

## Tourette

To Walker, this is an intrinsic concept where the actions he performs are directly related to his interaction with people.

If he does not follow through with his tics, touching each object first with his right hand and then with his left, people will know that he failed, and they will be ashamed. They will know.

He is bound to this despite knowing it is ultimately untrue.

"It is ingrained in my head that I have to touch things twice or even three times with my feet, but I feel like people will not talk to me, they somehow know that I didn't do it," Walker said.

In elementary school, Walker was diagnosed with ADHD. In high school, Walker's content mastery teacher noticed his unusual behavior and suggested testing for Tourettes.

"I remember watching a 20/20 special about people with Tourettes and laughing. I was nine years old then. Four years later I have it. I was like, 'Don't laugh at people with disabilities,'" Walker said.

Up through the beginning of high school he was taking Ritalin. After he was diagnosed with Tourettes, the diagnostician prescribed Guanfacine, which acted as an aggressor and tended to cancel the progenerative effects of the two drugs individually. This caused an accelerated increase in the effects of both disorders, he said.

Suddenly, he had to cope without the use of either drug.

"How you get rid of it? You have to deal with it. You have to focus whenever you get the urge in your head. You have to focus on a different thing," he said.

In high school, his disability was a convenient crutch, treated as either a joke or used to mask his laziness.

"There are vocal tics, physical tics. There are lots of different ones.

I used to yell out random words in class. Because I had Tourettes I could get away with it," Walker recalled. "I would have more time on my homework. That would just make me more lazy."

The extra slack people cut him became more hindrance than help.

"The diagnostician taught me to break away from it because in the real world, when you get a job, they're not going to be like, 'You get more time on this,'" he said.

He said he hasn't spoken with Disability Services at MSU because at the junior college he attended, he never sought extra time on assignments. Like everyone else, he used the time allotted to him.

"I haven't talked to them at all because I feel like I am cheating myself by getting extensions on stuff and extra time on tests," he said.

Walker said he finally found ways to identify and overcome the obstacles. Help came in the form of a defensive football coach.

"He said that he had dyslexia and learning disabilities all his life and people made fun of him. We were friends on a personal basis, and he taught me how to cope with it," he said.

Walker said he recognizes the disability but is not inclined to be a victim or someone who uses it to his advantage.

"It's kind of like if one person doesn't have all their limbs, and they learn how to cope using only one leg or one arm," he said. "I have learned things that other people will never learn. I probably have to touch like 20 things in between my room and class whether it be poles or cars or something unusual on the ground."

With both the Tourettes and the ADHD, he has stopped taking medicine that would make him depen-

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dent on the prescriptions. In order to gain control, he decided to do it without the help of drugs.

He's aware of the side effects. "I have got it in my head that if people don't answer my calls, they know somehow that I haven't been doing my tics," Walker said. "I feel like if I don't do it, people won't talk to me, people won't call me, people will think of me different."

"Tics are just something you pick up, I'll crack my ankle, pop my arm, shrug my nose or blink too much. They (the tics) can stay for hours, to weeks, to days, to years," Walker said. "You will be neglected if you don't do it. I will be circled out if I don't do it and people won't talk to me."

He has found that the majority of his inhibitions center around people as well as the stress of school life.

"I haven't quite really adjusted for the best of it. I still feel like people don't really like me," Walker said. "I have convinced myself over so many years that they won't talk to me. I have never found it to be true, but I still convince myself to do it (tics)."

But he is less centered on the negative than it may seem. It is an everyday effort to focus and grow despite the disabilities.

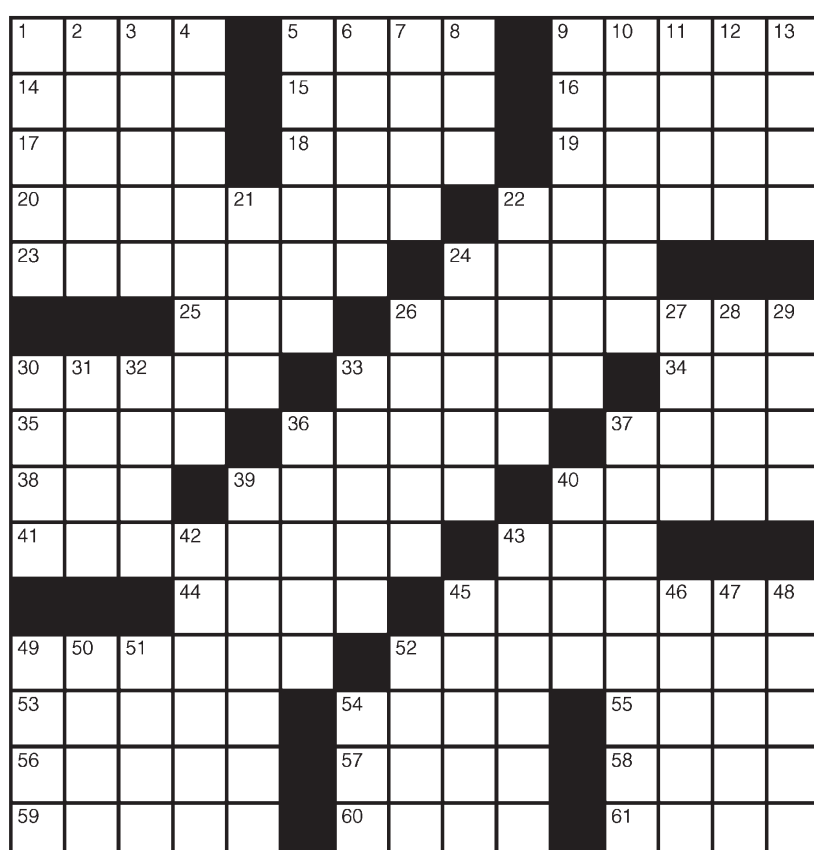
"With Tourettes, I have learned how to not really let it bother me. I am just working on getting rid of it," Walker said.

Part of his coping method is mauling past useless stresses.

"I'm really making leaps and bounds because normally those things are not organized up there (in his room). Before I had to have stuff in alphabetical order, but I know I have to have a mess to make myself feel normal. It is making me a stronger person mentally and physically."

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Nocturnal raptors
  - "\_, It's Cold Outside"
  - Brown pigment
  - Tiniest bit
  - Curved molding
  - Actress Shearer
  - Lowest pinochle card
  - "Wild at Heart" star Laura
  - Panache
  - Going in
  - Beef source
  - Esteem
  - Physical magnitude
  - Language suffix
  - Sat in on
  - Exhausted
  - Attempted
  - Time period
  - Towel word
  - Hat attachments
  - No problem
  - Actor Wallach
  - Conclusive
  - Trading centers
  - Caries spotters
  - Links standard
  - Eye part
  - Eton and Peter Pan
  - Truthful
  - Rigid disciplinarian
  - Stop a rocket shot
  - Clan division
  - Leprechaun's land
  - Alpine song
  - On the waves
  - ERA or RBI
  - Squalid
  - Jung or Sagan
  - Beach hues
- DOWN
- Title holder
  - Gripe
  - Fuzzy collections
  - Rises sharply
  - Dress part
  - Go-between
  - Actress Gertrude
  - Craving
  - Not disconcerted
  - Like lava
  - Dennis the Menace, for one
  - Actor Jannings
  - Spotted infrequently
  - Remainder
  - Quotes as an authority
  - Yet
  - Opera songs
  - Darling
  - Formerly, formerly
  - Jung or Sagan
  - Calendar units
  - Molt
  - Soccer great
  - Actress Gray
  - Campers' shelters
  - Look in on
  - First arrival
  - To begin with
  - Beer ingredient
  - Layered
  - Way in
  - Frolic
  - Ekberg or Baker
  - Aired anew
  - Proofreader's marks
  - Fodder grasses
  - Hautboy
  - Protuberance
  - Arizona city
  - Pouchlike structure



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## Solutions



## Wireless

buildings are already online, such as the Clark Student Center, Moffett Library, the Dillard College of Business, the Memorial Building and parts of Hardin Administration are all Wi-Fi ready.

"I just use the Internet in Clark a lot," said freshman Jacob Marks, who states he uses his laptop three to five times a week in the student center - without any wires attached.

However, wireless capability isn't useful unless students are aware it's present.

When asked if he knew about other campus buildings' wireless capabilities, Mark said, "I knew it was available, I just didn't know where."

One of the next buildings Information Systems is hoping to provide wireless access to is Bolin Hall, where math and science are taught.

"They're starting to teach some of those technologies within computer science," Dye said. "You have to have it to teach it," he added.

Since any area of the campus could be wirelessly capable, students are encouraged to voice their opinions about which areas of the university should be elected to re-

ceive the wireless treatment. A poll will be administered by Information Systems sometime next year to gauge student demand on the subject.

A potential problem that upgraded wireless access poses, however, is a greater demand on MSU's already overworked network bandwidth.

The school's current Internet is provided by Southwestern Bell through two servers: MSUnet, the server used to accommodate systems for general use in the student center and most academic halls, and resnet, the network that encompasses all Internet activity in the university's residence halls.

While MSUnet's 25-megabytes-per-second connection more than doubles resnet's 10, future wireless activity could slow both networks considerably, according to Dye.

Though Dye claims that wireless activities "actually aren't" demanding on campus networks, an estimated 1/5 of network bandwidth is currently invested in wireless Internet access at MSU. That fraction can only be expected to increase once efforts are doubled to improve wireless activity on campus.

Another factor contributing to

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the potentially problematic network speed is what Dye calls "nonessential" Internet use, meaning any web-based activities that don't apply to students' "jobs, research or homework."

Such applications as streaming Internet radio, youtube and Myspace place a strain on network connections and slow Internet use for students who are using school computers for legitimate academic purposes.

Resnet, for example, which networks 1,100 on-campus beds in all of MSU's residence halls, is maxed out "100 percent of the time, 24 hours a day," Dye said. The server's bandwidth, which allows 10 mb/s of information to either travel out of or into the network, generally runs at a demand of 15 or 16 mb/s.

What does this mean? It means that many students - and not just those in the residence halls, either - find themselves staring at a blank screen while "waiting in line," so to speak, for the server to open up.

This potential slowing of network speed also poses a problem for the 4,700 students who are currently enrolled in MSU's approximately 250 partially or fully

Internet-based courses.

Dye emphasizes the importance of WebCT, an online application that serves as an online learning environment for many online-only students. It's also one of MSU's many academic tools that may be problematically slow in the future.

"That's our core business activity; it's a place to store information for professors and it's an easy place for kids to go get it 24 hours a day," he said.

In order to combat decreasing network speed, MSU is looking into doubling bandwidth for both resnet and MSUnet servers to 20 and 50 mb/s, respectively. The upgrade, which students would pay for out of student service fees, should be relatively inexpensive.

## ARC

Approximately 800 chapters are spread across the nation, helping an estimated 7.2 million Americans who have such disabilities, according to the ARC Web site.

According to Oshman, the fraternity is always looking to help out the community and being involved with volunteer work.

The ARC Angels Thrift Store is

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open on Saturdays, and the fraternity will be volunteering again next month.

"We would like to make the ARC Angels Thrift Store aware to everyone," Oshman said.

For more information about the organization or to help volunteer, call the ARC of Wichita County at 940-692-2303.

## Grant

along with the North Central Texas College, Vernon College, Wichita Falls Independent School District and the University of North Texas in Denton applied for grant money in 2005.

According to Simpson, they re-

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ceived notification in August that they would be receiving grant money.

"Now we have the pleasant job of spending a million dollars in a year," Simpson said. "We're not complaining."

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