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**Cover Story**

## DRAGONS ON FIRE!



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## Winding it up!

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Co-EDITOR

After a first round elimination from last year's Region XIV Tournament, the Lady Dragons Softball Team have come back this season on a hot streak. The team has a 17-3 record and out scored opponents 157-56 this season.

Conference play begins March 12 against Lon Morris College in Jacksonville. The first home conference game is scheduled to be played March 26 against Bossier Parish College.

The team has 11 returning sophomores and their experience is what Coach Corey Lyon says is the biggest difference in the team.

"Experience. We lost a lot of close games last year, we had a lot of freshmen playing," says Lyon. "This year in closer games we have been a lot better and I attribute that to experience."

The pitching staff features two new freshman members to go along side ace pitcher Casey Carlock.

No. 20 Melaney Ortega from Mesquite beat 3 division I schools this fall (Stephen F. Austin, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, and Centennial.)

"With Carlock hurt in the fall, Ortega gives us great depth" says Lyon.

No. 23 Alyssa Nisperos, freshman pitcher from San Diego, CA came in after the winter break. Lyon describes Nisperos as a, "Shot in the arm for the team."

The team lost a catcher from last year, Kayla Sears, to a four year school, the team still has sophomore No. 6 Kodie Garner returning.

"I think with what Garner is



Quentin Carpenter/The Bat  
**Above: No. 23 Freshman pitcher Alyssa Nisperos.**

doing behind the plate combined with the pitchers we have now gives us the best pitching staff since I've been here," says Lyon.

Two other sophomore players to keep your eyes on are No. 21 Ashley Endsley and No. 5 Lauren Smith.

"I think, early on, Ashley has been the best player in our conference," says Lyon. "We had a player a few years back Haley Nix from Texarkana, Player of the year, All American, now a starter at University of Oklahoma and I would put what Ashley has been able to do so far up with what Nix did at Texarkana."

Lauren Smith has hit 9 home runs through 20 games, which is half way to the school single season record at about a third of the way through the season.

Looking forward to conference play, Lyon says Navarro will be the team they are going head to head with, along with Northeast Texas and Texarkana College.

"We got everything it takes to be something really special. On paper, that is great, but we have to go out there and put it together every game," says Lyon.

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**PJC's Ashley Endsley takes an at-bat.**

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## Dragon



## Puffs

### Student Government Association

The Student Government Association will hold a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 in room 105.

### Bowling Party

Student Activities will host a bowling party at the Paris Lanes from 10-12 p.m. Tuesday, March 8.

### Spring Break

Spring Break will begin March 14 and end on March 18 with classes resuming Monday, March 21.

### Basketball Tournament

The basketball tournament will start at 3 p.m. Thursday March 3. The Dragons will compete against Angelina/Coastal Bend at UT in Tyler.

### Halo in the Library

A Halo gaming tournament is going to be held in the library on March 3. Registration will be at 9:30 p.m. and the tournament will start at 10 p.m.

### Pancake Days

Kiwanis pancake days at fairgrounds from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 4 to March 5.

# MEET SARA

Class of 2014



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**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas

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**Why I chose Texas A&M University-Commerce:**

It gave me the opportunity to do the two things I enjoy the most - learn and play golf.

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**Favorite Class I've Taken:**

Macroeconomics

**What It's About:** Macroeconomics taught me that it is very important to be aware of what is going on in the world, because it affects us individually. I also learned how the economy functions, and how one country's economy can deeply affect other parts of the world.

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**Best Professor So Far:** Dr. Ray Green.

I had him for Intro to Psychology. The way he conducted class made it clear that he had a passion for the subject.

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**Cool Stuff I've Done:** I qualified for every golf tournament during the fall season, and achieved a 4.0 GPA in the Honors College.

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# Morning methodology

**MICHAEL CARTER**  
STAFF WRITER

“I’ll be out in a minute.” “I’m almost done.” “I’m doing my hair!”

I’m sure all the guys out there with sisters, girlfriends, and mothers have heard these phrases on a regular basis. Yes, we know women are a complicated and confusing species. But how they can spend hours in the bathroom “getting ready” in the morning is a mystery we have got to solve.

Being a guy, and I’m sure all you guys can agree on some basis with me on this, our morning routines are quick and effortless. For example, my typical morning routine on a school day takes about 15 minutes. The night before, I set my alarm for

6:20 a.m. As I slumber contently, the shrieking of my alarm jars me wake. I hit the snooze and continue to sleep. At 7:10 a.m., I decide

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it’s time for me to start getting ready for school. So, I get up and scrounge around my room for clean clothes. I then get in the shower and turn the water until it is boiling hot. Hair first, every-

thing else second. That takes ten minutes tops. Then I dry off, brush my teeth, shave if need be, brush my hair and dress. Combined, all that takes about five minutes. When I am all finished, it’s 7:25 a.m. and my class does not start till 7:55 a.m.

Personally, I just sleep for an extra few minutes before I head out for school.

Now, granted, the final result from the millennia that the ladies spend in the bathroom is wonderful but the amount of time it takes still does baffle us men. For you ladies, it’s shower, lotion, hair, make-up, etc. But nothing compares to how long you take getting dressed. I can partly understand the “in the bathroom” because you ladies have a lot of things to do. But when it comes to clothes...

The point is, we men just have a different sense of what it is to get ready in the morning. Quick and easy is the way for us because it makes our life easier. So let’s agree to disagree, ladies. But one thing is for certain, you are and always shall be, a complicated and confusing species.



Photo by Christina Gunlock

Carter and Childers

**DEVON CHILDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

Entering an early morning classroom is never the most exhilarating experience for anyone.

There’s just something about those first few hours of the day that catch everyone off guard, whether it be the jarring sound of alarm clocks, or even the jumbled thoughts of what must be done throughout the day.

But there must be some way to beat the drowsy “I hate mornings” fever that has become such a pandemic.

The answer may be to simply wake up earlier--yes earlier--than usual. Part of the reason students’ minds and bodies are so tired in their early morning classes is because they just woke up thirty minutes before.

This doesn’t give their bodies enough time to react to waking up.

Allowing yourself at least an hour of awake time before plunging into class stimulates your mind and better prepares you for your day. Not to mention, this also allows time for you to get that important balanced breakfast those commercials are always raving over.

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I personally like to set my alarm for about 20 minutes before I actually intend to wake up.

This gives me two chances to hear my alarm and hit the snooze button before I uncurl from my covers for good. It’s like taking baby steps. I gradually wake up, and by the time my alarm signals my wake-up call, I’m awake.

I also like to take showers in the morning to wake myself up. When I feel fresh and renewed I am more likely to be in a better mood.

The most important part of waking up, for me, is music. Listening to music while I get dressed, or even when I’m eating breakfast, can define how I feel about my day. I’m bound to hear music before my day truly starts, so I might as well make sure it’s something I want to hear.

Waking up is hard to do. It’s a simple truth. But if you allow your body and mind more time to do so before heading out into your day, you won’t have to worry about it in class.