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Organization hosts student-led panel before presidential debate

League of United Latin American Citizens sponsors forum

By **EMILY GARDNER**
STAFF WRITER

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Young Adult Chapter sponsored a student-led panel before the presidential debate Wednesday.

"The students wanted to have different points of view represented, so they extended an invitation to several organizations on campus to come and respond to some current

issues and hot topics that are impacting this current election," Fernando Valle, professor in the College of Education and adviser for LULAC, said. "It was also to get student's voice on current issues."

The panel consisted of Christopher Davis, a senior university studies major from Houston who represented the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Ry Ellison, a third year law student from Alamogordo, N.M., who represented Texas Tech

Law Republicans, Jeremy Kitchen, a senior political science major and executive director of Young Conservatives of Texas at Texas Tech from Meadows Place, and Lauren Roblez, a junior Spanish major and the vice president of Tech Student Democrats from Midland. Valle moderated the discussion.

The panel discussed five topics. Each member of the panel was allotted about three minutes to respond to each topic, Valle said. After that,

the audience was able to ask questions and comment on what the panelists said before the next topic was addressed.

The first topic discussed was deferred action.

"What deferred action is doing is essentially allowing the child to stay in the United States and continue their education," Roblez said. "The majority of these students have already gone through elementary schools and high schools here in the United States so they can stay here and continue their education in a

college setting."

Ellison said Romney's administration will honor the visa's that are already issued, but by the time the visa's expired an immigration reform plan put together by Congress will already be in place.

The next topic touched upon was gun control. Kitchen said he has the right to protect himself, and constitutional rights should not end where the university campus begins.

"I think it starts to get a little distorted when you have good guys and bad guys," Davis said. "If

someone came in here right now and started shooting up the place it would be tragic. But the thing is, if we had people lawfully or unlawfully carrying weapons, that minimizes the chance for first responders to be able to isolate and take control of the situation."

The third issue discussed at the forum was women's rights and whether or not it was the government's responsibility to provide resources.

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SGA to host open discussion for potential House of Representatives

By **MATT DOTRAY**
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Following last week's meeting, the debate concerning the establishment of a House of Representatives in the legislative branch of Texas Tech's Student Government Association will continue with an open discussion Thursday.

The debate will be at 6 p.m. in room 353 of the Media and Communication building.

According to the bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution 48.01, its mission is to best serve the students of Tech and to promote the highest ideals.

Erika Allen, a senior biology major from Temple, is a senator from the Honors College. Allen, the co-author of the bill, said having a House of Representatives would bring more students into the legislative process and decision-making of student government.

"We can make a big difference and a big impact," she said. "Ideally, by doing this and bringing in a House, we're getting more students involved. We are hopefully going to have new opinions and new ideas coming from student organizations, and that will effectively affect everyone in this body. Every student is a part of SGA."

The House would be different from the Senate because its representatives would be elected based on student organizations instead of their respective colleges, through which senators are elected, Allen said.

Student organizations bring a lot of recognition to the university, she said, and adding those organizations into the decision-making process would be a better way to serve the student population.

Allen said adding a House of Representatives would ultimately change the university. It would make new programs, give students more contacts into changing and adding legislation, and provide more ways to get involved.

"The more opinions and the more student voices we have on any legislation going through, I think the better," Allen said. "If it has to pass between two bodies, wonderful. It gets a chance to be looked over, read, discussed, evaluated, and taken out to more students."

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Debate Day



LEFT: CAMPAIGN MATERIALS sprawl across a table Wednesday at the Republican debate viewing party at Gatti's Pizza.



RIGHT: Local Democratic supporters watch on as the debate begins Wednesday at the Democratic viewing party at Belly's Cafe.

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Lubbock Democrats, Republicans host viewing parties for debate

By **EFRAIN DUARTE**
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President Barack Obama and Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney participated in this election's first presidential debate at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the University of Denver.

The topic for the night's debate was domestic policy. Domestic policy deals with issues within the United States.

The Lubbock County Republican Party hosted a viewing of the debate at Mr. Gatti's in Lubbock and the Lubbock County Democratic Party hosted their viewing party at Belly's Cafe.

Ray Rice, Midland resident and member of the Republican Party said the economy

is key to Republicans.

"Primarily Republicans are concerned with the economy as a whole," Rice said, "When you break it down the economy is the engine of the country," he said.

Kenny Ketner, Lubbock County Democratic Party Chair, said Democrats are focusing on Obama's domestic policy accomplishments.

"(Obama) has done a lot domestically from the very first bill he signed which was for equal pay, equal work," Ketner said.

Carl Tepper, Lubbock County Republican Party chairman, said the party almost every four years has hosted debate-watching parties.

"It is interesting to see the interaction between the two and how they are going

to present their issues," Tepper said.

Ketner said that it is nice to watch the debates with people who are passionate about it.

Destiny Molina, freshmen political science major from Lubbock, said she is able to vote for the first time in this election.

"It is always fun to see the true colors of our parties right now," Molina said.

Irene Howell, executive director of the Lubbock County Republican Party, said she is looking forward to see the candidates discuss the issues relative to domestic issues.

"I think (the debate) will be an opportunity for (Romney) to show people how he really stands on some issues," Howell said.

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Enjoy TAB's presentation of the feature film, "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World."

Communication Realities in a "Post-Racial" Society: What the U.S. Public Really Thinks About Barack Obama
Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Where: College of Media and Communication, Room 281
So, what is it?
Presentation by Dr. Mark Orbe, professor of communication and diversity, School of Communication and Gender & Women's Studies Program, from Western Michigan University.

Art History Lecture: Dr. Janis Elliot
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Where: School of Art
So, what is it?
Janis Elliot, an associate professor in medieval history of art, will present "The Magdalen Chapel in San Pietro A Maiella in 14th-century Naples: Initial Observations on the Patron and the Paintings."

Jazz Ensemble I and II
Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: Hemmie Recital Hall
So, what is it?
Enjoy this performance presented by the School of Music.

Friday

Groundbreaking for Petroleum Engineering Research Building
Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Engineering Key
So, what is it?
Funded by donations to Vision and Tradition: The Campaign for Texas Tech, witness the groundbreaking of the new Petroleum Engineering Research building.

First Friday Art Trail at the Museum of TTU
Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech
So, what is it?
Enjoy everything from a laser show to a concert at the First Friday Art Trail, featured on the first Friday of every month.

Texas Tech Soccer vs. Baylor
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: John B. Walker Soccer Complex
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Baylor Bears.

Katrin Meidell, viola
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Tech gives back to students at University Career Fair, provides job opportunities

By NICOLE MOLTER
STAFF WRITER

Resume critiques, cover letter writing tips, career counseling, assessment programs and career fairs are among the numerous services University Career Services offers.

The University Career Fair was hosted Wednesday at the Overton Hotel with 76 companies represented. The University Career Fair is hosted once in the fall and once in the spring.

"Students who use University Career Services across the country, not just us, are 70 percent more likely to have a job upon graduation versus students who don't," Jay Killough, director at University Career Services, said.

Engineering, healthcare, technology, business management, marketing and accounting are popular majors and growing industries across the nation, he said.

At Texas Tech, about 80 percent of students have been hired or decided to attend graduate school upon graduation, Killough said.

The Career Fair helps both students and companies looking for interns and employees, said Deron Tucker, executive vice president at Coldwell Banker in Lubbock.

"It helps students because (students) are out here looking for great opportunities," he said. "It helps us because we don't know always the people that are looking. It just puts us together, hopefully."

Presentation is important when meeting with a company, Tucker said.

"They need to look the part," he said. "They need to come across with confidence, look people in the eye, give a firm handshake, show up, have a great resume, and everyone would look

at them. It doesn't matter what industry, we're all looking for the same person: somebody that's confident, great personality, and presents well."

Personality as well as presentation is an important quality to have when looking for a job or internship, said Mindy Gordon, director of selection at Northwestern Mutual in Dallas.

"We tend to look for people really based on their personality," she said, "and that's what I can see at career fairs. It's a lot more than just what's on a resume, so that's why I love career fairs."

Lauren Checky, talent acquisition specialist at SHI International Corp. in Austin, said this is the first time her company has come to a Tech career fair.

"We've been to other schools before and we have found that the career fairs are very successful," she said. "We get a lot of good candidates, so that's why

we figured we would come here and try to get some, too."

Andreina Chavez, a May 2012 graduate in international business and marketing, said she left the fair with three interviews for a full-time job.

"That's just one of the few ways that Texas Tech is giving back to me," she said.

Many companies take interest in Tech students, said Kristen Seidemen, assistant director at University Career Center.

"I think it's great because as Texas Tech, as an entity, we want our students to graduate and have jobs," she said, "and the economy has been down the past couple of years, so it's always good when we can get our students hired. For the companies that hire Tech grads, they always report back that their Tech hires are some of the best and brightest."

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House

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Jeffrey Tew, a junior petroleum engineering major from Mechanicsville, Va. and senator from the College of Engineering, said he opposes the bill.

"There is absolutely no version of the bill that I'll ever support," Tew said. "If it's going to add a financial burden to the students and create a legislation headache and chaos, there is just no way I'm going to get on board with it."

Tew gave three reasons for not supporting a House of Representatives in SGA.

He said every student will not be represented equally, it will stretch out

the legislative process and make passing bills too difficult, and it will add a financial burden on students.

Tew said he has talked to about 200 constituents in his college and received strong reactions against the bill.

He said more involvement in SGA is great and a voluntary committee where suggestions and ideas can be addressed would be beneficial, but

not enough students are interested in creating a house.

Katherine Lindley, a graduate student from Colleyville, said one issue that needs to be addressed is representation for graduate students.

Lindley said under the current bill, graduate students could be represented more than once.

In an example, she said, a graduate student from the Department

of Education would have representatives from the College of Education and the graduate school in itself.

Lindley said her biggest fear is for something to get passed that isn't completely ready.

"I could see where this could be a helpful bill, but not in its present state," she said. "I feel in its present state, it shouldn't be voted through. I feel a lot of amendments and changes are needed to improve it. I also feel a lot of research is needed."

Something of this magnitude should not be rushed, she said.

Lindley's representation issue, as well as others, will be discussed in Thursday's open debate.

Students are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions.

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KATHERINE LINDLEY
GRADUATE STUDENT
FROM COLLEYVILLE

2nd Detroit police chief accused of sex scandal

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Mayor Dave Bing was elected to replace a scandal-plagued predecessor after promising to clamp down on crime. But following allegations of a sex scandal involving another police chief, he's having trouble stabilizing the department, let alone the streets.

Bing suspended Police Chief Ralph Godbee, 44, after a subordinate, a 37-year-old internal affairs officer, claimed the two had engaged in a sexual relationship for about a year.

The mayor hired Godbee two years ago after firing his predecessor, in part because of similar charges

involving a subordinate. Bing knew at the time that Godbee previously had a romantic relationship with the same woman, a police lieutenant.

Should Bing's investigation conclude that Godbee too must go, the city would be forced to seek its fifth police chief in four years. In Bing's three-plus years in office, he already has fired two chiefs.

"He's had more people resign, fired, quit than any other mayor that I know of," Councilman Kwame Kenyatta said Wednesday. "It either says he chooses the wrong people or doesn't know how to choose the

right people."

Like many police departments, Detroit's force is under severe financial constraints. The city has about 2,700 officers, down from 4,000 a decade ago.

The department reports most violent crimes numbers are down this year, but the city also is on track to eclipse last year's 344 murders. Robberies at gas stations and convenience stores, including the assault and carjacking of a prominent church pastor earlier this year, are becoming more violent and brazen.

"The officers are working 24/7 and aren't being treated well," said Oakland County Commissioner William Dwyer, a former Detroit police official. "They've taken dramatic cuts in salaries and benefits. They are in the most dangerous city right now in the U.S. If you expect them to perform, you ought to treat them like professionals and not second-class citizens."

Even before the alleged scandal came to light, Bing and Godbee

have been at odds with officers over a 10 percent pay cut, requirements that they pay more for health care and new rules requiring 12-hour work days.

Earlier this year, the chief reduced staffing inside police precincts to get more officers on the city's crime-plagued streets.

"The more immediate issue facing people in Detroit are the screaming headlines about the number of people shot or injured, and the fact that the number seems to be on the increase as opposed to the decrease," said Sheila Cockrel, a political analyst and former Detroit councilwoman. "Detroiters are going to want a police chief focusing on those issues and not what's happening in his personal life."

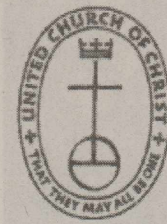
Angelica Robinson, the internal affairs officer who says she had a relationship with Godbee, posted on Twitter a photo of herself with her service weapon in her mouth, her attorney David Robinson said. She had learned Godbee was at a weekend police conference with another woman, said the attorney, who is not related to Angelica Robinson.

He said Godbee had other officers locate her and put her under surveillance. She has since been reassigned from internal affairs to other duties and does not have use of her service weapon, David Robinson said.

On Tuesday, Bing said in a statement that he suspended Godbee for 30 days from his \$140,400-a-year post "pending a full and thorough investigation of this matter."

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 - 5 Check out with nefarious intent
 - 9 Gynecologist's opposite
 - 14 Really cruel guy
 - 15 ABA member
 - 16 Man-trap
 - 17 Grievously wound
 - 18 Approach
 - 19 Thirteenth Amendment beneficiary
 - 20 Game with a windmill, usually
 - 23 "takers?"
 - 24 Big shots
 - 25 Requiring an adult escort
 - 28 Big London attraction?
 - 29 Handy set
 - 30 Former despot
 - 31 Uncle Remus rogue
 - 36 Big butte
 - 37 Scootat Skinny brand
 - 38 PC interconnection
 - 39 Like proofed dough
 - 40 Dueler's choice
 - 41 Insect honored on a 1989 U.S. postage stamp
 - 43 Make a booboo
 - 44 Lingus
 - 45 Article in Der Spiegel
 - 46 Not at all out of the question
 - 48 "Shucks!"
 - 50 Friend of Francois
 - 53 Literally meaning "driving enjoyment," slogan once used by the maker of the ends of 20-, 31- and 41-Across
 - 56 Popular household fish
 - 58 Princess with an earmuff-like hair style
 - 59 Lose color
 - 60 "If I Would Leave You"
 - 61 Sea decimated by Soviet irrigation projects
- DOWN**
- 1 "I, Claudius" feature
 - 2 Piano teacher's command
 - 3 Like pickle juice
 - 4 Big rig
 - 5 Ensenada bar
 - 6 Devoured
 - 7 Headlines
 - 8 Rochester's love
 - 9 Categorize
 - 10 Nabisco cookie brand
 - 11 Most in need of insulation
 - 12 Gun
 - 13 Individual
 - 21 Declares
 - 22 Spunk
 - 26 Four-wheeled flop
 - 27 Title name in Mellencamp's "little ditty"
 - 28 Runny fromage
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 - 31 Run, as colors

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By Donna S. Levin

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Museum, activists continue to disagree on euthanization decision

By **ALSTON TRBULA**
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The American Museum of Agriculture recently had two mules euthanized so they can be put on display and animal rights activists are not happy.

Ramona Foxworth, who works full time and has her own horse rescue, said it was wrong and inhumane of the museum to euthanize the two mules. She asked the executive director of the museum not to euthanize them, and she would find a place for them to live and be taken care of.

"I just don't believe they did these poor old guys a favor by putting them down," she said. "I think these mules probably had a long way to go. I could have found them a home until the end of their days, so that's why this is not right."

Mules can live up to 40 years, she said. After a friend of hers examined

the mules, she believed they were not near 40, and they looked like healthy mules.

"There's no way I believe with my heart that those were old mules, and even if they were, there's no way I believe they had a foot in the grave," Foxworth said. "I've had many come out here, especially donkeys, maybe not so much mules, that lived way past 30 and were fine."

Lacee Hoelting, executive director of the American Museum of Agriculture, said the person they bought the mules from considered the mules old. The veterinarian who euthanized them said they were at least 30 years old. Before the museum bought the mules, they were scheduled to be slaughtered in Mexico.

"Once we bought them, we sent them to a vet, who humanely euthanized them rather than them going to slaughter in Mexico, and

then they went to the taxidermist," she said.

There are situations when animals need to be euthanized, and there are ways to do it humanely, but what the staff did at the museum was not humane, Foxworth said.

"The animal will let you know," she said. "Yes, there's been times when I've had to do it out here, and it's heartbreaking, but it can also be a beautiful thing because you're sitting there holding them and telling them you love them. There's a world of difference when you're having them go to a slaughterhouse, where they're seeing all the death and destruction, and they're away from their loved ones."

Mules are considered equine, which means they are members of the horse family. About 130,000 equine each year are sent to either Canada or Mexico to be slaughtered, Hoelting said. There is a ban against

slaughtering equine in the U.S. for human consumption.

"It's a delicacy in Europe, and that's where a lot of the equine are shipped," she said. "Equine can be euthanized here, but not for human consumption, basically not meat production."

The staff at the museum had options other than to euthanize the mules, Foxworth said.

"They could have gotten a Fiberglas mule, that's probably 10 times better and would last 15 to 20 years longer. They look a lot more realistic, and they're not made from flesh and bone," she said. "They could have done a live display, I would have loved that, that would have pulled people in from all over the place."

The idea to use mules from a taxidermy was not the museum's idea, Hoelting said.

"The idea originally came from

the exhibit firm, which is Museum Arts of Dallas," she said. "No one here at this museum is an exhibit designer by trade, so it was never our original idea. They told us what we needed, so we went out and looked for it, and we couldn't find any that had already been to a taxidermy. They said that the taxidermy mules would be a much better choice than fiber glass, and we trusted them because they are the experts."

Phil Paramore of Museum Arts said in a news release a Fiberglas replica does not convey the same message as a real animal. Fiberglas does not show visitors how essential animal power was during American agricultural history.

"After an exhaustive, but fruitless search for preserved, exhibit-quality animals, one of our board members learned that an area horse and mule trader had purchased a pair of mules that would fit our needs.

According to the owner, the animals had reached the ages of about 28 and 32, respectively, and were no longer sound or strong enough for normal use," according to the American Museum of Agriculture news release.

The mules are not on display yet, Hoelting said. The two mules will be the first authentic animals the museum has ever displayed.

Darrell Guthrie, a lawyer for the Mullin Hoard & Brown LLP law firm, said if a lawsuit is filed against the museum, his firm will be the one to defend them.

"I haven't seen the lawsuit that allegedly has been filed," he said. "The lawsuit is served upon whoever is named as the defendant. Someone has to come and hand you the lawsuit, and that certainly hasn't happened at the American Museum of Agriculture, as of yet anyway."

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Obama, Romney clash on economy in first debate

DENVER (AP)—In a showdown at close quarters, President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney sparred aggressively in their first campaign debate Wednesday night over taxes, deficits and strong steps needed to create jobs in a sputtering national economy. "The status quo is not going to cut it," declared the challenger.

Obama in turn accused his rival of seeking to "double down" on economic policies that actually led to the devastating national downturn four years ago — and of evasiveness on details for Romney proposals on tax changes, health care, Wall Street regulation and more.

Both men made frequent references to the weak economy and high national unemployment, by far the dominant issue in the race for the White House. Public opinion polls show Obama with a slight advantage in key battleground states and nationally, and Romney was particularly aggressive, like a man looking to shake up the campaign with a little less than five weeks to run.

With a prime-time television audience likely counted in the tens of millions, moderator Jim Lehrer was pressed at time to enforce time limits on the two rivals. The president occasionally shook his head as Romney talked over Lehrer.

And Romney virtually lectured Obama at one point after the president accused him of seeking to cut education funds. "Mr. President, you're entitled to your own airplane and your own house, but not your own facts."

Romney said he had plans to fix the economy, repeal Obama's health care plan, remake Medicare, pass a substitute for the legislation designed to prevent

another financial crash and reduce deficits — but he provided no specifics despite Obama's prodding.

Said Obama: "At some point the American people have to ask themselves: Is the reason Governor Romney is keeping all these plans secret, is it because they're going to be too good? Because middle class families benefit too much? No."

At times the debate turned into rapid-fire charges and retorts that drew on dense facts and figures that were difficult to follow. The men argued over oil industry subsidies, federal spending as a percentage of the GDP, Medicare cuts, taxes and small businesses and the size of the federal deficit and how it grew.

Obama sometimes seemed somewhat professorial. Romney was more assertive and didn't hesitate to interrupt the president or the moderator.

Despite the wonky tone of the debate, Romney managed to make some points by personalizing his comments with recollections of people he said he had met on the campaign trail. In another folksy reference, Romney told Lehrer, a veteran of the Public Broadcasting Service, that he would stop the federal subsidy to PBS even though "I love Big Bird."

Generally polite but pointed, the two men agreed about little if anything.

Obama said his opponent's plan to reduce all tax rates by 20 percent would cost \$5 trillion and benefit the wealthy at the expense of middle income taxpayers.

Shot back Romney: "Virtually everything he just said about my tax plan is inaccurate."

The former Massachusetts governor and businessman added that Obama's

proposal to allow the expiration of tax cuts on upper-level income would mean tax increases on small businesses that create jobs by the hundreds of thousands.

The two campaign rivals clasped hands and smiled as they strode onto the debate stage at the University of Denver, then waved to the audience before taking their places behind identical lecterns.

There was a quick moment of laughter, when Obama referred to first lady Michelle Obama as "sweetie" and noted it was their 20th anniversary.

Romney added best wishes, and said to the first couple, "I'm sure this is the most romantic place you could imagine, here with me."

Both candidates' wives were in the audience.

The two men debated before a television audience likely to be counted in the tens of millions. They will meet twice more this month, and their running mates once, but in past election years, viewership has sometimes fallen off after the first encounter.

Without saying so, the two rivals quickly got to the crux of their race — Romney's eagerness to turn the contest into a referendum on the past four years while the incumbent desires for voters to choose between his plan for the next four years and the one his rival backs.

Romney ticked off the dreary economic facts of life — a sharp spike in food stamps, economic growth "lower this year than last" and "23 million people out of work or stopped looking for work."

But Obama criticized Romney's prescriptions and his refusal to raise taxes and said, "if you take such an unbalanced approach then that means you are going

to be gutting our investment in schools and education ... health care for seniors in nursing homes (and) for kids with disabilities."

Not surprisingly, the two men disagreed over Medicare, a flash point since Romney placed Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan on his ticket.

The president repeatedly described Romney's plan as a "voucher program" that would raise out-of-pocket costs on seniors.

He continued, directly addressing the voters at home: "If you're 54 or 55 you might want to listen because this will affect you."

Romney said he doesn't support any changes for current retirees or those close to retirement.

"If you're 60 or 60 and older you don't need to listen further," he said, but he contended that fundamental changes are needed to prevent the system from becoming insolvent as millions of baby boom generation Americans become eligible.

Romney also made a detailed case for repealing Obamacare, the name attached to the health care plan that Obama pushed through Congress in 2010. "It has killed jobs," he said, and argued that the best approach is to "do what we did in my state."

Though he didn't say so, when he was governor Massachusetts passed legislation that required residents to purchase coverage — the so-called individual mandate that conservatives and he oppose on a national level.

Romney also said that Obamacare would cut \$716 billion from Medicare over the next decade.

Parties

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LaNell Wilson, a Lubbock resident and registered Independent party member came to the Republican Party viewing party to gain insight on Romney.

"I want to get a little more insight into Romney's viewpoints," she said.

While some want to gain insights on viewpoints of the candidates Harold Stout, Lubbock resident, said debates are part of the political process.

"As an American I feel that (the debate) is part of the political process and it clarifies the political process," Stout said.

Tepper said the interactions and how the candidates handle themselves are something to look forward to.

"I am looking forward to see how they handle themselves being in the same room per-

sonally having to interact with each other," he said.

Ketner said seeing the first side-by-side of Obama and Romney is something to look forward to.

When discussing what is overshadowing everything right now Tepper said it is the subject of the national debt.

Trace Wilson a Lubbock resident said there should be a top priority for the country.

"No. 1 priority is bringing spending under control," he said.

Tepper said there seems to be a heightened interest this year in the presidential race.

"I am super excited being more involved and getting my voice heard," Molina said.

Trace Wilson said a strong leader is something to look for.

"I am looking for someone that is going to be strong and want him to be thinking more along the line of how the founding fathers intended this country to be," he said.

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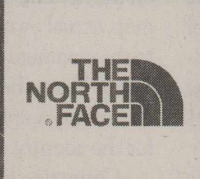
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Personal hygiene especially important during flu season

Fall is here along with the infamous plague of disease and winter colds. Now, more than ever, is not the time to forget to wash your hands.

The first thing I want to say is that people are gross, and that includes me sometimes. I'll blow my nose in class and forget to wash or sanitize my hands. Only when I'm home later that night do I remember that one incident and run through a list of everything I have touched and how many people I have infected and who they have infected — so on, so forth.

I'm really not a mysophobe. Ask my roommates. My room is a constant mess, and it takes me far too many days to wash a dish or empty my coffee mug. But as somebody who wants to get her professional

Rocio Rodriguez



degrees in public health, this is something of personal interest.

I have lost count of the number of times I have been in the restroom, and while I'm washing my hands, a girl comes out of the stall and automatically starts fixing her blouse, texting, fixing her hair, etc. That is seriously disgusting. Do you know what's on your hands? There is now urine and fecal matter all over your phone and face.

We live in a very delicate balance; the constant use of hand sanitizers could tip the balance

towards bacteria and help develop bacteria-resistant strains, according to the CDC. Instead, old-fashioned

hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds — the length of the ABC song — is still the best approach to personal hygiene.

In fact, normal exposure to germs when we are young is a great way to teach our immune system how to deal with unfamiliar germs. It helps develop a stronger and more efficient immune system,

according to WebMD. Let that be a hint to future parents.

But now, as adults, we should

practice healthy steps to prevent the spreading of germs and personal infection. For example, at the Student Recreation Center, wipe the machinery before and after you use it. Think of how many sweaty hands and dirty buttocks have been where you are.

Our generation may not realize it, but the seasonal flu is influenza, a dangerous

and highly contagious disease that if not treated properly can kill, according to the CDC. There is also a difference between a viral and bacterial infection. A viral infection is treated with antiviral medication where as a bacterial infection is treated with antibiotics.

Antibiotics aren't meant for viral infections, and if used to treat viral infections, could potentially harm you, as they are introducing an unnecessary alien microbe into your body that could lead to future antibiotic-resistant microbes.

Avoid touching your face, as this is the most effective way of introducing germs into your body. People tend to touch their face an average of 16 times an hour, according to a study done by the University of California-Berkeley.

The study from Berkeley warns

that the mucous membranes such as your mouth, eyes and nose are the best way for the bacteria and viruses to get in. We have powerful bodies with great mechanisms to delay and prevent infection, but it still happens.

WebMD suggests that a healthy diet, exercise, plenty of liquids and sleep will build up your immune system to fight and prevent infection. Other ways of building up your immune system are either by exposing yourself to sick people or getting a vaccination.

So, good luck to all of you. Think of the other people you are infecting and let's make this a flu-free season.

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GUEST COLUMN

SGA House of Representatives a necessary addition to student government

By COLIN DAVIS

On September 8, 2012, Senate Concurrent Resolution 48.01 was introduced to the Student Senate by my colleague, Senator Erika Allen of the Honors College, and I, Senator Colin Davis of the College of Arts and Sciences. This legislation would (if approved by the Senate, and later the student body) create a Student House of Representatives that would become a part of the Student Government Association's legislative branch.

Currently, the legislative branch is made up of only a Student Senate, whose members are elected by college (Engineering, Education, etc.). If this Student

House is created, it would be made up of registered student organizations, and where the Student Senate is made up by college, the Student House would be made up of organizational categories as defined by the Center for Campus Life (Academic/Professional, Graduate, Special Interest, etc.).

There has been a lot of discussion about this resolution, and about how adding more students to the process will not help a legislative branch that is badly broken. We've also heard students wouldn't want to be involved in this new opportunity because they're already so busy. However, after two lengthy meetings of the Student Senate, I believe we are finally at a place where the serious

discussion of adding more student representation can happen.

I think most of the student body is able to recognize that they do not know much about the Student Government Association and that they do not fully understand our responsibilities or our mission as a department on campus. That is not the fault of the student body, however. This is totally the fault of the SGA. It is our job to seek out student problems, and to fix those problems through our relationships with the administration of this university.

But this job isn't being done to the extent that it should be. As a third-term member of the Student Senate, I see first-hand the ineffectiveness of the Student Senate, and that our job as senators is not being done. I understand the reputation our organization has isn't a pretty one, and this must change.

Senator Allen and I introduced the plan to create a Student House of Representatives because we wholeheartedly believe more students and their voices need to be involved in the SGA in order to create a student-run government that can effectively represent the needs of our fellow students. The voice of every student on campus should be equally important to us as a department, and if we are to ensure the importance of these students, there is no better way than to give every

student organization on campus the opportunity to be involved in every issue brought before the SGA.

Many would argue that we already do this in the program SORC (Student Organization Representative Council), in which organizations come together every few months to talk about things happening across campus. I do not believe this is enough. Why not include these organizations in the formal process of voting on legislation? When given the opportunity to get involved, I believe students, especially Texas Tech students, will jump on board.

It is difficult for me to explain the reasoning behind this

idea, the history of it, and the implementation in such a short column. That is why I'm asking you to please attend our meetings and voice your ideas. Voice your input to the members of the Student Senate. Every senator can be reached on our website: <http://www.sga.ttu.edu>. We need to hear the student body's feedback on such a huge issue. Our next meeting is tonight, at 6 PM in MCOM 353.

I look forward to the much-needed dialogue between you and the Student Senate.

Davis is a College of Arts and Sciences senator and a senior political science major from Bowie.

No need to fear bacon shortage

By KRISTA BROOKS
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I'm sure you're all devastated about the news of the worldwide pork shortage.

Yes, this includes our favorite meat, bacon.

Last Thursday, Britain's National Pig Association warned that the escalating numbers of shrinking herds are going cause an "unavoidable bacon shortage."

This "porkapocalypse" is due to the increase in cost of feeding these delicious animals, according to the pig industry.

If you're still reading, let out that breath you've been holding — bacon will not be extinct as predicted.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts that the pork production of next year will be around 23 billion pounds, only a 1.3 percent decline in America.

Worldwide, it's predicted that the availability will only be a 2 to 3 percent decrease per-capita.

Bacon has become a fad, or obsession, for American food lovers.

In 2010, the pork consumption reached an all-time high of 33.4 pounds per person a year, according to the Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Europe may experience a lack of bacon within the next few years, but

only a 10 percent decrease at most.

Do not freak out. There will still be bacon.

The bacon crisis has spun into an exaggerated epidemic. We can all blame the media, but let's get serious. If there was a terrible shortage of bacon in our future, we would all want to know about it immediately.

Thankfully, this issue is not as worse as forecasted by the United Kingdom, but the word "unavoidable" comes across very serious and scary.

The bacon in the United Kingdom is also different from the bacon that Americans eat with scrambled eggs and toast. The bacon in this region is from a different part of the animal, a meat familiar to us as "Canadian bacon."

YouTube series "Epic Meal Time" will be happy to know that the price of bacon in Canada, however, will not be raised as high as in the U.S.

This predicted scarcity was due to a recent drought and rise of corn price.

This may raise the price of pork-per-pound within the next few years.

Steve Meyer, a consulting economist to the National Pork Board, predicts that prices will be raised at most to \$3.75 per pound. This price is only 25 cents higher than present costs. If you were freaking out about the loss of bacon — I know I was — rest assured that it will only be raised by a measly quarter, a price us bacon-lovers will have to pay.

US economy a blend of capitalism, socialism

By SARAH FISCHER
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Words get thrown around a lot without any real thought to the meaning behind them. Socialist. Liberal. Fascist. Republican. Communist. Capitalist.

Whoa. Capitalist? The idea of the "invisible hand of the free market," an idea introduced by 18th-century Scottish social philosopher Adam Smith, manifested as a metaphor to describe the self-regulating nature of the marketplace. It has come to be a cry for the deregulation of the free market, a staple of "pure" capitalism.

But Smith never mentions capitalism in "The Theory of Moral Sentiments."

We have come to view economic systems like those in the United States as pure capitalism and revolted against what is broadcast as pure socialism or pure communism. We even bristle at the idea that the slightest socialism might be creeping into our marketplace. (It's part of the reason the new health care law is so highly debated.)

Capitalism, defined as, "an economic system in which investment in and ownership of the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth is made and maintained chiefly by private individuals or cor-

porations, especially as contrasted to cooperatively or state-owned means of wealth" is lauded in the United States. Here, it is held up as the example of what a democratic society can do, as the pinnacle of freedom, being able to have complete control over "the means of production, distribution, and exchange of wealth."

Socialism, on the other hand, is defined as "a theory or system of social organization that advocates the vesting of the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution, of capital, land, etc., in the community as a whole." So what does that mean?

It means that, as a whole, as a community, the people decide what to make, what to fund and how to divide up what is made and funded. Generally this is taken to mean that the government has control, and while that might operationally be the case, it is not in principle. The government stands for, acts for, the people. The community as a whole.

Countries like Sweden and Norway are commonly defined as "socialist" because they have this strong central government. However, most of their industries are privately run, standing against the idea of a purely socialist society. Some countries, like Sri Lanka and Portugal, discuss socialism in their constitutions, but

still others ascribe to various branches of socialism: democratic socialism, African socialism, Arab socialism.

Then there are those countries that identify as socialist in their constitutions but are seen as communist by the rest of the world. How does that happen?

Communism, which branches off socialism, is defined as "a theory or system of social organization based on the holding of all property in common, actual ownership being ascribed to the community as a whole or to the state." Here, then, is where the state — not the people — makes decisions for the country.

Countries like China, Vietnam and Cuba officially describe themselves as communist, while other countries like North Korea are described externally as communist. (North Korea is an interesting example because, although it is state-run, its military class is elevated above the rest of the population, contradicting the communist idea of a classless society.)

These distinctions are important. Incredibly important. They illustrate the nuances that make economic systems so complex and resistant to the single labels "capitalism," "communism" or "socialism."

The United States, with our capitalist economic system, already has

aspects of communism and socialism. We operate government-run prisons. We provide health care for soldiers and the elderly. We require drivers to have car insurance. We pay taxes to support national infrastructure. We have copyright and patent laws that limit what we can produce. We have labor laws that limit how we can produce.

The laws that we have now allow our market to work. They allow entrepreneurs to open new businesses, to expand and create jobs. They protect your great idea from getting stolen by me. They protect my land from getting taken by you. They create the opportunity for competition and creativity that would not happen if we relied solely on the concept of supply and demand.

We don't have a free-market economy because we need government intervention to make any concept of a free market possible. The system that exists now, as flawed as it is, is a blend of the better parts of a myriad of systems. Whether the balance is the one we need (whether we need more capitalism or more socialism or more regulation or more monopolies) will always be up for debate. But it is only when we can understand the accurate definitions of such complicated systems that such a debate can even begin.

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Men, Women's rodeo teams continue to aim for success

By EMILY GARDNER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Women's and Men's rodeo teams had its second competition of the year Saturday and Sunday at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Rodeo coach Chris Guay said Carley Richardson was the women's breakaway calf roping champion and Traci Bailey placed fourth. The reigning reserved southwest region champion barrel racer Taylor Langdon won third in barrel racing. On the men's side, Zach Peterson placed second in bull riding.

"I won second in the long round of the breakaway," Carley Richardson, a senior animal science major from Pampa said. "They have a long round where everyone goes and then the top 10 come back and it's called the short round. I won the short round, and then they averaged those times together and I won that, too."

In order to prepare for the rodeos, Richardson said she rides her horses every day and ropes at the school two to three days a week.

Zach Peterson, a junior agriculture and applied economics major from Afton, Iowa, said he tries to stay mentally positive and keep in shape.

Peterson said he also tries to get on bulls a couple of times a week and works out whenever he can in order to practice.

"(We're) just trying to practice as much as we can," Guay said. "These guys go to ropings and rodeos almost every week. You don't ever really quit practicing and competing. They go to a lot of either amateur or professional rodeos."

The women's rodeo team won the national competition this summer in Casper, Wyo. Guay said.

Richardson said she would like for the team to make the College National Finals Rodeo and win another national championship. She also would like to win the all-around.

The long-range goals for the teams are to win as many individual national championships as they can, Guay said. He also wants the men and women's teams to win the southwest region championships and advance to college national finals.

"I'd like to qualify for college finals," Peterson said. "I have pro rodeo finals coming up and I'd like to place in the top five for those."

The teams will compete at Vernon College Oct. 11-13. Tech will host the 15 schools in the southwest region Oct. 18-20, and the last competition of the fall semester will be hosted at Clarendon College Oct. 25-27, Guay said.

The teams will compete at five more rodeos in the spring semester before they have the opportunity to advance to nationals.

"The top three individuals in each

event advance to the college national finals after the 10 rodeos," Guay said.

The individuals receive points for each first through-sixth place finish, Guay said. These points are collected throughout the 10 rodeos. Teams qualifying for nationals also use the points system.

"We are right in there at the top of the regional standings in the women's," Guay said. "The guys are going to be in there soon. We just have to keep plugging along."

There are nine rodeo events students participate in, Guay said. Women participate in breakaway calf roping, goat tying and barrel racing. Men compete in saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling. Both men and women compete in team roping.

Guay said there are 35 total teams this year and about 60 percent of the members are women and 40 percent of the members are men.

About 15 scholarships were given to members this year, Guay said. There is \$900,000 in scholarship endowments, as well.

"I can let these guys and girls both know that to win it all, go win everything you can and get you a degree as an insurance policy to fall back on," Guay said. "I don't want any of them to just limit themselves to be a champion in the arena, I want them to be a champion in life."

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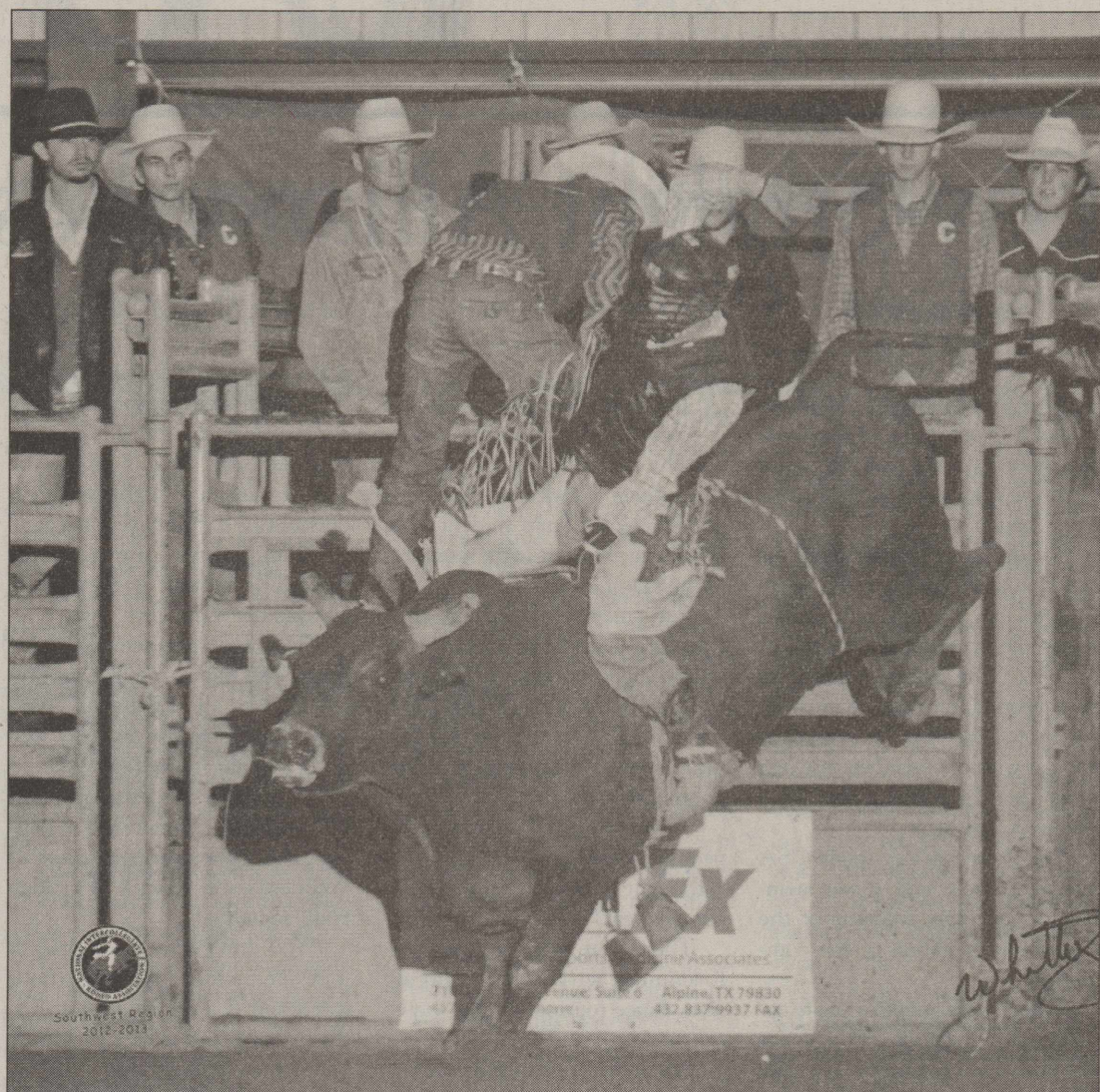


PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS GUAY
THE TEXAS TECH Men's and Women's rodeo teams recently attended its second competition of the school year and are preparing for the next rodeo at Vernon College Oct. 11-13.

Debate

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Roblez said it is the government's responsibility to provide resources, like Planned Parenthood to women and women should have the choice to be able to decide whether or not they want to receive an abortion or birth control.

"It is not the government's role to provide tax payer dollars to organizations like Planned Parenthood," Ellison said. "If you want to go out and have sex that's fine. It's not my business, it's not the government's business."

The panel next discussed affirmative action and the Fisher v. University of Texas court case.

Kitchen said he would like to see a colorblind admissions process and he believes affirmative action should end.

"I would like to get to the point where we have colorblind admissions," Ellison said. "On paper, that sounds great, but at the end of the day I know that statistics it's tougher for people that don't have resources."

The last topic discussed at the forum was health care and the Affordable Care Act.

Ellison said he agreed with the intent of Obamacare, but there are flaws that make the act impractical. He likes the fact that someone is doing something about health care, however.

Roblez said that she was in favor of the Affordable Care Act and that because of the act people

with preexisting conditions now have the ability to be covered under insurance.

The comments, questions and feedback from the audience were appreciated, Valle said.

A representative from LULAC presented information on how and where to register to vote at the end of the panel's discussion.

"Some of the information they shared was to go to the Lubbock County website and find additional registration information," Valle said. "The next part of this event is on Friday at the SUB in the Free Speech Area and will also be registering students to vote if needed. I know there are several organizations on campus that are also promoting the register to vote."

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Chicago police find about 1,000 pot plants in city

CHICAGO (AP) — In Chicago, a bustling urban metropolis where skyscrapers are as likely to sprout up as anything a farmer might plant, someone decided there was just enough room to grow something a little more organic: Marijuana.

The plants grew even taller than the tallest Chicago Bulls. However, just days before the crop on a chunk of land the size of two football fields would have been ready to harvest, a police officer and county sheriff's deputy in a helicopter spotted it as they headed back to their hangar

about three miles away.

On Wednesday, a day after the discovery of the largest marijuana farm anyone at the police department can remember, officers became farmers for a day as they began to chop down about 1,500 marijuana plants that police said could have earned the growers as much as \$10 million.

No arrests had been made as of Wednesday, and police were still trying to determine who owns the property that housed the grow site on the city's far South Side. But police said they were hopeful that

because of the size of the operation, informants or others might provide tips about those involved, including a man seen running from the area as the helicopter swooped low.

James O'Grady, the commander of the department's narcotics division, said they've never seen anything like it before, in part because Chicago's harsh winters mean growers have a lot less time to plant, grow and harvest marijuana than their counterparts in less inclement places such as California and Mexico. The bumper crop was likely planted in spring, O'Grady said.

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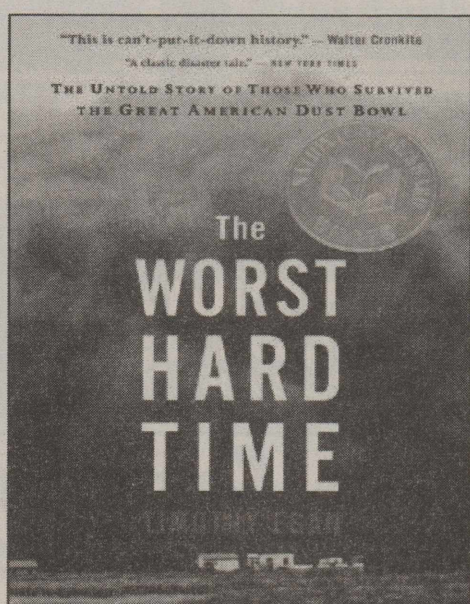
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Gay-Straight Alliance hosts 2nd annual talent show

By **LIANA SOLIS**
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The Gay-Straight Alliance hosted a talent show to showcase the different skills and talents of Lubbock Wednesday in the Escondido Theatre.

Katlin Foote, a sophomore art major from Houston, is the president of GSA this year and played a major role in organizing the event.

"This is the second year that we have been able to put on this talent show," she said. "It was really popular with our members last year so we thought it would be a good idea to do one again."

The show was not solely GSA members, Foote said. It was members of the club, students of the school and members of the community.

"There were people who are actually in GSA and also other people just from the community," she said. "We didn't want to push anyone

away who wanted to participate, so that is why we allowed anyone to join."

This year, there were roughly 25 to 35 people who showed up to support the club and those in the show.

Summer Hawkins, a first-year psychology graduate student from Wimberley, was one of the attendees of the talent show.

"I'm a member of GSA myself so I thought it would be nice to show up and support everyone," she said.

This is the second year GSA has hosted a talent show, but last year's show was not nearly as big, Foote said.

"I was surprised at how many people showed up," Hawkins said. "I thought we had a really good turn out this year."

There were eight separate performances with talent ranging from dance routines all the way to cello solos.

Ethan Ray Terry, freshman music major from San Antonio, is a

member of GSA and participated in the talent show for his first year by performing a comical yoga routine.

"I heard about the show in one of our meetings and thought it might be something I would enjoy," he said. "I thought it might be a great opportunity to just have some fun."

From the way the audience reacted, it seemed as if everyone enjoyed the show, Terry said.

"The audience seemed really happy and was acting like they really enjoyed all of the acts," Terry said. "Everyone just did very well and I thought it was a success."

For anyone interested in other GSA events or is interested in joining GSA, their meetings are hosted Wednesdays in room 4 of Holden Hall, Foote said.

"You don't have to be gay to join," Foote said. "Anyone who is interested is welcome to come to the meetings just make new friends and to have a good time."

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PHOTO BY DAVID VAUGHN/The Daily Toreador
KENNETH HOLMES, A freshman music major from Damon performs Sonata for Unaccompanied Viola at the Gay-Straight Alliance Talent Show Wednesday in the Escondido Theatre.

3rd annual Beyond Borders, Beyond Measure photography exhibit to take place

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**
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Seeing the sights has never been so easy.

Travel the world through photographs as the Texas Tech University Health Science Center presents the third annual Beyond Borders, Beyond Measure photography exhibit from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Legacy Event Center.

"Part of the reason we started this was you guys at Tech have really great, strong study abroad programs," said Michelle Ensminger, manager of International Affairs, "and our institution has also been trying to build those opportunities for our students as well."

The exhibit will include photographs TTUHSC students took while serving and studying abroad. The photographs will be for sale, and all proceeds will benefit TTUHSC scholarships for students participating in these programs.

The original signed prints of the framed and matted photographs will cost \$50. Additional reprints of the same photograph also are for sale, their costs depending on the picture size.

"On one hand, it lets the community know the amazing things that I think our students are doing in resource-poor countries," Ensminger said, "and the second purpose is to raise money so we can provide scholarships for students who choose to partici-

pate in one of our international programs."

The photographers also will be present to discuss the stories behind their photos and their experiences abroad with students interested in international programs.

"They will be able to talk one-on-one with the students to get a better feel of what the experience was like for the student," Ensminger said, "and from a student's perspective why they think having these opportunities to experience medicine in a different culture, in a different setting, in a different country is important to them, and what they gain from these experiences."

Ensminger said this year the exhibit has the most student

participants than ever before. Twenty-six students submitted their photographs.

"That was fabulous for us because it included our medical students, an allied health student, a pharmacy student, and then we also have a medical school campus in El Paso that submitted photos as well," she said, "so it covered a wide variety of students."

One of these students is Connor Biskamp, a first-year medical student from McKinney. He traveled to Guatemala and remained there from January 2 to June 26 conducting medical missions. He said the exhibited photos could help decrease naivety of problems in the world because they depict poverty levels of some

countries.

"I had a really long experience there," Biskamp said. "I saw a lot of cultural things. Some people chose photos of aesthetic value, but the reason I submitted my two photos is because I think they're upsetting and captured their culture."

Kristin Mauldin, the executive administrative associate of International Affairs, said the photos are amazing, and are currently on display for the community to view.

"By that they're seeing that our students have these amazing opportunities to go abroad," she said, "and the effect the Texas Tech community is having on the world."

Mauldin said the photographs

students have submitted this year impress her.

"One of the photos of a cathedral is crystal clear and at a really interesting angle, and it was taken with an iPhone," she said. "These students really know how to capture the beauty of the simple things, and that's what I really like about the photos that I've seen this year."

Mauldin encourages others to come experience the beauty and information the exhibit has to offer.

"We hope to see not only the Texas Tech community, but also the community of Lubbock," she said, "to speak with our students and hear more about the amazing things they are doing."

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Burned-out 180-year-old New England bell factory able to resume production

EAST HAMPTON, Conn. (AP) — The 180-year-old New England company that made the little bell that rings every time an angel gets its wings in the Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life" has resumed production in time for the holidays, four

months after its 19th-century factory burned down.

Over the past few weeks, employees working at a temporary factory set up in a rented warehouse across the street from Bevin Bros. Manufacturing Co. began filling customer orders,

including the annual one from the Salvation Army for the steel and brass bells it uses during its kettle drives.

The resumption of bellmaking, announced with fanfare Wednesday by Matthew Bevin, the sixth-generation owner of Bevin Bros., was welcomed

by many in Belltown USA, as this town of 13,000 people 20 miles from Hartford has long called itself. Bevin Bros. is the last bell manufacturer in a town that had more than 30 of them generations ago.

Eric Fuller, an assistant manager

at a hardware store, said it would be difficult to imagine an end to the company in a town where even the public school mascot is the bell-ringer. Bells are pictured on the town seal and on street and welcome-to-East Hampton signs.

"It's the town's identity," he said. "It's important for the long-time residents."

Matthew Bevin, a 45-year-old businessman who fondly recalls putting "tongues" on bells as a child and now lives in Louisville, Ky., has vowed to build a new factory to replace the one destroyed by fire during a lightning storm May 27.

He said he is doing it for the employees and the town, and was inspired by his ancestors, who managed to keep the company afloat through technological change, the Depression and cheap overseas competition.

"We're fortunately wired not to quit," he said.

Some employees wiped away tears as they listened to Bevin's announcement.

Austin Gardner, 72, a tool-and-die maker who has worked at the factory for 20 years, said the employees are extremely loyal and happy to get called back. So far, 14 of the 27 employees are back on the job, he said.

"They're grateful to have a job, especially in this economy," Gardner said. He added: "I don't think anybody else would have done what Matt's doing. There's not a whole lot of money to be made in this business."

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Lady Raider basketball prepares for season

By MEGAN KETTERER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team got the ball rolling Wednesday at its first practice of the season.

Last season, the team had a 21-14 record overall and a 6-12 record in the Big 12. Their season ended in the third round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Tech coach Kristy Curry, returning for her seventh season, said it was good for the team to get back on the court.

The team has four starters returning and five newcomers, including junior transfer student and Big 12 Preseason Newcomer of the Year Jackie Patterson.

"We've got five new faces, so that's a little bit different," Curry said. "We have to slow down and be more patient."

The coaching staff has more time to break down practices, slow down to teach the players, and be patient now

that practices have started, she said.

Accountability is one of the most important things this season, she said, and learning from mistakes.

"Whether it's a free throw, a turnover, a missed shot - we've got to be more accountable with each other," Curry said.

Accountability is an area needing improvement, she said, and it starts with her in practices.

Senior guard Casey Morris said Wednesday's practice was a good first start to the season. Morris led the team in scoring last season with 355 points.

The team came out with energy, she said, and despite the team's need for improvement, there is time to learn.

The returning team members have been through a lot together, she said, so they know what it takes to be successful.

The team continues to talk about going to the WNIT tournament last year, she said, but they are ready to move forward.

"We're all ready and we know it's our last year and our last chance to prove ourselves in the Big 12," Morris said, "so we're all hyped and ready for the season."

Being mentally tough and pushing the ball in transition will help the team win games, she said.

The team has many athletes, Morris said, and everyone is willing to learn.

"We're all open to new things," she said. "We're excited as a whole to go forward. We're not looking back."

Senior guard Monique Smalls said like any senior class, the Lady Raider seniors want to finish the season strong and end the right way.

Smalls led the Lady Raiders in assists, minutes and steals. She started all 35 games during the season.

"We've had a lot of lows and witnessed a lot of highs, especially when we went to the NCAA tournament," Smalls said. "We want that feeling again, and we want to end with this program the right way."

The freshmen will help the team in reaching their goal toward the NCAA tournament, she said.

They have to get in the flow of practices and be comfortable with Lady Raider basketball, Smalls said.

The team plans to work on free throws, Smalls said, because the coaching staff looked at statistics from last year and found the team's free throw percentage needed improvement.

"We're going to improve," she said, "We're going to be the hardest working team in the Big 12."

In previous years, the Lady Raiders have had one or two seniors, Smalls said, while this season the team has five.

"To have five seniors that are dedicated and determined with the same goal is tremendous thing," she said.

The Lady Raiders start their season with a home exhibition game against Midwestern State at 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the United Spirit Arena

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Cubs beat Astros 5-4 in Houston's NL finale

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs' misery now stretches to 104 years and the Houston Astros will depart the National League with a whimper.

Obviously there's no winner in a season finale between a pair of 100-loss teams.

Bryan LaHair homered and hit the winning single in the ninth inning, and the Cubs beat the Astros 5-4 Wednesday in Houston's final game before switching to the AL next season.

In the first series between 100-game losers in the major leagues since 1962, LaHair homered in the second and broke a 4-all tie in the ninth against Hector Ambriz (1-1).

"I was pretty psyched up about today's game," LaHair said of his rare start. "I talked to my grandma last night and I wanted to get one more (home run) for her. Luckily,

I did. It was a good feeling right there."

The 29-year-old LaHair held down the starting first base job through much of the first half after spending most of the previous nine seasons in the minors. His story reached its peak when LaHair was selected to the NL All-Star team, but his playing time dropped drastically once prospect Anthony Rizzo was called up in late June.

"To go through the adversity he's had to go through after having a great start, the All-Star game, then obviously losing a lot of playing time, it was a great finish to his year," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said. "The best way you can finish a season is be at home and have a walk-off win."

The Cubs, who last won a World Series in 1908, went 61-101 for their most losses since dropping 103 games in 1966.

Athletics sweep Rangers to win AL West on last day

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics captured the AL West with another improbable rally in a season full of them, coming back from four runs down and a 13-game division deficit to stun the two-time defending league champion Texas Rangers 12-5 on Wednesday.

Josh Hamilton dropped a fly ball in center field for a two-run error that put the A's (94-68) ahead 7-5 in a six-run fourth inning.

While Hamilton's Rangers (93-69) are headed to the new one-game, wild-card playoff, the A's get some time off before opening the division series in their first postseason appearance since 2006.

Both teams had to wait to learn their opponents from a pair of night games: Boston at New York, and Baltimore at Tampa Bay.

The A's would earn the AL's No. 1 seed if the Yankees lose, and open the division series at the winner of Friday's wild-card playoff featuring the Rangers. If New York wins, Oakland would be the No. 2 seed and begin at Detroit.

The A's needed a sweep and they delivered to win their first division crown in six years and 15th in all.

They overcame a five-game deficit in the final nine days and took sole possession of the West's top spot for the first time this year.

"It shows how important Game 162 is," Oakland's Jonny Gomes said. "I don't think it took 162 to games to check the character of this ballclub."

Grant Balfour retired Michael Young on a fly to center for the final out, then raised his arms in the air as the A's streamed out of the dugout and began bouncing up and down in the infield.

"2012 AL WEST CHAMPIONS" flashed on the scoreboard.

Make it two champagne celebrations in three days for these A's. They clinched a playoff spot Monday and held a wild dance party in the clubhouse.

This time — in new gray AL West champion T-shirts — players took a victory lap through the run-down Coliseum, where the outfield still has a light patch of grass from football in the venue shared by the NFL's Raiders.

While the A's players circled the field, injured infielder Brandon Inge sprinted toward the right-field bleachers by himself, raised a gray T-shirt to

the crowd then began dancing alone.

Soon, the celebratory champagne and beer made its way to the field — and players sprayed it into the stands.

Players came back onto the field almost an hour later to greet the fans still gathered along the top of the dugout.

Oakland pulled off another remarkable performance in a season defined by thrilling walkoffs, rallies and whipped-cream pie celebrations by a team that was never supposed

to be here.

A club that trailed Texas by 13 games on June 30. A club with a \$59.5 million payroll, lowest in baseball. General manager Billy Beane found ways to get a blue-collar franchise back to the playoffs for the first time since being swept by Detroit in the 2006 AL championship series.

"It was all part of the plan," Beane said before the game, planning to watch alone from the weight room in his usual routine. "It's a good day."

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Oklahoma tries for first win in Lubbock since 2003

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The Oklahoma Sooners had a lot to think about during their bye week after losing to Kansas State.

Though they are 18-0 following a loss since 2004, the Sooners (2-1, 0-1) face the challenge of winning a game in Lubbock, where they have not won since 2003.

"You get there and very hostile fans," said Oklahoma offensive lineman Gabe Ikkard. "I mean they're great fans; they let you know they don't like you. They just really bring a lot of energy to that stadium."

Last year the Red Raiders (4-0, 1-0) pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season when they beat the Sooners 41-38 in Norman, Okla. With revenge on its mind, Oklahoma faces an improved Tech team that ranks first in total defense.

"They've done an excellent job in the discipline of their defense," said Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, "They play hard, they're physical and they're covering you tighter. It'll be an exciting and big challenge going down there like it always is, so we're looking forward to it."

In order to overcome the challenge, Stoops will need greater contributions from his veteran players, such as senior quarterback Landry Jones.

In Oklahoma's 24-19 loss to Kansas State on Sept. 22, Landry was responsible for two of the

team's three turnovers with an interception and a fumble. Landry also struggled in the team's first game of the season, a 24-7 victory over the University of Texas-El Paso in which he completed less than 60 percent of his passes.

Jones needs to stop pressing, Stoops said, and be smarter about going through his reads and taking what the defense gives him. Jones admitted he needs to let the game come to him and he may be trying to do too much.

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OKLAHOMA

"Everyone wants to make plays, everyone wants to throw ridiculous amounts of touchdowns and throw for a lot of yards," Jones said. "I think sometimes you get mixed up and we want to push it down the field a little bit more than you should."

The coaches have also worked in practice on getting Jones more comfortable when facing pressure in the pocket.

"I think it's just confidence in sitting in there and delivering the football," Stoops said. "We do what we can do, going against each other, doing a blitz period every day where we have the better defensive guys coming after him. We do the things we can short of hitting, and we aren't going to do that."

Returning for his senior year, Jones and the Sooners had championship aspirations coming into the season. Despite his struggles, Jones said he does not regret his decision to come back. Instead of moping around, he said it is im-



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OKLAHOMA QUARTERBACK LANDRY Jones passes the ball during Tech's 41-38 victory over the Sooners' last season at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

portant for him to go to practice with positive energy and be more of a vocal leader.

Besides getting better play from Jones, Stoops said he wants to get running back Damien Williams more touches. The junior was a surprise star in the Sooners' first two games, rushing for 259 yards and five touchdowns. Against Kansas State however, Williams rushed for only 34 yards on 10 carries.

"We've talked and we want

to get Damien (Williams) more carries and more opportunities," Stoops said. "It's just based on practice and what we've seen in games to this point. He's been strong taking care of the football, but also making big plays and getting extra yards."

If the Sooners are to come out of Lubbock with a win, they will need bigger contributions from wide receivers Trey Metoyer and Justin Brown who have struggled replacing graduated wide re-

ceiver Ryan Broyles, the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision career leader in receptions currently playing for the Detroit Lions. This season Metoyer, a freshman, has 10 catches for 90 yards and one touchdown this season, and Brown, a junior, has caught 12 passes for 135 yards and no touchdowns.

Getting Metoyer and Brown the ball more is important for the offense, Jones said, and he believes the coaches will emphasize it in

practice.

"(Metoyer and Brown) are just other weapons that kind of have not been used," Jones said. "You have so many weapons on this team that if you don't use all of them then you are leaving stuff on the field and I think the coaches see that."

The Sooners will look to end their three-game losing streak at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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