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Texas, OU clear path to leave Big 12

Regents at both schools give presidents authority to seek new conference ties

By JEFF LATZKE and JIM VERTUNO
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(AP) — Oklahoma cleared the way Monday for its possible departure from the Big 12, with university president David Boren demanding the league move toward an equal revenue-sharing model and create stability or

else lose the Sooners to the Pac-12.

Rival Texas also moved closer to the door, raising the prospect that one of the nation's biggest conferences could lose its two richest, most powerful programs.

After being granted the power to choose a new conference home for the Sooners, Boren said he is focused on only two options: a fractured Big 12

that isn't currently suitable or the expanding Pac-12, which already claimed Oklahoma's conference rival, Colorado, last summer.

"The status quo is certainly not stable," Boren said. "That's one of the things we're weighing: Can it be made stable?"

Texas counterpart Bill Powers, granted similar decision-making power by his regents less than

an hour later, said he would consider options "including continued participation in the Big 12" but made no mention of the Pac-12, the ACC or any other potential destinations.

The Big 12 has moved to the brink of extinction just one summer after the remaining 10 members pledged to stick together, then hammered out a \$1.2 billion television contract. They decided not to create a conference network similar



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to the ones in place by the Big Ten and Pac-12, not to split revenue equally and not to create any barriers to Texas' creation of the Longhorn Network through a 20-year, \$300 million agreement with ESPN that proved to be divisive.



POWERS

"I would simply say it is not a strong vote of confidence in the conference office that this has happened in such a short period of time," Boren said.

School of Music cancels annual Madrigal Dinner

Tech event began in '75

By GLORIA LERMA
STAFF WRITER

For now, the celebrating is gone. The Texas Tech School of Music's Madrigal Dinner has been canceled, leaving behind 35 years of tradition in the Lubbock community. The Madrigal Dinner, which began at Tech in 1975, is a recreation of a renaissance dinner in England celebrating Christmas for 12 days in December. The event was typically hosted in a ballroom decorated to resemble an ancient castle, where members of the Tech Madrigal Singers played the parts of king, queen, jester and medieval guests. Choir students would sing a blend of Christmas and classical songs, and voice professor Gerald Dolter would write a script which varied from year to year.

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Professor establishes scholarship program

United Supermarket employees benefit

By TYLER MYATT
STAFF WRITER

Jim Wetherbe turned a one-time \$5,000 speaking fee into something Texas Tech students who work at United Supermarkets can use for years to come. "It's a great feel-good story for Texas Tech," said Wetherbe, a professor at the Rawls College of Business. The Jim Wetherbe Scholarship Program is something Wetherbe initiated with his one-time donation, but United eventually expanded it into a full-fledged annual scholarship program.

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UP IN SMOKE

By MORGAN CRUMP
STAFF WRITER

Marijuana has been used recreationally for many years, and the controversial topic of its legalization in Texas continues even on Texas Tech's campus. Marijuana is a mind-altering psychoactive drug containing more than 400 chemicals including tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, which is believed to be the main chemical ingredient producing its psychoactive effects, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

According to the Phoenix House's Center on Addiction and the Family, far more young people use marijuana than any other drug, even with the rise in prescription drug abuse. Among young people who use drugs, approximately 60 percent use marijuana only.

Ryan Looney, a senior public relations major from Midlothian, said he thinks the legalization of marijuana would be a good thing if it were treated like a controlled substance like alcohol or tobacco rather than a drug.

"I think if we just took marijuana off the pedestal it has been put on, there might not be such a 'I have to try it' factor," he said. "I think usage rates among youths might actually decrease. Regardless of whether it is legal or not, it's a plant that naturally grows on this Earth, so it's always going to be around and people will be able to get a hold of it if they want it bad enough."

Nick Haskins, a senior management information systems major from Leander, said there would be pros and cons with the legalization of marijuana.

"You might find that when you legalize marijuana, the use of other drugs such as heroine or cocaine could increase," he said, "but, then again, it would also reduce the amount of law enforcement on drug trafficking that we currently have."

Haskins said he thinks the government is determining a way to legalize marijuana under two conditions: finding a way

for the government to profit off legalization, and regulating how much someone can use.

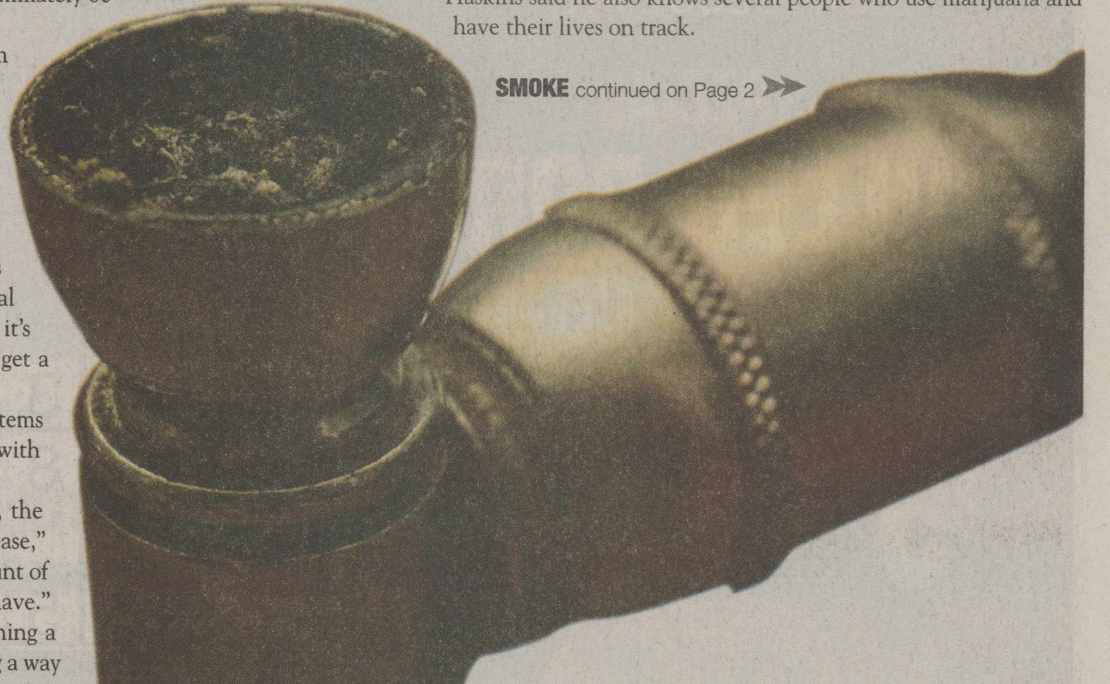
Looney said just because something is a law does not mean there is no room for change in our country.

"Smoking marijuana is situational," he said. "If you allow it to affect your job or relationships with friends and family, it can be a problem, but I know plenty of people that smoke regularly, make good grades, hold down jobs and are in control of their lives."

Looney said he rarely hears about people getting into marijuana-related fights or car accidents. He said he thinks people who smoke weed tend to "chill out" and are not as aggressive as they may be when they are drunk.

Haskins said he also knows several people who use marijuana and have their lives on track.

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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
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WEDNESDAY

Engineering Job Fair
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
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Meet and mingle with possible future employers, look for internship opportunities, meet the companies and learn about careers in engineering.

Art History Lecture
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: School of Art Building, Room B01
So, what is it?
Enjoy the lecture, "Knowledge as Landscape: On the Use of Site Photographs for the Study of Cezanne's Landscape Painting," lead by Jorgelina Orfila.

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Pentagon says military is ready for gay ban repeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military says it is ready for the lifting Tuesday of a ban on gays serving openly, while supporters of repeal applaud the historic change as a victory for equal rights.

Pentagon press secretary George Little said Monday that the military is adequately prepared for the end of the current policy, commonly known as "don't ask, don't tell," under which gays can serve as long as they don't openly acknowledge their sexual orientation and commanders are not allowed to ask.

"No one should be left with the impression that we are unprepared. We are prepared for repeal," Little said.

Last week, the Pentagon said 97 percent of the military has undergone training in the new law. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Joint Chiefs chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, and President Barack Obama have all certified that allowing openly gay service members will not undermine the effectiveness of the military or its recruiting.

Repeal will take effect at 12:01 a.m. EDT Tuesday. For weeks the military services have been accepting applications from openly gay recruits, while waiting for repeal to take effect before processing the applications.

As soon as the ban is lifted, the Defense Department will publish revised regulations to reflect the new law that will allow gays to serve openly. The revisions, such as eliminating references to banned homosexual service, are in line with policy guidance that was issued by top Pentagon officials in January, after Obama signed the legislation that did away with the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The lifting of the 18-year-old ban also will mean a halt to all pending investigations, discharges and other administrative proceedings that were begun under the Clinton-era law.

Existing standards of personal conduct, such as those pertaining to public displays of affection, will continue regardless of sexual orientation.

CHEMISTRY COUNSELING



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

PILLHUN SON, A postdoctoral research associate from Lubbock, gives a tour of a lab to Qianqian Gao, an analytical chemistry masters student from China on Monday, in the Chemistry building.

Smoke

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"Marijuana is a naturally occurring plant that anyone can grow and is now used for medical purposes," he said. "You could go to Walmart and overdose on a bottle of Advil, but you can't overdose on marijuana. Many of our founding fathers in this country smoked marijuana and I don't think we would consider them criminals."

According to Phoenix House, no one has ever died from a marijuana overdose. In technical jargon, marijuana has no level of toxicity, it also said.

Payton Kirkpatrick, a sopho-

more marketing major from Colleyville, said he thinks marijuana use is ethical because it helps a lot of people with medical conditions such as cancer, glaucoma and anxiety.

"I think legalization would be a good thing because the government could regulate and tax it, which could potentially help erase debt in the United States," he said.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, the effects of long-term chronic marijuana use are loss of motivation, loss of ambition, loss of interest in the pursuit of personal goals, an increased risk of depression, panic reactions and hallucinations.

Short-term effects include se-

re associated with the drug and the harms it can cause on their bodies.

Kendra Schmitz, a sophomore undeclared major from Keller, said she thinks the legalization of marijuana would be harmful because marijuana is already being abused.

"I think marijuana use is unethical because of the health risks and side effects of the drug," she said. "There is really no reason to use a drug to begin with. There are plenty of alternatives such as being active in jobs, sports or organizations that don't involve such drugs. A lot of people will say it feels good, but so does winning a game or earning money at work."

Cones also said she thinks people should learn what dangers

are associated with the drug and the harms it can cause on their bodies.

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Program

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Wetherbe was the keynote speaker at a leadership meeting United conducted in February, said Phil Pirkle, executive vice president of talent management at United. Wetherbe then donated his fee back to the company under the stipulation they create a scholarship for Tech students with the money.

"They liked the idea," Wetherbe said, "and so they decided to make it an ongoing program where they were going to give six scholar-

ships a year."

There are now six \$1,000 scholarships awarded each year, he said. Three are given out during the spring semester and three in the fall.

The scholarship rewards Tech students and parents who are employed at United who think of ways to increase customer service and efficiency through better information management, Wetherbe said.

"The thing is, in this day and age, everybody has to try to improve customer service and, at the same time, they've got to cut costs," he said, "and one way you can do that is by using information

technology innovatively."

Every scholarship except one has been awarded for this year, Pirkle said.

A number of United employees have been with the company for many years, he said.

Many of the students who come to work for United in high school stay and contribute to a college career fund offered by United to help college students with various college costs, Pirkle said.

"Fifty-four percent of our workforce are between the ages of 15 and 24," he said.

One student said she believes United does a good job of focusing on the fact much of its workforce consists of high school and college students.

"I think it's a really good opportunity because we have a lot of high school students and college students that work here," Stacy Cherry, a Tech alumna from Bulverde, said. "I think there are a lot of people that would benefit from it."

Cherry did not apply for the scholarship, she said, but did make

good use of the college career fund offered by United, which helped her pay for books and other school costs.

"I did do the college savings plan," she said. "I did it for a few years and ended up getting quite a bit of money."

Cherry has worked for United for two-and-a-half years, she said, and thinks it is a great place for college students to work.

"There's a lot of opportunities for kids to move up," she said, "and it's a really good job to have while you're either in high school or college."

Working at United fit her schedule well because her employers worked around her tests and gave her time to study for classes, Cherry said.

Wetherbe thinks both Tech and United are critical components to the Lubbock community.

"The thing that you can do to hurt Lubbock most is take Texas Tech away, and then, after that, it's kind of a draw between the (highway) loops and Market Street for me," Wetherbe said, laughing.

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Students able to experience RRO in different way

By **DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK**
STAFF WRITER

For many students, Red Raider Orientation is their first true interaction with Texas Tech as a university and as a way of life.

Within a weekend, high school graduates are turned into college freshmen through an all-out marathon of class registrations and school spirit activities.

Upperclassmen have the opportunity to continue experiencing this new student euphoria year after year as paid counselors.

"We have 40 staff members on the crew. They're all students, and they really run the program itself," said Zach Manning, director of Red Raider Orientation, about the summer series.

He said newly enlisted counselors can expect to attend weekly training seminars to gain the skills necessary for ushering 7,000 individuals around campus during the course of the summer.

In the spring, counselors take a trip to Ceta Canyon, he said. There, they learn bonding tools to turn strangers into friends and students into leaders. To further prepare counselors, students get a chance to learn from Tech's staff.

"Two weeks prior to orientation, they come back to campus and meet with the different academic colleges, offices and departments to really have that knowledge base for answering questions in the summer," Manning said.

Once the floodgates open, the barrage continues throughout the summer in the form of successive three-day and one-day orientation sessions.

For counselors, this schedule can be daunting. But for Tyler Ray, a junior finance and accounting major

from Austin, it was an experience he won't soon forget.

"Every single day, it's so different," he said. "You just lose track of time. You don't know what day it actually is. You just go off a system of day one, day two and day three."

Counselors are responsible for a group of about 30 students and for making sure their group is getting necessary information while also having a good time, Ray said.

Social and educational events, he said, give the counselors a chance to get to know a few fresh faces.

One contribution RRO gives to students who choose a leadership role in the program is experience.

"You have to have great people skills," Ray said. "You're going to be talking to so many different people every day — parents, students ... everyone."

"It was a very fun way to kind of learn more about myself and develop skills I didn't know I had."

DANIELA ROJAS
SOPHOMORE
MICROBIOLOGY MAJOR

Daniela Rojas, a sophomore microbiology major from Amarillo, said she found a different side she didn't know she had while working for the program this past summer.

"It was a very fun way to kind of learn more about myself and develop skills I didn't know I had," she said.

Rojas said the summer program provides a stipend for the counselors, meals and a free place to live during summer.

Counselors who may have transferred into Tech also get the chance to see what it's like to be a freshman.

Manning said there are numerous things students, faculty and staff can take from the RRO program.

"They're going to know the history and traditions," he said. "They're going to do a bell circle. They're going to yell 'Raider power.' They're going to do all that, and they're going to have a good time."

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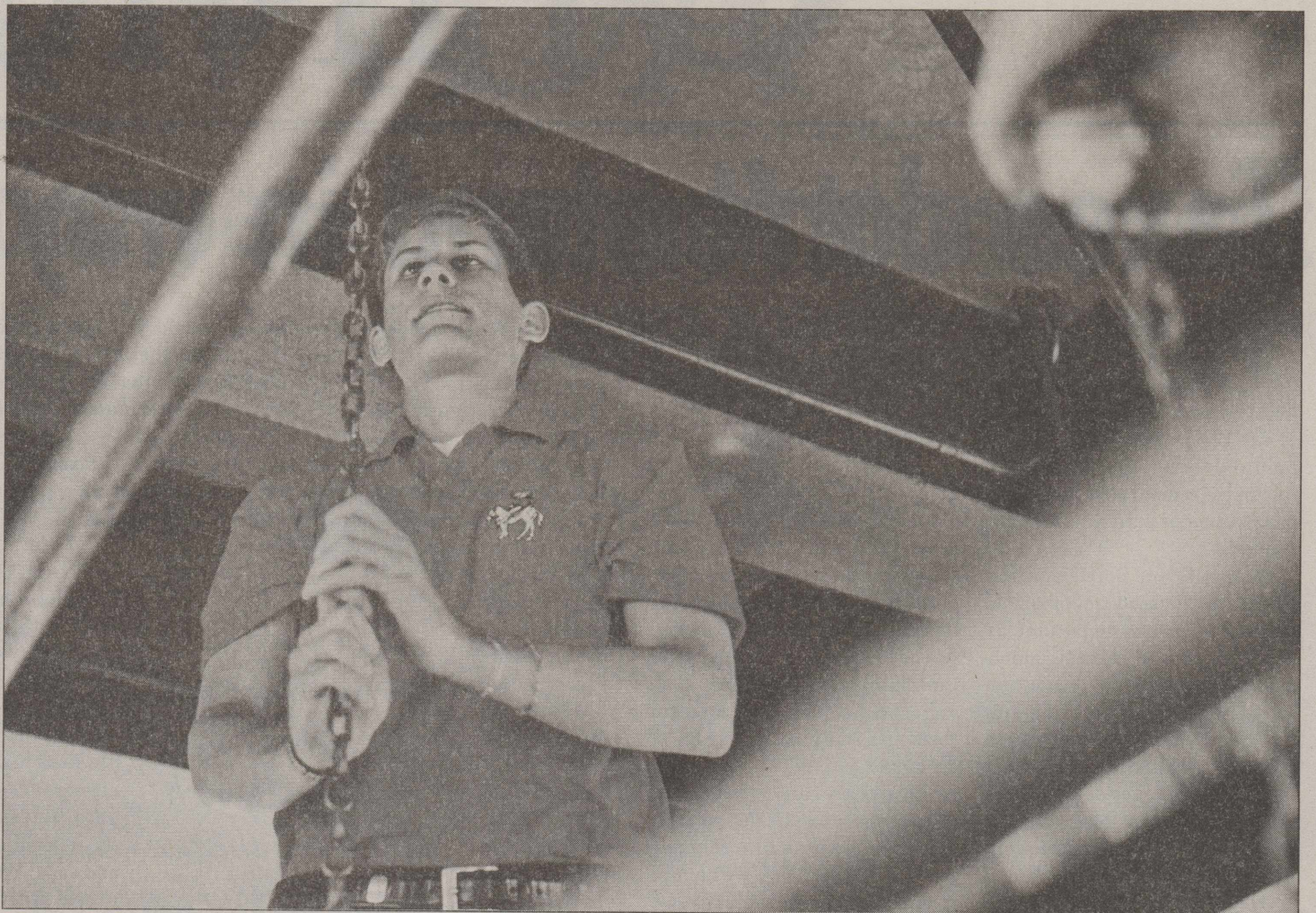


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JARRETT GOTTARDY, A Saddle Tramp and junior mathematics major from Bulverde, helps ring the Victory Bells in the east tower of the Administration building on Monday to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first-ever ringing of the bells following a victory.

Dinner

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The dinner has been suspended for the next four school years due to the shortened time between student breaks in the fall semester.

"The calendar is incredibly packed and the school has made some changes to the (academic) calendar. It only left seven days to put all of these different things together," Ricardo Bjella, director of choral studies, said.

Aside from students' busy schedules, more factors contributed to the cancelation of the annual Madrigal Dinner.

"What it boils down to is the scheduling situation, decreased attendance and student time commitments to other presentations and their studies,"

Liza Muse, publicity officer of the music school, said.

Due to economic stress, a decline in attendance throughout the years was another major factor in reconsidering the production, Muse said.

"I mean, if there is a decrease in people coming, and if surrounding Lubbock businesses (who mostly attend the event) weren't buying tickets, it causes us to lose money, which in turn affects our ability to keep producing the show," she said. "University Catering had to keep their prices up and so did we."

The decision was hard to make, she said, and the department analyzed the pros and cons of canceling the musical event.

Student reactions were varied. "Lubbock doesn't appreciate the arts. It's more supportive of sports and other events rather than music,"

Hanna Frige, a senior vocal performance major from Lubbock, said. "I don't see it as breaking tradition. It's just a change."

The Madrigal Dinner not only showcased Tech vocal talents, but it also created funds for scholarships for Tech students who actively participate in the music department.

"By postponing the event, it had just made us consider some other ways (to give) scholarship money not so demanding on the students who participate," Bjella said. "Currently, our best performers participate in 30 different events, each requiring practice. The cancelation just allows students more time to focus on their other activities."

Although the Madrigal Dinner is canceled for the month of December,

Bjella said alternatives are being looked at. It is possible that instead of the dinner being presented during the fall semester, it will be hosted in the spring semester.

"I'm confident that it will come back, but just at a different calendar date," he said. "Students have so many different events like the Carol of Lights and A Matador Christmas at that time of year that moving the date for the Madrigal Dinner to the spring semester seems to be appropriate. After all, it is tradition."

The event will be missed, Muse said, but the decision was necessary.

"It was a big decision to make," she said. "I feel sad to see it not happening, and I'm sure students feel the same way."

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Taxes don't stand in way of prosperity

Last Friday, I wrote a piece, "Gov't not always answer, not always problem," in which I discussed some of the key points in the current public debate over the proper role of the federal government in combating our current economic turmoil.

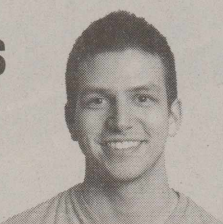
A significant portion of my op-ed was focused on taxes, as revenue is just as important as expenditure and there is much misinformation and hysteria surrounding the subject. This issue has been shoved even further into the spotlight by Monday's proposal from President Barack Obama to create a "Buffet Tax," a tax on millionaires appropriately named after a billionaire.

However, before I advance on this issue, I want to make an attempt to clarify a few of my previous key points so I may avoid being misunderstood going forward.

In my last piece, I illustrated that our country has a relatively low level of taxation compared to the other 33 advanced economies recognized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Indeed, as a percentage of GDP, the United States has a lower average level of taxation than all of the advanced economies, save three in Mexico, Turkey and Chile.

In case there was a question of why I would state these facts in terms of "tax-to-GDP," this is because when you make comparisons between different

Chris Leal



economies, you need some sort of context in order to make sense of the numbers. There are various types of taxes in each country, so the best way to make broad international comparisons is to aggregate tax levels and compare them to each country's level of economic output.

This is also fitting because if you are to compare the possible impact of taxation on economic growth, you need to have an idea of both the size of the economy and the total level of tax revenue. The tax-to-GDP ratio provides just this.

Additionally, I pointed to Sweden and Denmark, two countries that top the list with the highest levels of tax-to-GDP, noting Sweden had 7.3 percent GDP growth in the fourth quarter of 2010 and how Denmark has an unemployment level of 4.1 percent.

While it's true Sweden had negative GDP growth in 2009 (-5.3 percent compared to -2.6 percent for the United States), this is typical of an export-dependent country — and almost every other country — in a global economic contraction. The important takeaway is that since 2009, Sweden's economic growth

has accelerated expeditiously, reviving much quicker than the United States.

Denmark currently has a 4.1 percent unemployment rate. While it's true Denmark has a much larger public sector than I would feel comfortable with having in this country — includ-

ing welfare and other social programs — this fact should fly in the face of standard conservative conjecture that larger government intervention and social welfare kills jobs and creates "dependency" for long-term unemployment.

Additionally, Denmark enjoys very comfortable standards of living, realizing per-capita GDP (the amount of GDP per person) of nearly \$37,000 in 2010. This is, impressively, roughly 20 percent below the United States' per-capita GDP of \$47,000 over the same time period. China, to establish context, has per-capita GDP of around \$7,500.

Throughout all of these comparisons, however, the focal point is not that the United

States should ignorantly follow the tax regimes of these other countries. It's that when citizens and our representatives look for scapegoats to assign blame to, pointing fingers to taxation is a very shallow argument that won't find much support in the reality we occupy.

While our President has made policy mistakes, his efforts to cut or maintain taxes for the middle and lower classes, to cut payroll taxes on individuals and small businesses and to raise taxes on incomes of \$1 million or more via the "Buffet Tax" are spot on.

As mentioned earlier, expenditures are just as important as revenue. If we are to spend money to stimulate our economy in the near term, and work to reduce our deficit over the medium-to-long term, we need to ease tax burdens on consumers who need relief most — roughly 99 percent of them — and raise revenue from consumers who can easily afford it — the remaining one percent.

Additionally, we must seek to

raise revenue by closing accounting gimmicks and tax loopholes on large corporations. While it's often quoted in the mainstream conversation that the United States has the highest corporate tax rate in the world, any accountant or business student knows companies follow two sets of accounting rules: one set for investors and one set for the tax man, with the tax man often seeing much smaller numbers for the "income" section.

While it may not be the best system, a good rule of thumb is if your company is paying the stated tax rate, you need better accountants. This is why companies calculate their "effective tax rates," as it is often substantially lower than any stated tax rate.

This is illustrated best by pandering politicians who like to note how General Electric paid "zero" taxes last year. In reality, the company paid billions in taxes and then received an offsetting tax-refund check from Uncle Sam. Copy and paste this scenario across the majority of our largest corporations and our 35 percent ballpark corporate tax rate looks like a joke.

Taxes and regulations are oft-used boogymen that can be employed in almost any situation. And while these things always have potential to cause real harm, the majority of the time they are simply fictitious and illusory.

Regulations are necessary in any economy tracing its existence back to creating human prosper-

ity. This may be news to some who view an economy as responsible for corporate prosperity. Further, the more complex our economy and the products we sell become, so too must our regulations become more intelligent and efficient.

Probably the best take on taxes and regulations comes from a column written by Mark Cuban yesterday, "The Most Patriotic Thing You Can Do." To give you a hint at what he views as patriotic, the first line of the piece is, "Bust your ass and get rich."

Obviously, true entrepreneurial spirits will seek wealth regardless of relatively minor taxes and regulations, considering the amazing opportunity to use our American system — and all of the people and public goods constituting it — to create self-prosperity.

This seems to hold true toward the end of Cuban's column, where he writes, "So be Patriotic. Go out there and get rich. Get so obnoxiously rich that when that tax bill comes, your first thought will be to choke on how big a check you have to write. Your second thought will be, 'What a great problem to have,' and your third should be a recognition that in paying your taxes you are helping to support millions of Americans that are not as fortunate as you."

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For technology, don't put all your eggs in one basket

It has happened to all of us, or at least to most of us at least once. Your computer unintentionally does something and, all of a sudden, your music files aren't playing through iTunes like they usually do. You panic, search the hard drive and eventually muddle through and restore the majority of your data.

Maybe it wasn't your music. Maybe it was something else such as schoolwork or a personal project. One way or another, we are all betrayed by our technology eventually. It makes us feel surprisingly vulnerable.

Most of the time, things work the way we designed them to and we depend on them to a greater extent with every passing year. Technology allows us to get things done faster, more efficiently and in a neater man-

Zach Morrison



ner than before. We are constantly devising ways to put our technology to new uses.

This isn't something I have to tell you. Rather, it's obvious in the advanced society we live. So, we all know how much greater the anxiety is when something so routinely dependable fails us. We tend to turn on it very quickly when this occurs. All of a sudden, it seems obvious we should have made back-up plans that, ironically, often do not even occur to the average user when the same

technology is working properly.

Technology is a paradoxical thing; the more far-reaching, convenient and user-friendly it gets, the more little things can go wrong. The point is it may be wise to remember the old proverb saying, "Never put all of your eggs in one basket."

We are becoming more and more immersed in a world rapidly forgetting how to function in any number of "old-fashioned ways." The trend toward "going paperless" can be more dangerous than is apparent when computers are working properly. Even our banks, which hold our most valuable assets, are beginning to leave the idea of the paper trail behind.

We would do well to remember that though they are rare, disruptions on a large scale can be nothing short of disastrous. An attitude oriented

toward back-up planning and preventive measures can go a long way toward avoiding such issues.

Granted, we have software engineers that make sure those sorts of things don't happen on the corporate level. For example, people who see things like "Y2K" coming in time to do something about it. In the end, it's the personal computer user community needing to be reasonably literate in the ways of organizing and protecting data. This is especially important considering the fact possessions falling into the category of "data" can be some of our most precious — music libraries, digital photo albums and financial data.

Personally, my technology scare occurred this summer when, for some reason, my PC no longer held my music and video files in my designated

location. I had to revert to my back-up files on an external hard drive. We could take a lesson from the past in this case — a past full of CDs with protective individual cases and when the idea of manually alphabetizing things wasn't so tedious.

On a slightly different but related point, Americans also seem to have forgotten there is quite a bit of manual organization to be done in order to work the systems on PCs designed to keep our files organized.

This came to mind when I was moving all my useful data to a new computer, when I discovered nothing was consolidated in any particularly useful way — something it seems we all do from time to time. Would it not be easier to spend a single day, or a few days, manually organizing files into a system of folders that make

sense and will continue to make sense for a prolonged period of time?

The bottom line when dealing with digital data technology should be to keep things organized and stored in more than one place. It helps us maintain harmony with technology, and it keeps us using it productively rather than running the risk of being at the mercy of its potential errors.

Just because computers tend to be designed to take over the organizational and protection processes for us doesn't mean those systems aren't just as likely to occasionally fail us as any other type of technology.

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Embarrassing Facebook posts lead to horrible first impressions

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Gone are the days of two people casually asking each other about their hobbies, favorite foods, religion, political views and their past relationships on first dates. Now you can go on Facebook and look through pictures of people and their exes, assuming their exes have not untagged and deleted them mid-breakup. Before you know it, you will see pictures of the guy you thought you liked wearing white sunglasses in between two girls clutching

a Coors on spring break in Cancun. Next time the guy or girl you are "talking to" decides to friend request you, consider these pointers before accepting them and exposing yourself electronically.

Refrain from posting emo statuses. No one cares that "all guys/girls are the same." We tend to gravitate toward happy people. Updating your status about your flaky friends or love interest that took you out to dinner and hasn't been heard from since makes you seem like a negative Nester.

Keep your "about me" info to a

minimum. It should be a privilege for that special person to learn more about who you are. Part of the excitement and purpose of a first, second and third date is for you and your date to get to know each other's quirks, hobbies and what makes them tick. It's only human nature to value something more if not everyone can have it. Don't share everything about yourself on your Facebook page — it depreciates your value to others.

Review your Facebook likes and groups. Do not "like" Facebook pages

such as "Blondes do it better" and "Mom, mom, mommy, ma, mom, mom, ma, ma, mommy, mommy... WHAT!!... hi!" These Facebook "likes" are pointless and clog up your page. You can still like "Family Guy," you just don't have to prove your devotion by "liking" a Stewie quote. You may be the most intellectual person in Reno who likes to immerse yourself in the readings of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway. However, if the first thing someone sees on your page is a "Family Guy" quote, they may not

take you seriously.

Don't upload questionable pictures. I'm glad you had a fun night, but seeing you drunk with a shot glass in your hand making out with your lust interest of the night is not going to make going on a date with you seem more appetizing to anyone. Keep these pictures off your page and let them live on your computer instead. Although I shamefully owned a pair of white Juicy Couture sunglasses in the 10th grade, I have thankfully matured and moved on to aviators. White sunglasses, especially

for men, make you seem like a tool. So please, if you are going to take the risk of wearing them, don't leave evidence of it on Facebook.

If after reading this you decide you are too attached to your Facebook page as is, do what I do. Do not accept your love interest's friend request until after the fifth date. By then if they still like you, make it official and become Facebook friends. While Facebook can be an ideal icebreaker, remember that it also has the potential to be a deal breaker.

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Wakeboarders compete in annual tournament

By ASHLYN TUBBS
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Spinning and flipping through the air, wakeboard riders kept the crowd cheering at the sixth annual Riptank Open Wakeboard Tournament presented by the Texas Tech Wakeboard Club and Riptank Boardshop at Buffalo Springs Lake on Saturday.

The event started at 9 a.m. and ran until 8 p.m., with 60 riders competing in six different divisions. This included competitors from the Lubbock area as well as top professionals and amateurs from across Texas.

John Marshall, general manager of the Riptank Boardshop and a Tech alumnus, said his 14 years of competitive wakeboarding motivated him to start this event in 2006. At the time, he was the president of the Tech Wakeboard Club.

"We do this tournament every year during the third weekend in September," Marshall said. "It's all about getting the West Texas wakeboarding community together and having professional riding put on a good platform so we can grow the sport of wakeboarding. We want to show everyone who comes a really good time."

Sponsors of the event includ-

ed Riptank Boardshop, Family Powersports, Insane Kustomz and Red Bull.

"My favorite part of the event was helping out the Texas Tech wakeboard team and giving them wings to help them excel and represent Texas Tech," said Clint Shobert, student brand manager for Red Bull. "I also enjoyed trying to further and better the wakeboarding athletes, as well as getting involved with the college community."

Riders competed for \$5,000 in cash and prizes awarded to the top three riders of each division. The divisions ranged in skill level from beginner to expert,

in addition to a youth division.

Logan Sammons, who placed second in the intermediate division, is a member of the Tech Wakeboard Club.

"I've been wakeboarding for two years," Sammons

said. "I love it. It's a bunch of fun hanging out with a bunch of good friends. Anyone can do it. It's challenging, but it's easy to stand up, and it's a fun sport."

Slater Johnson, a 16-year-old from Amarillo, said he competes in wakeboard competitions for fun. He already has 10 years of wakeboarding experience.

"I've been wakeboarding ever since I can remember, really," Johnson said. "I always enjoy

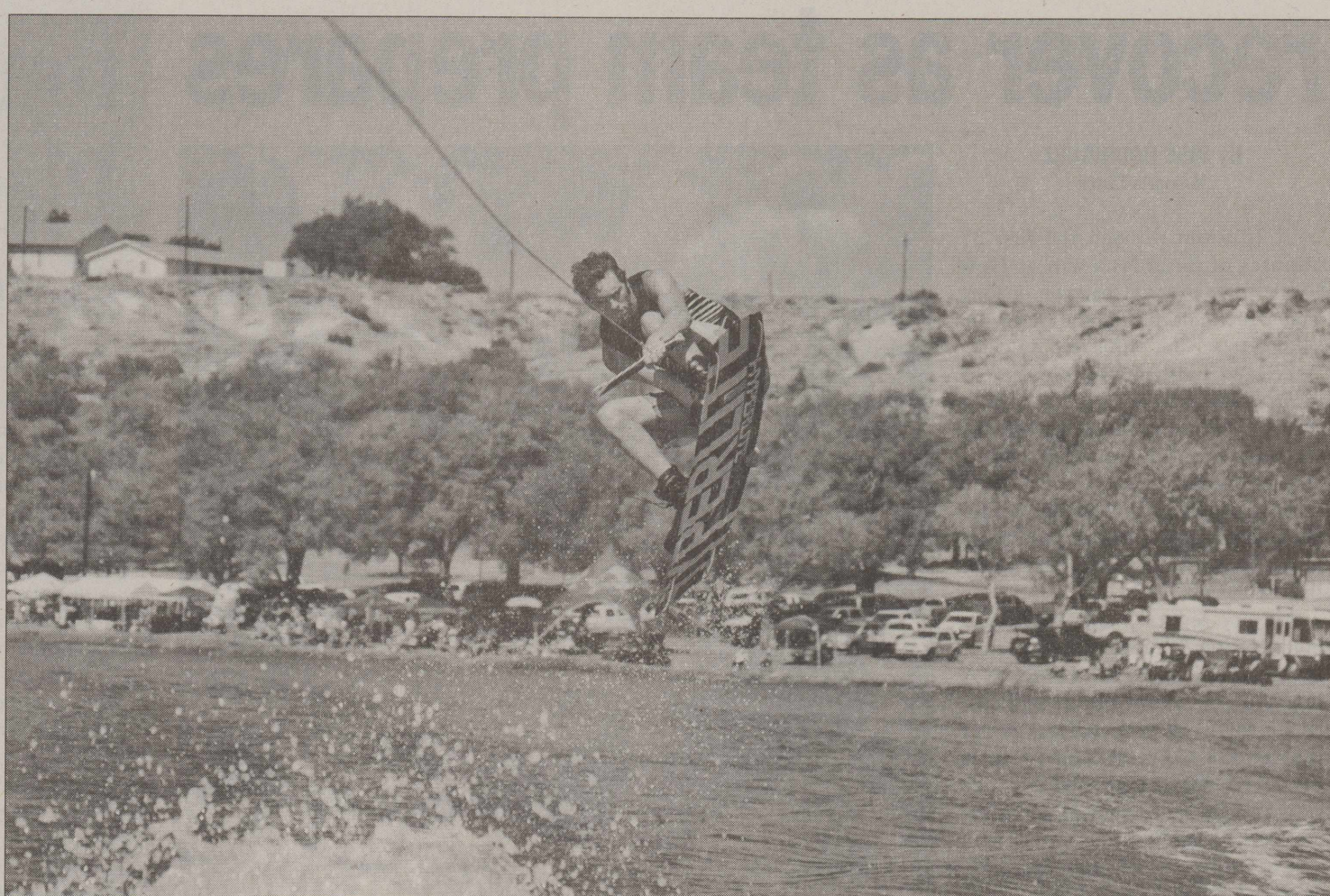


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BAILEY DELAVAN COMPETES in the advanced division of the Riptank Open, a wake boarding competition, on Saturday at Buffalo Springs Lake.

competing and being in a great vibe of competitors and people who love to wakeboard just like I do. When you wakeboard, it's just you and the water, and everything goes away and you just have a blast. Whenever you land a new trick or a real big trick, that feeling you get is the best feeling in the world, and that's what keeps me going."

Johnson inspired his friend, Clay Dudding, to start wakeboarding as well.

"This is my first year wakeboarding, and this is actually my second competition," Dudding, also a 16-year-old from Amarillo, said.

"Wakeboarding is always competitive, but, at the same time, a blast. I like just having fun and getting on the boat with my boys. I really don't get nervous. I just think it's fun."

Spectators and riders bought raffle tickets for various prizes given away during the day.

One of these items was Mitch Bergsma's wakeboard, which was donated by Humanoid Wakeboards. Bergsma is a hearing-impaired rider from Austin. All proceeds from those raffle tickets went to the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

Marshall, a former member of the Tech wakeboard team, encourages people to join the Tech Wakeboard Club.

"If you're interested in wakeboarding, and if you have a

desire to wakeboard, or if you already do and want to progress your riding, you should definitely look up the team," he said. "It was a good experience for me and I want to make sure people have the same opportunity I did."

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Red Raiders continue to recover as team prepares

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
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A 28-0 run through the first 27 minutes of Saturday's win at New Mexico was exactly the type of start Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville wanted to see out of his Red Raiders.

A 10-9 halftime deficit against Texas State on Sept. 3 seemed like a thing of the past as Tech cruised to its second win of the year with a 59-13 blowout of the Lobos.

As leaps of improvement looked apparent Saturday, Tuberville said some major progressions are occurring off the field as well.

"Injury report: Leon Mackey is much better," Tuberville said during Monday's media luncheon. "He's improving very fast, but he will still be out this week. Hopefully, as we get through this week, we'll have a little bit better (of an) idea where they (Mackey and Justin Keown) are by the end of the week."

Keown, a center, continues his recovery from a right-knee injury suffered during fall camp on Aug. 15.

Terry McDaniel started his second straight game at center Saturday in place of Keown, who was Tech's starting center going into fall practice.

Starting right guard Deveric Gallington received snaps at center during the second half of Tech's win against New Mexico.

Mackey, however, was healthy entering Tech's season opener against Texas State, starting at right-side defensive end.

A deflated lung required Mackey's withdrawal from the game, a 50-10 Tech win, and has since kept the junior sidelined.

Tuberville said the following week that Mackey's injury would likely keep him out for the majority of the season, a status appearing to be constantly improving.

Jackson Richards, a redshirt freshman from Southlake, replaced Mackey at the right-side defensive end position against New Mexico.

"You know, Mackey's a great player, and I'm just doing my best to fill in his spot and, hopefully, he'll be back soon," Richards said. "We miss him a lot on the field, and I have confidence I can hold my own until he gets back."

But Richards said Mackey has



PHOTOS BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Alex Torres is brought down by New Mexico defensive back Bubba Forrest during the 59-13 victory against the Lobos on Saturday at University Stadium in Albuquerque, N.M.

not let the injury take away from his engagement in a positive role for the team.

In fact, Richards said Mackey currently serves as his main supporter.

"Whenever he got hurt, he told me he'd be my biggest fan until he got back," Richards said. "He's that kind of guy."

For the time being, Mackey remains a cheerer and continues rehabilitation as the Red Raiders prepare for a Nevada team fresh off its first win of the season.

The odd thing is Tuberville and company may be more concerned about Nevada's lone loss than its recent 17-14 victory at San Jose State.

The Wolf Pack began its season with a 69-20 loss to No. 10 Oregon in Eugene, Ore., a place considered to be one of the toughest venues in the country to play.

Despite the lopsided defeat, Nevada managed 516 yards of total offense — 233 passing and 283 rushing — while owning possession of the football for more than 38 minutes.

"They do throw the ball. They throw it down the field a lot," Tuberville said. "They moved it on Oregon. They just got so behind so quick."

While Nevada is still trying to find a rhythm on offense, Tech's attack continues to expand both statistically and strategically.

Tech quarterback Seth Doege said the offense includes new wrinkles each week, depending on how its personnel matches up with the opposition.

"We do a little something different every week," Doege said, "just depending on how they play, what their strengths and weaknesses are compared to our strengths and weaknesses."

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QB Doege among four named Big 12 Players of the Week

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Following his 40-for-44, 401 yards and five-touchdown effort against New Mexico, tabbing Seth Doege a favorite for Big 12 Player of the Week honors may not have been preposterous.

That was proved two days later. Doege was officially named a Big 12 Offensive Co-Player of the Week on Monday alongside Missouri running back Henry Josey, capping off a historic weekend for the junior quarterback.

In Doege's eyes, all the credit belongs to five guys in particular: his offensive linemen.

"There's no question (they deserve credit)," Doege said Monday, "because I didn't feel pressured all day but one time, and that one time was because I made the wrong protection call."

Texas Tech's starting offensive line against New Mexico consisted of LaAdrian Waddle, Lonnie Edwards, Terry McDaniel, Deveric Gallington and Mickey Okafor.

A handful of other offensive linemen, such as Alfredo Morales and David Neill, also received playing time as the Red Raiders' lead on the Lobos expanded.

Large pockets and limited pressure allowed Doege to complete 15 passes in a row at one juncture during Tech's 59-13 win, tying a school record set by Taylor Potts against Baylor last year at the Cotton Bowl.

Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said he was

more impressed by the fact Doege was making the correct reads, connecting with the right receivers on virtually every play.

"The thing that I was most impressed with ... I know he can throw the ball, but you gotta throw it to the right guy and the person that's open and go through your reads," Tuberville said. "And Saturday, he was on. He would go through his checked downs and understand why he threw and why he didn't."

Doege was more compelled to conversations regarding a different former Red Raider quarterback, namely Kliff Kingsbury, an idol of Doege's.

Doege's 90.9 completion percentage gave him the NCAA single-game record for completion percentage among quarterbacks with at least 40 attempts, which was formerly Kingsbury's record.

Kingsbury owned the record with a completion percentage of 83 set in 2002.

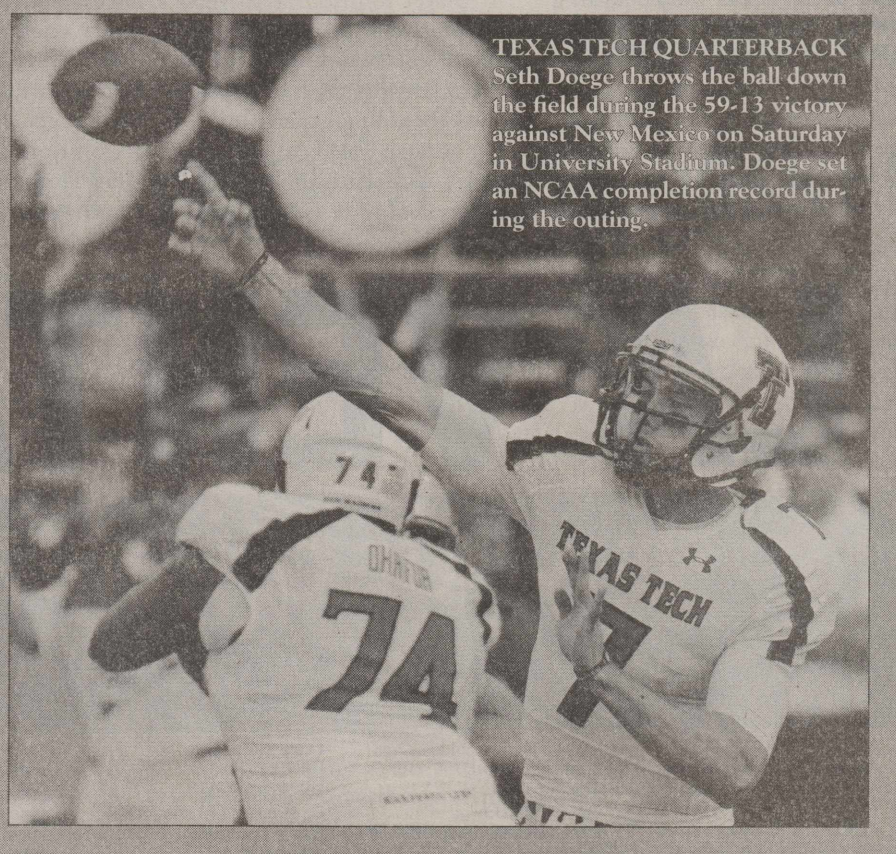
"But, for me, being mentioned with Kliff Kingsbury is special to me just because he was one of my heroes growing up," Doege said. "He's one of the reasons that I wanted to be a Texas Tech quarterback."

Doege does not recollect any memory of having had a game like he did on Saturday.

Besides, he has not regularly started since his sophomore year in high school.

"Well, I haven't played in a while," Doege said. "So, I don't remember. Maybe 2005 versus Van Horn or Anthony or something like that."

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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Seth Doege throws the ball down the field during the 59-13 victory against New Mexico on Saturday in University Stadium. Doege set an NCAA completion record during the outing.

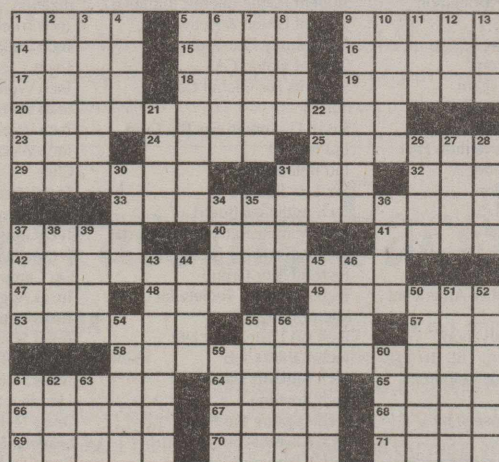
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- Partner of well
- Partner of willing
- Like tilted ltrs.
- Moderated, with "down"
- Hullabaloo over a sudden policy reversal?
- Ball supporter
- Little mischief-makers
- Legendary Chicago cow owner
- Attack from above
- Grande
- Co. bigwig
- Sign of table tennis tendonitis?
- Bushy coil
- Half of a double play
- Inventor's germ
- Bit of applause for an equestrian event?
- Big thing at McDonald's?
- Samaritan's offer
- Game one
- Meditation instruction
- Crossword hint
- Inventor Whitney
- Cry of frustration about a Hostess cake?
- Montezuma, e.g.
- Snug ... bug in
- "Exodus" author
- Musical pace
- Easy pace
- Walter's handout
- Cuts and pastes, say
- Iowa State's city
- Stage accessory



By John Lampkin

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- More greasy
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- Actress Russo
- Class using mats
- For each one
- Campus military gp.
- Samaritan
- Little Lab
- Organ whistle
- High point
- Source of linen
- Yummy but fattening
- Parti-colored cats
- Bank's claim
- Sprawls, as by the pool
- Take down ... humble
- Less remote
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Rivera gets record 602nd save

NEW YORK (AP) — Long regarded as the best closer in baseball, Mariano Rivera now has more saves than anyone else, too.

Rivera set the major league record with No. 602, pitching a perfect ninth inning Monday and preserving the New York Yankees' 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins.

With fans standing and cheering from his first pitch to his last, Rivera retired Trevor Plouffe, Michael Cuddyer and Chris Parnelle to end it. Parnelle looked at strike three — it appeared to be

Rivera's signature cutter — and Yankee Stadium roared in approval.

A remarkable achievement, considering the slender right-hander throws mostly one pitch. Opposing hitters have seen it for years, but still haven't figured it out. In the meantime, he's built a Hall of Fame-caliber career and been a pillar of five World Series championship teams.

The only person who might not acknowledge Rivera isn't the best closer of all time is Rivera himself.

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Texans yet to impress during first two games

The Houston Texans are not title contenders. That was surprisingly easy to write.

The Texans' performance Sunday against the Miami Dolphins ended in a win, but it left me with more than a few concerns about the Texans. The biggest concern is how the problems that led to a putrid season last year are rearing their ugly heads once again. The timing of these concerns couldn't be worse. It's worse than a pimple before prom.

I'm not saying there were no positives, but the list of them is short. Sunday felt like a game the 2010 Texans would lose. I even tweeted at halftime how I thought the team might blow it.

The Texans used Andre Johnson in the clutch and Ben Tate looked great in place of the sidelined Ari-an Foster. J.J. Watt played great and Mario Williams

showed how his transition to outside linebacker might not be that tough.

But, there were times during the game when I thought I was watching last year's team. The inability to punch in two early trips to the red zone and the settling for field goals are things not pleasing to the eyes. The Texans have to improve their killer instincts. It is clear this defense will get the ball back for the offense, but the offense needs to convert the turnovers into seven points, not three.

Right tackle Eric Winston played below average last year and he hasn't improved this year. This was a tough game to watch Winston play in. If the Texans have any hopes of continuing success this season, Winston needs to get better fast. Duane Brown had moments of bad play, but Winston looked bad too often.

The defense almost made me sick. There is no reason for a rookie running back to gash a defense with as much talent as the Texans. The running defense looked concerning, but the pass defense could have induced

Cody Stoots



vomiting.

New free agent addition Jonathan Joseph hurt his ankle and left the game. It was at that point Chad Henne exploited the Texans. Kareem Jackson is getting better, but he still has lapses of coverage far too often. Whatever person they put in to replace Joseph was torched.

Don't get it twisted — the Texans didn't win the game as much as the Dolphins lost it. They missed field goals and their rookie running back, Daniel Thomas, coughed up the football.

That brings us to this week's challenge for the Texans, the New Orleans Saints at New Orleans. The Saints will take advantage of miscues on offense and defense. Drew Brees has been spectacular and has dismantled two defenses better than the Texans. This game will be the first real test for the Texans.

The injuries to this team are concerning. If Joseph misses significant time or isn't at 100 percent, the pass defense will struggle. Ben Tate has been nice, but, moving forward, a healthy Ari-an Foster couldn't hurt.

The defense will be tested for the first time this year. The Texans are by no means a shutdown defense, but if they can bend and not break against the Saints, it would be a huge improvement compared to the previous two performances.

The past is always present with the Texans. This coaching staff and these players have to prove they can change the culture of losing they have created. Last year, they found new ways each week to lose. This year's team will need to find new ways to win each week.

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Unlikely players lead Tech tennis

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

Head Coach Todd Petty knew Kenna Kilgo could play. He just was not sure she would be bouncing Division I opponents this early in the season.

The freshman lived up to the hype surrounding her arrival at Texas Tech as a five-star recruit last weekend at the Racquet Club Collegiate in Midland. Actually, she exceeded it.

Kilgo and sophomore Samantha Adams took the doubles title, the first for the Lady Raiders since they began playing in the tournament. The duo downed a daunting opponent, Nebraska's No. 35-ranked Madeleine Geibert and Stefanie Weinstein, 8-4.

The placid demeanor exuded by the tandem in the comfortable win may have been a result of youthful unawareness.

"Actually, to be honest with you, I don't think they knew," Petty said. "I don't think they had any idea of who they'd just beaten."

Kilgo fills the void left by

the now-graduated Kelsy Garland, one of the most successful players in program history. Petty said he plans on shuffling his lineup in the fall, but the victory by Adams and Kilgo makes them a viable option for the No. 1 doubles spot.

"It was a great accomplishment for those girls," Petty said. "They played really well — consistent throughout. It's something they should be proud of."

There were no apparent signs of apprehension for Kilgo in her singles matches either. The Waco native won four matches, advancing to the semifinals before losing to TCU's Simona Parajova.

"Usually, it takes a tournament or two to get freshmen kind of acclimated to the pressure of this level of tennis," Petty said. "She handled it like a seasoned pro."

The reigning Big 12 Coach of Year had been watching Kilgo since she was 14 years old and knew she was talented.

"She was one I really singled out early on," Petty said. "I felt like she was going to blossom and really had the potential to be an incredible college player. I'd be lying if I said I thought it would happen this early."

A somewhat unlikely player also led the men's team. Raphael Pfister, the Red Raiders' No. 6 player the past two seasons, won four matches before falling to Texas' No. 59-ranked Daniel Whitehead in the semifinals.

Pfister does not play the most aggressive style, but is capable of competing with talented players because of his ability to work lengthy points.

"When he gets in trouble is when he tries to attack too soon in a point," head coach Tim Siegel said. "If he utilizes his strengths, then he is playing smart, long-type rallies and then waits for his opportunity to attack."

Even though the sophomore strung together four wins and a semifinals appearance, Siegel said he knows he is capable of more.

"What I liked is how he's certainly not playing his best, but he is competing well and found ways to win," Siegel said. "That's the mark of good player: when you're not playing well, but you're finding ways to win."

Pfister and Jeff Bryan were knocked out of the doubles bracket in the first round, 9-8, by TCU's Paul Chappell and David Sanchez after the Red Raider duo led 7-6.

Siegel said Pfister, Bryan and Rafael Garcia — who lost in the third round of the singles draw — all played well on the first weekend.

"This is a good experience for them and they'll play again," Siegel said. "I just take so much from every match we watch in the fall."

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TODD PETTY
WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

Gillispie adds another piece to staff

Billy Gillispie announced a first for Texas Tech basketball Monday.

Craig Wells, who has been working in the Tech Athletics Department since 2002, was named as the school's first assistant director for basketball operations.

This is a good hire for the team as Wells is familiar and known among the Tech community, Gillispie said.

"We are really excited about Craig being able to focus his attention fully on men's basketball," Gillispie said in a news release. "He has given his dedication and attention to Texas Tech for many years. He is very connected at the university and in the community. We are definitely honored to be working with him as we try to accomplish great things here at Texas Tech."

Wells has been a member of the Tech athletics staff for the past nine years. Most recently, he was in charge of overseeing external operations.

Wells said this is a great opportunity to be able to work with Gillispie.

"I am excited about being a part of Billy Gillispie's program," Wells said. "I look forward to many great years under the leadership of Coach Gillispie." Before he joined the Ath-

letics Department, Wells, a 30-year resident of Lubbock, was a station and general manager for 18 years at KCBD-TV.

However, before he moved into the TV business, Wells was a basketball and football coach at three different high schools in nine years. Three of those years were spent at the helm of the Lubbock High School basketball team.

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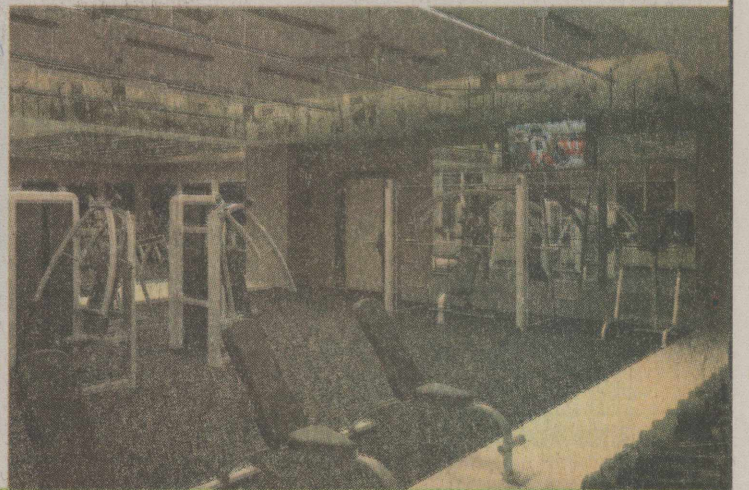


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