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## President's office hosts Celebration of Excellence



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STUDENTS AND FACULTY gather for A Celebration of Excellence on Tuesday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion. The event celebrated Texas Tech surpassing the criteria for the National Research University Fund.

By KATIE MCKEE  
STAFF WRITER

The Office of the President hosted A Celebration of Excellence from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Interim President Lawrence Schovanec said the purpose of the come-and-go event was to show appreciation for the collective efforts of faculty, staff and students in reaching National Research University Fund within two years.

"It's more than a celebration of having obtained National Research University Fund status," he said. "It really reflects a long history of progress towards being recognized as really one of the more elite national research universities."

"It's a real tribute to our staff, our students, faculty and administration and they got this done during the first period in which they could achieve NRUF status."

Along with recognizing faculty, staff and students, the celebration also recognized alumni and donors, which Schovanec said were critical

to the support of the university.

Although Texas Tech reached NRUF status in June, that does not make the university a tier-one institution. Standards outside the NRUF criteria are necessary to reach tier one, Schovanec said.

Because of this, he said, a daily attention to excellence is essential to continuing the momentum at Tech.

Reaching NRUF status was about more than money, Schovanec said. Aside from money, the status was about statements of quality at Tech.

Schovanec said the university will continue to pursue growth in enrollment, growth in research and the enhancement of the quality of student life.

When Tech reached NRUF status, it meant the university met several criteria, including being designated as an emerging research university by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and granting 200 doctorates.

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## Love in Islam

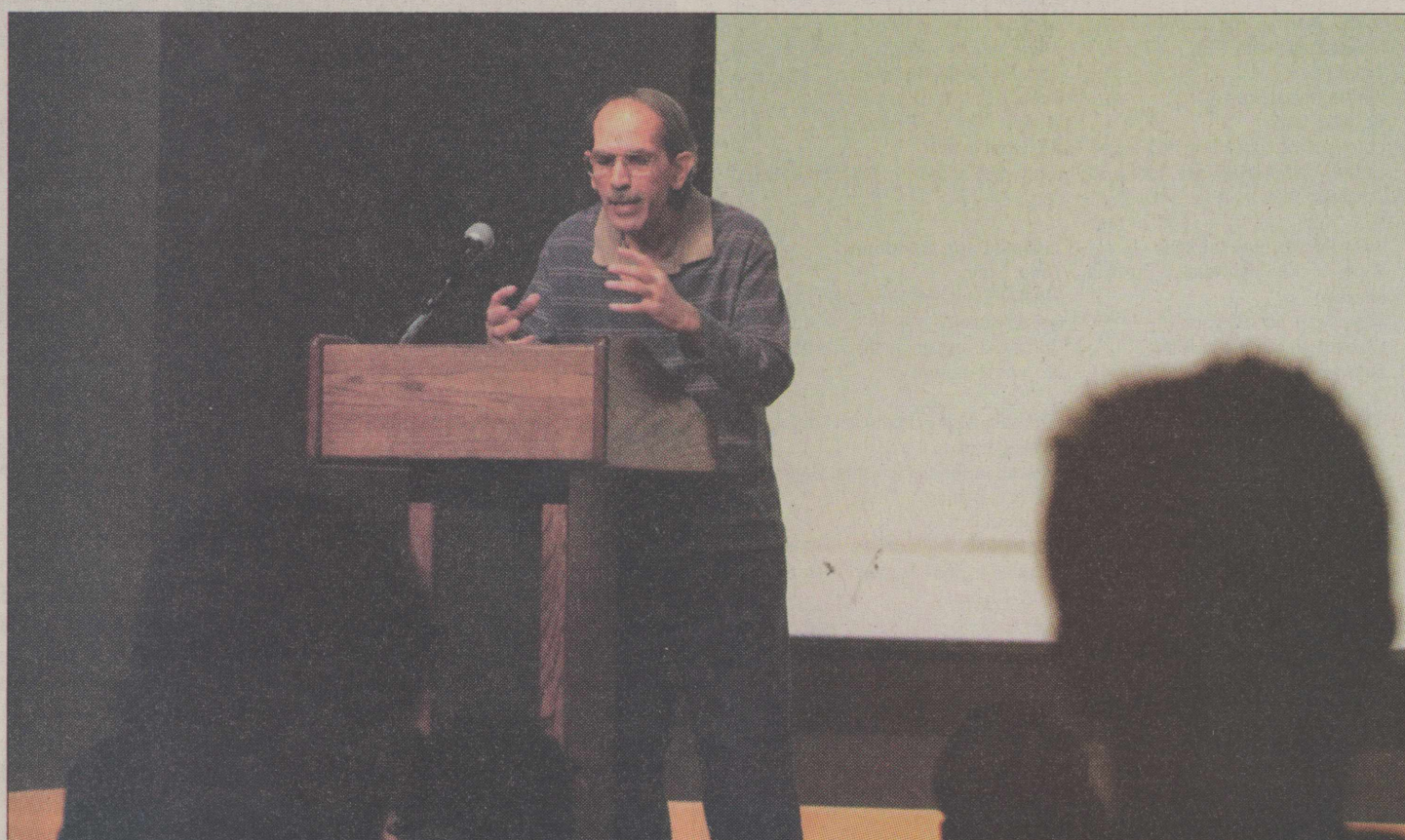


PHOTO BY EMILY MCCARTHY/The Daily Toreador  
ABDUL HAMOOD, A research assistant professor of psychology, discusses about the different types of love that is addressed in the Quran, and how marriage is perceived in the Islamic culture Tuesday in the Student Union Building Escondido Theater.

## Muslim Student Association hosts Love in Islam for Islamic Awareness Week

By KATELIN KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

Years ago, a man unknowledgeable about the Islamic culture and religion told Abdul Hamood, if one looked at the Quran, they would be unable to find the word love.

Hamood disagreed.

For the third year in a row, the Texas Tech Muslim Student Association hosted events for the campus-wide Islamic Awareness Week to educate students about Islamic religion and culture.

Hamood, a professor of microbiology, was the guest speaker in place of his wife, Jane Hamood, at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building Escondido Theatre.

"With a man and woman," Hamood said, "(God) created from you, the same soul that he created you, he created another, which is your mate, but he made between you love, compassionate and mercy."

Hamood, originally from Iraq, discussed not only the similarities and differences between the Quran and the Bible, through references to prophets, but also the U.S. and Islamic culture.

"A very critical issue is there is an Islam, and

there is faith, and then they are people who call themselves Muslim," he said. "Now, what people do, is they incorporate their custom, and they put a label of Islam on them and they will say, 'Oh that's the way Islam is.' No, it isn't."

Hamood also addressed common misconceptions about Islamic culture regarding polygamy, arranged marriage and divorce.

"The concept (of arranged marriage) is the couple has to be agreeable with each other," Hamood said. "He has to be in full agreement that he really, sincerely wants, not to satisfy his father or his family, deep inside he wants to live with this woman, she also has to want deep inside."

Hamood emphasized the cultural importance of a stable family. Even though divorce and remarriage is not prohibited in Islam, Hamood said it should be seen as a last resort to a dead-end marriage.

"The happiest of time for man, is when he sees his wife carry a child," Hamood said. "The happiest time for a woman is when she sees her son with his father."

Mohammad Abderrahman, a senior political science major, is the president of the Muslim Student Association and arranged events open to all Tech

students for the awareness week.

"He didn't talk about marriage necessarily, but he talked about just everything going all around," Abderrahman, originally from Jordan, said. "I thought that was very interesting, his answers were extremely amazing, I didn't expect him to answer that beautiful, but he did."

Abderrahman said he believes the religious similarities far outweigh the differences because of the shared beliefs in the Old Testament.

"Most of the stuff we talk about or believe, it all derives from the same principles and everything like that," Abderrahman said. "So, whenever we talk about something, whenever we have a topic that's being debated, we can all relate at the very core of the beliefs, and then after that it branches off into whatever each sect believes."

Mohamed Shogar, a junior business major from Houston, said his Muslim beliefs were strengthened from Hamood because information about love in Islam is limited in today's society.

"It's a really interesting topic," Shogar said. "You don't hear a lot about love in Islam, and it's good to know about it."

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## CHRISTMAS CONSTRUCTION



PHOTO BY ISAAC VILLALOBOS/The Daily Toreador  
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON the Christmas tree Tuesday located on the lawn behind the Texas Tech University seal. The Christmas tree is included in the annual Carol of the Lights ceremony, which will be hosted Dec. 1.

## Texas State Representatives speak to School of Law

By MATT DOTRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Texas State Representatives Drew Darby and John Frullo discussed the issues and goals of the Texas 83rd Legislative Session on Tuesday.

The discussion was hosted by the "Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal" and took place in the School of Law's Lanier Auditorium. It featured Darby, a state representative from District 72 and Frullo, a state representative from District 84.

In the introduction, Taylor Spalla, editor-in-chief of Tech's law journal, said Darby represents San Angelo and Snyder in the Texas House of Representatives. He is the vice chairman of the Transportation Committee and the chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Frullo represents the majority of Lubbock in the Texas House of Representatives. Spalla

said Frullo is entering his second year in the Texas Legislature and is a member of the Government Efficiency and Reform Committee, as well as the Committee on Human Trafficking.

Both representatives said the 83rd Legislative Session, which begins Jan. 8, will be exciting.

"This session is going to be a very good session," Darby said. "You've seen, through the election cycle, that our nation is very divided and polarized on a lot of issues. But some issues transcend politics and I'm keenly interested in making sure we advance infrastructure here in Texas."

Darby emphasized the need for the continuous improvements on roads. He said legislators need to accommodate for the 1,300 people moving to Texas every day.

Lubbock does not receive much traffic, he said, and the only way to get goods and services is through good roads.

"The last time I checked, those are not Republican roads and Democratic bridges," Darby said. "They are Texas roads. That's how we get our goods and services. Without good roads, nobody is going to come to Texas."

The transportation infrastructure scheme has not changed since 1991, he said. The growth of five million people and 22 million vehicles in the State of Texas since 1991 means the funds for transportation infrastructure needs to change.

Another issue Frullo and Darby discussed was electricity.

Frullo said in years to come, there could be a chance Texas citizens could turn on their light switch without knowing for certain the light will come on. Blackouts are problems they are going to address in state affairs and resource advocacy, he said.

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## Today

**Studio 360: Beginning Drawing for Adults**  
 Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Where: Museum of Texas Tech  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and learn to draw. Arts classes will be the third Wednesday of every month.

**Texas Tech Men's Basketball vs. Nebraska-Omaha**  
 Time: 7 p.m.  
 Where: United Spirit Arena  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and support the Red Raiders as they compete against Nebraska-Omaha.

**Joint Faculty Recital: Lisa Garner Santa on flute and Nataliya Sukhina on piano**  
 Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 Where: Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy a free concert.

**Scrabble Club**  
 Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Where: Market Street  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and play with the local Scrabble Club. All levels of competition are welcome.

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

## Thursday

**Kickoff for the 2012 Be a Santa to a Senior Program**  
 Time: 10 a.m.  
 Where: Kmart, 6501 University Ave.  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and help kickoff the program. Members of the community are asked to help by purchasing and donating a gift. The gifts will be collected through Dec. 7.

**Jazz Ensemble II Concert**  
 Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 Where: Hemmle Recital Hall  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this free concert.

**Twilight Saga Marathon**  
 Time: Noon  
 Where: Cinemark Tinseltown USA  
**So, what is it?**  
 Come out and enjoy this marathon of Twilight movies.

**Thursday Nights at the Art Factory**  
 Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Where: Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center  
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# MEDITATION MOMENT



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KELLIE ANDERSON, A senior advertising major from Little Elm, exercises her hamstrings and quadriceps during a yoga class Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## Celebration

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Meeting these criteria for two consecutive years was a team effort, Chancellor Kent Hance said. Improving the research status of the university improves the value of students' degrees from Tech, he said. Interim vice president for research Michael San Francisco said the team to which Hance referred is vital to become a research university. This cumulative effort, San Francisco said, begins with graduate students and post doctoral researchers doing the physical work in the research labs, the staff playing a vital role in allowing money to flow through the university while monitoring certifications and compliance and the faculty overseeing the graduate students and post doctoral researcher's activities and writing

proposals. Reaching NRUF status would not have been possible without the faculty, staff and students working together, interim dean of the Graduate School Dominick Casadonte said. "It's also like the chancellor said, we work as a family here, and no one person moved us to NRUF status," he said. "It was really a team effort. We team-tagged. I think it's important to know that." Part of Tech's success in reaching the NRUF status was the university's ability to do more with less money. As the university receives more money for research, Hance said he expects better results. Two years ago, the university raised \$24 million for research. That was matched by the state, giving Tech \$48 million. Hance said the research generated by the funds will make the university money. [kmckee@dailytoreador.com](mailto:kmckee@dailytoreador.com)

## Speakers

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"It's not as if we can build a reservoir and store it and as you need it, you get more," Frullo said. "That's one of the concerns right now. We have older, aging plants." Texas is doing a lot of things right, Frullo said, but it still needs to have a vision. Frullo said a topic businesses are concerned with is taxes. "The margins tax is going to need some work," he said. "People are pretty unhappy with

it. In some cases, businesses are not coming here because of that. It's hard to come up with a solution, but we'll have to work on that." Spalla said it was great to hear legislatures discuss the pressing issues like transportation and budgeting. The amount of money Tech receives is directly impacted by the state budget, Spalla said. "Being able to not only bring these individuals in," Spalla said, "but also educate the members of our journal is very important." [mdotray@dailytoreador.com](mailto:mdotray@dailytoreador.com)

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Puzzles by PageFiber

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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# Saudi man gets life in prison in US bomb plot

AMARILLO (AP) — A former Texas college student from Saudi Arabia was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for trying to make a bomb for use in a religious attack, possibly targeting a former U.S. president. Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari was sentenced in Amarillo, where jurors convicted him in June of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Prosecutors say he had collected bomb-making material in his apartment and researched possible targets, including the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush. A handwritten journal found in his apartment included notes that he believed it was time for "jihad," a Muslim term for holy war. Although the 22-year-old Aldawsari apologized Tuesday for "these bad actions," Judge Donald E. Walter said the evidence against him was overwhelming. Walter acknowledged he was conflicted due to Aldawsari's youth and signs that outside influences had led him astray. "But the bottom line is that but by the grace of God there would be dead Americans," Walter said. "You would have done it. In every step, it was you all alone." Aldawsari stood silently in shackles as the sentence was read. The formerly clean-shaven, close-cropped man now had a full beard and long hair, and appeared to have lost a lot of weight. There is no parole in the federal system for defendants convicted of recent crimes. Aldawsari came to the U.S. legally in 2008 to study chemical engineering. He was arrested in Lubbock in February 2011, after federal agents searched his apartment and found explosive chemicals, wiring, a hazmat suit and clocks, along with videos showing how to make the chemical explosive TNP.

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## Stops still available for holiday bus trips

By **LIANA SOLIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Few things get students more excited about seeing their families than a scenic charter bus ride home with their fellow Texas Tech students.

Tech offers students charter bus rides to various Texas locations for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christine Self, the unit coordinator for Parent and Family Relations, works with the charter bus company to offer students these low cost rides.

"Tech started this about four or five years ago for those students who don't have a car or don't want to drive all the way home for the holidays," Self said.

The ride started off with just one trip to Houston, but was so popular the campus decided to expand the stops, Self said.

"We go to cities like Houston, Dallas, Forth Worth, Austin, San Antonio and El Paso," Self said. "We really just want students to have a safe and affordable way to get home to their families."

The service is offered during the Thanksgiving holiday as well as during spring break, Self said.

Audrey Messano, a sophomore biology major from Dallas, said she used the bus system last spring break and loved it.

"I thought it was just going to be a long and boring bus ride home," Messano said. "But you meet a lot of people on the trips, and they are a lot more fun than people may expect them to be."

Students can reserve a spot online to whichever city they need for a down payment of \$100 round-trip, Self said.

"For people like me who don't bring their cars up to campus, it's a really affordable choice," Messano said. "Plus it's way less expensive and easier than taking a plane."

A common misconception regarding the bus rides is it is only for freshmen, but Messano said it is not.

Andy Brink, a junior electrical engineering major from Round Rock, is taking his third trip with the buses this year and said he always has enjoyed it.

"My first year (taking the bus) was Thanksgiving of my

sophomore year, and I was surprised at how many upperclassmen take the buses," Brink said. "Plus, you're so busy talking to everyone that you don't really pay attention to what their grade is."

For those who are planning to drive home, Tech also offers another program called Road Raiders, Self said. Members of the Tech Parent Association sign up to volunteer and help any students who need it during their drive home.

"My car died on a trip home my freshman year, so I used the

number they gave us for Road Raiders," Brink said. "A nice couple who are Tech fans came and found me and helped me get back on the road safely."

There still are spots available for Thanksgiving and spring break for certain cities if any student is interested, Self said.

"The point of this program isn't to make money for us," Self said. "We want parents to know that their children can get home safely and don't want them to have to worry about being on their own."

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## STEP conference to help future teachers

By **ASHLYN TUBBS**  
STAFF WRITER

To stand out, many college students know a well-developed résumé is key to future employers.

Members of Texas State Teachers Association-Student Program understand this and are sponsoring a Supporting Tomorrow's Educators Program conference for pre-service teachers and students interested in teaching.

This professional development opportunity will give these students insight into the teaching profession.

"It will be a really good experience because I think that right now everyone is doing everything they can to stand out," said Sarah Forehand, STEP conference coordinator, "so going through the conference, we will be able to learn about things and talk to professionals that will better prepare us for our careers."

The conference will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Registration costs \$10, and students can email forms in until Friday to [lauren.kern@ttu.edu](mailto:lauren.kern@ttu.edu), or register at the door of the event. Registration forms can be found on the Texas Tech TSTA-SP Facebook page.

During the conference, breakfast and lunch will be provided. There also will be three breakout sessions taught by professors within the College of Education, which will cover topics that include special education in the general education classroom (inclusion), guide to classroom management and scoring a winning classroom.

Forehand, a junior elementary English as a second language major from Austin, said there also will be door prizes such as a teacher gift basket and a Clay Café gift certificate.

Ashlen O'Brien, a junior multidisciplinary studies major from San Antonio, said she has never participated in anything

like the conference and is excited.

She said it will help teach classroom management, which she said is her biggest worry about teaching classes.

"As someone who hopes to teach children in the future, I think this conference is going to give a lot of insight on issues that are going to pop up in the classroom, such as inclusion with special needs students," she said "And as a teacher, you are required to put in so many hours of professional development, and this conference is one of the many ways you can accomplish that."

TSTA-SP is an organization for all Tech students who are interested in the profession of teaching and participating in the College of Education, Tech and community-wide service activities that emphasize teaching as a profession. Membership is open to students of all majors.

"This organization focuses on education and stepping forward in the world of education, so I would encourage for students who are interested in that or even if they are going to work with kids someday in a school-

like setting to join," said Lauren Kern, president of TSTA-SP. "We're starting the transition from a college classroom setting to the real world classroom setting."

Kern said new members are accepted anytime. She said the members meet twice a month on campus based on the best days and times for the members as a whole. Currently, there are about 35-40 members, and a one-time membership fee of \$40 is required.

She said the organization provides members with résumé builders, leadership roles, member benefits and discounts at teaching stores.

"Being a part of this organization gives you insight on how you can educate students in a new creative way, organize classrooms and make sure they get the best information they can give as an educator," she said. "When they start a career of teaching and dealing with students, they'll feel more prepared."

Forehand said she likes being a member of the program because she is surrounded by students who share her passion

for educating children.

"I think that it is good to be surrounded around people like that," she said. "You also have the opportunity to meet really important figures in the education department, and it's great to meet people that are experienced and can give you advice from a fresh perspective. Overall, it's a great program."

This is O'Brien's first year as a member of the organization.

She said it has been a great experience so far.

"I transferred into the education program last fall and was looking for some way to get involved in the field," she said, "and TSTA-SP really has provided that for me. Guest speakers who have worked for years and years in the field give their take on the experience, and I think it has just been really rewarding."

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## Judge ordered woman to hold "idiot" sign after driving on sidewalk

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Cleveland woman puffed on a cigarette, wore headphones, and ignored passers-by and crowds of reporters as she stood for an hour Tuesday under a judge's order holding a sign that said, "Only an idiot would drive on the sidewalk to avoid a school bus."

A Municipal Court judge had ordered 32-year-old Shena Hardin to serve the highly public sentence Tuesday and Wednesday for the Sept. 11 citation

after she was caught on camera driving on a sidewalk to pass a Cleveland school bus that was unloading children.

She arrived bundled up against the 34-degree cold at the intersection near downtown Cleveland as passing vehicles honked. Satellite TV trucks streamed the event live.

Hardin refused to comment, as did her mother, who watched from a parked car. A message seeking comment was left for Hardin's attorneys.

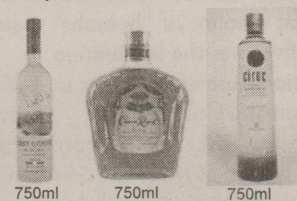
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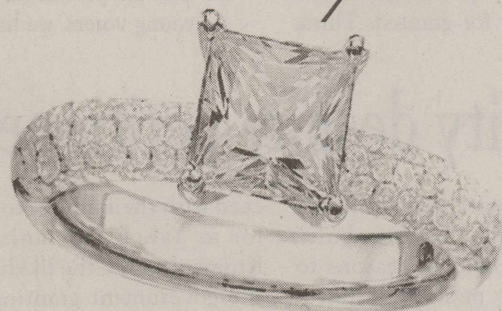
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# OPINIONS

## Obama's victory proves minority groups have political power

Conservatives might be in despair after last week's election. The re-election of their arch-nemesis, Barack Obama, is not all they have to deal with. In addition to Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, New York and New Hampshire, gay marriage is now legal in Maryland, Washington and Maine.

There are now 20 women in the Senate, which by all means is a historic number. Tammy Baldwin is the first openly gay person elected to the Senate, as well as the first Wisconsin woman. Although it is still federally an illegal narcotic, marijuana is now legal in Colorado and Washington for sale and recreational use.

President Obama won 332 electoral votes compared to the 206 Romney received. In the past 60 years, President Obama was the first to win over 50 percent of

### Berea Orange



the popular vote since President Ronald Reagan. Let us now have a moment of silence for the conservatives of America.

No, but really.

Conservatives might be holding on for now, but if last week was any indication of the future, we may be seeing the beginning of the end for our inhabitants of the right wing (as impossible as that may be to accept here in the South).

I did not once believe this race was actually as close as the media tried to portray. There could be an argument made that Romney grossly underestimated

the growing level of liberalism of our country. Is it possible that we are now actually becoming the proverbial "melting pot" we so falsely claim to be?

If Romney's loss has taught us anything, it is that women, the lower and middle classes and homosexuals are speaking up. Bill O'Reilly said on his show during election night, "Obama wins because it's not a traditional America anymore. The white establishment is the minority. People want things." He went on to say that some of those things are social handouts

like Medicare, and that minorities want them.

Well firstly, Mr. O'Reilly, 85 percent of Medicare users are white. Secondly, you are right. If a traditional America is a white establishment — and by "white establishment" I assume he refers to conservative, Republican whites — then no, we are not a traditional America any longer.

*"People do not want things to continue as they have always been. People want change. People want progression."*

People do not want things to continue as they have always been. People want change. People want progression. People want to marry whom they choose and get high at

the reception. And yes, they want that to be legal.

Sadly (depending on how you look at it), this is the America we are working toward. This is the "free" America we have claimed to be for so long. Our country is freer now than it was 40 years ago. Voting rights are no longer infringed upon. Homosexuals are allowed to marry in some states, though the South is a hurdle for this one.

While I realize that we are not as evolved as we would like — the glass ceiling is still in effect in the workplace for many women and some African-Americans, young teens are killing themselves over homosexuality, and young black males are getting shot for wearing hoodies and looking suspicious — we must acknowledge the progress.

Ten years ago, an openly gay woman in the Senate would be unfathomable. But homosexuals

and women are gaining more and more respect as time goes on. This election was won by the power of the underestimated.

I believe one of the most clever political moves President Obama made during this election was signing the Lilly Ledbetter Act and saying the following two quotes: "I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," and, "Is it possible that Congress would get more done if there were more women in Congress... I think it's fair to say that is almost guaranteed."

President Obama knew exactly what would push him over the edge with voters. Never underestimate the power of the underestimated.

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## Marijuana remains illegal despite recent elections

By GABRIEL STOFFA  
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Barack Obama was elected to a second term. Same-sex marriage was legalized in more states. But the vote that seems to maintain the highest amount of "hoorahs" and high fives was the legalization for recreational use of marijuana in Washington and Colorado.

Before any tokers out there pack your bags to move to the new havens of haze, keep in mind that marijuana legalization is not yet actually a reality.

But, this "trifling" detail is unlikely to prevent hundreds of thousands of those that enjoy that baked sensation from traveling to one of the American Amsterdams.

With the exodus of folks, and the likely immense bump in vacationing for a few days, there comes a great many challenges besides the already daunting decision of whether to smoke Canna Sutra, Nigerian, Purple Kush or any of the many other connoisseur marijuana strains.

Though increased tourism can be an excellent way to generate more funds for communities, weekend warriors from just across state lines, or anyone flying in to kiss the sky for a few days, can cause unanticipated troubles for maintaining the peace.

Denser traffic from deliveries or responsible stoners hailing cabs, to increased lines for purchases, to people with kine bud mindsets just chilling in the park or playing some tunes in public, crowding can become a safety issue.

Although there is little to no evidence to support the asinine claims concerning marijuana's influence on individuals to make them violent or cause death, scores of stumbley folks searching for munchies or strolling along taking in the pleasant vibes of life in the city does not mean the criminals out there are giving a pass to those chiefin' the reefer. There are oodles of individuals spoiling for fights or happy to rob tourists or others in a less than perfectly attentive state of

mind of their possessions.

Operating vehicles, or merely meandering down the street under the influence presents a problem. Driving while high is like driving while drunk, you do not pass "GO" and collect \$200. But that won't stop people from trying anyway.

Marijuana traces can stay in your system weeks after smoking, even if you haven't taken a bong rip for a few days. There is, as of now, no simple way for police to establish whether you are blazed, so when they suspect it, you likely head down to the station in cuffs.

Coming up next is drug testing for jobs. Public employees, and even a fair number of private, also have the wall of "random" urine tests to worry about. For residents of Colorado and Washington, despite the "legality" of your action, your job can still suspend or fire you for using an illegal substance.

The granddaddy of all woes for the 4/20 movement comes with the war on drugs. States can legalize weed all the live-long day, and it amounts to diddly-squat because Tetrahydrocannabinol remains a Schedule I hallucinogenic or psychotropic drug under the Controlled Substances Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. And since federal law trumps state law, all this kine bud hype could go up in smoke.

But on the optimistic side, state-support for marijuana could lead to change for the idiotic regulation and spending wasted on combating cannabis consumption and incarceration of pleasant people wanting only to smoke a joint after a hard day of work and eat a Twinkie or two.

The legalization for therapeutic use — easing attention-deficit issues, regulating sleep difficulties, assuaging anxiety, dealing with mild to moderate depression, muscle relaxation or even relieving the suffering to some extent of the terminally ill — has been embraced more and more at the state level, with the overall goal in mind of ending the more-harm-than-good prohibition of pot.

## National debt looms large for next generation

By CHRISTIAN CHUNG AND NICK TROIANO  
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The election is over.

Barack Obama will serve another term as president. Supporters rejoice, detractors mourn. The American people made a choice Tuesday that will dictate the direction of public policy for at least the next four years. But that doesn't mean our job is over.

During each of their campaigns, neither Obama nor Mitt Romney adequately addressed the most pressing problem facing our country today: the national debt. Whether this issue is addressed in the coming years will determine the United States' viability as a world power in the 21st century and, with it, the legacy of our generation.

It's perfectly understandable why the candidates wouldn't suggest serious reform during the campaign season — to do so would have been electoral suicide. But as of Tuesday, Obama has secured his position in the Oval Office. It's time to let him hear our voices.

For far too long, Congress has kicked its \$16 trillion can down the road, running up a dizzying tab for

future generations — yeah, that's us — to pay off.

Both Democrats and Republicans will have to commit to entitlement program reform, tax reform and a leaner, more efficient military. If the debt is allowed to continue growing at its current rate, it will cripple the ability of our proud nation to exercise its most basic roles: protecting and providing for its citizens. Sound frightening? That's because it is.

These are the facts. Our national debt has surpassed \$16 trillion, and every day it grows by an average of \$4 billion. In 2011, the deficit exceeded the annual GDP level for the first time in U.S. history.

Some deficit spending is widely accepted by economists as a method of national economic recovery, especially during a recession. But with the working population shrinking every day and no effort on the part of politicians to scale back spending, this is quickly developing into a crisis.

If this crisis continues, we will not only lose the trust of other governments but also face a lack of funding for national programs that we now take for granted. Think

about this: By 2033, the government will only be able to pay out 75 percent of promised Social Security benefits.

The choice future leaders will inevitably have to make is to either finance the debt or provide for the people. The fact that our generation's future hangs in the balance clearly demonstrates that both parties will have to work together in order to find a solution that benefits the American public.

Now, this isn't one of the hypobolic hypotheticals thrown around by self-styled deficit hawks in campaign ads. The Chinese government isn't going to call in all their loans tomorrow, and anyone who tells you otherwise is insulting your intelligence. However, that doesn't mean our ballooning debt is in any way acceptable. The time will come when the United States is forced to look itself in the mirror and make some serious changes in order to remain a viable state. If things continue as they are right now, the moment will come when our generation is faced with challenges that will be unfathomably difficult, if not impossible.

So start the process now. As young voters, we have seen

the debt skyrocket in our lifetimes, and it is now our chance to make this transition. The Georgetown community has a long history of good will and leaving the world a little better than it was when we found it. So let us continue to pave a path that will improve the standing of our economy for generations to come. Let us not sit back and allow the debt to rise without limit; let us ask for the media, the people and the politicians to think with us to make our futures a priority.

This is a call to thoughtful action, a chance to amplify our voice. Call your representative. Write to your president. Sign the petition for The Can Kicks Back campaign, which seeks to highlight these concerns on Capitol Hill and create a long-term deficit reduction agreement in 2013. Force those who dug us into this \$16 trillion hole to lay the foundations for a way out.

The legacy of our generation should involve lifting this country to greater heights than ever before, not flailing to keep the nation's head above the rising tide of irresponsible spending. We deserve better than that. We're capable of better than that. It's time for the can to kick back.

## Secession not a reality despite petitioners' beliefs, efforts

By THE ORACLE EDITORIAL BOARD  
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

Elections are supposed to be that component of democracy built in to give citizens a chance to have their voices heard in governance.

But clearly some don't quite understand that, as they expressed their dissatisfaction with the election in a unique way.

Twenty-one states, including some that have duplicates, have filed petitions with the White House to "peacefully ... withdraw from the United States of America and create its own NEW government."

Some states, like Texas, whose petition had 51,069 signatures at the time of print, cited the federal government's "neglect

to reform domestic and foreign spending" and "blatant abuse" of citizens' rights as reasons to secede. Texas, petitioners stated, does after all have the 15th-largest economy in the world.

Florida, which eventually went Democrat in the election, had more than 15,000 signatures on its petition and stated the "Federal Government has not led our citizens justly and with honor." Even solidly blue states such as New York and New Jersey have their own petitions.

The White House website states petitions that reach 25,000 signatures will be addressed, but it has also addressed past petitions with fewer signatures, such as one requesting the president's honey ale recipe.

The real issue is not whether or not these states actually suc-

ceed with their desires to secede, for as Yahoo columnist Mike Krumboltz said, the likelihood of the government granting states permission to secede is "on par with winning the lottery while getting hit by a meteor while seeing Bigfoot while finding gluten-free pizza that tastes like the real thing."

What these noble citizens who took to the Internet and very spiritedly utilized their First Amendment rights to petition haven't quite realized is that they already had their chance to make a difference with their opinions — Nov. 6, at the polls. The people of the U.S. spoke, and the majority elected Barack Obama as president. If it's Obama they don't like, dissenters will have their chance in four years to voice their preference again.

This is the way the system of democracy has worked in this country since its inception.

The petitions filed are basically petitions against democracy and mark the heightened levels of partisanship and non-cooperation that deeply divides the nation.

What has yet to be specified is what form of government the "country" of Texas or Florida would have to look forward to upon secession. Clearly, it can't be democracy, because the next time a candidate with a

less-than-100-percent approval rating comes to office, a new country would have to be formed — and that would be a bit exhausting.

But if not for democracy, would the people have a right to petition this way?

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## Tannehill eager to bounce back against Buffalo Bills

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Tannehill's best play of late was a tackle, which for a quarterback is not good.

Tannehill's teammates were still laughing Tuesday about his touchdown-saving, open-field stop of linebacker Zach Brown, which was the best moment for the Miami Dolphins in their 37-3 loss to Tennessee.

"Ryan showed some speed," tight end Anthony Fasano said. "He wrapped his arms around him and kind of twisted him down. It was impressive. Maybe we should get him on some special teams."

That won't happen. Tannehill will keep concentrating on quarterbacking, especially this week as the Dolphins (4-5) prepare to play Thursday night at Buffalo (3-6).

The rookie hopes to rebound from his worst performance since the season opener. Tannehill threw three interceptions Sunday against the Titans, including one returned for a score and another that forced him to corral Brown with Miami trailing 34-3.

"I shouldn't be making the tackle; that's my fault to begin with," he said, flashing a sheepish grin. "At that point there was a lot of adrenaline and anger built up, so it's not too hard."

The drubbing was the worst endured by Tannehill as a quarterback since high school. His losses at Texas A&M all came in close games.

Not that Tannehill was the lone culprit. A collective meltdown resulted in the Dolphins' worst home loss since 1968, which made them glad they must wait until Thursday for another game.

"It's a good thing for us," Tannehill said. "We can spin it into a positive. We had a tough game and we have to bounce back quickly. We can't sit around and mope."

Dolphins coaches are optimistic Tannehill will resume making the steady progress he had showed. His passer rating of 98.3 in October ranked seventh in the NFL, and he had a streak of 107 throws without an interception before the flurry of turnovers against the Titans.

"He is doing amazingly well for a rookie," Bills coach Chan Gailey said. "He is still learning and growing as a quarterback, but he has done a good job thus far."

Tannehill is well aware there's room for more growth. He ranks last among all starters in the league with five touchdown passes, trailing even Tennessee backup Matt Hasselbeck. Tannehill is 29th in passer rating, and he's still learning how costly turnovers can be.

All nine of Tannehill's interceptions have come in defeats. In the four games they've won, he hasn't had a single pass picked off.

"You have to learn from your mistakes, but you can't dwell on them," he said. "You've got to look forward."

In assessing the interceptions against Tennessee, Tannehill said there was no common thread. All came on third down and none came against a blitz, but the Titans' coverage was different each time.

One ball was tipped. One was thrown into tight coverage. The last came during garbage time.

Afterward, teammate Reggie Bush offered words of encouragement.

"I told him these types of games build character," Bush said. "They are going to make him stronger in the long run, and you need these types of games, especially as a rookie."

Tannehill declined to use his health as an excuse, but he hasn't been rolling out or scrambling as much since leaving a game against the New York Jets two weeks ago with left knee and thigh injuries.

"I'm just starting to get back to 100 percent," he said. "I feel really good this week."

The former college receiver's mobility is one of his strengths, and a concern for the Bills.

"He's a guy who can get out of that pocket and run," Buffalo linebacker Nick Barnett said. "And when he runs, he's still looking downfield for his target. He has done a lot of good things this year as a rookie. And our job is to make him look like a rookie instead of a vet."

## Tech basketball looks to start season 2-0

By MEGAN KETTERER  
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's basketball season is underway, with its second game tipping off at 7 p.m. tonight against Nebraska-Omaha in United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders opened their season Friday night with an 89-79 victory against Prairie View A&M.

Tech coach Chris Walker was pleased with the team's effort Friday night, he said, but the team needs to be more aggressive with offensive rebounding and not giving up second shots.

Tech had a lead in the first half, then gave it up, he said, because they were more careless with the ball — a byproduct of the team's youth.

The biggest area of improvement for the team is turnovers, freshman guard Toddrick Gotcher said.

Gotcher had eight points and two rebounds against Texas-Permian Basin.

"We are doing much better this year," Gotcher said, "but we need to protect the ball more."

Sometimes the fast-paced game can result in turnovers, but the team plans to continue

playing an up-tempo style of basketball tonight, Walker said. "We play fast," he said. "We have guys who can create their own shot. That makes you unpredictable. I believe in unpredictable actions."

Tech has five players who can create their own shot, Walker said, which is a luxury.

"If you have those guys, it makes you a harder team to defend," he said. "We have a lot of structure, too, but we haven't been able to use it a lot because teams have played a lot of zone."

The coaching staff anticipates teams, like University of Nebraska at Omaha, coming at Tech playing zone defense going forward, he said.

"The game plan is simple," he said. "We play hard. We play together. We play smart, and we play with pride. We play hard for 40 minutes. We're going to play up-tempo style."

Sometimes it looks like there is no structure, Walker said, but there is. The Red Raiders are going to try to tire the other team and take advantage of situations by creating turnovers, running up and down the floor and being aggressive every possession.

"At the end of the day, it's

not about how Omaha plays," Walker said. "It's about how Texas Tech plays. I am more concerned about our guys and what we're learning. It doesn't matter what the other team knows, it only matters what we know about ourselves."

Walker has been a great leader for the team, Gotcher said.

"He brings energy," he said. "He brings toughness. He brings leadership and we look up to him. We just want to be the best Texas Tech team at the end of the year. He's doing a good job of that."

Junior guard Daylen Robinson

has been preparing for the game by listening to Walker and bringing energy.

"We take it more seriously," Robinson said. "After the first game, we see how good we can be if we all come together and work hard."

The team needs to be aggressive and play Tech basketball to defeat Omaha, Robinson said.

"If Texas Tech plays Texas Tech basketball better than how Omaha plays Omaha basketball, we have a very good chance of winning the game," Walker said.

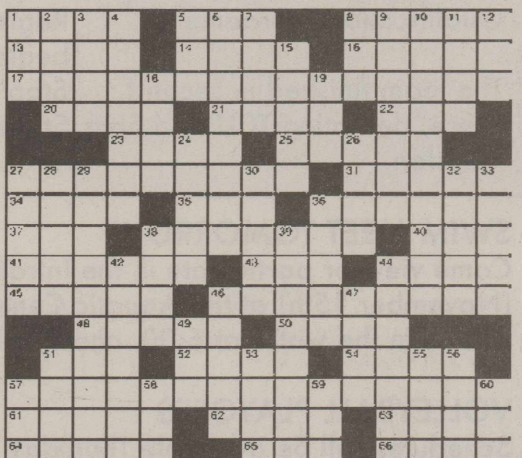
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- College donor, often
- 5401(k) cousin, briefly
- Garden ground cover
- Mount Olympus wife
- Break bread
- Novelist Zola
- "As if"
- Halley's sci.
- Full of vitality
- Ideological suffix
- Lift with effort
- 50s counterculturalist Timothy
- "As if"
- Rants about the boss, e.g.
- Jacob's brother
- Niagara Falls
- Gorky Park city
- Like hor. puzzle answers
- "Grumpy Old Men" co-star
- 5 Rite words
- Modern caller ID, perhaps
- Part of A.D.
- Drop-line link
- Wrigley Field judges
- Mouthing the lyrics
- Red Skelton character
- Kiddiehopper
- Cooped-up layer
- Bird on old quarters
- Earl tea
- Groundbreaking tool
- Greenland coastal feature
- Company that rings a bell?
- "Mary"
- Green grouch
- "Star Trek" velocity measure
- Word in many university names



By Jeff Chen

11/13/12

#### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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SOAK	VOW	USE
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PETS	GRACE	POSY

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33 Didn't lose a game	51 Stallion or bull
36 Java order	53 Craig Ferguson, by birth
38 Off ingredient	55 Asian tongue
39 Mike, to Archie	56 Bring home
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## CLOTHING/JEWELRY

**NEED CASH**  
Buying any gold/silver jewelry. Any condition. Avery and others. Varsity Jewelers 1311 University.

## CLOTHING/JEWELRY

**TEXAS TECH**  
Officially licensed rings. Men's from \$795. Women's from \$495. Varsity Jewelers. 1311 University.

## ROOMMATES

**FOR ONE female roommate,** two female roommates reside at the present, Tech Terrace, bus stop in front, nice house, quiet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$375 a month plus bills, lease now until May 31, 2013, pet outside only. Call 806 778 3407.

## SERVICES

**\$5,500-\$10,000 PAID EGG DONORS.** All Races. N/Smokers, ages 19-27, SAT>1100/ACT>24/GPA>3.0 Reply to: info@eggdonorcenter.com

**10% Off to All Texas Tech Students!** Eyebrows Threading, Facials, Pedicure, Manicure, Nails & Hair-Cut. OM Threading, Nails & Spa. 4505 34th St. (806)771-0160.

**ALLAMERICANSTORAGE.COM**  
Rates \$10 and up. Free truck. 24/7 Rental station. Clean. 5839-49th 792-6464

**BROADWAY BEVERAGE LIQUOR**  
Store. Your choice Grey Goose (750ml), Crown Royal (750ml) or Circo (750ml) \$29.99. Google 1713 E. Broadway for directions. 806.744.4542.

**EZ DEFENSIVE DRIVING.**  
Free chicken fried steak included Super Cheapist :) Call 781-2931. More Information www.LubbockClass.com.

**LEARN TO FLY**  
HUB CITY AVIATION offers personalized flight training at all levels, including beginners. Aircraft rentals also available. Visit www.hubcityaviation.com or call 806-687-1070.

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Remember to include a contact number!  
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## SERVICES

**RED & BLACK BOOKSTORE**  
We buy back books everyday. The most money for your books GUARANTEED. Free Beer and Margarita's during Finals. 6th and University (behind chill's.)

## TRAVEL

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**THANKSGIVING BREAK HOURS FOR THE SRC**

Wednesday, November 21st	6:00am - 8:00pm
Thursday, November 22nd	Closed!
Friday, November 23rd	2:00 - 6:00pm
Saturday, November 24th	2:00 - 6:00pm
Sunday, November 25th	2:00 - 8:00pm



**Sport Club Results**

**POWER LIFTING**  
 At the Longhorn Open Meet, Ben Shackelford and Kaillin Cannon both took second place!

**JUDO**  
 2012 Dallas Invitational Senior Novice Divisions  
 Zoltan Krudy : 1st  
 Michelle Drennan : 2nd

**WOMEN'S RUGBY**  
 Southwest Women's Conference National Qualification Tournament

The team finished in second place, defeating TCU and Sam Houston.

**SWIM MEET TOMORROW!**

Come view or participate in the Intramural Swim Meet, tomorrow (November 15th) at the Aquatic Center next to the SRC. Swimmers will be in the water at 6:00, check-in begins at 5:30.

**VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS**

Schedules will be available Thursday on IMLeagues.com!



**Intramurals**

**DODGEBALL REGISTRATION**  
 Registration for Intramural Dodgeball begins Monday, November 19th. Stop by the Intramural Office in the Student Recreation Center to sign up!

**Winter Sports Shop**

**SKI, SNOWBOARD, AND MORE! WINTER RENTALS!**  
 Reserve your winter sports rentals for Thanksgiving Break today at the Outdoor Pursuits Center right outside the entrance to the SRC. In addition to our Ski and Snowboard rentals, the OPC also has winter camping equipment and outdoor supplies. Stop by the OPC or check out our website available at [bit.ly/opcadventure](http://bit.ly/opcadventure).

	Weekend	Week
Snowboard Package	\$35.00	\$80.00
Ski Package	\$30.00	\$65.00
Ski Only	\$20.00	\$40.00
Boots Only	\$15.00	\$30.00
Ski Poles	\$6.00	\$12.00
Snowboard Only	\$25.00	\$50.00
Snow Shoes	\$10.00	\$20.00
Helmet	\$5.00	\$10.00

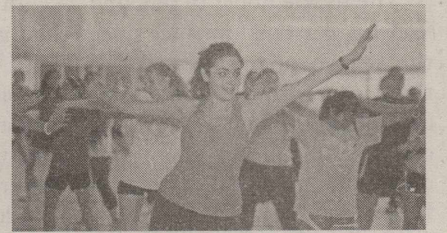
Camping Equipment still available!

**Fit/Well**

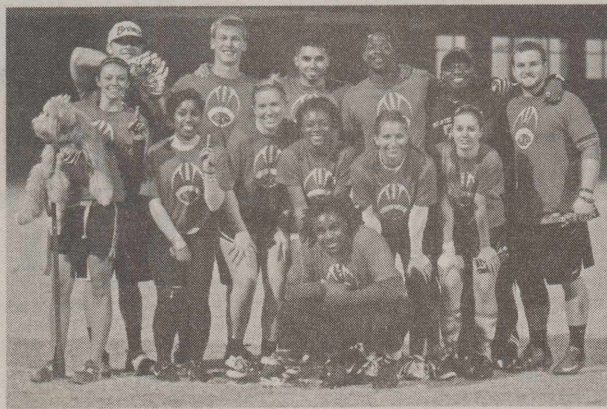
**3PEAT FITNESS FINALE**  
 The Fitness and Wellness Center will be hosting a Dead Day Fitness Event at the SRC! The event will run from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, so take a study break and come work up a sweat! The first 150 participants to arrive and donate 3 cans of food to holiday charity efforts also receive a t-shirt.

**HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES**

Pamper a loved one with gift certificates for massage classes, get your favorite athlete a personal training package, or sign up for some RaiderX2 Classes with your partner! Gift Certificates from the Fit/Well make unique presents and are sure to create lasting memories.



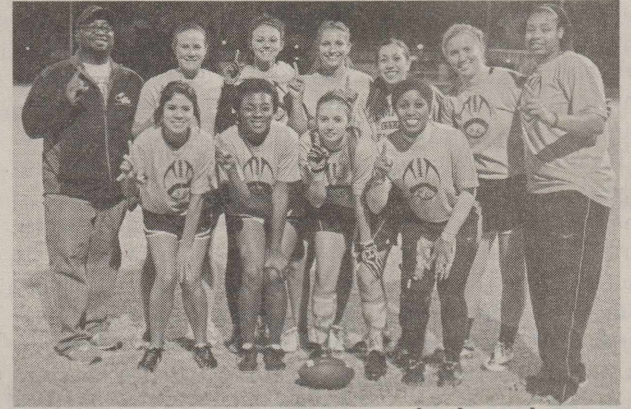
**FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**



CO-REC : Sexual Chocolate



GREEK WOMENS : Theta



WOMENS OPEN : Sexual Chocolate



OPEN : Extravagants



GREEK BLACK : Fiji



RESIDENCE HALL : Hellsgate



GREEK RED : Theta Xi

**FALL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS!**



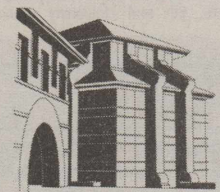
OPEN: Mashed Potatoes!



CO-REC : Mashed Potatoes! CR



WOMEN'S OPEN : Theta



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TODAY WEDNESDAY	TOMORROW THURSDAY	NOV. 16 FRIDAY	NOV. 17 SATURDAY	COMING UP
<p><b>SHARE THE WARMTH COAT DRIVE</b>                      Collection barrels in the SUB! All lightly used coats, scarves, and gloves are welcome!</p>			<p><b>TEXAS TECH AT OKLAHOMA STATE</b>                      2:30pm on Fox Sports</p>	<p><b>NOV. 21-30</b>                      TAB FREE MOVIE: THE CAMPAIGN</p>
<p><b>PHOTO BOOTH</b>                      Copy/Mail                      11am-3pm                      Come out and have a blast taking memorable photos with friends!</p> <p><b>KARAOKE</b>                      SUB B&amp;N Cafe                      8-10pm                      Want to show off your vocal skills with friends? Join us for karaoke night! Free refreshments available!</p>	<p><b>FALL BUILDING HOURS:</b>                      Monday - Friday                      7:00 am - 11:00 pm</p> <p>Saturday                      8:00 am - 11:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday                      12:00 pm - 11:00 pm</p>	<p><b>COMPLETE FALL 2012 CALENDAR:</b>  <a href="http://www.tab.ttu.edu">www.tab.ttu.edu</a></p>	<p>The Student Union invokes <b>honor</b>  <i>n. [on-er]</i>                      honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions, high respect, as for worth, merit, or rank</p>	<p>MURDER MYSTER DINNER</p> <p>SPEAKER SERIES:                      DR. EDWIN BARNHART</p> <p>What words come to mind when you think of the Student Union?</p> <p>TELL US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ttusia">facebook.com/ttusia</a></p>