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Student competes in World Championship Triathlon



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK MERLE

PATRICK MERLE, A mass communication graduate student, stands with the bike he used to compete secure 26th place in a Scotland-based triathlon.

By **AUDREY COLLINS**
STAFF WRITER

While other Red Raiders spent their Labor Day grilling hot dogs with friends, one student traveled across the world for a race.

Patrick Merle, a mass communications doctoral student, was in Edinburgh, Scotland, competing for

Team USA in the World Championship Triathlon.

The competition took place Sept. 4, and Merle achieved 26th place overall in the grueling race ranking as the fourth best U.S. athlete in attendance.

While the World Championship is his latest success, there is a long history that led up to that crowning

point, which began during Merle's childhood in Southeast France.

"I grew up running," Merle said. "I started running when I was probably 6 or 7. I joined my local running club when I was 10, because in France, it's by clubs, not by schools."

He was also involved in cycling school, and the two sports were later combined as he began to participate

in multi-sport competitions during his adolescence.

"I had my first race when I was 14, which was in my hometown," he said. "I placed second overall. I was so disappointed; it was terrible. I'm a very competitive man and I was extremely disappointed."

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Administrators announce \$1B capital campaign

Over 60 percent of funds already raised



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH PRESIDENT Guy Bailey gives thanks to Vice Chancellor Kelly Overley and Chancellor Kent Hance for the work they have done fundraising for the University during the past few years.

By **KASSIDY KETRON**
STAFF WRITER

By 2013, Tech is hoping to receive an additional \$389 million to complete fundraising for a \$1 billion capital campaign that will help the university grow as a whole.

After announcing the campaign Friday, Tech administrators held an additional ceremony Monday afternoon to

inform faculty, staff and students and to celebrate their success thus far.

Up until the announcement, the school had reached the 60 percent mark of funds raised for the campaign, Tech chancellor Kent Hance said. After the announcement was made, a donor contributed another \$5 million to the campaign, making the grand total \$611 million.

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Women face challenges in engineering field

Males typically outnumber females in the industry

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Hearn knows the feeling of walking into a classroom and being nearly the only female. As a mechanical engineering major, she's in the minority in her classes and her college.

There are typically more males in engineering because of the intense math and basic gender bias, Susan

Urban, a computer science professor, said. She said she had similar difficulties with her own daughter, who is now a mechanical engineer.

"It was peer pressure," Urban said. "Engineering isn't the cool thing to do."

After high school, Urban said, her daughter realized she did want to pursue something math oriented, which she had never considered before.

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Treador

KATHERINE BURNS, A junior mechanical engineering major from Austin, works on a human model in Maya to simulate the comfort of products Monday in the Mechanical Engineering building.

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The Big 12 Conference has long been dominated by the likes of Nebraska and Texas — this year looks to be no different. But a few other teams are in position to shake things up in 2010. **STORY**, Page 8

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Country Two-Step Dance Lessons

Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Where: D'Veue, 6202 Iola Ave., Suite 700

So, what is it?

Lessons start at 8 p.m. with the basics, and transitions to intermediate moves in the second hour. You can't live in Texas without knowing how to two-step! Refreshments provided.

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Time: 9 p.m.
Where: Dance With Me, 6602 W. 19th St.
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Tuesdays with Mike Pritchard and Danny Cadra

Time: 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Where: Jack and Dianne's
So, what is it?
Every Tuesday, Mike Pritchard performs followed by an open jam with Danny Cadra.

WEDNESDAY

On-Campus Welcome Buffet

Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Horn/Knapp, Hulén/Clement and The Fresh Plate at Bledsoe

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Grab your friends and head to the listed dining halls for the fall welcome buffet. Dining bucks, Red Raider cards and cash/credit accepted.

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Sports fields' new lighting increases brightness, reduces power usage

By BROOKE BELLOMY
STAFF WRITER

Intramural football started on Sunday for students, and a new lighting system has been put in place on the intramural football fields in the university's attempt to go green.

Don-Davis, unit associate director for Recreational Sports, said the point of intramurals is more about having fun than about the competition.

"We try to make intramural sports a more go out there and have fun playing with your fellow students," he said.

Teams get graded on their sportsmanship during each game, Davis said. The sportsmanship rating then becomes a deciding factor in who advances to the playoffs.

"The officials grade the teams after each game, and the points are solely on sportsmanship," he said. "It has nothing to do with how much you win by, or how good you are."

The reason for the sportsmanship points is to make sure nothing gets out of hand, Davis said.

"One of the things we really wanted to do is to help teams to manage their players and help control the game," he said. "We want students to help keep it a good, posi-



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

ABOUT 410 TEAMS and 5,000 Texas Tech students are expected to participate in flag football this year.

tive recreational experience."

Davis said there have been a lot of students involved in intramural sports in the past. He said the same goes for flag football this year.

"There are 410 teams and about 5,000 students that will be participating in flag football," he said.

Brett Jackson, coordinator of intramural sports, said open teams have seven-on-seven games and the Co-Rec. teams have eight-on-eight games.

"There is no maximum limit (of teams). As long as the teams sign up during the sign-up period, we are able to fit everyone in," Jackson said. "You can have as many players on a team as you want."

Davis said even if the season has already started, students are still able

to join a team.

"If you're not on a team, you can be added right there on the field at game time," he said. "They just need to bring their student ID."

Playing on two different teams is also possible, Jackson said.

"You can play on two teams as long as it's one open team and one Co-Rec. team," he said.

Davis said although students don't receive a trophy for winning the championship, they do receive a prize.

"The winners of each division get a T-shirt," he said.

Student athletes are able to participate in intramural sports with some stipulations, Davis said.

"Student athletes are allowed to participate as long as they are not

playing the sport they are athletes for," he said.

The university installed a "go-green" lighting system this summer for the intramural football fields, he said.

"Around \$380,000 was spent on the new lighting system," Davis said. "It's supposed to use about 60 percent of the power that was used previously, so about 40 percent less, and the fields will be about 75 percent brighter."

In an e-mail interview, Davis said the lighting system has a 25-year guarantee.

"The lights and maintenance is set for 25 years," he said. "This means that if lights burn out they will be replaced at no cost to the students for the next 25 years."

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Capital ←

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Kelly Overley, vice chancellor of institutional advancement, said waiting to announce campaigns until over half of the funds have been received is not uncommon.

"What you do in development, and this is standard in the country, you wait until you get to 60 percent of the way before you announce it," Overley said. "And really, there's no other reason than people just getting worn out of hearing it."

"The campaign began in 2006," Hance said. It was an idea I had to try and raise \$1 billion. With less state funding available for higher education, the \$1 billion campaign will give Tech the boost it needs to stay competitive and become a Tier One research university.

"The fact that we're trying to raise \$1 billion tells you that we have big goals," Hance said. "We dream no little dreams and we want to make Texas Tech University even better."

The money being raised will go toward facilities, scholarships and endowed chairs of professorships, Overley said. The donors also have the ability to decide where they would like their donation money directed.

"So, if a donor says that they want to give money to, you know, therapeutic horsemanship, that's where the money goes. If a donor says they want to give to scholarships for students in home economics, that's where the money goes," Overley said. "We don't even have to divvy it up because it is all donor directed."

She said in the past the money has come from state revenue, tuition and development funding, but now the university is taking it to the next level and hope to see students and faculty get involved. "We would love for all faculty and staff and students to put in at any level that they can," Overley said. "It would be wonderful for everyone to be involved — imagine if everyone did."

She said the idea of the campaign came from Chancellor Hance.

"This is all the chancellor's vision to take Tech to the next level," Overley said.

Tech president Guy Bailey said he hopes the celebration will enlist more enthusiasm from the entire university in order for the campaign to continue to be successful.

Only 34 other universities in the nation have tried to undertake such a goal, Bailey said. An article in the Wall Street Journal listed Tech as the 18th most preferred university by top

recruiters when looking to fill an entry-level position.

"I think this tells you where we stand in relation to the rest of the country," Bailey said.

Senior operator Wendi Turner chose to attend the celebration to see what the administrators had envisioned for Tech through the campaign.

The more money we can bring in, the better it will make us look and the more help we will have in achieving Tier One status, Turner said.

"The campaign and celebration gets us all pumped up," she said. "It makes us want to do better for Tech, bring more into Tech and get more people passionate about Tech like the students and, of course, faculty and staff are, too."

This campaign will have a big impact on Tech, Hance said. It will provide more scholarships for students and will help in recruiting professors that have research grants, as well as adding more buildings to Tech's campus.

"It just increases the value of everyone's diploma that's already graduated, and will increase the prestige for Texas Tech for the new students coming in," Hance said.

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LACROSSE LOVER



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

ERIK PETERSON, A senior general studies major from Dallas, practices his catching for lacrosse on Monday outside of the Experimental Sciences building.

Obama defends econ effort, pleads for voters' help

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama reached out fervently Monday to skeptical voters who are still hurting long after the declared end of the recession, imploring them to stick with him in elections that could inflict catastrophic losses on Democrats in just six weeks.

Recognizing the economy is the campaign's Issue No. 1 — and a peril for his party — Obama vigorously de-

fended his recovery efforts and challenged tea party activists as well as the Republicans who are clamoring to take over Congress to spell just how they would do better.

Republicans said that's just what they intended to do, on Thursday. House Republicans said they would roll out a roughly 20-point agenda — on jobs, spending, health care, national security and reforming Congress — at a hardware store in suburban Virginia.

Unimpressed in advance, the president said, "We have tried what they're offering." Addressing the GOP and tea party candidates, he said, "It's not enough just to say, 'Get control of government.'"

Campaign style, Obama finished his town hall-like event on the economy and then headed to Pennsylvania to raise money and rally dispirited Democrats for Joe Sestak in a tough Senate race against Republican Pat Toomey.

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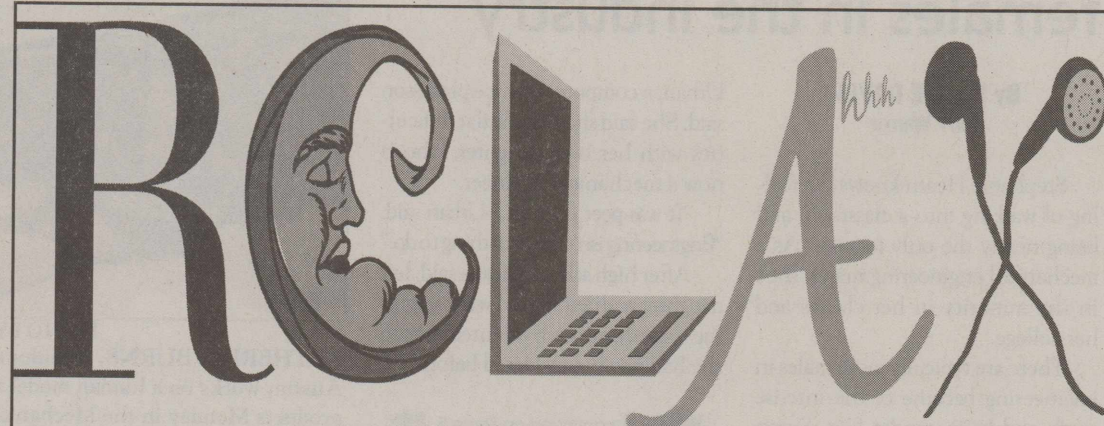
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Tech professor brings Italian roots to university

By SARAH SCROGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech professor Victoria Surluiga always had an interest in the United States while growing up in Torino, Italy. Now, she has earned her tenure track with Tech and is currently up for a promotion to associate professor.

Surluiga said her first experience in America was at Phillips Academy in Massachusetts as a visiting student in high school. For her, the United States was

always more of an interest to her than Italy, she said. After her visit to the United States, she decided she would come to America for her college degree. She attended Mount Holyoke College and finished with her degree in comparative literature. She then attended Brown University for her master's degree and Rice University for her Ph.D., both in Italian studies.

"I always like the American academia very much," she said. "I always intended, sooner or later, to study here."

Surluiga said she is in charge of the entire Italian program. She also teaches introductory and graduate-level Italian courses. Currently, she teaches Italian cinema, one with a focus on Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini, two graduate courses in Italian Renaissance and women and gender

in Italian cinema and literature, as well as an elementary level Italian conversation class, she said.

Though she enjoys all her classes, her favorite course to teach is the Italian cinema class focusing around Federico Fellini. However, she said, she enjoys teaching her introductory classes because it allows her to get in touch with the students that are the future of the program.

"It lets me see who are the future Italian minors," she said. "It also allows me to watch as the program grow."

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VICTORIA SURLIUGA
TEXAS TECH PROFESSOR

Along with teaching Italian language and cinema, Surluiga said, she has kept a lively publication agenda while at Tech. She said her publications are focused on the topics of Italian cinema and Italian contemporary poetry. Before

coming to Tech, she said, she was more active in Italian contemporary poetry than Italian cinema because she enjoyed traveling to Milan and meeting Milanese poets before coming to America.

"I have been writing extensively about Milanese poets," she said. "I have published my first main book on them, as well as some edited books."

Currently, she has a book that will be published by Illinois University Press in the next year and a half. The book is about Italian stardom centering around three Italian actresses: Giulietta Ma-

sina, who is Federico Fellini's wife and creatively shaped his films; Anna Magnani, who is considered one of the most important actresses in Italian realism; and Monica Vitti, who is mostly known for being the star of Michelangelo Antonioni's films, she said.

In her writing, Surluiga tries to avoid doing any biography work because she said she is not interested in private lives and finds them boring and repetitive.

"Everyone is born, then lead pretty uneventful lives with the same boring mistakes and uneventful relationships," she said.

However, she said, she is interested in the act of creativity, which all three of the actresses of her choice have done while working with filmmakers such as Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni and Roberto Rossellini. She said this is her way of contributing to Italian studies and cinema.

She found inspiration for part of her book from watching Marilyn Monroe movies and comparing her to Italian actresses. She said she wanted to showcase how these three actresses have gone against the grain and become a new brand of actress called the anti-diva. She said these actresses were far away from the typical notion of Hollywood diva actresses, like Sophia Loren.

"Anna Magnani was far from being the gorgeous woman that makes the audience dream of glamorous dreams and beauty and sensual ideas," she said. "Yet, she was still stopping the traffic in Rome."

Surluiga said she wanted to create a new concept and new breed of diva, which seems to be catching on.

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VICTORIA SURLIUGA, TEXAS Tech professor, came to the United States from Torino, Italy to complete higher education, eventually achieving Ph.D. status from Rice University.

Lady Gaga fights 'don't ask, don't tell' in Maine

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Pop star Lady Gaga visited the state Monday on the eve of a key Senate vote to urge its two U.S. senators to help repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays.

More than 2,000 people attended a rally at Deering Oaks Park, where the Grammy Award-winning singer stood alongside Air Force, Army and Marine veterans who were discharged because of the policy, which prohibits service members from revealing if they're gay and recruiters from asking

about people's sexual orientations.

Lady Gaga railed against what she called the injustice of having goodhearted gay soldiers booted from military service while straight soldiers who harbor hatred toward gays are allowed to fight for their country. She suggested a new policy should target straight soldiers who are "uncomfortable" with gay soldiers in their midst.

"Our new law is called 'If you don't like it, go home!'" she said.

The rally was organized by Washington-based Servicemem-

bers Legal Defense Network. The organization is trying to pressure Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine to vote to allow a repeal of the "don't ask" policy, put in place in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton.

The House has approved a defense authorization bill that includes a repeal of the "don't ask" policy. In the Senate, Democrats need 60 votes on Tuesday to cut off debate and proceed to the bill, again putting Snowe and Collins in the role of casting what could be deciding votes.

Arrest warrant issued for Lohan, jail possible

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A judge issued an arrest warrant Monday for Lindsay Lohan after the actress acknowledged failing a drug test less than a month after she was released from inpatient rehab.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox also revoked Lohan's probation in her three-year-old drug case while issuing the bench warrant in Beverly Hills.

However, the warrant was stayed, and Lohan was allowed to remain free pending a hearing Friday to determine if she violated her probation.

Fox previously threatened the actress with 30 days in jail for each violation. He must now decide whether to send her back to jail or into treatment.

Lohan must attend the hearing. A message left with her attorney Shawn Chapman Holley was not immediately returned.

The warrant was issued after Fox took over the case last month and laid out a path paved with therapy sessions and 12-step meetings that could have finally brought Lohan's drug case to an end.

Lohan confirmed on her Twitter page last week that she failed the court-ordered drug and alcohol screening.

"Regrettably, I did in fact fail my most recent drug test," she tweeted.

She also said, "substance abuse is a disease, which unfortunately doesn't go away over night. I am working hard to overcome it."

Lohan often posts updates with the account that's verified by Twitter as belonging to the actress.

It could not immediately be de-

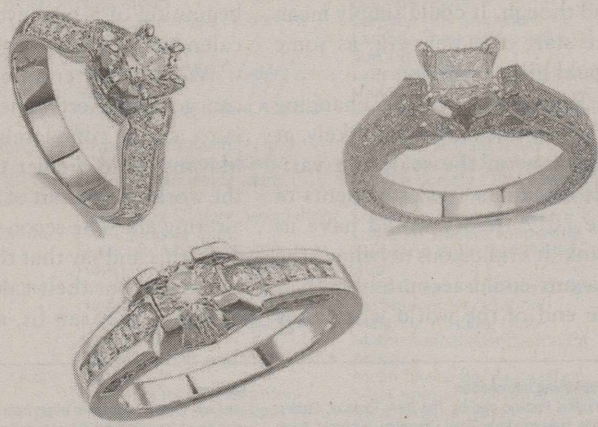
termined why Lohan was not arrested Monday. A call to Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini seeking additional details about the warrant was not immediately returned.

Lohan was released from jail on Aug. 2 after serving 14 days of a 90-day sentence for violating her probation in the 2007 case involving drug use and

driving under the influence.

Another judge had required her to begin a three-month stint in rehab at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Fox, however, agreed on Aug. 25 to release her from inpatient rehab after reviewing reports by her doctors and medical records from a three-year period.

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Games shouldn't be treated like pornography

Like rock & roll and comic books before them, video games are currently the prime suspect for all the evil that plagues our nation's youth.

The state of California has been trying to ban the sale of violent video games to minors for years now. In a 2007 article, website Ars Technica reported that, all told, the California government had wasted more than \$1 million of taxpayers' money in trying to pass legislation banning the sale of violent video games to minors. Every attempt failed.

And yet, here they are again. California is still trying to fight a battle it has been losing for the last five years. Traditionally, courts have sided with groups such as the Entertainment Software Association (ESA), arguing that California's proposed law went against First Amendment rights of free speech. Earlier this year, however, the Supreme Court agreed to hear both sides of the argument, so we're back to battle.

Some states side with California, some against. Texas is one state that seems to be on California's side.

Now, the question some people

Britton Peele



might be asking is, "What's so wrong with the law?" Indeed, prohibiting the sale of violent video games to minors seems like a noble thing, not a 1984-esque one. Even the people behind California's proposed law are quick to assure all adults that violent games would not be banned outright, and anybody could still enjoy them provided they're the proper age.

Said lawmakers argue that some media are not protected by the First Amendment. Hardcore porn would be an obvious example of this, but the people behind this proposed bill also refer to a 1968 case, Ginsberg v. New York, which effectively banned the sale of magazines like Playboy to minors.

Would this mean that a game like "Grand Theft Auto" or even "Halo" could, in the future, be shelved only behind the kind of blinder racks you

see hiding risqué images of pornographic magazines in gas stations? Surprisingly, this possibility has actually been discussed.

One reason this law is worrisome is that no such rules would apply to movies. At least, not yet. If it's suddenly the government's job to stop stores from selling "Resident Evil," the game, to minors, then who's to say it should also be its responsibility to prohibit the sale of "Resident Evil," the movie? The violence level is about the same. Would music be the next victim? Books?

The law also brings in a major problem: Who's to say what's appropriate and not appropriate to sell to a minor? The government would have to devote a ton of money every year to panels that judge each and every game.

Another big issue with the law is that it's a waste of time. Why? Well, currently, the video game industry is self-regulated, much like the film industry. The Entertainment Software Ratings Board is the video game equivalent of the Motion Picture Association of America. While a game would get an "R" rating from the MPAA, a game might get an "M" from the ESRB.

Likewise, just as movie theater attendants will check a youngster's ID before they sell him or her a ticket to an R-rated movie, the ESRB requires that stores check the IDs of people buying M-rated video games.

Does this work? According to our own government, yes. The Federal Trade Commission filed a report back in 2007 that actually found that it was much easier for a minor

to purchase an R-rated film or CD with a parental advisory warning than it was for a minor to purchase an M-rated game. All told, the FTC found that the games industry was doing a good job prohibiting the sale of violent games to minors.

So, why is California bothering to waste money to introduce a law that isn't necessary?

California currently argues that video games, being an interactive form of entertainment, are more harmful to minors than other mediums, such as film. The problem is, they've never been able to show this.

Recently, 82 scholars and researchers signed and filed a brief that outright refutes the state's claims, saying that California is unable to show any evidence to correlate violent games with violent youths.

Furthermore, a recent report issued by the ESRB showed some enlightening statistics, including that the current average age of gamers is 34, and that only 25 percent of gamers are under the age of 18.

Even comic book legend Stan Lee, creator of such classic characters as Spider-Man and Iron Man, has stepped into the ring and publicly

voiced his allegiance toward the game industry. In an open letter that can be found online, he recalls how comic books were under the exact same scrutiny games are now, which, looking back, he admits is "comical."

Lee said in the letter that "if you restrict sales of video games, you're chipping away at our First Amendment rights to free speech." He urges gamers to join the Video Game Voters Network. I don't disagree.

You can find more information at a variety of websites, such as GamePolitics.com, and I might post more thoughts on the issue on my personal blog at BrittonPeele.com, but in the end, it really comes down to paying attention to what your elected officials are doing.

If this thing gets passed in California — though it hopefully will not — Texas may be one of the first states to try to follow suit. Make sure that doesn't happen.

I'm all for protecting minors, but you should also protect your constitutional rights.

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“... if you restrict sales of video games, you're chipping away at our First Amendment rights to free speech.”

STAN LEE
COMIC BOOK CREATOR

Tax from rich, give to America

Anyone who watched, read or listened to national news of any type this week probably knows by now that there are two big topics running rampant over all the others: The Tea Party's unfortunate victory in Delaware's Republican primary and President Obama's new tax policy.

While the former is both surprising and somewhat intriguing, the latter confirms the worst fears of every conservative in America: Taxes are going to be raised significantly next summer.

<Insert frantic bloodcurdling scream here>

Actually, what Obama really said was that if Congress does not draw up plans for a new tax policy before the expiration date for the Bush administration's tax legislation comes, taxes will have to be raised.

Now, before you start packing your bags (both tea and otherwise) and head for the border, keep in mind that much of the common protest and anger at the president over this matter is misplaced and essentially shooting the messenger.

In reality, the president has very little formal or constitutional powers when it comes to forming tax policy. That responsibility, according to the Constitution, belongs to Congress. The only powers the president has are to pressure Congress to add or take out certain items and characteristics and to sign or veto the bill. Furthermore, even

Jakob Reynolds



if the executive vetoes the bill, Congress can still override it.

Therefore, the role the President plays in all of this is mostly, for lack of a better term, "public relations."

The Bush administration approved a tax policy that would see a series of tax cuts for all income levels. However, with those tax cuts expiring at the end of this year, the big debate nationwide is whether or not to renew that policy, or only let the tax cuts for the wealthiest two percent of taxpayers end and raise their taxes.

Of course, the Republican Party, being composed mostly of the wealthy, well-off upper crust, answers this question with a resounding "nay" to the latter, with minority leader John Boehner as their voice. Mr. Boehner has said repeatedly that there will be no cooperation with the Democrats, who want to only extend tax cuts to the middle and lower classes, unless the tax cuts are extended for the upper class.

There are many terms that can be used for this, such as negotiation,

blackmail (and my personal favorite) holding something hostage. That is essentially what the Republican Party has finally resorted to.

There really isn't much else the fragmented Republicans can do at this point, so they have sunk to an all-new low and decided to hold the tax cuts for the working, middle-class, average-income Americans whose backs they have built their fortunes from for all these years. Nothing speaks of desperation like that, and, quite frankly, it disgusts me to think about it.

I visited my stepsister in New York during June of 2009. While we were there, she showed my family and me around Manhattan, including Wall Street, Park Avenue and the general business district.

I was absolutely astounded when I saw recently unemployed and laid-off workers standing next to their former employers' buildings, and at the same time see the CEOs' and executives' limousines and chauffeurs parked outside the buildings.

These people, the wealthy two percent, the elite, are so incredibly rich that they can afford such luxuries in the middle of a recession and yet they're complaining about maybe having their taxes go up? Cry me a freakin' river.

We have a national debt, infrastructure legislation and a continuing war in Afghanistan to pay for, and the middle class has taken enough punishment for one decade. It sounds to me like the wealthy Republicans are looking for a handout that America simply cannot afford.

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GUEST COLUMN

Less free speech, more freedom of speech

On Sept. 16, I, among many other students of Texas Tech, witnessed quite a spectacle: two men holding signs proclaiming that God is angry, and that we all, apparently, are going to hell.

These two men, camped out near the Student Union Building, spent a lot of time and energy yelling at the gathering crowd, proselytizing their beliefs. As I hovered near the edge of the crowd, I found myself wondering, why are these two men in my Free Speech Area?

What is free speech? While this is a complex subject that this column cannot do justice to in so short and causal a format, I would put forth that free speech is generally recognized as speech protected from censorship or retaliation. Free speech means that someone can offer their opinion on a subject or express their beliefs without fear of harm or loss, without being silenced by others.

In this respect, what I witnessed was expression of free speech — two men loudly preaching their version of Christianity without fear of physical, emotional or economic harm, without the fear of retribution or reaction from any legal authority.

And yet, what I witnessed has me concerned because I feel it is representative of a trend on campus; a trend of free speech, not expressions of the freedom of speech.

What do I mean? Free speech is simply that: It is free, without a price tag attached. Freedom of speech, however, is not necessarily free. Freedom of speech comes with an

ethical burden, one that entails the speaker shoulder the responsibility of engaging others in a reasonable debate about social issues within our society.

Let me explain. Freedom of speech is, as I see it, another way the founding fathers of our nation attempted to ensure that our republic would protect the rights of all. Not only do we have the ballot — long considered the means by which we ensure our liberty — but we have freedom of speech, as well; freedom to express opinions and beliefs that may not represent the majority.

We must all hear one another, consider one another. We must all get along somehow in a larger social sphere — the sphere of our globe, our nation, our laws and our values. Free speech is an argument, a debate, aimed at achieving a reasonable end — consideration for all without marginalization, consensus without annihilation of diversity.

What I witnessed on Sept. 16 was free speech, but it was not an expression of freedom of speech. These men were not here to start a conversation, to find common ground, to find a way for people of different beliefs, attitudes or values to find common and equal expression. It was not geared toward consensus that empowers all, but aimed at a consensus that silences.

I see many expressions of free speech on campus. Many groups come to advertise their fraternity

or sorority, or fundraise or hand out religious pamphlets. I've seen the angry signs proclaiming I'm going to hell and I've seen the signs of aborted fetuses.

These are all expressions of free speech. While I believe they should be protected — and they are — I do not think we should allow these expressions of free speech to eclipse or to replace expressions of our freedom of speech.

I would like to see more student-initiated expression of freedom of speech — of individual sites for larger social conversations, and less preaching by outsiders. I want our Free Speech Area to be an area for our students, by our students, to express freedom of speech.

I want to know what matters to the students of Texas Tech; I want to know what larger social conversations we are all a part of. I want to see dialogue and argument that represents our differences and moves us toward a consensus that celebrates the pluralism of our values. I want to see our students shouldering the ethical responsibility of engaging in active and meaningful citizenship.

What infuriated me most last week was not the hate speech about why I was going to hell. What infuriated me was that these men were co-opting my Free Speech Area for their own purposes. They were not engaging in a meaningful expression of the freedom of speech but hiding behind free speech.

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Despite impending 2012 apocalypse, end of the world shouldn't be scary thing

By **IAN EVERETT**
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It's 2010. Actually, it's the latter half of 2010. That means that we are about two years away — give or take a few months — from the end of the world, as predicted by the Mayan Long Count calendar.

Or are we? Every generation has had its crazy prophets shouting that the end of the world is near and that we must repent, or something to that effect, at least. This time is

absolutely no different. According to executive of the Florida-based Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies Sandra Noble, the end of the world theory about 2012 is a chance for people to cash in on other people's fears. Obviously — they made an entire movie about it.

People have always feared the end of the world. Before people started seriously thinking about 2012, the Jehovah's Witnesses claimed that 1914 would mark the end of the world. Pretty much every major religious group has some

idea about the end of the world, if not a specific date. It is a human fascination, borderlining on obsession or addiction. From Revelations to Nostradamus, we've got a fixation on the apocalypse — and rightly so. It will be the ending of life, the ending of humanity.

But we don't have to worry about 2012. If the world does end then, it will be highly coincidental. The Mayan Calendar does not simply end on Dec. 21, 2012; it resets. Our calendar resets every Jan. 1, but no one freaks out about that. The Mayans possibly believed that

the creation of the world happened at the beginning of their calendar, and the next time we reach that date will be Dec. 21, 2012. This does not mean that the world will end though. It could simply mean the start of a new era, as some would like to believe.

Personally, the world changing at all on this date is not likely, at least not on the scale the various crackpots and proponents of the 2012 theory would have us think. It's ridiculous to believe the Mayans could accurately predict the end of the world when they

couldn't even save their own empire from collapsing.

Rather, it simply marks the beginning of a new cycle of the calendar, like Jan. 1 marks the beginning of a new cycle on our calendar.

We have a couple ways we can go from here. The first way is to accept completely that the Mayans could predict the end of the world or the start of a new life-altering era. The second way is to deny this and say that they simply calculated out their calendar and used it as they saw fit, and that it

would reset every 5,125 years, the next time being Dec. 21, 2012. And the third is that the Mayans simply got tired and figured that setting a calendar many centuries ahead of them was enough; sadly, the empire fell before they could continue to work on it.

As comical as that last option is, the most logical — and likely — option is that the Mayans simply intended for the calendar to reset. And when we reach Dec. 21, 2012, I'm going to raise a toast for another 5,125 years of humanity inhabiting planet Earth.

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Urban said she blames a lack of education on the subject as the reason for the disparity.

"From elementary school on up, women aren't encouraged to even look at these kinds of degrees," Urban said. "It's a matter of starting much earlier in the process."

This is where Hearn comes in. As the president of Texas Tech's Society of Women Engineers, the junior from Houston said she and the organization do everything from informing girls of their options in middle schools to being a support group for Tech students as well.

Hearn said the information just is not available, and so few women realize what they could be doing. In chemical engineering, Hearn said, it was mostly

men who do things like develop cosmetics.

"There are lots of things women would be better at," Hearn said.

All expressed the necessity for women to go into engineering to help the job market and the field itself.

"The population is 50/50 (men to women ratio.) Half the population will use whatever is being developed or designed," Urban said. "There needs to be a woman's perspective."

Though there are many efforts in place to get women into engineering roles, Kristine Arntzen, a petroleum engineering graduate student from Norway, said she was still surprised at the gender differences at Tech.

She said in Norway it was about an equal split between men and women in the field of engineering, and it seemed to be

more traditionally male here.

In order to attract women to engineering, Arntzen said, the college she attended in Norway adds two points to women's grades should they choose to go into engineering and frequently sponsors trips for women to visit schools and learn more about their options.

Once women have chosen an engineering major, the struggle isn't over. The college loses many women in terms of retention rates, Urban said. As they see how outnumbered they are, many start to doubt what they are doing.

"We want to retain women in engineering," Hearn said. "We're here to be a support system, so when you walk into a room with three girls and 80 guys, you might know those three girls."

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Colbert to rally against Stewart

WASHINGTON (AP) — "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart is hosting a "million moderate march" in Washington — for people who think shouting is annoying — but faux political nemesis Stephen Colbert will be nearby to keep fear alive against those "dark, optimistic forces."

Colbert, host of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report," and his arch enemy on the network plan to hold opposing political rallies on the National Mall just before the November elections.

Stewart interrupted his regular fake news Thursday night to announce a "Rally to Restore Sanity" on Oct. 30. He said it's for people too busy with their normal lives to go to other political rallies.

"We're looking for people who

think shouting is annoying ... who feel that the loudest voices shouldn't be the only ones that get heard," Stewart writes in promotion for his rally. "Think of our event as Woodstock, but with the nudity and drugs replaced by respectful disagreement."

No Adolf Hitler mustaches allowed at the Stewart rally — unless it's drawn on a photo of the German dictator (or Charlie Chaplin). Past political rallies have featured posters with sitting presidents wearing Hitler-style mustaches, including Barack Obama and George W. Bush.

Nearby, Colbert also announced a "March to Keep Fear Alive" to restore "truthiness" to the nation on his show Thursday night. For those who don't know, truthiness was a 2006 word of the year that means "truth that comes from

the gut, not books."

Colbert is encouraging "all freedom-loving patriots" to bring an overnight bag and five extra sets of underwear to challenge Stewart's "dark, optimistic forces." He said the nation can't afford a rally to restore sanity in the middle of a recession.

He wrote the United States is built on three bedrock principles: freedom, liberty and fear.

"They want to replace our fear with reason," he wrote. "But never forget 'reason' is just one letter away from 'treason.'"

The events come a few weeks after Glenn Beck's recent rally on the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington. Stewart's website notes Oct. 30 was chosen as a date "of no significance whatsoever."

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After his initial start, Merle occasionally participated in other races before deciding to focus on his studies. He attended St. Patrick's College in Ireland, where he obtained his master's degree, and was a member of the college's running team.

Merle later moved to Paris for seven years to complete other studies and work as a professional journalist. He did not compete during his time in Paris, and it wasn't until 2003, when he came to the United States, that he began to become involved with competing in endurance sports again.

"2003 was almost a comeback year, if you will," Merle said. "That's the year I took part in the Chicago marathon, which was my first marathon, in 2003, and in 2006, I did my first Iron Man triathlon; it was Iron Man Wisconsin."

Merle has since participated in two more Iron Man competitions. Yet, his participation in those previous races was just the starting gun for the race to the World Championships.

"This year was really the first time I decided to take part in the National Championships, and those took place in Richmond, Virg., in April," Merle said, "and my performance there allowed me to qualify for Team USA to

go to the World Championship."

Kristy Robinson, Merle's friend of three and a half years, said self-improvement is a major aspect of Merle's dedication

"He's definitely extremely dedicated," Robinson said. "He's very good at it, and he wants to be better, so every time he trains he tries to make every training session better than the one before it."

With self-betterment and maintaining a balance motivating him, Merle presents himself with a challenge, which, in turn, helps him to maintain his identity.

"The mindset is really, I want to challenge myself, so what can I do to challenge myself physically, and to a certain extent almost psychologically," said Merle, "because you don't know how your body will react when you push it to a certain limit, and when you push it to a certain limit, it's almost as if your own personality comes through."

Merle considers himself to be a very shy and discreet individual, and his pleasant politeness hints at nothing less. His good friend, Beth Rutherford of Plymouth, Ind., has much more lavish praise to pour, saying that Patrick is intelligent, witty, very caring, concerned, passionate, dedicated and loyal.

Merle has plans to continue taking part in events, and he has plans of returning to the National Championships next year in Tucson, Ariz., where

he will compete to qualify for the next World Championship race, which will take place in Spain. But for now, it's time for a rest.

"I always take the stand-point, whether you like it or not, you need to take a break. Your body wants it; your mind definitely wants it," Merle said.

He is going to take time to focus on his Ph.D., which for him is priority No. 1, as well as spend time with people he wasn't able to see very much during his training before the triathlon.

Something else Merle occupies his time off with is taking time to be a coach, rather than an athlete.

"I've been involved in coaching for the last maybe seven to eight years," said Merle. "I coach professional athletes back home in France, triathletes, triathlons and duathlon, and I coach some athletes really all over the world. Some in Australia, some in Belgium, England and Denmark."

Merle sees his coaching as much more than just instruction.

"It's a form of sharing my passion with some other people and telling them some of the things I know, some of the things I discovered, some mistakes I

made. It's very gratifying."

Rutherford sees Merle's ability to be both an athlete and a coach as much more than just a talent.

"He coaches elite athletes. But he also coaches middle-aged working mothers like me," Rutherford said. "His ability to span that spectrum of human experience and human beings, and enrich the lives of the people he touches, is a great gift. And Patrick possesses that gift."

As for now, though, Merle's main focus will be his studies.

"You need to have a goal and stick to it," Merle said.

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Tuberville, Red Raiders enter bye week with changes in mind



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TEXAS TECH COACH Tommy Tuberville talks to Texas Tech Defensive Back Will Ford after a penalty was assessed to Ford during during Texas' 24-14 victory over Texas Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
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Having a bye week after being a dealt a 24-14 loss by No. 7 Texas probably doesn't sound like a bad proposition for many coaches.

But Texas Tech football head coach Tommy Tuberville is opposed to that, preferring to have the chance to continue play this week.

"(No), we need to play," Tuberville said during Monday's Big 12 media teleconference. "We're in great shape, physically. We're sore like (after) any game that you play in. It's probably a little early for us to have an open date."

Tuberville and the Red Raiders have the week off before traveling to play Iowa State at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 in Ames, Iowa. The game will be broadcast by Fox College Sports as part of a rights agreement with the Big 12 Conference.

For now, though, Tech is left with only reminders of its performance Saturday against the Longhorns, a showing that saw the Red Raider offense compile only 144 total yards of offense — the running game generated 14 yards — and one offensive score. Tech defensive back Jarvis Phillips provided the other touchdown after returning an interception 85 yards for the score.

Tuberville credited some of the mishaps to the athletic ability of Texas' defensive unit but said the offense just couldn't find any consistency in terms of being efficient, and he plans to make changes to the ground game.

"Offensively, we just didn't do that well," Tuberville said. "Texas had a lot to do with that. They had a lot more speed than we had competed against the first couple of weeks. But we didn't make plays. There were some plays there that we didn't execute. We just

never got any rhythm. We got to back to (the) drawing board on our running game."

Tech quarterback Taylor Potts completed 21 of his 35 passes of the night despite having to briefly leave the game with what appeared to be an injury to his throwing hand. Steven Sheffield entered the contest with 8:39 remaining in the third quarter, leading one Tech drive before Potts returned the next time out.

But it's nothing that is expected to keep him out for next week's date with the Cyclones.

"(Potts is) fine — he's sore, he got hit pretty good, knocked around pretty early in the game," Tuberville said. "But he's fine, he's a tough individual. He'll shake that off and hopefully bounce back."

Bouncing back is exactly what will be on the minds of the Red Raiders during their off week and will give

them more time to assess their next opponent, ISU, which plays in-state rival Northern Iowa Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Other conference teams who also have the week off are Big 12 South rivals Oklahoma State and Texas A&M — they play each other Thursday, Sept. 30 in Stillwater, Okla. — and Colorado of the Big 12 North division.

So, Tuberville said the coaching staff will get the most they can out of the off week in hopes of notching their first conference win next weekend.

"We can use it; we will use it. We'll go back to the drawing board," Tuberville said. "We self-scouted ourselves, looked at the mistakes we made in all three games and things we need to get better at. So, we'll use this week in terms of a three-day, four-day spring practice and get back to work and start game-planning again Sunday."

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Weekend provided for ups and downs in Big 12

Texas Tech fans might be disheartened by Saturday's loss to Texas, but a quick look around the rest of the conference may brighten everyone's spirits.

Of course, this week the Red Raiders are off, but they'll play Iowa State next Saturday at 6 p.m. The Cyclones took a loss to Kansas State in the other conference game played this past weekend 27-20 at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. The game was apparently branded "Farmageddon," which makes me want to think of a clever title for the Tech-Iowa State matchup. Suggestions are welcome.

Tech doesn't play K-State this year, but the Wildcats go as running back Daniel Thomas goes. He went for 181 yards and two touchdowns on 34 carries Saturday.

The Cyclones have Northern Iowa in town for week four and might play two quarterbacks against the Panthers. Starter Austen Arnaud injured his right shoulder in the fourth quarter of the game against K-State.

If Iowa State looking more than beatable doesn't bring a

smile to your face, then surely a near-loss by the Aggies will.

Texas A&M struggled mightily with Florida International, trailing 20-6 going into the fourth quarter. The Aggies scored 21 unanswered to notch the 27-20 victory.

Quarterback Jerrod Johnson threw his first pick of the season and liked it so much he threw three more, while the Aggies' ground game carried the load in the comeback.

Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin wasn't pleased with the performance he turned in against No. 4 TCU. He was 16 of 28 for 164 yards and threw for the Bears' only touchdown in the 45-10 loss.

"It's just embarrassing. I've never been more embarrassed in my life," Griffin told Baylor's student paper, The Lariat.

Both the Oklahoma schools took care of their lesser foes in week three, but it wasn't always easy for Oklahoma. Air Force, ironically the country's best team on the ground, scored twice in the fourth quarter to come within a score, but Oklahoma held the Falcons off 27-24.

Their in-state rival Oklahoma

Jon Arnold



State didn't have as much trouble with their in-state non-rival Tulsa. They beat the Golden Hurricane 65-28. The Cowboys are second in the nation in points scored, averaging 57 a game. Former Tech offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen's offense also is putting up big numbers through the air — they have the most passing yards in the nation, averaging nearly 400 yards a game.

Kansas somehow sits 91st in the country in both rushing and passing yards. They lost to Southern Mississippi in a Friday night game. Next up they host New Mexico State, in what may be the most difficult game to forecast of any Big 12 school this week.

Missouri nearly joined Kansas on the "Big 12 teams with embarrassing losses" list, but they scored on a 68-yard touchdown

pass in the last minute to top San Diego State 27-24. It was quarterback Blaine Gabbert's only touchdown of the night, and he was picked off twice.

Colorado was shut out in the first half, but rallied to beat Hawaii 31-13. Nebraska

walked all over Washington in Seattle and was so impressive that one voter put them at the top of his coaches poll ballot.

Despite the appetizers this week, there are no conference games to be played. Tech, A&M, Oklahoma State and Colorado all are on their bye week this week. Oklahoma travels to Cincinnati in the kind of road game all Big 12 teams should play once a year. Texas hosts a UCLA team that lost to K-State to open the season, but drilled Houston last week.

As for Tech fans, they'll be able to enjoy all the day's games from the couch (or whatever seating mechanism you prefer) and get ready for the bulk of conference play Oct. 2, when things really get started in the Big 12.

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Lady Raiders' community game plan to begin Oct. 1

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
SPORTS EDITOR

The start of practice for the upcoming 2010-11 women's basketball season is not the only thing the Lady Raiders are preparing for this October.

Texas Tech women's basketball coach Kristy Curry announced yesterday the plans to launch a "community game plan" for herself and the Lady Raiders.

"Lady Raider basketball is appreciative of the support from the Lubbock community, and we feel a strong obligation to give back," Curry said in a news release. "Our goal is to expose our players to the many wonderful people who support Lady Raider basketball and Texas Tech Athletics."

Tech's community game plan will consist of events located at various locations either on the Texas Tech campus or throughout Lubbock.

The Lady Raiders will participate in different events, sign autographs and take pictures with fans along with other things, giving the fans the opportunity to meet this year's squad.

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BASKETBALL COACH
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This move is just another example of the things Tech athletics has done to further interact with the fans, others including Tech football coach Tommy Tuberville's addition of the Raider Walk to the football program and Fan Fest, which was hosted by the Red Raider volleyball team last Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"We are excited and looking forward to meeting all of our great fans at these upcoming events during our community game plan," said Curry.

The Lady Raiders' first appearance will be on campus, as the Red Raider soccer team takes on Big 12 Conference opponent Colorado at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 1 at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

The Lady Raiders will sign autographs at the game that evening.

Tech's community game plan will end at the Lady Raiders' third game of the season, against Idaho State at 4 p.m. Nov. 21 in the United Spirit Arena, where the team will host an autograph session after the contest. Details on each event will be made available at texastech.com prior to the event.

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Armstrong public during investigation

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong just keeps rolling along.

While prosecutors examine his past as part of a federal investigation into drug use in pro cycling, Armstrong is sticking to a relentless public schedule of charity bike rides, speeches, endorsements and meetings with policy groups.

He's doing anything but hiding. And that, public relations experts say, is the way to stay popular — or at least, limit the damage to his reputation — even as prosecutors present evidence to a grand jury.

"It's all the right moves. Other athletes could learn from him" said Gene Grabowski, who guides high-profile figures through public relations crises as a senior vice president with Washington-based Levick Strategic Communications.

Armstrong won the Tour de France seven times after fighting back from testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Since returning from this year's race, which he says will be his last, he has kept his fight against the disease at the forefront of his public appearances.

Armstrong was scheduled to be in San Francisco on Monday to visit a hospital with Mayor Gavin Newsome. When a federal grand jury considering the investigation meets in Los Angeles on Wednesday, he'll be in New York City for the Clinton Global Initiative where he's headlining a panel on cancer in the developing world. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama are scheduled to be at the Clinton event later in the week.

Meantime, Armstrong is constantly updating his 2.65 million followers on

Twitter with his musings on life, racing and music.

"We call it 'brazening it out.' You act as if there's nothing wrong," said George Merlis, founder of Experience Media Consulting Group. "All of these are laudable if he's doing it for the right reason, such as fighting cancer."

Armstrong insists there is, indeed, nothing wrong. He has always denied doping allegations that have dogged him for years. Spokesman Mark Fabiani said there's no reason for him to back off now.

"This tax-money-wasting fishing expedition — which continues to drag up nothing but old news — was started on the word of the disgraced Floyd Landis, so there is no reason why it would distract Lance Armstrong from the vigorous work he has always done on behalf of his foundation, his

sport, and his wide range of business partners," Fabiani said.

In fact, Armstrong's highly public schedule is nothing new.

When he first retired from cycling in 2005, he made regular appearances around the country for charity and cancer-awareness programs.

He also entered the political world. In 2007, Armstrong successfully lobbied state lawmakers to pass a \$3 billion cancer research initiative. He also co-hosted televised cancer forums with several candidates for president.

Today, Armstrong still has a dedicated following, the so-called Livestrong Army enchanted by his work fighting cancer and his success on the bike. Just this weekend, a 6-year-old boy in Corpus Christi made local news by raising \$150 for the Lance Armstrong Foundation selling lemonade.

Football coaches aware of many health concerns

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gary Pinkel likes to get away from a stressful day and sneak in a quick shopping trip with his granddaughters, even it's just for 15 minutes.

He'll push them around in a shopping cart for a while, get them all wired, then drop them back off with his daughter and return his focus to coaching Missouri football.

Even such a brief break is soothing for the 58-year-old Pinkel.

"This job is pressure-packed," Pinkel said Monday on the Big 12 coaches' conference call. "I think it's more pressure-packed than it ever has been because of ESPN, because of the Internet, because of all the instant communication out there and there's

so many media avenues now that exist, the amount of money coaches make.

"To me, it's going to get worse, the pressure. It's not going to go the other way."

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio suffered a mild heart attack Sunday morning not long after an overtime win against Notre Dame, highlighting the health hazards of coaching that were a hot topic after Urban Meyer briefly resigned from Florida following last season.

The health of top college coaches was a hot topic this week. Some admit that taking care of themselves can become an afterthought if they don't carefully plot out some time to exercise and eat right.

"I need to do a better job taking care of myself," Texas coach Mack Brown

said. "I do in the offseason, and I feel great. But there's no doubt that you just wear yourself thin trying to win every game in the fall, and there's a lot on your plate."

Leading a football team takes far more than just calling plays for a few hours on Saturdays. Brown rattled off an expansive list of people he has to answer to: high school coaches, lettermen, fans, alumni, regents, administrators, faculty, media and 130 players — each with parents who'd like to see their kids get to play.

"I think it's a concern. The intensity level and stress is beyond, I think, what anybody could ever imagine on a head coach," Pinkel said. "I've been a head coach 20 years. You kind of learn to deal with it, but if you're a competitor, that's

just the way you are. And you thrive on it, too, a little bit."

Pinkel said he works out three times a week: early on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. He and his assistants also schedule in time for dinner with their families, although doing that requires coming in early.

Kansas State's Bill Snyder multitasks by watching game film while he runs on a treadmill after practice. Colorado's Dan Hawkins tries to set aside time for himself and his staff to hit the weight room and sleep.

"Certainly it's a 24/7 operation, not just here but anywhere," Snyder said. "It's easy to overlook a lot of things that are significant in life, not just your health. But you have to carve out and create ways."

AP source: Blackstone ends interest in pursuing Liverpool

LONDON (AP) — Liverpool co-owner Tom Hicks' plan to keep control of Liverpool with the help of an American private equity company has fallen through after the firm pulled out of a deal, a person familiar with the situation said Monday.

Hicks had hoped to secure a \$437 million financing package from Blackstone subsidiary GSO Capital Partners and share control of the club, in a move that would have prevented a quick sale of Liverpool.

But Blackstone is no longer pursuing its interest in Liverpool after considering an initial deal, a person familiar with the company's plans told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because negotiations were private.

Hicks and co-owner George Gillet Jr. are facing an October deadline to repay the club's \$370 million debt to Royal Bank of Scotland.

Hicks, who also owns the NHL's Dallas Stars, hoped the package would allow him to take full control, pay down the debt significantly and provide funds for players, a person familiar with the Texan's plans said Sunday. It would also have seen Gillet taking an "inactive" role.

Hicks and Gillet put the club up for sale in April, saying they lacked the funding to take Liverpool forward, on and off the field, due to its debt. Barclays Capital bank was tasked with overseeing the sale process and a new chairman, Martin Broughton, was hired.

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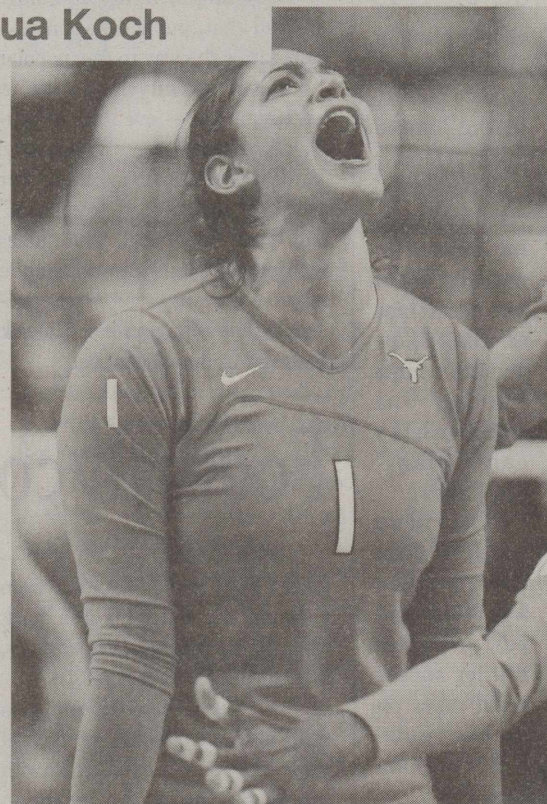
Traditional Big 12 volleyball powers still among nation's best

Nebraska Cornhuskers >>

The No. 4 Huskers (10-1, 2-0) enter this week sitting atop of the Big 12 Conference. Nebraska is off to another rapid start this season having won all of its matches, its only blemish being a loss to No. 3 Florida. Since then the Huskers have won nine-straight including wins against No. 19 Dayton, No. 9 Illinois and No. 10 Iowa State. These big wins may be reason for the Huskers' No. 4 ranking. Nebraska faces Kansas and Baylor as the Huskers try to preserve their untarnished Big 12 record.



By Joshua Koch



<< Texas Longhorns

The No. 12 Longhorns (6-4, 1-1) are off to a rough start this season, dropping four of their first 10 matches, but are still ranked No. 12 in the nation. Three of the four losses came at the hands of ranked teams including No. 1 Stanford, No. 3 Florida and No. 9 Illinois. Coach Jerrett Elliott enters his 10th season as the Longhorns' coach and has taken the Longhorns to the NCAA Regional finals the last four years and has had two straight NCAA Championship appearances. The Longhorns face Missouri and No. 10 Iowa State this week.

Best of the Rest

Iowa State Cyclones

The No. 10 Cyclones (8-2, 1-1) are coming off of one of the best seasons in the history of the volleyball program after coach Christy Johnson-Lynch led the team to 27 regular season wins and 17 Big 12 victories. So far this season the No. 10 Cyclones have already notched victories against two ranked opponents, beating then-No. 14 Kentucky and then-No. 18 Northern Iowa. Iowa State fell to the No. 4 Nebraska Cornhuskers and defeated the Missouri Tigers on the road in the opening week of Big 12 play.

Oklahoma Sooners

Oklahoma (9-3, 1-0) head coach Santiago Restrepo will be seeking his 100th career victory as the head coach of the Sooners Wednesday when they face Texas Tech in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma brings a young team into this season as the Sooners have six freshman and only three seniors on the roster. The Sooners have only played one Big 12 match to this point and were victorious against Colorado Wednesday. Oklahoma is riding a five-match winning streak going into its Big 12 home opener against the Red Raiders tomorrow night.

Kansas Jayhawks

Ray Bechard has been on the coaching scene for two and a half decades, and enters his 13th season as the head coach at Kansas (10-3,

1-1). Bechard recorded his 900th career win as a coach last season and he is the only coach in Jayhawk history to lead the team to a NCAA Tournament appearance. The Jayhawks have only suffered three losses including their home and Big 12 opener against in-state rival Kansas, 3-1.

Kansas State Wildcats

Kansas State (7-5, 2-0) head coach Suzie Fritz has the Wildcats as one of three teams to still be undefeated in conference play entering this week. The Wildcats had a successful opening week after defeating in-state rival Kansas at home before traveling to West Texas where they beat the Red Raiders. Some Wildcats have been recognized for their impressive performances this past weekend, including JuliAnne Chisholm and Alex Muff who were named offensive and defensive player of the week, respectively.

Texas A&M Aggies

In the seven wins that Texas A&M (7-5, 1-1) has gotten this season lies an important Big 12 win. The Aggies defeated the No. 12 Texas Longhorns, 3-0 in their Big 12 and home opener. After that win, the Aggies had a bit of fallout, losing to Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. just two days later, 3-2. Laurie Corbelli is entering her 18th season as the head coach of the Aggies and her 25th as a head coach in collegiate volleyball.

Missouri Tigers

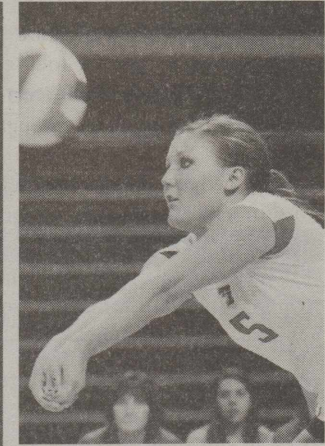
Just two weeks ago the Missouri Tigers (9-3, 1-1) swept the weekly Big 12 awards after an impressive performance at the Pepperdine Asics Invitational with wins against Eastern Washington, Rice and host Pepperdine. On Sept. 7, Paola Ampudia was named offensive player of the week while fellow senior Caitlyn Vann was named defensive player of the week. Also, freshman Molly Kreklow was named rookie of the week. After winning its Big 12 opener against Texas Tech Wednesday in Lubbock, the Tigers returned home and lost their home opener to No. 10 Iowa State. The Tigers face No. 12 Texas and Kansas State this week.

Baylor Bears

The expectations are high in Waco this year for the volleyball program after head coach Jim Barnes led the Bears to a Sweet 16 appearance in 2009. The Bears had 24 wins last season, which was the most single-season wins in 10 years. This season has started off a little rough after losing to SMU, dropping all three matches at the Diet Coke Minnesota Classic, then opening Big 12 play with a loss. The Bears fell to No. 12 Texas, 3-0, in Austin Saturday. The Bears are at home this week as they face No. 10 Iowa State and No. 4 Nebraska.

Texas Tech Red Raiders >>

Texas Tech (2-9, 0-2) coach Trish Knight is in her second season at the helm of the Red Raiders. In her first year she led the team to a 2-27 overall record and 0-20 in Big 12 Conference play. The Red Raiders have 10 letter winners returning and have added freshmen Sheridan Burgess, Brandy Huskey, Aubree Piper, Hannah Salyer, and Jenna Wagner. Tech has also added transfers Justine Young and Dravon Rangel. The Red Raiders have already lost to Missouri and Kansas State to open the conference schedule and things may only get tougher as Tech faces Oklahoma and Texas A&M this week.



Colorado Buffaloes

Colorado (3-5, 0-2) The Buffaloes are second to last in the Big 12 Conference standings and are one of three teams that haven't notched a conference victory yet this season. Coach Liz Kritza enters her second season as the head coach of the Buffs. Kritza took the coaching job at Colorado in February of 2009 after leaving Tulane. During her four years at Tulane she posted a 76-39 overall record and a 41-21 record in Conference USA play. The Buffs are off to the same kind of start that they had last season in the Big 12 after dropping their first two matches to Oklahoma and No. 4 Nebraska. This week they will try to redeem themselves against Kansas and Kansas State in Boulder.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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 1 Bracquettes
 6 Zip
 10 Country music pioneer Ernest
 14 "As a result..."
 15 Country on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
 16 Spot in the ocean
 17 Top banana
 19 Depilatory brand
 20 '60s-'70s war site, briefly
 21 "Now it makes sense!"
 22 Cake finish
 23 Unstable situation, metaphorically
 26 Workplace inspection org.
 29 Compartment
 30 Louise's gal pal
 33 Buzzing swimmers
 34 Performed
 37 Huge mess
 40 "Danny and the Dinosaur" author Hoff
 41 Court postponement
 42 Ancient Greek military power
 43 Blood fluids
 44 Veggies studied by Mendel
 45 Gregarious fun lovers
 52 Assumed name
 53 Defensive spray
 54 Marx's "Kaptal"
 57 Thin curl of smoke
 58 Valuable shore property, and a hint to what the first words of 17-, 23-, 37- and 45-Across have in common
 61 Third man
 62 High-strung
 63 Sacher treat
 64 Goodyear product
 65 Member's obligation
 66 What matzo lacks

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 1 "High Hopes" lyricist Sammy
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 3 Father of 61-Across

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Cowboys 'frustrated but not panicking' at 0-2

IRVING (AP) — Put a hold on that talk about the Dallas Cowboys being the first team to play in a Super Bowl at home.

They need to at least win a game first.

"It's real frustrating. I think it's too much hype around here," safety Gerald Sensabaugh said Monday. "Everybody's talking about the Cowboys in the Super Bowl. We ain't won a damn game yet. I don't even want to hear nobody talking about the Super Bowl. Really, can we just talk about the next game?"

Dallas is already at a crossroads in the season after losing its first two games, an unexpected development with so much at stake and big expectations from owner Jerry Jones. Especially with most of the starters back from a division-winning team that won a playoff game last season.

Receiver Roy Williams describes the mood as "frustrated but not panicking."

The Cowboys lost 27-20 on Sunday to the Chicago Bears in their home opener at the site of the next Super Bowl. That came a week after a 13-7 loss at Washington, where a fumble at end of the first half was returned for a touchdown and a score was wiped out by a game-ending holding penalty.

"Bring us back to Earth, it's going to help us stay levelheaded," Williams said. "Hopefully this is a lesson well-learned for this team."

Next is a trip to undefeated Houston (2-0) before the Cowboys have their early open date.

Houston beat Dallas in a pre-season game last month. More embarrassing for the Cowboys was their last trip to Houston for a regular season game, in 2002 when they lost in the Texans' first NFL game.

The Cowboys certainly can't afford another loss. Imagine going into the open date and the end of September without a victory.

Their odds of getting into the playoffs, much less the Super Bowl, have already gotten extremely long with only two losses.

Since the NFL playoffs expanded to 12 teams in 1990 until last year, 169 teams started 0-2. Only 22 of them — or 13 percent — made it to the playoffs, according to STATS LLC. Only four teams rebounded from 0-2 to make it to the Super Bowl, including the 1993 Cowboys after Emmitt Smith ended his contract holdout.

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