United States holds only 5 percent of the world's populace, but consumes 25 percent of its oil. On a daily basis, that average American uses more than twice the oil of those in the European Union, and every year our country consumes 7.6 billion barrels. That makes Russia's discovery seem a bit less massive, I suppose. That's all right, though, because while Russia exports 6 percent of its total oil to the Americas (with 5 percent going only to the United States), it provides only 4 percent of our total oil imports. So we basically import more oil than Russia can export, from all over the world.

There is, however, good news. Today, energy is even more at the forefront of everyone's mind, especially in a political sense, and several steps have been taken to foster alterand the Energy Star program, which labels devices that use 20 percent to 30 percent less energy than is required by government standards. Even our rising gas prices, which are constantly lamented, are a positive sign of change. European markets saw the prices we are facing (around \$4 a gallon) long ago, and this forced them to have tighter regulations on vehicle efficiency, which is necessary to wean us off oil. After all, automobiles in general account for 60 percent of oil use, with most of that being personal vehicles. As prices go up, there is more and more reason to look to improving sustainable, alternative

However, the fight for freedom from oil is a personal one; as we have seen, there is little the government can actually do when it comes to demanding better technology and cleaner fuel from companies that rely on oil. People naturally resist change, and we as a society have been in the grip of fossil fuels for so long that their depletion seems a distant problem. "Oh, leave that to the next generation," we seem to be saying, as our predecessors said of us. But it is within our power, individually, to advance technologies and implement smart energy-saving procedures. Whether it is something costly that will save you in the end, like buying solar panels, an electric car or fuel cells, or simple things like relying more on natural light, putting bubble wrap over your windows in winter to save on heat or using PVC pipes and glass bottles to make a greenhouse, it doesn't matter. In an age when the inner workings of technology and inventions are unknown to many, everyone should aspire to be a maker. Do things that will affect your life in an eco-friendly way. If enough people do that, we won't need the government to tell us one day that we need to invest in green energy. We will tell them that, as a government by and for the people, and they will listen to us.

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## Tech has best rushing performance in more than decade

By HOLDEN WILEN STAFF WRITER

New Mexico coach Bob Davie knew Texas Tech's offense would be a tough matchup for his team. However, he did not think his team would surrender more than 700 yards of total offense in the Red Raiders' 49-14 victory Saturday night.

"I knew this would be a more difficult game than Texas for us, just because of (Tech's) style of offense against our defense," he said. "But to be honest, I didn't think we'd be that bad on defense."

While Tech put up more an average of 115 yards on the combined. than 400 yards through the air, it also had 325 yards on the ground — its most in more than 10 years. The last time the Red Raiders had more than 300 yards rushing was in 1998 when they had 324 rushing yards in a 35-3 victory against the University of Texas-El Paso. Tech wore down the New Mexico defense with a 7.2-yards per carry average.

The Lobos tried to stop the Tech offense with man-to-man coverage, Davie said, but were forced to spread out and play umbrella coverage. They came into Saturday's game allowing

ground per game.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword," Davie said. "If you go one safety in the middle and play some kind of man, you're going to get exposed with that. So there is no question they had us and we knew it was coming. I mean, I knew what was coming."

Junior running back Eric Stephens led the team with 118 yards on 12 carries, an average of 9.8 yards per carry and also scored a touchdown.

Stephens came into Saturday's contest having only run for 120 yards in the first two games

Senior running back Kenny Williams also exceeded the century mark on the ground, running for a career-high 105 yards on 14 carries.

The last time Tech had two running backs rush for more 100 yards was in 1998 against Baylor, when Ricky Williams and Rob Peters accomplished the feat. SaDale Foster added another 66 yards.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege, who set a new careerhigh with six passing touchdowns, said forcing defenses to respect the rushing attack makes

his job a lot easier.

"(The running game) has gotten a lot better," Doege said, "and it goes back to how good our offensive line is really playing right now. They're playing physical, they're playing fast and our running backs are very talented. I mean, me being the quarterback, I could see the holes that the running backs had to run through and they were pretty big tonight."

While offensive coordinator Neal Brown was unhappy with Williams' fumble in the second quarter, he said he was pleased overall with the performance

by the running backs and the improvements they have made week-to-week.

In their first game against Northwestern State, Tech ran for 179 yards on 46 carries. The Red Raiders followed up their performance last week against Texas State with 186 yards on 23 carries.

'They played very average the first week then second week they played a bit better," Brown said. "Tonight they made people miss and when they didn't make them miss they went right at them."

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Doege led his offense to an early 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter and the Red Raiders never looked back.

Ward initiated the aerial attack with a 20-yard touchdown reception just three minutes and 55 seconds into the game. The second touchdown of the game for the Red Raiders was a 21-yard run by senior running back Eric Stephens.

"Offensively, we pretty much could do what we wanted to, running the ball, running for over 300 yards and throwing it for 400, that's a pretty good night," Tuberville said. "Lot of good vibes out of a lot of guys.'

The touchdown run by Stephens pushed his career allpurpose yard total to more than 4,000, making him the seventh person in school history to do so.

"We knew he needed 15 yards coming out of the half, so we got him that and got him out," Tech offensive coordinator Neal Brown said. "I was excited about how he played, for sure."

On the opposite side of the anything going.

In its first two possessions, New Mexico went three-and-out. Throughout the game the Lobos continued to have difficulty moving the chains, converting only two of 11 third downs and picking up a measly eight first downs the entire game, compared to the Red Raiders' 38.

have to do better," Davie said. "They wore us out."

By the end of the first quarter, the Red Raiders had already more than doubled the Lobos' total yardage. Tech carried that momentum through each quarter, punting only one time the entire

"It couldn't have been much better," Tuberville said. "We played well in a lot of areas. If you look at the offense, we've only punted two times in three games. We played good in the red zone."

The Red Raiders took advantage of each red zone opportunity, largely in part of Ward's three touchdown receptions. Ward missed the game against Texas State because of a concussion, but bounced back in Saturday's game with a five reception, 90-yard performance.

"He played well, he's a physical guy," Tuberville said. "He plays well with the run and the pass. So he's an all-around player."

The stellar play was not limited to offensive players. The Tech defense limited the New Mexico offense to just 127 total yards — 43 through the air.

"We never really got into a rhythm tonight," New Mexico quarterback B.R. Holbrook said. "It seems like we kind of beat ball, the Lobos struggled to get ourselves tonight. I'm going to look at the tape and kind of look and evaluate things from there."

> The lone bright spot from New Mexico did not come from the offense or defense, rather a 98vard kick return for a touchdown by Lobo running back Chase Clayton.

The fourth-largest crowd in stadium history fell silent as Clay-"There are a lot of things we ton sliced through the kicking team for a touchdown.



PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador

RUNNING BACK KENNY Williams runs with the ball while pushing New Mexico defensive back Dante Caro out of the way during the Red Raiders' 49-14 win against New Mexico at Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday.

the return was halted after a nineyard touchdown pass from Doege to tight end Jace Amaro.

"Jace during fall camp was one of the most improved guys and he's going to continue to improve and get better," Doege said. "He's a big-time player for us."

Amaro finished the game with four catches for 57 yards and two touchdowns.

He was just one of four plays with at least four catches, conveying solid pass distribution by Doege.

"We have a lot of weapons and they did a good job," Doege said. "When their number is called, it's a challenge for those guys not to get frustrated just because we have so many guys and you may not get the ball every single play. But I think they're doing a really good job of competing during practice Any momentum gained from and getting prepared, and really

going out there and when their number's called going out there and making plays."

The offensive line provided plenty of protection for Doege, who seemed to be in the pocket as long as he pleased each play.

"Those guys up front did a heck of a job protecting," Doege said. "They've done a really good job all year so far, and they continue to get better."

Doege and his line will get a much-needed rest with the bye next Saturday.

After the bye week, the Red Raiders play nine straight Big 12 Conference games.

'We'll use this week as a work week," Tuberville said. "Put together a game plan and get going in nine straight games, which is going to be a tough ride for these guys, but they'll be ready for it." >>> zdischiano@dailytoreador.com

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By Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzk

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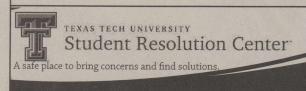
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