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Reports: Pac-12 close to adding UT, OU, OSU, TTU

By BRETT WINEGARNER
SPORTS EDITOR

For all intensive purposes, it looks like the Big 12 Conference is dead. According to the *The Austin American-Statesman*, sources close to the possible changing of conferences said Texas Tech, Texas, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma are close to working out a deal that would send these teams to

the Pac-12 Conference.

Texas Tech chancellor Kent Hance confirmed Tech is working on where they stand in



HANCE

the Big 12, but did not expand further. "We are currently busy working on the conference situation," Hance said in a statement. "We have no other statement at this time."

The *Statesman* also said the deal would allow Texas to keep ESPN's Longhorn Network, but they would have to include Pac-12 programs to their broadcasting lineup.

Under the proposed deal, the

makeup of the expanded conference would be unlike any other according to *The Statesman*. It would split the conference into four pods, and each pod would feature four teams from a common geographical location.

Therefore, Tech, Texas, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma would all be in the same pod. All the teams in the same pod would compete against each other every year. The rest of

conference play would be made up of teams playing two teams from each of the other pods.

It would also be different in the fact the team from each pod with the best conference standing at the end of the season would not affect who plays in the conference championship game, *The Statesman* reported. The two teams with the best overall conference standing would automati-

cally play against one another, despite which pod they are in.

For example, if two teams such as Tech and Oklahoma or Arizona and Arizona State — who will likely be in the same pod — have the best conference record they will compete for the conference title.

Multiple sources are reporting a deal could be reached as soon as today. bwinegarner@dailytoreador.com

School of Music celebrates Fazioli



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CARLA CASH, ASSISTANT professor of piano and piano pedagogy, plays the new Fazioli grand piano at the Viva Fazioli concert in the Hemmle Recital Hall on Saturday.

By CARRIE THORNTON
STAFF WRITER

For years, William Ballenger kept a new concert grand piano at the top of the Texas Tech's School of Music's wish list. All he needed was funding.

Then, last fall, the school's director received a call that would change everything.

"(It was) the director of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and she asked me, 'You know that (piano) you've had on the needs and wants list for the School of Music?'" Ballenger said. "Yes," I replied. "Well, I have the money. Go for it."

And so he did. After months of discussion and research on what piano would be the best fit, the piano faculty visited New York City for a concert at Carnegie Hall and made arrangements to visit a Klavierhaus showroom just around the corner. There, the musicians were able to examine and play several grand pianos, including a Fazioli Grand imported from a small factory in Italy.

After the pianists had their turns on the various piano makes, the decision was unanimous and the Fazioli found a new home in West Texas, making Tech the first institution to own one in the state, and only

second to Juilliard this year in purchasing one.

Saturday night in Hemmle Recital Hall, the School of Music celebrated the arrival of the Fazioli Grand with a concert. The audience had the chance to inspect the instrument, speak with performers and hear firsthand the warm welcome the piano received.

"Each of the (piano faculty) — Carla Cash, Lora Deahl and William Westney — came to me individually and said, 'This is the finest instrument, a wonderful instrument, and we are so grateful to have it here,'" Ballenger said. "That's what makes it worth it — that it will make an impact on the school and program."

The piano faculty and additional performers played selections varying in tempo and volume to showcase the Fazioli's spectrum of abilities.

"It's an extraordinary instrument and one of the finest, most respectable pianos that I've been privileged to play," said John Hollins, professor at the School of Music and one of the concert's performers. "It does everything the pianist asks of it and then some. When an instrument can do that, you know it's special."

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GAMEDAY | Week Three

Tech battles weather, rolls to 59-13 victory



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

RECEIVER DARRIN MOORE reaches for a touchdown while being tackled by New Mexico cornerback Destry Berry during the 59-13 victory against the Lobos on Saturday at University Stadium. The game was delayed for a total of 95 minutes because of lightning delays.

Red Raiders encounter first delay since 1998

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — After dealing with a turbulent dust storm and a tumultuous start against Texas State in the season opener, Texas Tech was prepared for the adversity associ-

ated with its second game of the season. The Red Raiders faced their first road test of the season and another unexpected bout of weather at University Stadium in Albuquerque, N.M.

Those factors were not enough to stop Tech from running away with a 59-13 romp against the Lobos.

Unlike the Sept. 3 contest against

the Bobcats, where the Red Raiders trailed at halftime, Tech stormed out of the gates, employing an efficient and early offensive explosion.

The Red Raiders (2-0) received the opening kickoff. Four plays later, quarterback Seth Doege connected with Darrin Moore on a simple 10-yard in-route. The junior took it from there, breaking multiple tackles while zigzagging 56 yards to the end zone. The touchdown grab was one of three of the afternoon for Moore.

With two weeks to dwell on the

inauspicious start in the season opener, Doege said striking early was a priority for the offense.

"Coach (Neal) Brown's been preaching that all week: play fast and start fast. That's one of the things we wanted to come out here and accomplish. And we did," Doege said. "I think we executed really well throughout the game, and I think the fast start helped us out."

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Doege sets record, goes 40-for-44 passing at UNM

Junior breaks NCAA record set by former Tech gunslinger

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
MANAGING EDITOR

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — For nearly an entire quarter of football, Texas Tech quarterback Seth Doege was every bit of perfect.

To make matters better for Tech, Doege's march toward a record-breaking Saturday began during Tech's first drive against New Mexico.

Doege's first pass was a 14-yard completion to receiver Eric Ward. Three plays later, Tech

receiver Darrin Moore sprinted to the end zone, using one juke to leave New Mexico's secondary in his wake and score a 56-yard touchdown.

With 13:33 remaining in the first quarter, Doege was 4-for-4 with 72 yards and a touchdown, beginning what unraveled as a 59-13 victory for the Red Raiders.

"Coach (Neal) Brown has been preaching that all week: play fast

and start fast," Doege said following the win. "That's one of the things that we wanted to come out here and accomplish."

"And we did." Through two drives, Doege had completed 9-of-9 passes, the ninth also resulting in a drive-completing connection to Moore — this time for a 7-yard score.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Annual Art Faculty Exhibit

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts Gallery, School of Art building
So, what is it?
Enjoy the recent work by the School of Art faculty.

Victory Bells 75th Anniversary

Time: 2:50 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.
Where: East tower of Administration Building, 15th Street and Boston Avenue
So, what is it?
With the help of the Saddle Tramps, Tech will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first-ever ringing of the Victory Bells following a victory.

If They Write It, I Have to Grade it!

Time: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center
So, what is it?
The workshop, featuring Allison Boye, will focus on the conceptual and practical aspects of evaluating student writing and more.

Andrew Why

Time: 10 p.m.
Where: Skooner's Grill & Bar

So, what is it?
Enjoy Why's voice paired with his piano melodies.

TUESDAY

David Schalliol

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Art at the Tech School of Art
So, what is it?
Enjoy an exhibit from David Schalliol's photography series, "Isolated Building Studies: Revealing Meaning through Recontextualization."

Ellen Ratner to Speak at Tech

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.
Where: Teaching, Learning and Technology Center, Room 153
So, what is it?
Ellen Ratner, a White House Correspondent and Bureau Chief for The Talk Radio News Service will speak at Tech.

Aloha Karaoke with Cousin Travis

Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Jack and Dianne's
So, what is it?
Enjoy your favorite music and perform your own originals.

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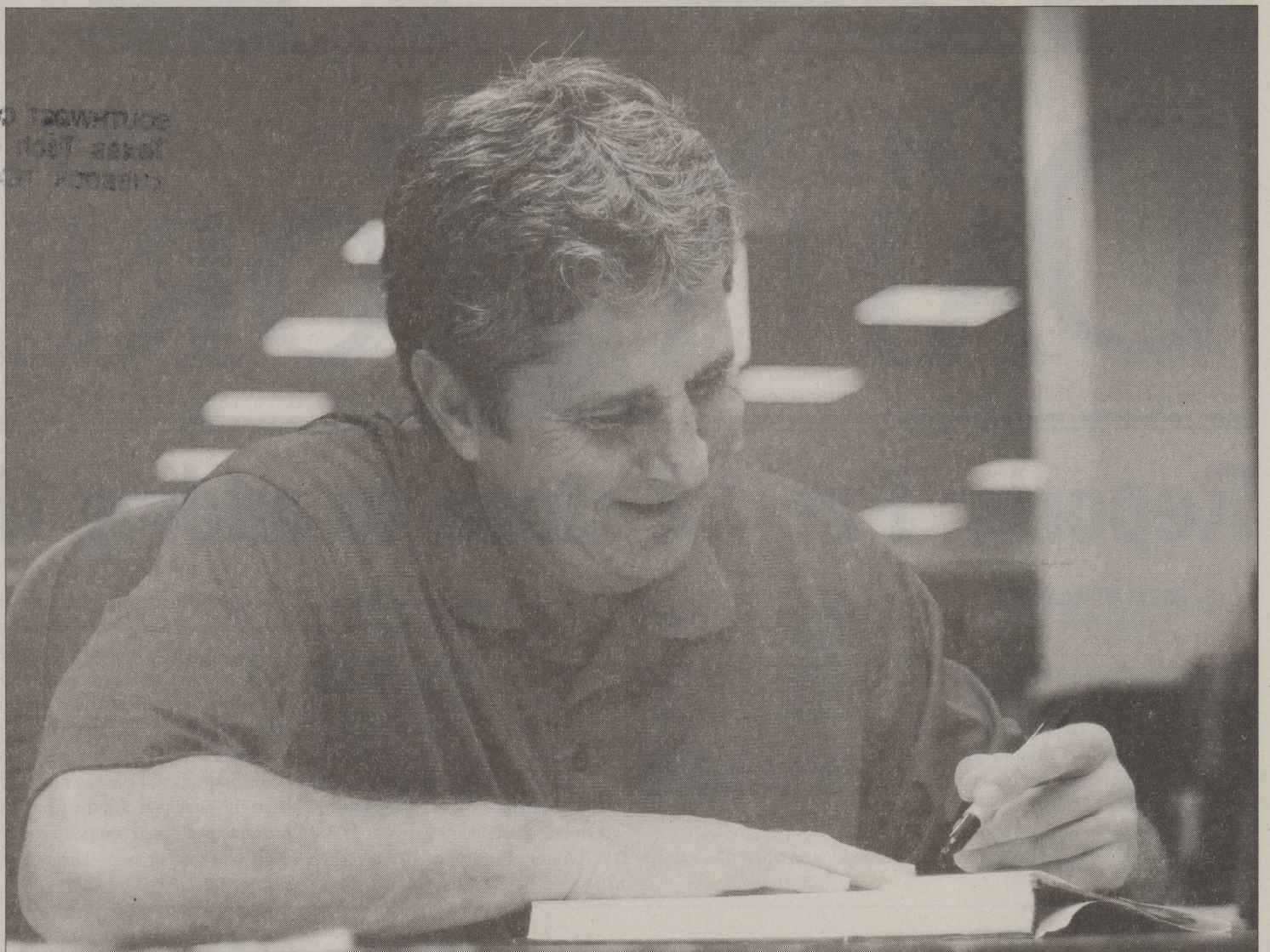


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MIKE LEACH, FORMER Texas Tech head football coach, signs a copy of his book "Swing Your Sword" during a book signing at Barnes and Noble on Saturday.

Behind the poverty numbers: real lives, real pain

(AP) — At a food pantry in a Chicago suburb, a 38-year-old mother of two breaks into tears.

She and her husband have been out of work for nearly two years. Their house and car are gone. So is their foothold in the middle class and, at times, their self-esteem.

"It's like there is no way out," says Kris Fallon.

She is trapped like so many others, destitute in the midst of America's abundance. Last week, the Census Bureau released new figures showing that nearly one in six Americans lives in poverty — a record 46.2 million people. The poverty rate, pegged at 15.1 percent, is the highest of any major industrialized nation, and many experts believe it could get worse before it abates.

The numbers are daunting — but they also can seem abstract and numbing without names and faces.

Associated Press reporters around the country went looking for the people behind the numbers. They were not hard to find.

There's Tim Cordova, laid off from his job as a manager at a McDonald's in New Mexico, and now living with his wife at a homeless shelter after a stretch where they slept in their Ford Focus.

There's Bill Ricker, a 74-year-old former repairman and pastor whose home is a dilapidated trailer in rural Maine. He scrapes by with a monthly \$1,003 Social Security check. His ex-wife also is hard up; he lets her live in the other end of his trailer.

There's Brandi Wells, a single mom in West Virginia, struggling to find a job and care for her 10-month-old son. "I didn't realize that it could go so bad so fast," she says.

Some were outraged by the statistics. Marian Wright Edelman of the

Children's Defense Fund called the surging child poverty rate "a national disgrace." Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., cited evidence that poverty shortens life spans, calling it "a death sentence for tens and tens of thousands of our people."

Overall, though, the figures seemed to be greeted with resignation, and political leaders in Washington pressed ahead with efforts to cut federal spending. The Pew Research Center said its recent polling shows that a majority of Americans — for the first time in 15 years of being surveyed on the question — oppose more government spending to help the poor.

"The news of rising poverty makes headlines one day. And the next it is forgotten," said Los Angeles community activist and political commentator Earl Ofari Hutchinson.

Such is life in the Illinois town of

Midwest, where schools and stores have closed. Keith Bobo, a resident trying to launch revitalization programs, likened conditions to the Third World.

"A lot of the people here just feel like they are on an island, like no one even knows that they exist," he said.

STRUGGLING ON \$18,000 A YEAR

It's hard to find some of the poorest residents in Pembroke. They live in places like the tree-shaded gravel road where the Bary family's dust-smudged trailer is wedged in the soil, flanked by overgrown grass.

By the official numbers, Pembroke's 3,000 residents are among the poorest in the region, but the problem may be worse. The mayor believes as many as 2,000 people were uncoun- ted, living far off the paths that census workers trod.

Reno air race crash scene shows violence of impact

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The scene of a Reno air race crash that killed nine people reveals the violence of the plane's missile-like impact — a crater in the tarmac roughly 3 feet deep and 8 feet across with debris spread out over more than an acre.

From a tour of the site Saturday evening, it appeared that the 1940s-model plane went straight down in the first few rows of VIP box seats, based on the crater's location.

The plane hit about 65 feet in front of the leading edge of the grandstand where thousands were

watching Friday as the planes sped by just a few hundred feet above the ground.

Some members of the crowd have reported noticing a strange gurgling engine noise from above before the P-51 Mustang, dubbed The Galloping Ghost, pitched violently upward, twirled and took an immediate nose-dive into the crowd.

The plane, flown by a 74-year-old veteran racer and Hollywood stunt pilot, disintegrated in a ball of dust, debris and bodies as screams of "Oh my God!" spread through the crowd.

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MIKE HIGHTOWER, A sophomore criminal justice major from Lubbock, jumps for a catch during a flag football game outside the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreational Center on Sunday.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Internet letters
- President who appointed Kagan to the Supreme Court
- Stuns with a blow
- Code cracker's cry
- Noses around
- Good smell
- "No holds barred!"
- Diplomatic quality
- Like many rappers' jeans
- Where there's gold, in prospector-speak
- Deli spread
- Kneecap
- "Les...," show featuring Jean Valjean
- Aussie reptile
- In a few minutes
- Manipulate
- Swallow one's pride
- Singer Sumac
- Fleshy area below the knee
- Scotch partner
- Ellipsis element
- Nibbled at, with "of"
- Nadirs
- Worker with icing and sprinkles
- "... stirring, not ... mouse"
- Belgian river
- Ruler to whom the quote formed by the starts of 17-, 22-, 38- and 53-Across is often attributed
- Three-time U.S. Open winner
- Sympathetic words
- Directional suffix
- Trumpets and trombones, e.g.
- The Taming of the
- Deli bread

DOWN

- Animator Disney
- Deli bread
- Keep an eye on
- Decide
- Garment with cups
- Have a bug
- toast
- B-flat equivalent
- "Rats!"
- Diamond-patterned socks
- Animal housing
- Aussie bird
- Used a stool
- Pair in the tabloids
- Turkish general
- Feudal armor-busting weapon
- Banks of TV talk
- Owl's cry
- Bridges of "Sea Hunt"
- Way to verify an ump's call, for short
- Med sch. subject
- "I, Robot" author
- Asimov
- Nintendo princess

By Jeff Chen 9/19/11

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Pakistan troops battle Taliban for US drone debris

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani soldiers battled Taliban fighters in an attempt to seize precious debris from a suspected U.S. drone that crashed in a rugged tribal area near the Afghan border, Pakistani intelligence officials and militants said Sunday.

The Taliban said they shot down the unmanned aircraft, which crashed Saturday night near Jangara village in the South Waziristan tribal area.

Pakistani intelligence officials said they were not certain whether Taliban fire or technical problems brought down the drone. Drone crashes have happened before in Pakistan, but they are rare.

Pakistan first learned of the crash by intercepting Taliban radio communications, said the intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The debris was first seized by the Taliban. Several hours later, the Pakistani army sent soldiers in to wrest it out of militant hands, sparking a fight with the Taliban in which three militants were killed, said the officials. Three militants and two soldiers

were also wounded in the clash, they said.

The intelligence officials said the troops were successful in seizing the debris, but Pakistani Taliban commander Azmatullah Diwana claimed his fighters repelled the soldiers. The army then sent helicopter gunships into the area where the militants were holding the debris, Diwana told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

Nawab Khan, a government official in South Waziristan, confirmed the drone crash and the subsequent clash between militants and army troops. But he did not know whether the soldiers were successful in seizing the debris.

Neither the Pakistani army nor the U.S. Embassy responded to request for comment.

The U.S. normally does not acknowledge the covert CIA-run drone program in Pakistan, but U.S. officials have said privately that the attacks have killed many high-level militants — most recently, al-Qaida's second in command, Atiyah Abd al-Rahman, and its chief of operations in Pakistan, Abu Hafis al-Shahri.

President Barack Obama has dramatically increased the number of drone attacks against militants in Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal region since taking office in 2009 — partly in response to Pakistan's failure to target militants who stage attacks against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Pakistani officials regularly denounce the drone attacks as violations of the country's sovereignty, but the government is widely believed to have supported the strikes in the past and even allowed the aircraft to take off from bases within Pakistan.

That support has come under strain in recent months, especially in the wake of the U.S. commando raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden in a Pakistani garrison town on May 2. The Pakistanis were outraged that the U.S. didn't tell them about the operation beforehand.

Elsewhere in Pakistan's tribal region, militants attacked a security checkpoint killing a policeman and two members of an anti-Taliban militia, said Farooq Khan, a local government administrator.

The attack took place late

Saturday night in the Aka Khel area of the Khyber tribal region, said Khan. The checkpoint is located on a key route that NATO uses to transport supplies to forces in neighboring Afghanistan. Security forces and local tribesmen fought back against the militants, killing 10 of them, said Khan.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. But the Pakistani Taliban have staged frequent attacks against security forces and tribesmen who have opposed them.

Glance Feds ramp up sea turtle protection enforcement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Since mid-April, federal fisheries agents on the 1,631-mile Gulf Coast have spent nearly all their time making sure shrimpers are using equipment designed to let sea turtles swim safely out of shrimp trawls out of escape hatches, officials say.

The current federal push began in Mississippi because of a high spring spike in the number of dead turtles washing ashore. Necropsies of those still intact enough for dissection indicated that they had drowned in the bottom, likely in shrimp trawls.

Shrimpers say they follow the rules and do everything reasonable to save sea turtles, though they also say the sea turtle escape hatches let out much of their legitimate catch. Some accuse the national fisheries service of faking data to falsely blame the fishermen of drowning the marine reptiles.

Weather permitting, the National Marine Fisheries Services enforcement agents based in Slidell and Galveston, Texas, have been boarding boats almost daily, said Tracy Dunn, deputy special agent in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fisheries enforcement office in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The escape hatches, called turtle excluder devices or TEDs, are metal bars set in the neck of a shrimp net at an angle that will let large animals move out of an opening almost six feet across while shrimp pass into the net's closed end. A device at the wrong angle can keep turtles in the net.

Since July, Dunn said, they've been off Texas, where the shrimp season opened July 15.

"We're working back up" to Louisiana and Mississippi, he said. "You saturate an area; everybody knows you're there. Everybody cleans their

act up. TEDs are very easily disabled. ... We'll come back in and do another strong presence and see how the fleet's responding."

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Tea Party out of touch, harmful to country

A fairly common joke in contemporary political circles goes, "Republicans would rather see one man out of the White House than see one million Americans back at work." But, I'm not so sure it's true.

There are certainly true aspects to it, namely the part about Republicans wanting President Barack Obama out of the White House come January 2013, but the other part of the equation isn't true for all Republicans.

It is true, however, of the extremists in the Republican Party. These are the crazy people who run stop signs because the Constitution doesn't directly decree the octagon as the official federal stopping signal shape — the same people who have allied with corporate interests and call themselves the tea party.

It seems a little poetic that the group co-opting its own livelihood has little historical parallel to its namesake.

The basics of the original party are fairly well known.

Tony Cardone



Colonists threw tea into the Boston Harbor in protest of the Tea Act. Their main complaint was not about the British enforcing speed limits. It was how they didn't receive representation in government. As such, they felt they shouldn't have to pay taxes — not because President Obama enacted a health care plan and not because the United States is a part of a multinational United Nations.

The modern tea party stands for nothing 1773's activists stood for. In fact, the former would most likely be the British in the equation, standing alone against the brutal progress of fair representation and complaining about government doing things not explicitly written in the Acts of Union in 1707.

Progress in 1773 was a representative government. Parliament was still relatively young and, for the most part, still largely influenced by the monarchy.

In 2011, when Tea Party members say they stand for progress, they actually stand for going backward. It remains

to be seen how far back they would like to go, but it's probably at least back to a time before the establishment of a minimum wage and a relatively stable banking system — a time where dying by infection was commonplace and rights for those pesky minorities was a problem to be dealt with by the free market.

Their tactics are something unseen in American politics — something even our founding fathers probably couldn't have

imagined. The distinct lack of statesmanship by the extreme-right is more dangerous to the American way of life than any foreign government.

Instead of working with the other side to find a solution somewhere in the middle, as politicians have done for decades, the tea party subscribes to the "my way, or the high-way" philosophy.

Even more worrisome, Republicans have now decided the 18 percent of Americans who identify as Tea Party members are worth sacrificing valuable parts of our republic for.

Social Security isn't a Ponzi scheme. It's a necessary program allowing our seniors to live comfortably.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency isn't a big

government welfare program encouraging people to live in tornado-prone areas. It helps our countrymen get back on their feet when nature devastates an area.

Public education isn't a conspiracy to liberalize people. It's our strongest weapon in an ever-evolving global economic battle.

Vaccinations aren't government-mandated cancer spreaders. Vaccinations are perhaps our most effective lines of defense against archaic and deadly diseases.

Tea Party members run around with their Fourth Amendment underwear, flag T-shirts and Uncle Sam hats on claiming these programs are gross violations of their beloved Constitution.

What's really hurting America is those people unwilling to see how, despite a nearly 50 percent growth in corporate profits, there has been nearly no increase in jobs. What's hurting America is those unwilling to see how increasing the tax rate

ever so slightly on the rich to pay for their wars isn't going to kill jobs and those unwilling to trade 10 dollars in tax cuts for a one-dollar increase in taxes.

The tea party needs to come to terms with listening to the other side, either in moderate Republicans or leftist Democrats. Coming to a reasonably compromised solution isn't going to kill you.

Being an injured, 30-year-old, unemployed and uninsured man or woman at a hospital in a coma, however, might.

Republicans, particularly the presidential candidates, should wise up. You can win a primary by running from the right. But, in order to win a general election, candidates have to run from the center. And, should you get elected, you certainly have to govern from the middle.

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"The modern tea party stands for nothing the 1773's activists stood for."

This flu season, be sure to take it easy

The weather is changing at a pace much less than expected. Just a few weeks ago, the weather was near the 100-degree mark.

With the weather cooling down as we begin to approach that "autumn feel," I admit I'm a little under the weather.

Okay, I'll be honest. I'm sick. I'm quite positive I have the flu. My entire body is aching, my head is pounding and I've numbed myself with over-the-counter medications.

Yes, it is that time of year again for you to venture off to the nearest walk-in clinic and set yourself up for a flu shot so you are able to save yourself the trouble of being like me: miserable.

Being sick, in college and having to work can be such a hectic time. How one juggles it all is a trick within itself. I dislike knowing I'll be missing classes due to my sickness. But at the same time, I know in order for you to be the best at your classes, you must be in the best health possible.

Yet, how are you able to study for a class with a pounding headache, watery eyes and congestion to the max? Well, it's simple. You're not able.

Whenever sickness falls upon you, and you have so much else going on in your life, it is best for you to just stop and rest. There isn't really another solution to this problem other than just trying your best to keep up to date with yourself, and, mostly, trying your hardest to take care of yourself when you become so stressed out.

My sister has a problem with this — as I'm sure quite a few of you might — and she constantly pushes herself far beyond her limits to the point where she is sick for three or four days because her body is completely worn out, on top of everything else.

I honestly don't understand how

Mandy Martinez



she is able to juggle her life the way she does working 12-hour days as a paramedic, attending various classes, working out, and making time to cook and clean and walk her dogs. Sound familiar? It's crazy, and often there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day.

I know and understand you all have lives to live, parties to attend, tests to study for and another 100 things to do before the week is over. But all the while, you must take care of yourselves first, even if you swear you don't have time to.

If you have time for other activities in your life, you are also able to make time for yourself. Take an hour out of your busy schedules or at least a few minutes to sit and relax. Put on some music, lounge around, calm your nerves and settle yourself into a state of mind of absolute comfort.

It might not seem like a whole lot, but trust me. I feel in some way it will help keep your immune system at top notch and keep you out of the doctor's office.

Another great way to help fight off nasty germs during this time, when the weather is beginning to change and the flu is back on the prowl, is to carry around a small travel bottle of Germ-X. My sister swears by it and it truly helps to keep her intact. As for myself, I'll be brewing tea and returning to my bed with my bottle of Germ-X closely by my side.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When reading Friday's op-ed in The Daily Toreador, "Gov't not always answer, not always problem," I agreed with the author that government isn't the problem, but, rather, increasing the size and scope of government is the problem.

President Barack Obama revealed his American Jobs Act, which, if you look closely, will increase taxes on some of the most productive people in society.

The author claims tax rates are low, but using a tax-to-GDP ratio is misleading since the GDP has historically grown faster than tax revenue.

The United States, as of this year, had the highest corporate tax rate out of all the countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. Corporations don't pay taxes. People do.

The author tries to imply that countries with high tax-to-GDP ratios make countries better off. This is, of course, utter nonsense. Higher taxes don't create prosperity.

Denmark has remarkably low unemployment due to its large and generous welfare state. America's living standards are 50 percent above Denmark's. Sweden did have a 7.3 percent GDP for

one quarter, but, if you look at their annual GDP growth for 2009, it was -5.2 percent while the United States had a GDP growth of -2.6 percent.

I agree with the author that tax rates by themselves aren't ruining the economy. It's tax rates along with excessive regulation and uncertainty about future legislation ruining the economy.

We could easily get more revenue if we started cutting excessive regulation. Regulation is a tax on businesses passed along to consumers. I see no problem with abolishing the minimum wage. People without jobs would rather have a low-paying job than no job at all.

The bigger issue is spending. There is no amount of money politicians can't outspend. More revenue will induce politicians to want to fund more government programs. Congress needs to examine which governmental departments need to be cut back, if not abolished.

If businesses don't balance their budgets, they go out of business. But if politicians don't balance their budgets, they get reelected.

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In GOP primary debates, policy should trump politics

By **DAVE PLAYER**
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

At Monday's CNN/Tea Party Republican debate there may have been eight candidates on the stage but all eyes, including those of his opponents, were on the man in the middle: Gov. Rick Perry.

The majority of the evening was occupied by also-rans, such as former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, desperately striving to stay relevant by hurling criticism at the apparent frontrunner. And while the majority of their attacks were focused on Perry's 2007 executive order concerning HPV vaccines, one of the criticisms lobbed at Perry has particular gravity for many students.

When asked how the GOP planned to attract Latino voters, Santorum immediately turned the question into an opportunity to attack Perry and the state of Texas for a 2001 law that allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates.

Other candidates joined the piling-on, including Bachmann, who chimed in that "I think that the American Way is not to give taxpayer-subsidized benefits to

people who've broken our laws." Of course, children who are illegally brought over to this country by their parents are not criminally liable in the sense that Bachmann asserted, but the congresswoman has always been more disposed to sound-bites than to actual policy analysis.

Even former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a candidate who's always sounded more "country club" than "county fair," took the opportunity to attack the policy saying that it "only attracts people to continue to come here and continue to take advantage."

Why of course Romney, it's not potential employment or freedom from violence that's driving illegal immigrants across the border. It's the promise of \$5,000 instead of \$12,000 for a liberal arts degree. How blind we've been.

At the root of the issue is a certain moral cavity that rears its head every election cycle: that politicians abandon sensible policy positions for party-line talking points to pander to a base that makes up a tiny fraction of the electorate. In this case, both Texas' policy and the proposed national DREAM Act are smart, efficient policies that get thrown to the wayside because Bachmann is louder when

she screams for English to be the national language.

There are already eight states other than Texas that offer in-state tuition rates for undocumented students including California, Illinois, New York and candidate Jon Huntsman's Utah. Furthermore, only two of the other seven GOP candidates have executive leadership experience (Huntsman and Romney) and neither has had to govern a state with a scope of issues as broad as Texas'.

Texas' in-state tuition policy is more than a civil rights, immigration or law enforcement issue — it's good economic sense. Currently the state invests significant funds in educating undocumented students from K-12. By denying those students access to higher education or to the job market, Texas would be wasting that investment while squandering valuable human capital.

The students targeted by this type of legislation are not your run-of-the-mill teenagers. They are exceptionally bright, having performed well enough to matriculate and graduate from a top university, and could immediately contribute to the work force.

The only alternative would seem to be to deny undocumented

children even basic access to education, a course of action that is as irresponsible as it is repulsive.

If the issue is truly a matter of taxes, as Bachmann implies, then providing a path to permanent residency should only help alleviate that problem. These students already pay sales tax. Why not allow them to pay income tax, property tax, etc. as well?

Besides, there are already many Texans who pay less in taxes or receive more in-state benefits than undocumented families do. Yet we do not try to make a moral or economic argument to bar them from state higher education.

To deny qualified undocumented students access to the work force because of some asinine political grandstanding is a preposterous waste of human capital and state resources.

Given vicious rhetoric thrown around in recent months and the promise of an especially contentious election, it was refreshing to see Perry defending this state's policy amid an ever-growing rabble of fear-mongering and name-calling.

Other moderate-conservative candidates such as Romney should take note that rallying the party's base doesn't have to mean abandoning sound and thoughtful policies.

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Tech Outdoor Pursuits Center offers 'different' opportunities

By MICHAEL DUPONT
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Outdoor Pursuits Center offers students a chance to get active in a way different from many organizations on campus.

Jojo Barham, a trip leader and senior English major from Fort Worth, gave insight on what the program is all about.

"Our goal here is to get you in, get you through it once and show you how to do it so that from then on you can do it by yourself next time," he said.

The Outdoor Pursuits Center allows students a chance to go into nature with trained professionals and

learn a variety of skills, varying from kayaking to backpacking or whatever else may spark the interest of students.

Barham, having prior experience working for a kayaking instructional facility in Colorado, shared some of the benefits found at the OPC opposed to other places.

"Basically, what the OPC does that other outfitters don't do is we set out to teach you so that you won't ever have to use this (resource) again," he said. "You won't see a lot of businesses doing that because, if they do, you wouldn't come back."

The hands-on experience the OPC offers is a part of the college experience many students might not have known to be there.

Emily Davenport, a senior environment and humanities major from Austin, said she is eyeing the 10-day backpacking trip in the Grand Canyon as the "can't miss" event of this semester. She also shared some of the staff's responsibilities.

"We do a whole lot to ensure that the trips run smoothly," she said. "We go through and thoroughly plan out all the risk assessments. Then, we map out what gear we'll need and what we expect to happen weather-wise."

Davenport said she enjoys the OPC not only in regards to working there, but also for what it has to offer.

"I feel like I'm doing something meaningful here on campus," she said.

"I know a lot of people like to come here and utilize what we offer. We're a good resource for people on campus who just want to get outside and do a lot of fun things. I like how we can help people do that."

The OPC allows students to get out of their rooms, break away from the confines of their studies and get active with nature.

David Grimson, a sophomore business major from Lubbock, said he believes OPC is one of a kind.

"There's not really anything else like this at Tech. So, if you've ever wanted to get out and do something new, we're the people to go to," he said.

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News junkie goes a year without reading the paper

ABILENE (AP) — For Albert Haley, it took about 11 months for the withdrawal symptoms to finally subside.

Every day — the mornings, in particular — he felt that temptation to relapse. Just one headline. One segment of cable news. One brief chat on the current direction of domestic economic policy.

But he had to stay strong.

Haley, an English professor at Abilene Christian University and self-diagnosed news junkie, had gone cold turkey.

For one year, he would avoid all news and culture from the world at large.

Starting Sept. 11, 2010, he started piling his copies of The New York Times and Reporter-News in the garage.

The Haley home became a bunker of sorts, with TV and Internet use curtailed to keep Haley in his bubble.

His wife, Joyce, and son Cole had to watch their words around him — every casual dinner table discussion could contain catastrophic spoilers.

All this in the name of a thought experiment. Haley called it "The Van Winkle Project."

By pulling himself out of the loop for a year, he hoped to gain a new perspective of the world and his own consumption of news.

Day by day he documented the ebb and flow of his sanity on a blog, thevanwinkleproject.blogspot.com.

Ideally, Haley thought going news-free could allow him to obtain a sort of "pristine ignorance."

As an avid news consumer, he found himself getting put through an emotional wringer every time a crisis, real or exaggerated, came up.

What good was it doing him, for example, to know how many gallons of crude pumped into the ocean during last year's Gulf oil spill? It only made him feel powerless and drained.

Not surprisingly, though, a year spent "asleep" often had the same effect. The not knowing was often the worst part. When a major world event happened, he could almost perceive the temperature of the room change.

"I try to judge how people around me are acting," Haley said in an interview before his great awakening Sunday. "In general, they seem to be acting normal. Like the world's not ending."

But there were still things going on, he knew it. He'd pester his family with bizarre, roundabout interrogations at home, fishing for little hints.

And the spoilers he encountered

were often even more frustrating because they never painted the complete picture.

Unrest in the Arab world. A massacre in Europe. Something devastating involving an earthquake and a nuclear reactor in Japan.

These snippets were all Haley knew about three of the past year's major events, and they only provoked more questions. His wife was actually a bit worried about how Haley would react when the dam burst and he got all the answers he's been seeking.

"If you catch up too fast, it will be like you're going on a bender," she warned him. "News is your liquor."

At the same time, he also allowed exceptions for news on local events, so he could stay dialed in to what was happening in the community.

But even that had its drawbacks: He

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Piano ←

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Chelsea Ables, a freshman music education major from Plano, said she was impressed by the piano and its ability to articulate notes. "The slow pieces sounded as clear as a fast-paced piece," she

said. "Everything was musical and bright when it was supposed to be and dark when it was supposed to be."

Ables' comments reflect what sets the piano apart from others. It's an instrument famous for clarity and richness of sound, according to the concert's program, and for qualities Ballenger said he finds difficult to put into words.

"Tonight, I was astonished at the evenness of sound found in the lowest to the highest note," he said. "It's hard to find in any piano, and we may have gotten the (specific Fazioli) model that does it, but that's why everyone fell in love with it."

"When an instrument has the capability of expressing, to the maximum degree, the musicality

of someone's heart and soul, we all win — performers and the audience."

The piano will remain reserved for solo performances and mainly graduate-level and doctoral students, he said, but not to keep it hidden. Rather, these reservations are to "keep it safe."

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Obama plans to pass jobs bill, no 'division or delay'

WASHINGTON D.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama is keeping up his appeal for public support of his \$447 billion proposal to boost jobs and consumer spending by urging Americans to press Congress to pass the legislation. "No more division or delay," he said.

In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, he focused on a message that has become central to a presidency struggling to address stubbornly high unemployment numbers and dipping approval of his handling of the economy.

The president announced his jobs legislation to a joint session of Congress last week and has since gone outside Washington to build a case for its passage. He has been to Virginia, Ohio and North Carolina.

"The No. 1 issue for the people I meet is how we can get back to a place where we're creating good, middle-class jobs that pay well and offer some security," he said.

His address Saturday came in the face of sobering public opinion ratings for the president.

A New York Times/CBS News poll released Friday showed nearly half of those surveyed worried the economy was headed for another recession and nearly three out of four said they believe the country is on the wrong track.

Obama's proposal would reduce payroll taxes on workers, cut them in half for most businesses and offer incentives for employers to hire. It would spend tens of billions of dollars on new public works projects, extend unemployment benefits for long-term jobless and help states and localities avoid layoffs of teachers and emergency workers.

On Monday, Obama plans to spell out a long-term debt stabilizing plan that aims to cut the deficit by about \$2 trillion over 10 years. Obama is making his proposal to a special congressional committee that has been charged with lowering deficit by \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion.

"But right now, we've got to get Congress to pass this jobs bill," Obama said.

Obama's jobs plan has received a tepid reception from Republicans, who are willing to consider some of his tax relief proposals, but not his spending plans. His proposal to pay for the plan with limits on tax deductions and closing corporate tax loopholes is facing stiff GOP resistance and even Democrats have pushed back on some of those provisions in the past.

In an interview with MSNBC that aired Saturday, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said simply approving tax cuts without including spending on public works and local and state government assistance would not do enough to spur the economy.

"To take one piece or another, it doesn't create the dynamism we need," she said.

Still, despite his demand for quick passage, Obama is not likely to get immediate action even in the Democratic-led Senate, where Majority Leader Harry Reid has said there are some other issues that need to be dealt with first, including transportation money.

In the Republican address, Rep. Peter Roskam of Illinois called on Obama to reduce regulations on businesses, saying government agency rules were choking off hiring. "Washington has become a red tape factory," he said.

He acknowledged Obama's decision to scrub a clean-air regulation that aimed to reduce health-threatening smog. "He can cancel more," Roskam said.

He pressed Obama to push the Democratic-controlled Senate to adopt House Republican initiatives, including legislation that would give Congress veto power over certain high-cost regulations.

"Job creators should be able to focus on their work - not on Washington's busy-work," he said.

Strauss-Kahn denies violence in sex assault cases

PARIS (AP) — Dominique Strauss-Kahn broke his silence four months after a New York hotel maid accused him of sexual assault, calling his encounter with the woman a "moral failing" he deeply regrets, but insisting in an interview on French television Sunday that no violence was involved.

Strauss-Kahn, the former head of the International Monetary Fund and a one-time top presidential contender in his native France, also denied using violence against a French writer who claims he tried to rape her in a separate 2003 incident.

Throughout what appeared to be a heavily scripted 20-minute-long interview with French broadcaster TF1, Strauss-Kahn managed to come off as contrite even as the Socialist politician insisted he hadn't forced himself on either of the women.

He said his May 14 sexual encounter with Nafissatou Diallo, an African immigrant who claimed that he attacked her when she entered his room in Manhattan's Sofitel hotel to clean it, "did not involve violence, constraint or aggression."

Still, he acknowledged, it "was a moral failing and I am not proud of it. I regret it infinitely. I have regretted it everyday for the past four months and I think I'm not done regretting it."

It "was not only an inappropriate relationship, but more than that, it was a failing ... a failing vis-a-vis my wife, my children and my friends but also a failing vis-a-vis the French people, who had vested their hopes for change in me."

Strauss-Kahn resigned from the IMF's top job in the wake of the scandal. Though he didn't rule out a future return to poli-

tics, the man once widely regarded as the Socialist party's best hope at beating France's incumbent conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy said he needed to take time to think about his future.

Strauss-Kahn, who had a long-standing reputation as a man with a weakness for sex and women, said the Diallo imbroglio had profoundly changed him.

"I've seen the pain that I caused around me and I thought, I thought a lot," he said. "That lightness, I've lost it for good."

The interview was more than an extended mea culpa, though. Strauss-Kahn lashed out both at Diallo and, more broadly, at the U.S. justice system, which by allowing him to be paraded handcuffed before cameras he said had irreparably tarnished his image.

"When you are snatched up by the jaws of that machine, you have the impression that it can crush you," he said. "I felt that I was trampled on, humiliated, even before I had the chance to say a word," he said. Under French law, it's illegal to show suspects in handcuffs.

Strauss-Kahn said that the New York prosecutor — who dropped all criminal charges against him in the Diallo case last month — had concluded the maid "lied about everything."

"Not only about her past, that's of no importance, but also about what happened. The (prosecutor's) report says, it's written there, that 'she presented so many different versions of what happened that I can't believe a word,'" he said.

Newspapers to insert 'iCircular' ads on phones

NEW YORK (AP) — Major newspapers and retailers are teaming up to put more advertising on mobile phones through a new service developed by The Associated Press.

The feature, called iCircular, will start appearing Monday in the mobile phone applications of the participating newspapers. It's the pilot phase of a project announced nearly a year ago by the AP, a not-for-profit cooperative owned by newspapers.

iCircular is meant to be the digital equivalent of coupons and other promotions that are inserted into the print editions of weekend newspapers. Those ads are among the most popular parts of Sunday newspapers. A study by the Newspaper Association of America found nearly three-fourths of readers check advertising inserts, mostly to find out about sales.

The initial group of 40 news-

papers adding iCircular to their phone apps includes: the New York Daily News, the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, The Dallas Morning News and San Francisco Chronicle. The phone apps of the newspapers that have agreed to use iCircular reach a combined audience of about 5 million people.

Target Corp., Macy's Inc., Kmart, Toys R Us and J.C. Penney Co. are among the 20 retailers committed to running ads in iCircular.

Both the newspapers and retailers are trying to figure out how make more money from the explosion of increasingly sophisticated phones that have morphed into miniature computers during the past five years. Publishers are trying to mine digital devices to help recover a steep drop in revenue from print advertising. Retailers are hoping the phones can

become a showcase for merchandise while consumers are shopping.

If iCircular pays off for newspapers and retailers during its trial period, the AP plans to negotiate the fees it will collect for future use of the service.

One of iCircular's biggest advantages: most people carry mobile phones with them while they shop. The AP, newspapers and retailers are hoping shoppers will get into the habit of browsing iCircular for nearby deals — wherever they happen to be. That goal is emphasized in iCircular's design: App users will be able to find the ads by pressing on a "deals" button. The feature allows people to search for specific products and create shopping lists.

It will also be able to identify a users' location to point people to the bargains in their vicinity. Users have to give their consent, so iCircular

shouldn't raise privacy concerns, said Jeff Litvack, the AP's general manager of global product development.

Both iCircular's deals button and the location feature are a way for newspapers to counter the proliferation of online coupon services such as Groupon that dangle daily discounts on products and services in specific regions.

Neither newspapers nor retailers are paying to use iCircular through the rest of the year. The AP wants to study user behavior before figuring out iCircular's ad rates and possible service fees, said Mary Junck, the chair of the revenue committee on the AP's board of directors. Junck is also CEO of Lee Enterprises Inc., the publisher of the St. Louis Dispatch and other newspapers. If it's successful, iCircular will likely be expanded to work on the iPad and other tablet computers, Junck said.

Kara Kennedy, daughter of Ted Kennedy, dies at 51

WASHINGTON D.C. (AP) — Kara Kennedy became teary-eyed when she accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom on behalf of her ailing father at a 2009 White House ceremony, but she also managed to smile as Sen. Ted Kennedy's life was honored. After the senator died two weeks later following a battle with brain cancer, his only daughter read a psalm at his funeral Mass in Boston. It was about peace and justice and caring for poor children.

The eldest of the senator's three children, Kara Kennedy died Friday at age 51 after collapsing following her daily workout at a Washington health club. The cause of death wasn't immediately released.

Although she never sought elected office like many in her family, she helped with her father's presidential and Senate campaigns and heeded his call to give back. She worked as a filmmaker and in television and was active in an array of causes from the arts to battling fetal alcohol syndrome.

She herself had been diagnosed with lung cancer in 2002, but underwent surgery the following year that doctors had said was successful.

But her brother, Patrick Kennedy, said her cancer treatment — surgery and grueling chemotherapy and radiation — left her physically weakened.

"Her heart gave out," said Patrick Kennedy, a former Democratic congressman from Rhode Island.

"She's with dad."

In a telephone interview from

her Boston home on Saturday, Joan Bennett Kennedy said she and her daughter were "best friends" who liked to take long swims together and walks on the beach. She said her daughter had fully recovered from cancer and didn't have any lingering health issues.

"She was very healthy. That's why this is such a shock," Joan Kennedy said.

Kara Kennedy was a member of the Sport & Health fitness center, though spokeswoman Nancy Terry declined to release further details about the incident, citing member privacy. A spokeswoman for the District of Columbia medical examiner said in an email that the cause of death was pending.

Kennedy's ex-husband, Michael Allen, said she frequently visited the club and went swimming every day if she could. He said details about her death would be released by The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. He said funeral arrangements are being made.

"Insofar as I'm concerned her legacy is one of courage and grit and determination in the face of her own illness and in the face of many family tragedies and limitless, absolutely limitless, devotion to our children," he said.

Kara Kennedy was born in 1960 to Edward and Joan Kennedy, just as her father was in the campaign trail for his brother John F. Kennedy during the presidential primaries.

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No slow start for Tech against Lobos

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In Texas Tech's first game of the season against Texas State, Tech got off to a dreadfully slow start. This was not the case against New Mexico on Saturday.

Tech traveled to Albuquerque for the second straight season and did the same thing as last year: dominated. The Red Raiders tore apart the Lobos' secondary and came out with a 59-13 win.

Against Texas State, Tech could only muster up nine points in the first quarter and failed to put up any points in the second. The Red Raiders went into the half looking at a one-point deficit against a team they should have been blowing out of the water. They did, however, go on to route the Bobcats by a score of 50-10, but the slow start was troubling.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville must have harped on the idea of not starting slow during the bye week because Tech did anything but that against the Lobos. The Red Raiders hung 38 points on the helpless New Mexico defense. Most of this performance comes back to Tech's quarterback, as it so often does.

I'm sure most people didn't expect to see quarterback Seth Doege performing to the highest of standards this year, especially since he had not started a game in almost five years. But, he had one of the best college performances in recent memory, even factoring in the quality of the opponent.

He had the Lobos scratching their heads all day as he completed his first 13 passes, going on to set an NCAA record for completion percentages with at least 40 attempts. Those 40 attempts picked him up 401 passing yards and five touchdowns. That means he threw more touchdowns than incomple-

I do not care who Tech was playing against. That is impressive. What makes this even more incredible is the four incomplections were all passes that could have been caught, and they were all in the end zone.

But you can't have this kind of a performance without someone reeling in the ball. In recent memory, it was Harrell to Crabtree and then Potts to Leong. Now, it looks like it's going to be Doege to Moore.

After a standout first game against Texas State where Darrin "The Moore-tician" Moore went



Brett Winegarner

off for 221 yards on 12 catches and one touchdown, he did not disappear in his follow-up performance. He continued to slice and dice the defense as he found the end zone three times on nine catches and had 118 yards receiving.

After these first two performances, and despite the ability on the other side of the ball, Moore has to be getting some recognition from the Biletnikoff voters. His ability to find the ball in midair and then rack up yards after the catch is already gaining him comparisons to a somewhat decent 2007-2008 Biletnikoff award winner from Tech.

I will be one of the first people to admit I hate Tech's powder-puff, non-conference schedule every year, but Doege's performance on Saturday was something special.

I must also admit that Tech's slow start against the Bobcats in its first weekend of play made me a little nervous, but the Red Raiders proved Saturday they can get the offense rolling right out of the gate.

If the offense can be even as close to as efficient in Big 12 Conference play, then Tech fans might have some good things to look forward to for the next 10 games.

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Win

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On the ensuing New Mexico possession, the Tech defense stole the momentum. Kerry Hyder deflected a pass by Tarean Austin and true freshman Blake Dees made the diving interception.

"(New Mexico) was kind of moving the ball, and it was a good time to get the ball back," Hyder said. "Dees, luckily, was behind me to pick the ball off. (He) made the play. I just helped him out."

The Red Raiders converted the turnover into a touchdown when Doege found Moore again on another isolation route to put Tech up 14-0. Coach Tommy Tuberville said the dual defensive effort by Hyder and Dees was crucial.

"That was a big turnover in the first drive they had," Tuberville said. "That's what you've got to do, especially on the road — get our early lead and get the ball

back for an offense that's playing pretty good."

Then, with 3:50 remaining in the first frame, lightning struck near the stadium, sending both teams to the locker rooms with the Red Raiders facing a two and eight on their own 38. The delay lasted 51 minutes.

Since Tech was driving with the potential to go up three scores when the weather struck, Tuberville said he was concerned about how it would affect his team.

"I was a little worried coming back from the first one," Tuberville said. "We were rolling very well. Then, we had a 14-0 lead, and then they called it and we had to come back in."

Another lightning delay of 45 minutes occurred during halftime, causing the game to last four hours and 46 minutes.

Even with the apprehension, the coaching staff took a hands-off approach due to the successful first 11-plus minutes.

Doege

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The only major obstacle Doege encountered while in the swing of his completion streak was not New Mexico's defense, but, rather, New Mexico's weather.

Doege had completed 11 consecutive passes before a lightning delay stopped the game for a total of 51 minutes, with 3:50 left in the first quarter.

Doege said he did not do anything radical during the lightning delay, while others listened to music and stayed loose.

"I was just sitting there, you know, having conversations with my teammates," Doege said, "just kind of trying to pass the time, but, at the same time, staying focused and understanding what

we're here to do."

But even a delay could not prevent Doege from accumulating more completions, as he came out to push his completion streak to 15 toward the end of the first quarter.

Then, it happened. On a first-and-goal, with seconds separating the two teams from the second quarter, Doege lobbed a ball on a fade pattern toward his go-to man in the end zone, Moore.

Moore, with favorable position on his defender, dropped a would-be touchdown.

The incompletion was Doege's first of the afternoon, something that occurred just three more times Saturday as the junior quarterback finished the game going 40-of-44 for 401 yards and five touchdowns.

"It's a tribute to the entire offense," Doege said. "There were balls that should've been incomple-

"I told (the coaches) to leave them alone, let them play some music and get out of the way," Tuberville said. "That's all you can do. We all want to preach up to the last second, but we were playing pretty good. There wasn't any reason to change anything."

When the weather cleared up, Tech responded, trudging methodically down the field 91 yards before Doege found Eric Ward for a one-yard touchdown.

The Red Raiders finished with 624 total yards and scored on nine of 13 offensive possessions.

"I thought we grew up in some areas," Tuberville said. "When you're as proficient as we were today offensively, it makes it a lot easier on everybody, including the defense."

Doege found a reliable second receiving option in Ward. The sophomore finished with 87 yards and two touchdowns in a game he was not even sure he would start.

"It actually took me by surprise because I had come off some inju-

ries, so I really wasn't expecting to start," Ward, who suffered a concussion, said. "It was a couple weeks ago. I really didn't know until this past week."

There were more welcomed contributions for Tech as well. In his first collegiate game, running back Ronnie Daniels finished a nine-yard run in the end zone. The Albuquerque, N.M., native said it felt good to compete in front of his family and familiar faces.

"I feel like everything happens for a reason," Daniels said. "I came back home and played in front of a crowd I've played in front of my whole life."

The Red Raiders have now battled two teams and two separate in-clement situations. Ward said Tech is prepared for anything and knows to expect whatever comes at them, even the improbable, when they host Nevada on Saturday.

Ward's forecast: "It'll probably snow. You never know."

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tions that the receivers caught, and the offensive line played really well. I think I got hit one time, and I think it was because I missed an assignment and then called the protection wrong."

Doege's 15 consecutive completions tied a Tech record set by Taylor Potts last season against Baylor in the Cotton Bowl.

His performance was not all that surprising to Ward, one of Doege's prime targets during Tech's win.

"It's what we expect out of him. He's the quarterback," Ward said. "He practices hard, so we expect him to play hard."

Doege, however, did take over a record to call his own.

Shortly before the end of the third quarter, Doege needed one more completion in order to become the NCAA record holder for the highest completion percentage

with at least 40 pass attempts.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville received word of Doege's opportunity and opted to leave him in for one more play before inserting backup quarterback Jacob Karam.

A screen pass in the flat to Tramin Swindall gave Doege the record, pushing his final completion percentage to 90.9 percent to overtake the previous record of 83 percent — a record held by former Red Raider Kliff Kingsbury.

"It came from the box that he had one more (completion) he had to get," Tuberville said. "Obviously, we had the ballgame in hand and you have to have respect for the other team, but when you get that close you kind of feel about a kid that ... everything that he's been through, and to be able to get that in just his second start ... amazing."

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Seniors lead Tech to 3rd straight tournament victory

By **CHOIS WOODMAN**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech seniors Amanda Dowdy and Karlyn Meyers were named to the All-Tournament Team as the Red Raiders won their third straight tournament at the University of Texas-Arlington Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

Tech pushed its winning streak to 12 and the seniors on the team have won more games this season than the three previous seasons combined (11).

The tournament win was a big confidence booster for the team, Meyers said.

"Focus and confidence," she said. "We know that we're going to win when we go in to games instead of hoping we're going to win."

Meyers had a team-high 84 assists over the three games in the tournament in Arlington.

The team is starting to become more confident in one another at this point in the season, Meyers said.

"Everyone is starting to get a lot more comfortable with each other and that's allowing me to want to set them the ball," she said. "Our passing has been fantastic which has made it a lot easier to get the ball to people other than the outside hitters."

The team's passing and hitting has opened up new offensive opportunities for the Red Raiders," Meyers said.

"Because of our great passing I've had a lot of opportunities to

really be offensive," she said. "It has a lot to do with the hitters, the blockers are going with the hitters every time which leaves me wide open. So every time I get a good pass it's just asking for it to happen."

Though the Red Raiders were on the road, the team managed to use the crowd energy for its own good, said Tech coach Don Flora.

"We felt like playing the home team, this being their big match of the weekend, great energy in the crowd, that sometimes can be tough," Flora said. "I thought we sort of harnessed the energy in the gym. Physically it's tough to play twice but it was good energy-wise to play the home team."

Tech defeated UT-Arlington in straight sets, extending the team's 12-game winning streak, the longest the program has seen since the 1996 season. The Red Raiders now have, 36 out of their last 37 sets.

The team will carry its winning streak to Denton on Monday where it will face North Texas in the final game before the Red Raiders open up Big 12 Conference play.

The team needs to carry its strong play into Denton to keep momentum going into Big 12 play, Flora said.

"Winning is a bi-product of how we play," he said. "I think if we continue to grow in the areas we are focusing on, the momentum will continue, the W(in) will come."

The team's confidence continues to build with every win,



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
AMANDA DOWDY SPIKES the ball during Tech's victory against Morehead State on Sept. 3 in United Spirit Arena.

said Dowdy.

"We make ourselves better every game," Dowdy said. "We work on things that we need to work on, and we've been successful so far, and with every game we get more confident about our team and what we're here to do."

The senior leadership was strong at the UT-Arlington tour-

namment, and it will be crucial to the teams success in the Big 12, said Dowdy, a 2010 All-Big 12 Team member.

"It's important on any team to have senior leadership," she said. "Fortunately Karlyn (Meyers) and I get to fill this hole together."

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Lady Raiders win open, Red Raiders finish 2nd



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH RUNNERS leave the starting line at the Red Raider Open on Friday at the Meadowbrook Golf Course.

By **MIKE GUTIERREZ**
STAFF WRITER

The No. 22 ranked Lady Raiders won their second meet of the season at Texas Tech's fourth annual Red Raider Open on Friday.

The Red Raiders did not do quite as well as their counterparts, who finished in second place in the men's 8k with four runners finishing in the top-20.

Head track and field coach Wes Kittley was coaching the team Saturday since Jon Murray was not able to after an accident last week. Murray was visiting one of his runners in the hospital when he passed out, hit his head and cracked his skull. Kittley said he was able to visit Murray at the hospital Friday morning.

"He seems to be doing well," Kittley said. "All of the coaches are here for the team, but we hope he can come back soon. I'm still willing to coach the team until Coach Murray can recover and make a return."

Despite being without their head coach, Kittley said he was pleased with the way the teams performed.

"Both teams ran really well today, as expected," Kittley said after the meet. "The women did a good job of running together as they all finished at the head of the pack. The men were a bit spread

out, but they can work on that."

Rose Tanui led the way for the Lady Raiders, placing first in the women's 5k with a time of 17:38.20. Trailing closely behind Tanui, teammate Caroline Jepletting crossed the finish line at 17:45.00. Purity Biwott placed third with a time of 18:03.20 and Devin Bailey finished in fourth at 18:14.80. Finishing in fifth place for the Lady Raiders was Rachel Folan at a time of 18:32.50.

The first runner to cross the finish line for the Red Raiders was Valentino Julien. Julien placed 10th and came in at 26:14.88. Reid Strong came in soon after in 13th place. Strong stopped the clock at 26:40.72. Brandon Devlin placed 18th with a time of 26:40.72 and Kade Parker placed 20th with a time of 26:54.69.

The Lady Raiders won the team race with a perfect 15 points. The Red Raiders placed second in a field of 11 teams with 96 points as they lost to New Mexico Highlands. Highlands finished with 35 points, taking first as a team in the meet.

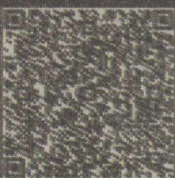
The Tech cross-country teams will have time to rest and prepare before their next competition, Kittley said. The teams will travel to Austin Sept. 30 to compete in the Grass Routes Run Festival. The field at the Austin meet will include Houston, Texas at Austin, Texas at Arlington and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

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