

Tech AD Hocutt 'optimistic' about future of Big 12

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

Trust is one factor, if not the biggest factor, in stabilizing a healthy relationship.

Texas Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt addressed local media Thursday and said the main thing Big 12 Confer-

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ence members need to do is rebuild a foundation for stability. This all starts with trust.

"We've got to rebuild the trust," Hocutt said. "We've been through a very difficult process over the last month, and it's a process I don't think is finished yet."

On Tuesday, the Pac-12 announced its desire to remain a 12team conference, putting an immediate halt on any potential plans for Oklahoma, Texas, Oklahoma State and Tech to head west.

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By JIM VERTUNO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Big 12 dumped its embattled commissioner Thursday and said nine schools had pledged to give their TV rights to the conference for the next six years, a step intended to preserve a fractured league that has lost two members in the past year and is expected to lose another by next summer.

"The bottom line is we achieved substantial reforms," Oklahoma President David Boren said after school presidents met by telephone for more than an hour. "We feel extremely good." WINEGARNER: If conferences realign, do it big Sports, Page 10

Anil Gollahalli, Oklahoma's

general counsel, said no contracts had been signed yet — in part because some schools must get the approval of their governing boards.

Commissioner Dan Beebe is gone after five up-and-down years that included securing a 13-year, \$1.2 billion contract with Fox Sports but sharp criticism for failing to keep Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) from leaving over the summer. Texas A&M plans to leave by July for the Southeastern Conference.

"I put all my effort into doing what was best for the Big 12. With great fondness, I wish the Big 12 Conference a long and prosperous future," Beebe said in a statement released by the Big 12.

Former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas will serve as interim commissioner.

Revenue sharing and a change of leadership were considered by some schools, notably Oklahoma, as the top issues to address to save the league in the latest round of conference realignment.

The Big 12 splits revenue from its Fox Sports contract evenly, but only half of the money from its top-tier deal with ABC goes into equal shares. The rest is weighted toward the programs that play on the network more frequently.

Boren said all nine remaining schools - except for

Texas A&M — "agreed" to give a six-year grant of their first- and second-tier television rights to the Big 12. That means that all revenue from the top television games — shown currently on networks owned by ABC/ESPN and Fox — would continue to go to the Big 12 even if a school bolts to another league.

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the top-tier contract, currently

with ABC/ESPN, in a bid to

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keep the nine schools together for the next contract. "These are very strong handcuffs," Boren said. "The grant of rights really does bind the conference together and it shows

of rights really does bind the conference together and it shows that we fully intend to stay together. "If you wanted to talk about one important action that re-

ally does demonstrate that this conference is going to be stable, that we're not going to have year-to-year dramas like we have had, I think that grant of rights is a very essential item," he said.

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SGA covers student code of conduct violations





Plan in works to publish

senator votes on website

By TYLER MYATT STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association conducted a meeting Thursday night to discuss topics including new fees for student conduct violations and requirements for SGA executive officers.

Director of Student Judicial Programs Sofia Rodriguez spoke

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careful when it comes to any allegation that comes across my desk. We will ensure due process for our students."

Sofia Rodriguez Director, Student Judicial Programs



ideas for its future. Allegation letters for student code of conduct violations were previously going to the parents of students accused of violations,

Rodriguez said. Those letters will now be sent to students via email. Student Judicial Programs also will begin charging students fees

for violations, Rodriguez said. The amount of the fee will be determined by the severity of the offense and will be added to the student's tuition statement.

Students will be charged \$15 for violations considered minor, she said, while major violations will cost \$50.

The fees will double if the student does not pay them during the semester when the violation occurred, Rodriguez said. The money the program gathers will go to alcohol and drug education for students.

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Nevada is next test for Red Raider

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ MANAGING EDITOR

It has been less than nine months since Nevada capped off its most successful season in school history.

At 13-1, including an upset of then-No. 4 Boise State in Reno, Nev., the Wolf Pack had virtually everything go its way in 2010.

Now, those are just memories. Rebuilding is the present.

"Well, they're balanced. Chris Ault is a very good coach," Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said during Monday's media luncheon. "They had a great football team last year, and they're kind of rebuilding kind of like we are in terms of a quarterback and running backs and receivers." The Red Raiders (2-0) get their shot at a reloaded Nevada team at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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At the moment, the Wolf Pack (1-1) is not on pace to match last season's win total, but has shown the ability to smoothly transition after losing its two most productive players from a season ago.

Those two former Nevada players are quarterback Colin Kaepernick and running back Vai Taua — the NCAA record-holders for most career rushing yards

by a pair of teammates, finishing their careers with a combined 8,700 yards.

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C O R N E L I U S DOUGLAS JUMPS over Lobo cornerback Devonta Tabannah during Texas Tech's 59-13 victory against New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. last Saturday. Tech plays Nevada at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Tech Soccer vs. Missouri Time: 7 p.m. Where: John Walker Soccer Complex So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Missouri.

Masterworks One Time: 7:30 p.m. Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center So, what is it? Enjoy the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra as they perform all five of Beethoven's Piano Concerti with pianist Adam Golka.

Kaleidoscope of Choirs Time: 8 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy this preview of all the Tech choirs.

Panhandle South Plains Fair Time: 8 p.m. Where: Panhandle South **Plains Fairgrounds** So, what is it? Enjoy the South Plains Fair and the live music from country music artist of Kevin Fowler.

Ray Wylie Hubbard Time: 9 p.m. Where: Blue Light Live So, what is it? Enjoy the original music from this country rock artist.

Mike Bliss and the Incredible **Bliss Brothers** Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy a performance from

one of the top 35 finalists of America's Got Talent.

SATURDAY

Panhandle South Plains Fair Time: 11 a.m. to midnight Where: Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds So, what is it? Enjoy the South Plains Fair and the live music from Grand - Funk Railroad at 7:30 p.m. 1. AMANAN MADE Tech Football vs. Nevada Time: Noon Where: Jones AT&T Stadium So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Nevada.

Tech Volleyball vs. Iowa State Time: Noon Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Iowa State Cardinals.

SUNDAY

Tech Soccer vs. Northern Arizona Time: 1 p.m. Where: John Walker Soccer Complex So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Northern Arizona.

WWE Raw World Tour Time: 5 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Enjoy Wrestling World Entertainment as they perform. Tickets go on sale at selectaseatlubbock.com at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

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Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Half of hepatitis A vaccinations gone unused

By TYLER MYATT STAFF WRITER

Roughly half the vaccines for hepatitis A offered by the Lubbock Health Department to patrons who may have been exposed at Cheddar's restaurant have gone unused.

"I think people are not as concerned about being exposed as we thought they would be," said Lubbock Health Department director

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Rodriguez will work for the students when allegations are made, she said.

comes to any allegation that comes across my desk," Rodriguez said. "We will ensure due process for our students."

Athletes will be treated exactly as other students are, she said. The money also could be used

to help fund other services for students, Rodriguez said, such as student wellness.

Jenny Mayants, a student government senator, said she is working on a committee to lobby for the ability to use the Raider Card off campus, even if it might lose the university money.

states all senators' names will be

Bridget Faulkenberry.

The Lubbock Health Department estimated that 7,700 people could have been exposed to the virus between Aug. 31 and Sept. 8.

The department plans on offering the vaccines out of a clinic for the next six months, Faulkenberry said. The vaccines do not expire until 2013.

Those who ate at Cheddar's between Aug. 31 and Sept. 8 should those who did decide to get the vac-

passed.

There are also plans in the affairs. Only the vice president works to have the senators' votes on the SGA website as well, Stuart Williams, a student government senator, said.

Senator Colin Davis expressed support of the bill, he said, because he wants Tech students to know more about their senators.

"No one knows who we are, no one knows what we do, and, let's face it, no one respects us," Davis said.

The only contested legislation was senate concurrent resolution 47.02, which details the GPA and enrolled hours requirements for executive members of the SGA.

It stipulates the SGA president be enrolled in a minimum national students and students of six hours during the term he or she is elected, and must have a 2.25 GPA or higher throughout his or her career at Tech, including the semester preceding their appointment.

The same stipulations apply still might want to be elected,

watch for symptoms of hepatitis A, cination to get a second vaccination she said.

Symptoms include fatigue, nausea and vomiting, abdominal pain or discomfort, especially in the liver area underneath the lower-right ribs, loss of appetite, low-grade fever, dark urine, muscle pain and yellowing of the skin and eyes, according to the Mayo Clinic website.

Faulkenberry also recommended

to the vice president for internal

for graduate affairs must have a

an amendment requiring all

executive members of the SGA

to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

because those standards are too

get into Tech with that GPA,"

tor Blake Bradley's proposed

amendment that any executive

SGA member should be required

to work at least 12 hours per

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The debate began with Sena-

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she said.

Senator Mayants proposed

higher GPA at 3.0 or above.

six months later.

"In order to have full immunity and protection, you need to have two doses of the hepatitis A vaccine," she said.

The incubation period for the virus is about 28 days, Faulkenberry said. Anyone who begins to exhibit symptoms should go see their primary care physician. >>> tmyatt@dailytoreador.com

he said.

Senators Williams and Davis spoke out in favor of Senator Bradley's amendment.

"We also have to look at the realities of our student government and how it works," Williams said. "Executive officers got a lot done this summer."

All students should be able to run, Williams said, but should consider the financial responsibilities as well as the amount of time to be invested to pursue executive office.

Senator Davis wants executive officers to be here over the summer, and being in student government is about sacrifice, he said.

"It's very important that our officers be here during the summer and put forth that effort," he said. "This is about the future and holding SGA officers to a higher standard."

The resolution was sent to a senate subcommittee for further investigation.

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Gov't opposes full severance pay for military gays

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days after repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy against gays serving openly in the military, the Obama administration was in court Thursday opposing a lawsuit seeking full severance pay for those dismissed under the law.

The American Civil Liberties Union is seeking class action status for 142 people who only got half pay

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two after their discharge because of being gay. But the Justice Department asked the U.S. Court of Federal Claims to dismiss the case.

Judge Christine Odell Cook Miller said she probably will let the case continue and questioned why the government wouldn't pay now that the law has changed.

"Your timing is exquisite --- two" days after the policy goes into effect eliminating 'don't ask, don't tell,' here we are," she said as she took the bench.

"I would consider this to be an unenviable argument to have at this time," she told the government's

Sgt. Richard Collins of Clovis, N.M. He was honorably discharged in 2006 after nine years of service when two civilians who worked with him at Cannon Air Force Base reported they saw him kiss his boyfriend in a car about 10 miles from the base. The decorated sergeant was off-duty and not in uniform at the time, according to the lawsuit.

In an interview Thursday, Collins said he and his partner, who are still together, always have been discreet about showing affection in public. "That one time I just happened to lean over and kiss him on the cheek," he recalled. "He said expected after his discharge.

Separation pay is granted to military personnel who served at least six years but were involuntarily discharged, part of an effort to ease their transition into civilian life. But the Defense Department has a list of conditions that trigger an automatic reduction in that pay, including homosexuality, unsuccessful drug or alcohol treatment or discharge in the interests of national security. That policy went into effect in 1991, two years before

"don't ask, don't tell" became law. The suit argues it is unconstitutional for the Defense Department to unilaterally cut the amount for The Air Force paid Collins people discharged for homosexuality. The administration is not defending the merits of the policy. Instead, Justice Department lawyer L. Misha Preheim argued the defense secretary has sole discretion to decide who gets what separation pay and the court cannot rewrite military regulations. Miller said she would issue a ruling on the government's motion to dismiss by Oct. 15 after full review of the Justice Department's arguments, but her preliminary decision was to deny the motion. She warned Preheim and a uniformed Air Force attorney also at the defense table that they should be prepared for the case to move forward. She said it's probably appropriate to certify it for class action status, if the government really thinks it's worth it to continue fighting the case. "I can't believe this is something the military wants to revisit now," she said. Joshua Block, attorney with the ACLU lesbian gay bisexual and transgender project, said class action would cover 142 people who got half pay for being discharged for homosexuality in the past six years — the time period covered by the statute of limitations — for a total payment of \$2.1 million. Miller, first appointed by President Ronald Reagan and reappointed by President Bill Clinton, questioned why for that amount of money the government would want to wade back into the "don't ask, don't tell" debate. Collins, who is 35 and works for his partner's business, said he has talked to recruiters about going back into the military now that the policy has been abolished. But he's leaning against it since he'd have to go back in at his old rank after missing out on promotions in the past few years. And if he did re-enter, he said he'd be wary of openly discussing his relationship. "Even though 'don't ask, don't tell' has been rescinded, I wouldn't go out there and flaunt it," he said. "Even though that policy is gone, you are still going to have discrimination from people."



"We're here to serve the students," she said.

Student Bill 47.04, which published in The Daily Toreador and listed on the SGA website,

"I'm very careful when it

attorney later. The case was filed by the ACLU on behalf of former Air Force Staff \$12,351 instead of the \$25,702 he

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Tech Habitat strives to make differences

By DESTINY BEZRUTCZYK STAFF WRITER

Some student volunteers may only be accustomed to filing papers or guarding doorways, but one campus organization uses nail guns.

The Texas Tech's chapter of Habitat for Humanity puts students in a position to see the results of their volunteer hours.

One Saturday, students may spend their time filling a foundation with concrete. The next weekend, students could be hanging drywall.

Kelly Davis, a senior cellular molecular biology major from Plano and

vice president of Tech's Humanity chapter, said she enjoys the multitude of opportunities offered.

"You can't join another organization where you go out and hang Sheetrock one week and put up tiles on the roof the next," she said.

Habitat for Humanity has filled entire neighborhoods in the Lubbock

community with homes built by students. With more than 100 homes built in the north and northeast areas, Tech's chapter has made its mark.

Stephen Sottilare, a junior animal science major from Plano and secretary of the chapter, recalls a home built for a man from Kenya.

The man, he said, had travelled to America for work and was living in an apartment below the standards for human living. He remembers how the man thanked volunteers every day at the build site.

"To be a part of that and to see how thankful they are by the end of the week

puts you to tears," Sottilare said. Davis, who had joined Habitat as a freshman at USC, said the organization provides so much experience and a sense

of community she decided to continue her involvement at Tech. Davis said the group doesn't restrict itself to Saturday volunteer hours. They provide work during weekdays and every

other year for the "Greek Build" event. The Greek Build event brings together organizations — Panhellenic and others — to build houses from the ground up on empty lots in Greek Circle. The houses are then moved to another site for families to call their homes.

"They get the siding on and the roofing To be a part of up. Some of the rest is done later. that and to see like the finishing touches, but how thankful they they do a lot at Greek Circle," are by the end of Davis said. "It's a the week puts you pretty intensive process." Tech Habitat is also respon-

sible for non-

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events for its

members. Every

October, they

host a festival at

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to tears.

a local elementary school by setting up games and giving out candy. The event is a favorite for Maya

Minter, a junior anthropology major from Houston.

Currently, the organization is hosting its "Act! Speak! Build!" week to raise awareness for those living in substandard housing or no housing at all.

To finish off its week of raising awareness, Tech Habitat will be hosting a pool party at the Leisure Pool Sept. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event is open to everyone and will provide free food, games and prizes.

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ADAM WILKINSON, A memeber of Alpha Phi Omega and a civil engineering graduate from Tomball, helped Habitat for Humanity dig holes for fence posts.

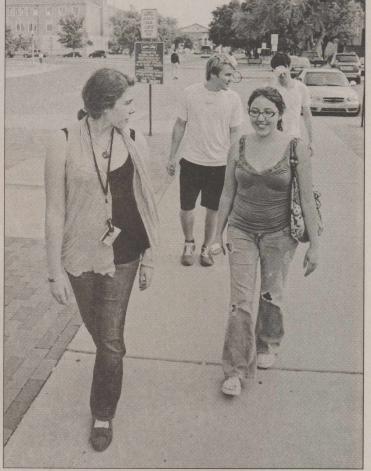


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HEATHER BARNES, A freshman petroleum engineering major from The Woodlands, leads Kendra McCartney, a senior studio art ceramics major from Canyon, around the science quad by giving her verbal commands during a listening exercise for their professional communications class Tuesday.

Ted Haggard to appear on wife swap television show

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Former megachurch pastor Ted Haggard and Hollywood actor Gary Busey are trading partners for a week for an upcoming edition of ABC-TV's "Celebrity Wife Swap."

Haggard's wife Gayle will temporarily move in with Busey. It was unclear if the actor's longtime girlfriend would be the one to stay with Haggard under the arrangement.

Haggard's New Life Church in Colorado Springs had about 14,000 followers when he resigned in 2006 after a man said Haggard paid him for sex for more than three years. The reality show isn't about infidelity, but about wives experiencing daily life in another wife's home.

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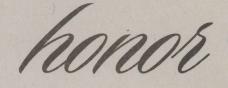
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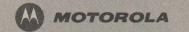
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Tech French Club plans for bigger future, events

By MICHAEL DUPONT STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech French Club gives students a chance to learn, discuss and enjoy everything French.

Yesenia Blanco, a graduate student and Spanish major from Canada, said her favorite thing about the French Club is being able to practice French and learn to all. about the culture.

"We're able to practice French and also learn more about culture," she said, "and not just French culture, but the culture of other countries that speak it."

Blanco is a newer member of the French Club, which just accept everybody and learn from recently became an official organization at Tech.

Jane Ann Watson, president of the French Club and a junior French major from Dallas, said much has been planned for the organization this year.

"This year, we're going to try to be in the International Talent Show," she said. "We were thinking about doing a short clip from a play — something enthusiastic."

The French Club is something that can help students who are French majors.

Watson said, in general, the club offers an open perspective

"The French Club is just about getting together and appreciating French culture and the French language," she said. "It doesn't matter which type of French language, either. It can be Creole or French, but we try to all of their languages."

During club meetings there is a "conversation hour" where the only language spoken is French.

Watson also shared her ideas on what she would like to see from the club.

"I was thinking of doing a cross-campus Mardi Gras - kind of a homecoming," she said, "but in the spring — getting the clubs and organizations to do floats and getting the public schools involved to show a different kind of culture from all around the world."

Watson said several organizations have shown interest in participating, but certain procedures and the planning involved would not allow it to happen this year.

Austin Taylor, a senior French major from The Colony, has been involved with the club all four years, and said he wants to see the organization step out now that it has finally become official.

"I just think that we should do a lot more in the community, or just at Tech in general, to promote French culture," he said. "We need to push out further." >>> mdupont@dailytoreador.com

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Britney Spears looking forward to 30

who created a sensation when she hit the music world in pigtails and knee socks is turning 30 - and Britney Spears says she's looking forward to it.

The U.S. pop star will be on the South American leg of her "Femme Fatale" world tour as she celebrates the landmark birthday on Dec. 2.

"I hear the older you get, the wiser you get and the more you know what you want — so hopefully it'll be a good year," the woman who was once one of the Internet's most-searched names told The Associated Press.

Spears kicks off a string of European tour dates Thursday in St. Petersburg, but is not scheduled to play on the birthday itself. She has spent the summer performing across North America to generally positive reviews.

"The audiences have been just

LONDON (AP) — The singer amazing, they've been so great to bounce off of and the energy I get from them, it's great, it's really cool," she said.

Her seventh studio album, "Femme Fatale," debuted at No. 1 in the U.S. Billboard charts and globally, and Spears targeted it at her female fans.

"With the big picture of being "Femme Fatale," I think it is really inspiring for girls all together feeling very empowered and having a voice and being heard," she said.

The singer was in London to promote her U.K. gigs, which include two in October at London's O2 Arena. After Russia, she tours across Europe — from Hungary and France to Sweden, Germany and Britain ---before heading to South America in November.

With more than 35 gigs left to play

before her final date - Dec. 10 in San Juan, Puerto Rico — it's a demanding schedule, and saying healthy and fit is high on her agenda.

"I have a good group of people around me, and we have the show at a certain time every night and we just try to stay consistent on having a routine and staying fit and healthy," she said.

A former child performer, Spears shot to international fame with her 1999 debut album, "Baby One More Time." The hits kept coming including "Oops!.. I Did It Again" and "Toxic," but her personal life spiraled out of control. She lost temporary custody of her two young boys, had spells in rehab and was admitted to a psychiatric ward.

Four years after that public meltdown, Spears is looking forward. And with more than 70 million albums already sold, she says the pressure is off.



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Procrastination common, yet no excuse

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do not know why I procrastinate in everything I do. It has become a terrible habit I cannot break. I have actually managed to put off trying to stop procrastinating, but it's a vicious cycle. I think it's a condition needing to be examined by researchers and highly trained medical professionals.

Procrastination has become

schedule my days around doing everything at the last minute, including classes, writing papers on breaks between classes, turning in papers, eating, workouts, sleeping and so forth. I leave myself no wiggle room for minor emergencies, such

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as my printer running out of ink. I spend more time planning how I am going to procrastinate an assignment and worrying about it than I actually do performing the task at hand.

I don't know why I do this to myself, but I know I am Andv Doughty

not alone. All of my friends are chronic procrastinators as well. We all sit around talking an art form for me. I actually about how busy we are, how we have no time

> We are college students. We are. In reality, we have plenty of time to get should have a little things done, but the fact of more common the matter is we don't want sense than this. to do them. and I think, when So, the night before the due we are pushed, we date comes, we are running do. around like cracked-out toddlers trying

> > to complete three papers at once.

> > We simultaneously do three papers, but we can't seem to make the time to do them before their due dates. We are college students. We should have a little more common sense than this,

and I think, when we are pushed, psychotic or all of the above. we do. However, I still wonder why we get ourselves into such precarious situations?

Part of it - for myself, anyway — is how I feed off the pressure. I am an adrenaline junkie, and knowing I can cut it close but still get my work done gives me a rush. This is a terrible outlook to have for my six-page research papers, but I can't help but do them at the for anything very last second. I do some of and how ter- my best work an hour before it's

Psychology majors, if you're out there, please help me.

I really have no way to justify it. I am just pulling this hypothesis out of thin air to make myself feel better. I am guilty as charged, though, and can cite many instances. For example, last night, I should have been working on my article, but what was I doing instead? Well, I watched a little TV, thought about working out, swept the kitchen, did a few pushups to rible our lives due. Maybe I am just neurotic, justify not working out, watched

some more TV, made dinner and any right to complain about went to bed.

That was not a productive night. You can sit there and laugh, but I am at least being honest. Think about what you did last night. I am sure you had some points where you went on a mental vacation, too.

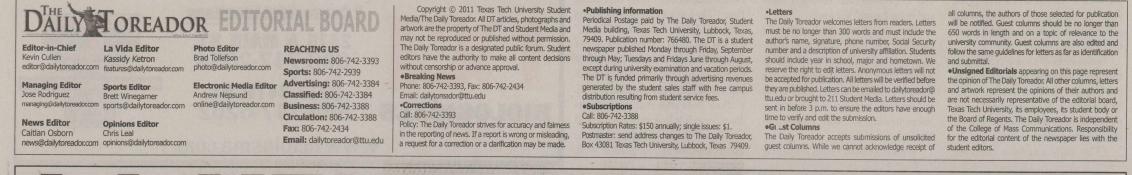
point or another. I propose as long as you get things done and they turn out well, it doesn't matter when they get done. What's key, however, is if you choose to do this, you forfeit

how "busy" you are. But, you can complain about how much time you wasted not just getting it over with.

For now, I will stick to a saying that has got me through 20 years of life: "Why do today what I have time for tomorrow?" On We are all guilty of it at one that note, I am officially past my deadline.

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ABOVE: FAIR GOERS ride on Super Shot on Thursday at the Panhandle South Plains Fair. Thursday was a special free entry and parking day to kick off the fair.





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orn dogs, fun houses, games, prizes and a Ferris wheel were all present at Lubbock's Panhandle South Plains Fair. Admission to the fair was free on Sept. 22. The Lubbock community and Texas Tech students

headed out to the fair to enjoy its festivities. Kelsi Hartman, a senior psychology major from Midland, said she went to the fair because it was free.

As her first year attending the fair, she chose to go with a friend and her boyfriend.

Another reason for going to the fair was to try the "amazing" fried Snickers, she said.

Tech's Miller Girls, a women's service organization, was at the fair helping out the Ronald McDonald House.

Cintya Aragon, a junior business management major from Crane and a Miller Girl, said this is the

first year the Miller Girls have helped the Ronald McDonald House.

"The first day of the fair, we are helping Ronald McDonald House's charity," she said. "We're selling corn dogs for that charity. Next week, we are going to be helping Guadalupe Parkway with selling burritos."

The Lubbock Lion's Club was at the fair selling food to support their charities.

Joyce Boyd, from Lubbock, said the Lion's Club has been participating in the fair since 1969.

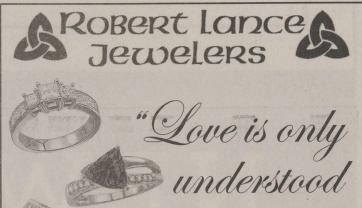
"One-hundred percent of profits of food sold goes to the Texas Boys Ranch and Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville for handicapped children," she said.

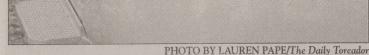
Along with organizations working at the fair to raise money for different charities, there were a variety of attractions, including horse riding, a pen of geese, caricature drawings and face painting.

Barbara Pollard, a face painter from Seymour, said she has been working at the Panhandle South Plains Fair for 27 years.

"I face paint a lot of kids, a lot of teenagers, and some grown-ups — all ages," she said.

The Pandandle South Plains Fair will be open from Sept. 23 to Oct. 1. >>> pskinner@dailytoreador.com





SOLOMAN VASQUEZ, 3, rides a spaceship ride at the Panhandle South Plains Fair on Thursday.

Roll over Einstein: Law of physics challenged

GENEVA (AP) — One of the very pillars of physics and Einstein's theory of relativity — that nothing can go faster than the speed of light — was rocked Thursday by new findings from one of the world's foremost laboratories.

European researchers said they clocked an oddball type of subatomic particle called a neutrino going faster than the 186,282 miles per second that has long been considered the cosmic speed limit.

The claim was met with skepticism, with one outside physicist calling it the equivalent of saying you have a flying carpet. In fact, the researchers themselves are not ready to proclaim a discovery and are asking other physicists to independently try to verify their findings.

"The feeling that most people have is this can't be right, this can't be real," said James Gillies, a spokesman for the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, which provided the particle accelerator that sent neutrinos on their breakneck 454-mile trip underground from Geneva to Italy.

Going faster than light is something that is just not supposed to happen according to Einstein's 1905 special theory of relativity — the one made famous by the equation E equals mc2. But no one is rushing out to rewrite the science books just yet.

It is "a revolutionary discovery if confirmed," said Indiana University theoretical physicist Alan Kostelecky, who has worked on this concept for a quarter of a century.

Stephen Parke, who is head theoretician at the Fermilab near Chicago and was not part of the

GENEVA (AP) — One of the research, said: "It's a shock. It's going ry pillars of physics and Einstein's to cause us problems, no doubt about that — if it's true."

Fair on Thursday. The first Fair was hosted in the fall of 1914 and includes carnival rides, food vendors and livestock competitions.

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PHOTO BY TONY CONTINI/The Nevada Sagebrush NEVADA QUARTERBACK TYLER Lantrip leads the Wolf Pack offense with 331 yards passing through two games. Lantrip has thrown one touchdown to four interceptions thus far.

New Nevada duo must replace prolific tandem in Pack's pistol offense

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By EVAN JANSA STAFF WRITER

It's elusive and something every athlete covets.

It's finding a mental and physical homeostasis — the capacity to perform with consistency. It's intermittent and fleeting.

It's rhythm.

In order for running backs to succeed in the bludgeoning pistol offense run by Nevada (1-1). rhythm must become obstinate once obtained.

"When you're shuffling guys in every three or four plays, those backs don't find a rhythm with the offensive line and with what the defenses are giving you," Cameron Norcross, Nevada run-game coordinator, said.

There is a relationship between the Wolf Pack's offensive line and running backs that lends itself to the manifestation of rhythm. The big guys up-front, known as "The Union," have given Nevada rushers ample chances for success.

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Nevada Sagebrush NEVADA RUNNING BACK Mike Ball leads the Wolf Pack rushing attack with 223 rushing yards and two

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Big 12 still hanging on, needs to expand

Tn the words of Dr. Frankenstein, "It's alive!"

What seemed like an imminent move to the Pac-12 Conference by Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas and Texas Tech now looks like it's not happening. The no-go occurred after Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said the league would not expand.

"After careful review, we have determined that it is in the best interests of our member institutions, student athletes and fans to remain a 12-team conference," Scott said in a statement. "While we have great respect for all of the institutions that have contacted us, and as certain expansion proposals were financially attractive, we have a strong conference structure and culture of equality that we are committed to preserve."

I certainly didn't see that one coming as I was already getting my plane ticket booked for Eugene, Ore.

So, now the Big 12 Conference will have to pick up the pieces left of what feels like a now-dysfunctional family. It took steps in the right direction by kicking the stepfather out of the family.

Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe is now out. This was one of the stipulations in which Oklahoma would agree to stay in the Big 12.

However, some coaches are fine with the way the conference is, and want to keep it together and just get back to playing football.

Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville said he is excited the conference is staying together, but knows how quickly things can change.

"I feel better about this thing staying together as much as we possibly can now, but that doesn't mean it's going to happen," he said. "I mean it just kind of looked like the tides kind of came back to that way. That could happen overnight, you know, going back the other way. So, hopefully we can come to a decision here soon. We need to do that, where we can get football season going and quit worrying about it."

The next step in making the Big 12 a big, happy family again is to actually make the Big 12 have 12 teams. With the departure of A&M, the conference needs to find three replacements.

It would be OK to add just one more team to get to 10, but it would be much more beneficial to get back to 12. This would bring back the north and south probably lead to less schools and fans divisions and a conference champion-



There are a few options the Big 12 is rumored to be exploring. One set of options is adding TCU, Air Force and BYU. Then, if the Big East Conference does collapse, they will only have six football teams next season as the additions of West Virginia, Louisville and BYU will happen. Other rumored possible teams are Notre Dame, Houston, Boise State and SMU.

However, the creation of four "superconferences" is the way to go. They would provide more excitement, better match-ups and a more concise way of doing things. It would make NCAA football feel more like a unit than a bunch of dispersed teams, as it seems like someone feels like they've been screwed over every year.

If we had four conferences of 16 teams each, then it would make a stronger case for implementing a playoff system. It would eliminate the feeling that a team's hope of winning a national championship is destroyed after losing one game. Even if a playoff system wasn't implemented, with these superconferences teams are probably going to lose at least one game, so the "one loss and we're done" mentality won't apply.

First, get a committee together to determine the 64 best teams in the country and create four superconferences based on geography or existing conferences. Then, kick out all the other teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision. Sure, some teams will be upset, but just give them their own division where they can actually compete for a championship.

Are the UTEPs and the Florida Atlantics really going to compete for a title in the current FBS? And just in case they do decide to become awesome, the committee should reconvene every five years or so to assess how the teams perform, and if teams are underperforming in the upper division, then send them down and vice versa.

This seems like a much more professional way to go about things, and if a playoff system is setup, then it would complaining about the way college

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Not addressed Thursday, however, were issues surrounding Texas. The Longhorns had already proposed equal revenue sharing but also said it won't make changes to its controversial 20-year, \$300 million contract with ESPN for the Longhorn Network.

Texas officials were not immediately available for comment

Hocutt ←

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Hocutt said the current members of the Big 12 should feel fortunate to have the opportunity to keep the conference intact.

"We're optimistic that, as a league, we're going to survive and have a third chance to get this right," Hocutt said. "You don't get three chances very often, and I think, hopefully, we will have that third chance and have a chance to come together and make this the league it has the potential of being."

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In his first year at the position, Norcross oversaw a running attack that racked up 4,091 yards - second amongst Football Bowl Subdivision schools - and 52 touchdowns to lead all FBS schools.

The showing by Mike Ball in the Wolf Pack's 17-14 Western Athletic Conference victory against San Jose State last week epitomized rhythm. In his first career start, Ball rushed for 124 yards and accounted for both Nevada touchdowns. On the second scoring drive, the junior carried the ball on the final four plays of the drive.

"Here, we call it being a Nevada back," Norcross said. "There's times those backs have to carry the ball seven or eight times in a row."

The persistent toting by Ball was enough to earn him WAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

"We'll see if he sustains," Nevada head coach Chris Ault with Texas Tech (2-0), Lantrip secondary can run," he said said in an interview earlier this week. "That's the key to being a Nevada back. You've got to do it every week, and he did." Last season, the Wolf Pack's feature back, Vai Taua, rushed for 1,610 yards and 19 touchdowns, leaving big shoes for

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the 8,193-yard mark set by SMU's

Eric Dickerson and Craig James

from 1979-82 during Nevada's

upset of Boise State on Nov. 26,

Forming another duo to rush

for 8,700 yards may seem rather

unlikely, but the Wolf Pack has

not had difficulty racking up yards

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The conference call came after a whirlwind of a month when the league appeared — again — to be

on the verge of breaking apart. The league nearly split when Nebraska and Colorado left. The Big 12 appeared to be set as a 10-team league until Texas A&M announced earlier this month it will leave in 2012 to seek membership in the Southeastern

Conference. That started a new round of maneuvering and Texas, Okla-

A majority of the blame for the Pac-12's decision to leave current Big 12 members out of possible realignment was placed on the Longhorn Network.

Had the Pac-12 accepted Texas, modifications to the Longhorn Network would have been necessary to accommodate the Pac-12's requests.

Hocutt said Tech is exploring possibilities regarding its own form of extended programming and exposure.

"We are talking about what opportunities and partnerships we have to create a television channel that would give us an opportunity to broadcast the

Ball to fill. Running back is not the only position with a gaping void, however.

One of the most celebrated players in Nevada history, quarterback Colin Kaepernick, is also gone. He is more than 200 miles northwest in San Francisco, biding his time as a backup with the 49ers.

Enter Tyler Lantrip and Cody Fajardo. The two have begun the task of replacing a three-year starter and second-round NFL draft pick, albeit with mixed results.

After two games, Lantrip, who has seen the majority of the snaps, has thrown for 331 yards, but he has only one touchdown and four interceptions. Fajardo has one interception and no touchdowns in four attempts.

"The kids we got right now are doing a good job," Norcross said. "They're stepping in. The thing with them is they're not trying to do too much and just do what they're capable of doing and let the other guys do what they're capable of doing."

is slated to be the starter, but Fajardo may see some snaps.

homa, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech all were considering a potential move to the Pac-12 until it announced Tuesday that it would not expand.

The 54-year-old Beebe became an easy target for schools upset about instability in the league.

Critics portrayed him as constantly being outmaneuvered by other league commissioners who were picking off his teams one by one and as someone beholden to Texas, the Big 12's biggest and wealthiest member.

third-tier inventory and other programming that we control and produce at the current time," he said. "We're working on it. You always wish you were further along, but we do have opportunities as long as we contain and control those third-tier rights.'

For now, the Big 12's teams are a week away from beginning conference play, which is expected to begin the final round of Big 12 play for Texas A&M.

The Aggies were accepted into the SEC and are expected to begin serving as a member of the SEC beginning next year.

Hocutt said Tech has to fill the void left by A&M with either a

Against the Spartans, and with Nevada up 14-7, Lantrip was stopped on a quarterback keeper on fourth and goal at the San Jose State one-yard line late in the second quarter. The touchdown cost the Wolf Pack the momentum in a game where Lantrip threw for 112 yards, zero touchdowns and had two passes picked off.

"The offense was very lethargic," Ault said. "No question about it. It's due to our skill. I don't think we threw the ball well."

Amending those slipups has been a focus for Lantrip this week.

"The goal for me is just to not make the same mistakes," Lantrip said earlier this week, "(and to) eliminate that and get my offense in the end zone."

It will not be easy for the senior against a Red Raider defense that has allowed 23 points and 668 total yards in two games.

Norcross said the speed of the Tech 4-2-5 defense, as a unit, will also be a factor for the Wolf Pack offense.

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"I put all my effort into doing what was best for the Big 12. With great fondness, I wish the Big 12 Conference a long and prosperous future," Beebe said in a statement released by the Big 12.

Last fall, Beebe was granted a three-year extension on his contract through 2015. When the extension was announced, University of Missouri chancellor Brady Deaton, chairman of the league's board of directors, said Beebe had been "an outstanding leader" during challenging times.

non-conference opponent or a new Big 12 member.

Among the consensus' favorites to join the Big 12 are BYU, TCU and a handful of the remaining Big East teams, assuming the conference explores expansion.

As far as the remaining Big 12 schedule for 2012 goes, Hocutt said anything could be altered.

"But as we know things to exist today, our (conference) schedule next year would include Oklahoma and Texas visiting Jones AT&T Stadium," he said, "but in the state we find ourselves in today, that obviously could be subject to change."

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"Their defense is real fast and physical," Lantrip said. "That's something we're going to have to be ready for, and we're going to have to put up points as well."

Hanging big numbers on the scoreboard has not been a regular occurrence for Nevada in their first two contests, posting only 17 points against San Jose State and 20 in a 69-20 thumping against No. 10 Oregon in their first game.

The game in Lubbock will be the third of four consecutive road games to start the season, and the degree of difficulty does not taper off for the Wolf Pack. Next week, they will play on the "Smurf Turf" at No. 4 Boise State.

Although it is a rigorous schedule, Norcross has made it clear to his players it is not insurmountable.

"You can only go to one (road game)," Norcross said. "They're not going to make you go to all four in the same weekend."

The harsh schedule in September and early October in chaotic environments and disruptive crowds could benefit the Nevada players later in the season.

"They won't be big-eyed any-

ship game.

Some people might believe the championship game is just a final hurdle to get over if you go into it undefeated. However, I bet if LSU goes undefeated and wins its conference championship and if Stanford does the same, then the Sooners will be on the outside looking in since there won't be a Big 12 championship game this year.

football is setup.

So, if we are going to change the way the landscape of college football looks, let's do it big. Dig up the entire front and back lawns and replant everything. But for now, the Big 12 just needs to replace the dirt patch in the back with a nice little garden of 12 plants, not nine.

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"You know, the forte of both of them is different and the offense is too good of an offense — too good of an opportunistic offense — to do what we're doing right now," Ault said.

"Everywhere you look, they're a typical Big 12 team that can really, really run."

Given the Red Raider defense's athleticism, it will be critical for the Nevada defense to overcome the speed and size disparity.

offense that can cause as many

Saturday are Moore and Eric Ward

"Y" receiver and either Cornelius

"It's good to have a lot of guys to

get involved in the offense because

they can't key on one guy," Doege

said Monday. "I think Eric Ward

did a really good job of coming

out and showcasing his skills. Now,

they can't just worry about Darrin

Moore currently leads the na-

tion in receiving yards per game

Tech's starting receivers for

problems as Moore does.

"H" slot.

on the outside."

more," Norcross said. "Now, it's a matter of playing the team on the field."

And at Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday, the Wolf Pack will search for that ever-elusive offensive rhythm.

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Tech's offensive production is No. 1 in the Big 12 Conference entering Week Four.

Saturday's game is the last for the Red Raiders before switching gears to begin conference play against Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., on Oct. 1.

Tuberville, Doege and defensive end Jackson Richards said they know better than to start overlooking opponents now.

Richards, though, takes that philosophy to a different level.

"So, to me, Texas State was a Super Bowl game," Richards said Monday. "New Mexico is another Super Bowl game. I'm so hyped up for every game. That's honestly how I felt before both those games. I felt like we were about to go play the (Dallas) Cowboys or something like that when we were about to go play Texas State and New Mexico. "It's all new to me."

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have become the main target for opposing defenses Tech confronts. However, after a 59-13 win at New Mexico, Doege said other weapons have emerged on the

defense is no pushover.

surrendered 69 points to an Oregon tion, receiver Darrin Moore may team that plays at a similar tempo, On Monday, Tuberville said

of a game.

defensive linemen," Tuberville said, "but they're very good at linebackers and defensive backs. They've got a lot of speed."

said the Wolf Pack is going to have to worry about multiple threats coming from the Red Raider offense. At his current rate of produc-

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if not slightly faster, than Tech's. he believes Nevada's defense just could not keep up with the speed of Oregon's personnel for the entirety

But, Tuberville said Nevada's

"Defensively, they lost some on the outside, Alex Torres at Douglas or Bradley Marquez at the

Tech quarterback Seth Doege

Red Raiders ride 13game winning streak as Big 12 play begins



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

KARLYN MEYERS AND Aubree Piper block the ball during Tech's victory against Northwestern on Sept. 2. The Red Raiders will return to Lubbock for the first time in three weeks as they take on Missouri.

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team will open Big 12 Conference play this weekend as they take on their first ranked opponent, No. 16 Iowa State at 1 p.m. Saturday in United Spirit Arena.

The Tech volleyball team is well aware of its 64-game conference losing streak snapped last year.

However, Tech coach Don Flora said this year's squad will turn heads during conference play.

The Red Raiders will carry a 13-game winning streak into Saturday's match, the program's longest winning streak since the 1996 season.

Tech will have to play at its own pace and execute on both sides of the ball to be successful against the Cyclones, Flora said.

"The height of the net is the same, the size of the court is the same and what we're doing is the same. Those are the things we can control," he said. "We can't control what's coming from the other side of the net. We've seen a lot of different levels of volleyball, and a lot of different styles, and I think all of those styles lend themselves to us.'

Teams will be able to jump higher and move faster in the Big 12, so the focus will be heavier on the defensive side of the ball, Flora said.

"We're third in the country in blocks

somebody come out of the gate and pop us in the mouth," Flora said. "We took the first punch and responded in a huge way. We understood the demands, we understood what was in front of us and we took care of business."

Senior outside hitter Amanda Dowdy said confidence will be the key factor for the team to continue its winning ways.

"Every win, we get more and more" confident, and more and more comfortable with what we're doing and the systems that we run," she said.

The Saturday match will be the third match the Red Raiders have played at home this season.

Tech is excited to be back under the lights in United Spirit Arena, Dowdy said.

"I'm looking for a really good crowd to come out and support us and for us to come out and play our game," she said. "The difference from this year and previous years is this year we're not hoping we're going to win. This year, we have that confidence knowing we're going to win."

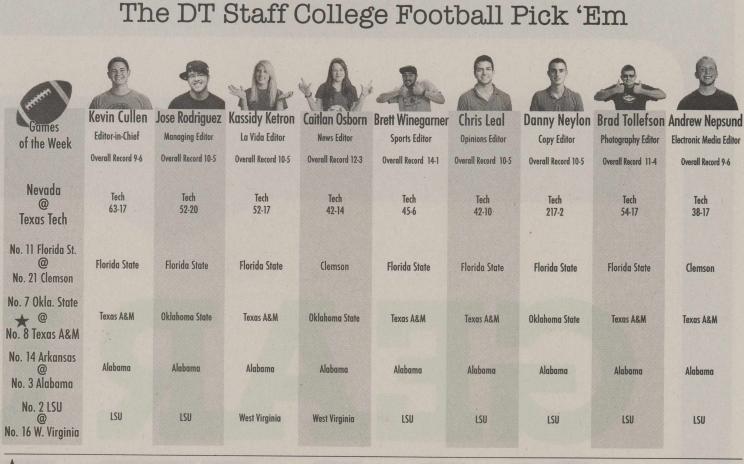
Fans should look for a completely different team compared to teams in the recent past, junior Miara Cave said.

"I think coming into Big 12 this year is a bit different because we have a whole new system," she said. "Texas Tech volleyball is completely revamped, so I feel like it's fresh, it's new and it's going to be really surprising."

The team will have to stay confide

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Sharp placed in a new role with Tech, resigns from Kay Yow fund

By BRETT WINEGARNER SPORTS EDITOR

One of the most well known opment for Texas Tech coaches will be taking a new position in the Athletics Department.

Kirby Hocutt, Tech athletic director, announced Marsha Sharp will have a new role as associate athletic director and will focus on professional development and community engagement.

Hocutt said he is excited to have Sharp in this new role as funding and an overall atmoshe has helped accomplish so much in her time at Tech.

"Marsha Sharp has made unprecedented contributions to Texas Tech University," he said in a news release. "For years, her leadership enhanced the student-athlete experience on our campus and we take tremendous pride in the accomplishments of coach Sharp and her teams."

offer professional develcoaches, staff and athletes at Tech, as well as helping with com-

munity and donor relations. She will also remain in command of the Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle. The organization intended to help with recruitment, scholarship sphere of excellence.

Sharp said she is looking forward to this new position and she wants to get everyone on the same page.

"There are so many great things about Texas Tech University and this athletics program," she said in the release, "and we just want to make sure that we are supporting each other and

moving in the right direction. I am excited about the opportunity to get to work with coaches, staff and student-athletes and to be involved in the community."

However, the new role with Tech has forced her to resign from her position as executive director of the Kay Yow Cancer Fund due to her new commitments. She had been in the position since May 2009 and was responsible for acquiring corporate sponsorships, maintaining and creating relationships with donors and overseeing events having to do with the fund.

During her time at Tech, Sharp proved she was one of the top NCAA women's basketball coaches by guiding the team to a 1993 championship. She was at the helm of the Lady Raiders team from 1982 until 2006 as she accumulated a record of 572-189.

Her personal awards include

National Coach of the Year in 1993 and 1994 and Southwest Conference and Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year seven times. She has also been inducted to four different halls of fame, including the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

She was the recipient of two more awards in Spring 2010 in the form of the Naismith Outstanding Contributor to Basketball award and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Jostens-Berenson Lifetime Achievement award.

Sharp said she is happy with the new role Hocutt has offered her and is happy to be back.

"Kirby Hocutt has been wonderful to help me find a role that would be beneficial to Texas Tech athletics and to me personally," she said. "I am really thankful for what he has done to help me get back in the fold." >>>> bwinegarner@dailytoreador.com

No. 7 Oklahoma State preps for No. 8 Texas A&M Aggies amid tragedy

Throughout perhaps the most difficult morning for coaches' meetings. ordeal of his life, Oklahoma State codefensive coordinator and linebackers coach Glenn Spencer remained dedicated to his craft.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — hospital, then be back in time the next transplant surgery last year.

we didn't know it was this severe," defensive coordinator Bill Young said. "A shock to us all. Just really a sad, sad deal." As No. 7 Oklahoma State (3-0) prepares to visit No. 8 Texas A&M (2-0) on Saturday, Young and coach Mike Gundy have praised Spencer's professionalism and work ethic, saying they've been amazed he was able to work as hard as he has while dealing

with his wife's health situation. They "We knew it was really severe, but also talked about Spencer's teenage sons, Luke and Abraham, and how they've matured.



per game," he said. "If you had said we would be a top-10 team in that stat, I would have said, 'No way.' That's going to slow people down."

The Red Raiders had to come from behind to defeat North Texas on Monday. It was the only match in which Tech did not win its first set during the current winning streak

"It was the perfect final test to have >>> cwoodman@dailytoreador.com

even if it is not in the lead in order to defeat Iowa State, Cave said.

"The biggest factor in the Iowa State game," she said, "will be playing as hard as we can every match and every point ---just from point-to-point and never getting down and always being up and just going balls to the wall the entire time through the game."

It wasn't a secret within the Oklahoma State football program that Spencer's wife, Angela, had been struggling with her health. The Cowboys knew Spencer often would leave after practice, make the 60-mile drive to Oklahoma City to see Angela in the

But even knowing something was wrong didn't brace the Cowboys for the news they received after beating Tulsa 59-33 early Sunday morning: Angela had died.

The cause of death hasn't been publicly revealed, but in a testimony Angela Spencer wrote for an American Heart Association website, she acknowledged a history of heart problems and said she underwent heart-

"He has such a wonderful family, two young boys who have just unbelievable character," Young said. "You can't describe it. And Glenn is such a wonderful person. Not only is he a great football coach, he's a great man. We all have so much respect and admiration for him. For him to have to go through all this is so sad."

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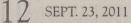
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