Alumni center gets new name after expansion McKenzie-Merket is new name of building

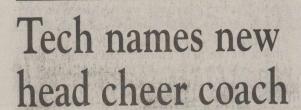
By GLORIA LERMA

The Merket Alumni Center will now be known as The McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center after an official announcement during "A Matador Evening," which is the Texas Tech Alumni Association's annual Homecoming dinner event.

Michael and Barbara McKenzie, who are both from Sulphur Springs, have been married for more than 40 years and have not stopped supporting Tech since their graduations, Tech Alumni Center

Michael "Mickey" McKenzie graduated with a bachelor's degree in management in 1967 and Barbara McKenzie graduated from Tech with a degree in history in 1968.

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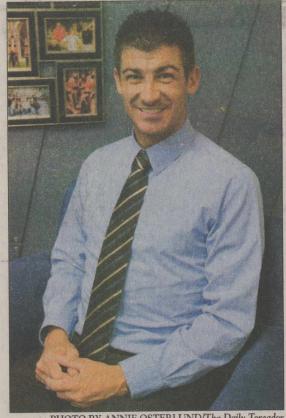


PHOTO BY ANNIE OSTERLUND/The Daily Toreadon BRUCE BILLS WAS recently named cheer squad head coach and spirit squad coordinator.

Supervisor: Bills 'really loves this university'

By MIKE GUTIERREZ

Aside from his leadership skills and his knowledge of cheerleading, Bruce Bills' love for Texas Tech is what led him to be named the new head cheerleading coach and spirit coordinator by Tech's Center for Campus Life.

Stephanie Rhode, supervisor of the Spirit Program, said Bills has always done more than was asked of him during his eight-year involvement with the Spirit Program.

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PHOTOS BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily. Torea

ANICA WILSON, FROM Colby, Kan., stands by the intersection of 19th Street and University Avenue on Sunday holding up a sign supporting Occupy Lubbock's cause.

Occupy Lubbock aims to help inform, reform

> By GREG LINDEMAN STAFF WRITER

For four weeks, Occupy Lubbock has been spreading its message against the nation's inability to properly regulate Wall Street, joining New York, Chicago, Seattle and Miami

D.M. Trypp, a junior general studies major, is a member

group for the past month trying to spread its message to Lubbock's citizens.

Occupy Lubbock protestors have begun their 24/7 occupation of the southwest corner of 19th Street and University Avenue as a way to share their unhappiness with the government and the economy.

For four weeks, Trypp said, there have been about 30 people who have joined to voice discontent for the national governof Occupy Lubbock and said he has been working with the ment's inability to properly regulate taxes and Wall Street.

THE OCCUPY LUBBOCK campsite is on the southwest corner of 19th Street and University Avenue on Sunday. "The 99 percent basically represents all the people in the United States whose voices are being stifled by big banks and corporations that can afford to buy out lobbyists and congressmen in order to pass laws and bills which help them hold on to their wealth while not allowing it to be properly redistributed

and the system has been broken for a while."

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to the community," he said. "It is definitely an internal problem

Bomb threat made at University Medical Center 54-year-old man arrested; no explosive found

By CAITLAN OSBORN NEWS EDITOR

A man was arrested Monday at the emergency room of University Medical Center, Texas Tech's primary teaching hospital, after indicating to staff members that he was in possession of a bomb in the process of being set off.

Sgt. Jonathan Stewart of the Lubbock Police Department said 54-year-old Raul Espinoza claimed he was planning to set the bomb off in the emergency room. UMC staff alerted an off-duty police officer after the threat was made and Lubbock Police and its bomb squad were notified.

"We usually have one person stationed at the hospital throughout the day," Stewart said, "just to keep an eye on everything and make sure everyone is OK."

police report filed by UMC. Espinoza was a patient at the hospital, said Eric Finley,

Espinoza was arrested without incident, according to a

UMC spokesperson, but it could not be determined why the man made the terroristic threat.

Finley said patients were temporarily evacuated to the hospital's helipad, located west of the emergency room, while police and the bomb squad searched for the alleged bomb. No explosive device was found, and patients and staff returned to

the waiting room shortly after.

Stewart would not comment on whether Espinoza had trouble with the law prior to the incident. Finley said he did not know why Espinoza was in the emergency room or what he was being treated for.

Finley said there has not been a bomb threat at the hospital since he has been there.



"I can't say it has happened before," he said. "If it has, it hasn't been for a very long time."

Espinoza was charged with terroristic threatening, a felony. He is currently in county jail with a bail set at \$15,000. >>> cosborn@dailytoreador.com

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Tech Share the Warmth Coat Drive Time: All day

Where: Drop off locations are in the Student Union Building, Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center and the Child Development Research Center.

So, what is it? Donate old coats and warm clothing to TAB's Tech Share the Warmth Coat Drive.

Texas Tech Volleyball vs. Texas A&M

Time: 6:30 p.m. Where: United Spirit Arena So, what is it? Support the Red Raiders as they compete against the Aggies.

Artist's Talk: Constance Lowe Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: School of Art So, what is it?

The School of Art is hosting a lecture presented by Constance Lowe, a professor of art and art history at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Road to Nowhere Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Student Union Building, Allen Theatre So, what is it? Enjoy this independent movie pre-

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sented by Tech Activities Board.

Third Annual Pumpkin Trail Time: 5:30 p.m.

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Michael McKenzie serves as a member of the board of directors for the Texas Tech Addiction and Recovery Center and was an active participant in the fundraising committee for the construction of the new Rawls College of Business Administration, which named him Outstanding CEO in 2002.

"I feel very grateful and honored that a member of our board has made a wonderful contribution," said Kitty Harris, director of the Addiction and Recovery Center.

and continues to dedicate her time to other community service projects for Tech, Harris said.

"This goes to demonstrate that their support is inclusive and varied through Tech," Harris said.

Even though the name change was made during the summer, the official announcement was made this month

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Where: Lubbock Memorial Arbo-

So, what is it? Enjoy a walk along a lighted trail of carved jack-o-lanterns in Clapp Park.

Gabriel Iglesias Time: 7 p.m. Where: City Bank Auditorium So, what is it? Enjoy a stand-up performance from

Iglesias' Stand-Up Revolution Tour. Symphonic Band Concert

Time: 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Where: Hemmle Recital Hall So, what is it? Enjoy a live performance from the

symphonic band. 'Urinetown'

Time: 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Where: Charles E. Maedgen Jr. The-

So, what is it? The Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Urinetown," a contemporary musical, which provides a comedic outlook when the citizens of a "Gotham-like" city experience a devastating drought.

Nightmare on 19th Street Time: 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Where: Lone Star Event Center So, what is it? Enjoy the "City of the Lost" Halloween theme park.

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during the annual Matador dinner, which honors service by alumni to the

> "At the Matador dinner, the McKenzies were awarded the Lauro F. Cavazos Award and the official announcement of the name change was made," said Bill Dean, executive vice president of the Alumni Center. "I'm very appreciative of their generosity toward the Alumni Center and their constant support in all projects that Tech embarks on."

The Alumni Center was renovated last year, Dean said, and it was the McKenzie's financial contribution that made the changes possible.

Over 11,000 square feet were added Barbara McKenzie also served as the to the center in the expansion projevious director of the Alumni Center ect, said Chris Snead, associate vice president at the Alumni Center. The center, which holds over 1,600 events annually, now includes a ballroom twice the size of the old one, a new reception hall, additional restrooms and a new marketing center.

"I'm very pleased with the name change," Snead said.

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MECHANIC MEETING



PHOTO BY EMILY DE SANTOS/The Daily Toreadon

REBECCA MCGAUGHEY, A senior civil engineering major from Lubbock, takes notes as Shannon Hutchison, unit manager, explains how to perform a tensile test for stress-strain relationships during a mechanics of solids lab in the Civil and Environmental building Tuesday.

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Trypp said he proposes putting more federal regulation on banks and businesses to help close loopholes in the system and passing the president's proposed jobs bill to help create more jobs and revenue.

"I personally blame the media for the misconceptions about what is going on in America," Trypp said. "If you look at who owns 80 percent of the TV channels and radio channels, it's Rupert Murdoch. It's a conflict of interest. We know who we are. We're not confused people protesting, as people in the media have tried to make us out to be."

Glenn Biglaiser, an associate professor of political science, said he understands the frustration that students, the community and people of the United be frustration about what hap-

States and the world have with pened." Wall Street and the financial

"Some form of regulation is needed to address these issues,"

Biglaiser said. "Unfortunately, the problem of 'too big to fail' is still out there and the protests should be looking at the issues, which is where this is liable to happen again.

I don't know if the protesters have a remedy, which is the real challenge, but there should

There is no easy way to fix crisis they have helped produce. the economy, Biglaiser said, which is the problem.

"If there

was (an easy

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you would see

the president

and Congress

trying to find

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lution," he

said, "but it's

healthy to

have protests

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I personally blame the media for the misconceptions about what is going on in America.

D.M. TRYPP MEMBER OCCUPY LUBBOCK

So, hopefully, people in charge in the government and policymakers can then try to find remedies to address these

One of the key problems, Biglaiser said, is many people are afraid of another catastrophe

like the Great Depression. "Wall Street and others will say they don't want regulation, which is problematic because the big financial institutions like Citibank and AIG are so huge that 'too big to fail' comes up again. The big banks are so intertwined with some of the other banks, financial institutions of the world and governments of the world that you would see a depression the likes of the 1930s."

Taylor Casillas, a sophomore sociology/criminology major, said she was unaware of the protests and was unsure how effective they really are.

"Protests don't work," said Casillas. "It just gives cops a reason to arrest people, which causes riots."

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Cain tax plan raises taxes on 84 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Herman Cain's 9-9-9 tax plan would raise taxes on 84 percent of U.S. households, according to an independent analysis released Tuesday, contradicting claims by the Republican presidential candidate that most Americans would see a tax cut.

The Tax Policy Center, a Washington think tank, says low- and middle-income families would be hit hardest, with households making between \$10,000 and \$20,000 seeing their taxes increase by nearly 950 percent.

"You're talking a \$2,700 tax increase for people with incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000," said Roberton Williams, a senior



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fellow at the Tax Policy Center. "That's huge."

Households with the highest incomes, however, would get big tax cuts. Those making more than \$1 million a year would see their taxes cut nearly in half, on average, according to the analysis.

Among those in the middle, households making between \$40,000 and \$50,000 would see their taxes increase by an average of \$4,400, the report said. Those making between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would see their annual tax bill go up by an average of \$4,326.

"It's very, very regressive compared to the current system, and that's largely because we're exempting capital gains, and we're taxing your spending with the sales tax," Williams said. "People at the top end don't spend all their money and they get a lot of capital gains, so they are doing pretty well here."

Cain disputed the analysis Tuesday evening during GOP presidential debate in Las Vegas, where the other Republican candidates heaped on criticism. Cain has acknowledged that taxes would increase for some but says taxes would decrease

"It does not raise taxes on those that are making the least," Cain said. "All of those are simply not

"The reason that our plan is being attacked so much is because lobbyists, accountants, politicians, they don't want to throw out the current tax code and put in something that's simple and fair," Cain said. "They want to continue to be able to manipulate the American people with a 10 million-word mess.

Cain's plan would scrap current taxes on income, payroll, capital gains and corporate profits. He would replace them with a 9 percent tax on income, a 9 percent business tax and a 9 percent national sales tax.

Cain's campaign has gained momentum largely in response to his tax plan, which is popular in part because of its simplicity. Several polls have the former CEO of Godfather's Pizza at or near the top of the Republican field, vying with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

President Barack Obama told ABC News that Cain's tax plan would impose a "huge burden" on middle-class and working families. The president said Cain's plan

would make sure the wealthiest pay less — and replace the revenue with a sales tax hitting the less well-off.

Romney criticized the plan in a conference call with reporters

"I believe that you're going to find with the 9-9-9 plan Herman Cain has put out that the burden shifts more to the middle class, and I think that's the wrong direction to go," Romney said. "A decision to completely jettison our current tax system for a new system always has some merit, but then you need to get into it, to figure out who's this going to help and who's this going to hurt."

Cain's rise in the polls has brought increased scrutiny, and his tax plan has taken hits from across the political spectrum. Some don't like shifting the tax burden from the wealthy to the poor and middle class; others don't like the new national sales tax.

"Anytime you give the Congress a brand-new tax, it doesn't go away," said Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. "If we give Congress a 9 percent sales tax, how long will it take a liberal president and a liberal Congress to run that up to maybe 90 percent?"

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PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/The Daily Toreador FORREST HARTMANN, A freshman range management major from Houston, waters a plant for a plant science class in the biology greenhouse

Actress sues Amazon for revealing her age on IMDb site

anonymous actress claims in a million-dollar federal lawsuit that her offers for roles dropped sharply after the popular Internet Movie Database published damaging personal information: her age.

The actress, identified as a Texas resident of Asian descent, claims she looks a lot younger than she is, and so she had always been careful about keeping her given name and birthdate confidential. As an unknown, she used an Americanized stage name in 2003 when she first listed herself on imdb.com, a listing which she said brought her several jobs.

But in 2008, she tried to advance her career by signing up for a subscription service with the website called IMDb Pro. The service is designed for entertainment industry professionals. It provides contact information and other details for the actors, actresses, directors and others listed.

She provided credit card information — and her real name — when she bought the service, according to the lawsuit filed last week in U.S. District Court against Seattle-based IMDb and its parent company, Amazon. com. IMDb used that information to uncover her date of birth, which also isn't disclosed, and added it to her profile on the website, "revealing to the public that Plaintiff is many years older than she looks," the lawsuit says.

"If one is perceived to be 'over-the-hill,' i.e., approaching 40, it is nearly impossible for an up-and-coming actress, such as the plaintiff, to get work as she is thought to have less of an 'upside," the claim said.

She claims she never consented to having the personal information she provided used for anything but the commercial transaction. IMDb refused to remove the reference to the woman's age from her profile when asked, the lawsuit said.

Through spokeswoman Mary Osako, Amazon declined to comment, saying it never discusses litigation. An email seeking comment from IMDb wasn't sumer protection laws.

SEATTLE (AP) — An immediately returned Tuesday.

The profiles of many actors and actresses on the website list their dates of birth.

The lawsuit claimed the woman wants to remain anonymous "based on fear of retaliation from defendants that would result in further damage and economic injury." John W. Dozier Ir., a Glen Allen, Va., attorney who represents the actress, said Friday that Amazon and IMDb know who she is based on prior communications from her. He declined to provide further identifying details.

IMDb claimed to have obtained the birthdate from the actress's agent, Dozier said, but "we're comfortable they didn't get it from the source they say they got it from."

A key issue in the case will be whether IMDb is immune from liability under the Communications Decency Act, Dozier said. The act ensures that providers of interactive computer services think Google — will not be liable for defamatory information published by another content

If IMDb is publishing research it itself has done on the personal details of actors and actresses, it should not be immune from lawsuits, he said.

"The implications of this are that it may put at risk the very existence of the database," he said. "The number of claims that could be asserted against them would overwhelm them.'

While the actress is losing opportunities because of her age, she's also missing work because of her youthful appearance, the lawsuit says.

"Plaintiff has experienced rejection in the industry for each '40-year-old' role for which she has interviewed because she does not and cannot physically portray the role of a 40-year-old woman," the lawsuit says.

The actress is seeking \$1 million or more in punitive damages as well as \$75,000 or more in compensatory damages. She accuses Amazon and IMDb of breach of contract, fraud, and violation of privacy and con-

Panel discusses common issues students face

STAFF WRITER

Mexico is not like the United States, New York is not like Texas and high school is not like college.

This statement opened the "Top 10 Ethical Issues Facing College Students" panel Tuesday.

Hosted in the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center library, the seminar covered major ethical obstacles students must overcome to be successful.

Bryan Duncan, staff psychologist in the Student Counseling Center, began the panel by detailing the psychological side of problems presented by college culture.

"There's a culture that exists here," Duncan said. "None of my friends in the professional world go to work in pajama pants."

Duncan said students experience a culture shock upon entering college, and to adapt to their new environments, students go through an "ethical acculturation" process.

They marginalize their situations, he said, where they do not accept the demands of college and decide ethical codes are arbitrary or oppressive. Others completely adhere to their college identities, which can be

"Students say, 'I'll forget all the values I've had for 18 years because this is college and I only get this for four years," Duncan

Duncan said he believes students can experience identity crises. Some do not know why they came to college, whether their goal is to get a job, go to graduate school or simply to party.

Another issue facing students, he said, is when their parents in terms of choosing their majors, fessors containing foul language



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

SOFIA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR of Student Judicial Programs, talks to faculty and students regarding the top-10 ethical issues facing college students as a part of the Teaching, Learning & Professional Development Centers' Ethics Series on Tuesday in the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center. Topics included bullying, relationships and alcohol.

checking up on grades or calling professors on students' behalves.

"This is a time when students are here to learn through their relationships," Duncan said. "(The Student Counseling Center) is an opportunity in place for students to come and receive the services or help they need to answer questions.

A major ethical issue students face today is traditional bullying and cyberbullying.

Sofia Rodriguez, director of Student Judicial Programs, often deals with online bullying and threats between students.

Rodriguez said students are frequently the victims of damaging Facebook posts or rumors

posted on websites. She said she also has handled come along with them to college cases concerning emails to prothat were later regretted.

"Just because you hit 'delete' does not mean it is gone from cyberspace," Rodriguez said. "That's the world we live in

She said relationships and sex are also ethical obstacles students must deal with.

Navigating the differences between traditional dating and hooking up and the different ideas between men and women about the two are problematic for students, Rodriguez said.

She said the addition of drugs and alcohol only complicates the ethical situation.

Rodriguez said 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related causes each year and 3.36 million students between those ages drive under the influence

The Raider Assistance Program's 2011 statistics indicate the average estimated highest blood alcohol content during a "typical week" is 0.13, while the legal limit is 0.08 in Texas. The average number of drinks per month is 55.66 and the average spent on alcohol in a year

"These are our students," Rodriguez said. "A lot of it is stress. They simply don't know how to deal with the stress of college."

The panel ended with Amy Murphy, managing director for the Center for Campus Life, detailing the ethical issues surrounding academic integrity and sportsmanship in athletics.

Referencing a recent tweet by a Texas A&M employee, Murphy and and a state of the state of

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"The thing that makes him right for this position is that he is one of the most dedicated people to Texas Tech I've ever known," she said. "All along the way, he's excelled. He really loves this university."

Bills is a former Tech cheerleader who graduated from Tech with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2007. He is currently working toward receiving his master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on sports management, business administration and

Friends of

higher education administration. Bills said he is honored to have this coaching position.

"There were a lot of great candidates involved," he said. "Being a former cheerleader myself, I understand the tradition and the history that has gone into the program. I want to continue that legacy and promote that in every way."

Bills has worked with the program for the past five years as assistant coach, helping the former coach with daily operations and assisting with game coverage and the production of routines.

He said he is looking forward to making this year a fun and enjoyable time for the cheer-

leading team, and he wants them to set a good example for the university as well.

"I want to help them become student leaders for the campus and ambassadors for Tech," Bills said. "We have a very talented group this year. This is probably one of the more talented groups we've had at this university. I'm excited to work with them and see what we can do on the field and also at nationals in April."

The Tech cheerleaders won second place in the Varsity: 2011 NCA/NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship last

Peri Keefner, a Tech alumna

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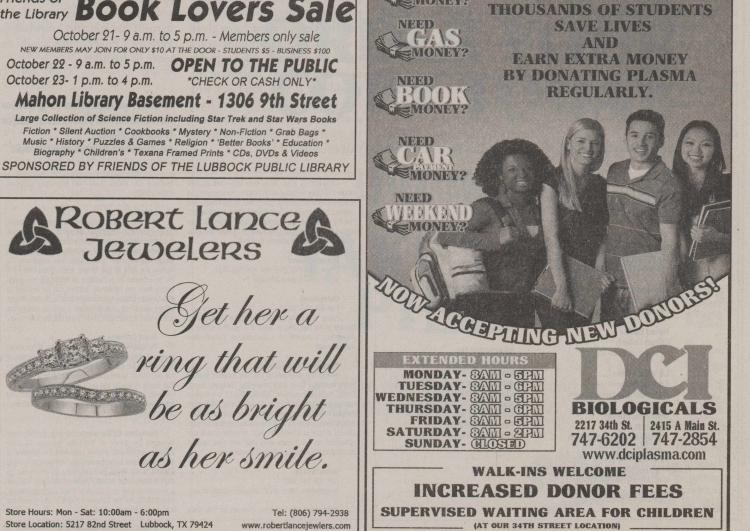
and part of the head coach screening committee, said Bills is well-deserving of the coaching position. She said Bills can help the team improve this year.

"Bruce (Bills) has incredible credentials as well as his work with the Tech Pom Squad," she said. "He has seen our program, he has watched it grow and he can take us to the next level."

Along with coaching the cheerleaders, Bills will also oversee recruiting efforts, fundraising procedures, appearance scheduling, tryout logistics and manage Tech's cheerleading website and social media sites.

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OPINIONS

Scientists agree: humans influence climate change

here is a common myth about how ostriches bury their heads in the sand when they feel threatened. They believe that doing so will make the threat go away. This, of course, is only a legend, but it aptly illustrates how ignoring a threat will not make it disappear.

Since the American mainstream media has its shifted focus more and more on the economy, partisan bickering in Congress and bickering among the Republican presidential candidates over the past several months, it seems the United States has followed the mythical ostriches' lead when it comes to climate change.

As the rest of the developed world has started taking steps toward combating man-made global warming and climate change, the United States has begun to lag behind. While there are several reasons for Americans taking this alarmingly indifferent attitude toward climate change, I think it is largely due to a common confusion on whether or 63 percent of "libertarians" not global warming exists.



Criticizing the scientific research done on global warming has become a popular move within the Republican Party. Around the time Texas Governor Rick Perry entered the race for the Republican 2012 presidential nomination, he said scientists are "coming forward and questioning the original idea that man-made global warming is what is causing the climate to change," which most of the GOP's presidential hopefuls have agreed with.

A poll conducted earlier this year by the Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan "fact tank," showed 75 percent of people who identified themselves as "staunch conservatives," 55 percent of "Main Street Republicans" and thought there was no solid evidence — natural and man-made alike — for global warming. Seventy percent of self-described "solid liberals" and 50 percent of "New Coalition Democrats" think there is solid evidence for man-made global warming.

However, this difference in belief about whether or not global warming exists and whether or not there is a consensus among the scientific community about the issue does not change the facts. A 2010 study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences showed out of the 1,372 climate researchers surveyed, 97 percent of those actively publishing in the field agree humans are significantly contributing to global warming and climate change.

A poll conducted in 2009 by The American Geophysical Union showed out of 3,146 scientists polled in a wide range of disciplines, 97.4 percent of climate change specialists agreed human activity contributed to globally rising temperatures.

In both polls, those scientists who did not agree that human activity was contributing to global warming responded merely as being "unsure."

With the vast majority of the scientific community agreeing that there is not only solid evidence for global warming's existence, but also that humans are significantly contributing to the problem, it is puzzling how there is such a widespread sense of doubt about the reality of global warming.

The rest of the developing world has already taken major steps to combat climate change.

Many European nations are passing carbon emissions trading legislation while China, India and, most recently, Australia have passed carbon taxes. Americans need to follow their examples and realize that climate change is a very real issue needing to be dealt with.

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While watching the current protests going on around the country in the name of "Occupy Wall Street," I feel that many of our fellow Americans have a fundamental lack in understanding of how capitalism works.

Our economy is not driven by so-called "corporate greed," but rather by individual consumption. Let me explain. Every time you fill up your car with gasoline, buy a latte at Starbucks or download the newest app, you have directly helped to support and sustain somebody's job.

The so-called "super-rich" do this on a much grander scale. Every time they buy an airplane, hire a housekeeper or purchase a new yacht, they have helped to sustain hundreds of jobs. Not to mention the fact these individuals pay hefty taxes that help support the ever-expanding

federal government.

Bill Gates brought us the PC, Steve Jobs brought the iPhone and Mark Zuckerberg introduced the world to Facebook. They brought new products to market that people went crazy for and they rightly got rich from them. The "fat cat" bankers got rich handling their money. Small business owners got rich by catering to their needs. Many of these billionaires have even pledged to give half of their incomes to charity. With that amount of cash, the potential for good in the world is exponential.

The American dream is to risk it all and be successful. Success and wealth are not bad things. After all, I want to be a millionaire someday. Don't you?

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Coming out can be life-changing event

It's not easy to

"become" gay,

lesbian, bisexual or

transgender ...

By JAMES CASTLE UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN (U. KANSAS)

Last Tuesday was National Coming Out day, where nonheterosexuals of all shapes and sizes are encouraged to embrace different sexual identities that coincide with attractions to different sexes.

For some, coming out can be a wonderful experience, in which they can finally be themselves and feel loved for who they truly are by friends, family and partners.

For most, coming out isn't so easy. Laying claim to a sexual identity other than heterosexual is difficult because our culture discriminates against and oppresses people who aren't straight.

Parents will either accept you or reject you, or perhaps one will accept you and the other will resent you. They may try to change you, thinking you can

change, or take you to a counselor who will try to convince you that your "feelings" are wrong, immoral, etc.

Your "friends" might abandon you. They might think you're suddenly attracted to them and feel uncomfortable around you. You may feel completely alone in the world and unloved.

Then you'll make new friends, some good and some who may just want to use you because you're the new guy, and you'll have to adjust to an entirely new culture with its own clothing style, music, bars, language and way of thinking and relating to others. Many of these new friends will probably have shared similar experiences of isolation and abandonment, and, as a result, they may very well become the most important people in your life.

At first, you'll be overwhelmed

by all the opportunities for sex and relationships, because you never knew so many other people like you existed. You'll date several people, and you'll try to apply whatever knowledge you've acquired from your parents about relationships, only to learn that they don't work so well in gay or lesbian cultures, which have their own dating scripts. If you're one of those people disowned by family, then you might rely on your relationships for many different emotional needs, and the breakups will hurt much worse and leave you feeling even lonelier as

Then a special someone will come along, perhaps after three, or maybe even 10, years of dating and searching for the right partner. He'll make you laugh constant-

ly and let you know you can trust him. You'll spend all your time together and share your past experiences with family and friends and ex-lovers and, over time, grow intimate as you make yourselves

vulnerable to one another with

these stories. As a couple, you'll build a close network of friends, and these people will be like family to both of you, always there, through the hard times and good. Your old friends may come back into your life or you may never speak to them again or only speak to them on occasion.

Over time, your parents will come around, and, before you know it, they are welcoming you and your partner into the family as a couple, treating you the way you always wanted to be treated, the way you deserve to be treated.

It's not easy to "become" gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, but the journey is an exciting one. After overcoming these common experiences, you'll grow into a strong and happy person, loved by

Occupy movement consists more than unemployed college students

embarrassed by the wildly inac- thing: education. These people movement is about. Otherwise, education on the subject is thorcurate and inflammatory column are educated to varying extents he would understand how the oughly illustrated by his misuse published in The Daily Toreador titled "For Occupy movement, who really makes up 99 percent of population?" I spent my fall break camping out with Occupy Dallas and have been camping out with Occupy Lubbock since day one Saturday in order to properly report on the Occupy movement. I can personally attest to the column's gross inaccuracies.

To generalize that Occupy Lubbock is comprised of unemployed college students simply illustrates how the column's author has not taken the time to look into Occupy Lubbock before sitting down to write his slam piece.

The Occupy Lubbock movement includes college students, yes, but they are the minority and most of them work jobs in addition to their studies — in fact, many of them work several jobs in order to make ends meet. However, the majority of the Occupy Lubbock occupiers are business professionals, families and patriots of all ages from varying political and socio-economic backgrounds.

Chris Winn, chairman of the Republican Party for the South Plains, and Paul Dusenbury, CEO of Vista Bank, have already spent time at Occupy Lubbock and shown their support.

What unites this hodgepodge

I am thoroughly mortified and of concerned citizens is one cate himself on what the Occupy on the corruption of the Federal Reserve, the corruption of investment banking industry and the role corporations play in our government — matters which the column's author has obviously not cared to research, for if he had, he would be of a very different

> He said these people are camping in "North

Face tents" The Occupy while wearing "\$100-plus Lubbock Nike shoes" and "Tommy movement includes Hilfiger shirts and Dockers college students, pants," but this is pure fabricayes, but they are tion. I can let you know for the minority ... certain that the priciest piece of apparel you

there are my Vibram Five Fingers shoes, and I'm there as a journal-

would see out

It's alarming that someone pursuing a graduate degree in communications studies would print blatant misinformation, even if it were an op-ed piece in a student publication.

Even still, the author obviously has not taken the time to edu-

ment is a moot point. The movement is not about disbanding or boycotting corporations, turning the country socialist or any of the other things right-wing extremists like to claim. The Occupiers take no issue with corporations, for without Apple, Canon, Nikon and so forth, the truth about

> throughout the nation and the world would not even be available. The issue the Occupiers have, which you should

what goes on at

Occupy camps

take issue with

as well, is with

how corpora-

tions should

not have the powers they enjoy in our current political system. Decades of systematic deregulation have given corporations not only undeserved rights as citizens, but also arguably more power than Congress or the president. If you don't see why this is a problem, then you have a whole lot of research you need to do if you're going to vote in this country.

"useful idiots." The term was not coined by Karl Marx as it was stated, but was instead coined as a paraphrase for a Vladimir Lenin quote criticizing capitalism: "They [capitalists] will furnish credits which will serve us for the support of the Communist Party in their countries and, by supplying us materials and technical equipment which we lack, will restore our military industry necessary for our future attacks against our suppliers. To put it in other words, they will work on the preparation of their own suicide.'

The term has been misused with shocking frequency as of late in right-wing extremist media. So, it's clear where the author is getting his misinformation. My suggestion to the author is that he should turn off the Fox News Channel and big media in general — which I shouldn't have to tell a communications studies graduate student to do — and write a column more appropriate for a man of his specific knowledge. Perhaps a food column would be more up his alley.

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Lady Raiders finish second in Oklahoma

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

Kim Kaufman and Gabby Dominguez led the Lady Raiders to a second-place finish at the Susie Maxwell Burning Classic in Norman, Okla., on Wednesday one stroke behind tournament host Oklahoma.

Tech was in third place going into the final day, and it shot the lowest final round in cold and windy weather.

The wind chill was in the 40s and the wind was blowing 20-30 mph in the final round, Tech coach JoJo Robertson said.

"The conditions were the toughest we've seen all year." she said. "We knew it was going to be tough all day. We just kind of fought for everything that we could. It was just a matter of who was the toughest-minded out there and who was the most prepared."

The Lady Raiders shot a nineover par 297 final round and were second straight top-three finish the only team to shoot below 300. It was three strokes better than Oklahoma and New Mexico, who had the next lowest rounds.

No. 18 Texas A&M, Kansas and Kansas State were the other Big 12 Conference teams participating in the tournament. A&M finished tied for third.

Robertson said she was proud of how both Dominguez and Kaufman played in the tournament. Kaufman finished at threeunder in second place, while Dominguez finished in a tie for

third, shooting one-over. "Kim (Kaufman) has played so great and she's been so steady. She's definitely been our leader," she said. "And as for Gabby (Dominguez), I can't tell you how good that round was. For her to be out there in that wind and not have a single bogey and shoot 69

in that weather was one of the best rounds I've ever seen."

Kaufman said her second place finish boosted her con-

"I feel really good. It's one step closer to first place," the junior said. "If you get runner-up in any tournament, you should feel pretty good."

Oklahoma's Anne Tanguay beat Kaufman by three strokes, shooting six-under.

The Lady Raiders have an advantage playing in difficult winds, she said.

"It was windy and there were some girls out there who don't face wind very often," Kaufman said. "For us, since we play in Lubbock, it definitely gives us an advantage, and we were able to post the lowest score of the day. We feel like we can play in those conditions better than some of the other teams."

The tournament marked the for Kaufman.

Dominguez said her confidence level is higher than most of the players in the tournament when conditions are difficult.

"We live in Lubbock, where the wind blows pretty bad," she said. "I felt like I was ready for that kind of climate."

Dominguez's three-under final round catapulted her from 22nd place after the second round to third place after the final round.

The team will be difficult to beat when everyone plays at her top level, Dominguez said.

"I feel like we have a really good team," she said. "I feel like we will have more opportunities to win as a team this year. We just fell one stroke short of OU."

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Notebook: Players talk special teams, playing in Norman, more

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Two blocked field goals may not warrant all the blame for Texas Tech's

41-34 loss to Kansas State last Saturday. But, the outcome of the game could have swung in favor of the Red Raiders had those two attempts from kicker Donnie Carona gone between the uprights.

Kansas State defensive tackle Raphael Guidry harassed the interior of Tech's field goal unit throughout the game, blocking both kicks by penetrating up the middle.

Guidry went on to be named the Big 12 Conference's Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against the

Deveric Gallington, Tech's starting right guard, said the special teams errors had been something that the team worked on intensely a couple of weeks

Gallington, who plays left guard on the field goal unit, said the focus on the field goal unit increased immensely during this week's practices.

"After (Texas) A&M, we kind of harped on it," Gallington said after Tuesday's practice, "and then today, we got harped on it a lot, so we did a lot more reps in it. I don't think there'll be another problem with it." The blocked field goals were a direct result of basic factors like hand placement, Gallington said.

"It's just little things. It's just not paying attention to detail as far as, you know, punching inside and out," Gallington said. "You gotta just pay attention to those because that can get you beat.

"So, I don't think they out-physicaled us at all."

Tempo of Oklahoma's offense Highly productive offenses are nothing new to Tech's defense.

Six of the country's most prolific offenses are from Texas and Oklahoma.

The rankings of Houston, Oklahoma State, Baylor, Oklahoma, Tech and Texas A&M are No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6, respectively.

The Red Raiders played the Aggies already, losing 45-40. They travel to Oklahoma this week and play Oklahoma State and Baylor later this season. Tech also is familiar with Houston, with their last meeting being last year in Lubbock.

Although Tech plays Oklahoma just once a year, linebacker Daniel Cobb said he and the rest of the defense virtually face the Sooners on a daily basis.

These meetings occur on the practice field.

Cobb said the Sooners' attack, when at full speed, is almost a mirror image of the Red Raiders' high-octane offense.

That attack is Tech's no-huddle,

"NASCAR" offense. "(Oklahoma's) NASCAR is basically just like ours," Cobb said. "There's not too much different about it and our offense goes fast in practice ... so we get ready for it all the time, but, just now, we have to play in a game with it."

Difficulty of playing in Norman

Oklahoma's NCAA-best 39-game home winning streak was made possible by the bevy of talent the Sooners have boasted year in and year out since that run began in 2005.

What is lost in the discussion, however, is the impact the fans actually have on the events that take place during the

Gaylord Family - Oklahoma Memorial Stadium can seat 82,112 fans, making it the third-largest venue in the Big 12 behind Texas' Darrell K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium and Texas A&M's Kyle Field.

Tech wide receiver Tramain Swindall, a senior, will make his third trip to Norman this week.

Swindall said the atmosphere becomes disruptive toward visiting teams and their attempts to execute game

BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Tramain Swindall lands on the ground after jumping to catch the ball during the 41-34 loss against Kansas State on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"It's pretty ridiculous, man," Swindall said. "Once that crowd gets going, the players feed off of that. It's just impossible, you know, to do what we want

Douglas stepping up into more productive role

Junior receiver Cornelius Douglas is rather comfortable, unlike many others, with making a visit to the confines of Oklahoma's Gaylord Family - Memorial Stadium

Douglas, after all, was born and raised in Lawton, Okla., and grew up playing

football in the state. In Lubbock, though, Douglas has found himself in a position he may not be used to as a collegian.

He is beginning to produce at a high rate, and consistently so.

In 13 games as a sophomore, Douglas caught 20 balls for 215 yards and one

Through Tech's first six games, the 5-foot-9, 197-pound receiver is on pace to more than double his output in 2010. Entering Saturday's game at Okla-

homa, Douglas has already caught 21 passes for 273 yards and one touchdown. As the weeks pass by, Douglas said

he is getting more and more used to his role as one of Tech's weapons on offense. "I'm feeling more comfortable,"

Douglas said, "just making plays out there, just getting the ball to me, just settling down and just doing what I can do."

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Tech to continue blackout theme against A&M

By CHOIS WOODMAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech volleyball team is seeking its first conference win at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night against Texas A&M in United Spirit Arena, where the fans are encouraged to wear black.

It doesn't matter what the sport is as there is going to be bitterness toward the Aggies, Tech senior setter Karlyn Meyers said.

"You can look at every sports rivalry against A&M and it's essentially the same: we cannot stand them," she said. "It's so personal. I don't know the girls personally, but for some reason you just don't like them. You grow up knowing you do not like the Aggies."

Tech is coming off its sixth straight Big 12 Conference loss after losing 3-1 at Missouri on similar to what the Red Raid-

Saturday. After playing a close match against Missouri, the Red Raiders will look to snap the losing streak and beat the Aggies at home for the final time as conference opponents.

"If you look at the stats in the

Missouri game, everything was them, we're going to be just said. almost exactly the same except for the serving and serves received," she said.

Meyers finished the match against Missouri with 47 assists and seven digs.

Tech will have an advantage against A&M on the defensive side of the ball, she said.

"We've been blocking really well," Meyers said. "If you're blocking well, that's going to mess up their hitters."



TEXAS TECH SETTER Karlyn Meyers tries to hit the ball past two Oklahoma defenders during the 3-2 loss against the Sooners on Oct. 1 in United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders will host the Texas A&M Aggies today and fans are encouraged to wear black to blackout the Aggies.

ers saw in the match Saturday, Tech

coach Don

Flora said. "They ally good," he said. "They aren't the biggest team in the conference, so if

TEXAS TECH we can serve and pass with

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AMANDA DOWDY

OUTSIDE HITTER

their butts.

The first-year coach said the rivalry with A&M is a natural thing for anyone at Tech.

"It (the rivalry) just brings out the best (in us)," Flora said. "It's nice to have rivalries, and when the conference changes, that stuff is hard. This is the one last shot to beat them in the Spirit Arena to black it out and shut them up."

Senior Amanda Dowdy is

FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador Texas A&M's offense will be five kills away from being No.

2 on the all-time list at Tech, and Flora said she will be No. 2 by the end of the match against the Aggies.

"I know it's going to happen," Flora said. "Dowdy is just so complete. And for her now, have a very she's becoming a better defender, fast offense, a great passer and is becoming so they run a better blocker. Her offensive that thing re- stuff has all been there, and now she's become a complete rota-

> tion outside hitter." Dowdy led the team with 22 kills against Missouri on Saturday to put her at 1,328 career kills.

> The Red Raiders will not be able to take a play off, Dowdy

> "The important thing for us is to start off strong and to finish strong," she said.

The team would love for its first conference win to come against the rival Aggies with the arena blacked out, Dowdy said.

"Everybody has a mutual hate for them," she said. "We just do not like them whatsoever, and we would love to kick their

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INTRAMURAL CANCELLATIONS FROM THE GREAT HABOOB OF 2011

Intramural games scheduled for Monday night, October 17, 2011 were cancelled because of the dust storm that came through Lubbock. Here are the rescheduled times:

Flag Football: Rescheduled for TONIGHT at the same time, on the same field. Softball: Rescheduled for Tuesday, October 25th at the same time, on the same field. Outdoor Soccer: Rescheduled for Sunday, October 23rd at the same time, on the same field.

Heartbeats

A quick look at what is going on in the Rec Sports world

AQUATIC CENTER OPENI

The Leisure Pool is closed for the winter starting this week. All Aquatic activities will take place in the Aquatic Center.

SPORT CLUBS HIGHLIGHTS

Men's Water Polo went undefeated in the Texas Region Championships. On Saturday, victories came from beating Baylor University and the University of Houston, to lock in a spot in the championship game against the University of Texas. Sunday's championship game was an instant classic with Texas Tech leading Texas 10-5 at the start of the 4th quarter. Texas Tech held on to win the game 11-9, winning the Texas Region and a spot in the CWPA National Championship Tournament in Atlanta, GA on November 11th-13th.

Club Cricket vs. Midland 1st Match: Tech Won by 2 wkts 2nd Match: Tech Won by 6 wkts

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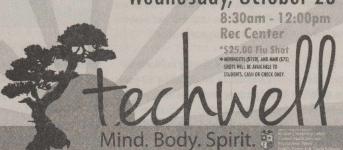
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SECOND SESSION OF RAIDER X2

Register for Raider X2 classes— Tango/Rumba (TH 8:30 -9:30) and Intermediate Salsa (Wed. 8:30-9:30) are both new for Session 2. Classes Run October 20 -December 7. 2nd session Mind/Body passes are also available. Having a pass gains access to 13 weekly classes. Register in the Fit/Well today!

Try these great classes: Intro to Triathlon, Self Defense, Boot Camp, Boxing Techniques, Intermediate Salsa, Belly Dance, Spin or the Mind/Body Pass (Mat Pilates, PiYO, Yoga & Power Yoga)

NEW FOR SESSION 2 - TANGO/RUMBA DANCE The class will meet on Thursdays from 8:30 - 9:30pm in Rm. 114. T

Outdoor Pursuits

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Cost: \$20 per person Learn how to cook delicious meals in a simple dutch oven.

In this unique workshop, we will teach you how a dutch oven is not only a camping staple, but can be used to produce gourmet food that will tingle your tastebuds! Food is provided.



Scenes from Saturday's Natural High Mountain Bike Race at Mae Simmons Park

Intramurais

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Bump, set, spike! Get your team together for volleyball! Register TODAY and TOMORROW in Rm. 203 of the Rec Center. And don't forget the \$50 forfeit fee for all team sports!

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WII SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Register for the Free Wii Sports Tournament! Registration TODAY! The tournament will take place this Friday. So practice your swing, and get ready for some fun!

INTRAMURAL CRICKET PLAY DAY

Come learn how to play this international sport on Friday, October 21 at 3:00pm. For more info, stop by the IM Office, Rm. 203 of the Rec or call 806.742.2945.

INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL BRACKETS Intramural Flag Football playoff brackets are out today. Please check the website at: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/recsports/intramurals/ standings/newplaceforimpages/leagues.html for your bracket.



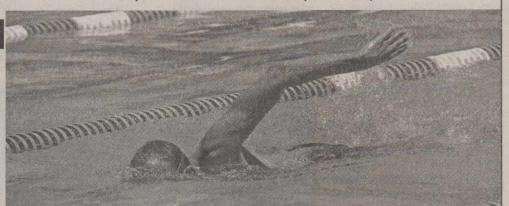
PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Register for the Ping Pong Tournament starting on Monday. Register by November 3 in the Intramurals Office, Rm. 203 of the Rec Center. The Tournament will start on Monday, November 7.

Aquatics

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LONG COURSE SWIM - SATURDAY AT THE AQUATIC CENTER Tired of flip turns? Stretch it out and swim the entire 50 meter length of the pool before heading back!

No registration required. Long Course will be open from 10:00am -11:30am on Saturday at the Aquatic Center.

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chewing tobacco on the diamond.

With the Series set to begin Wednesday between the St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers a team that started life as the Washington Senators 50 years ago - the senators, along with health officials from the teams' cities, want the players union to agree to a ban on chewing tobacco at games and on camera. They made the pleas in separate letters, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

"When players use smokeless tobacco, they endanger not only their own health, but also the health of millions of children who follow their example," the senators wrote to union head Michael Weiner. The letter was signed by Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, and fellow Democrats Frank

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Lautenberg of New Jersey, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Senate Health Committee

Chairman Tom Harkin of Iowa. The senators noted that millions of people will tune in to watch the World Series, including children.

"Unfortunately, as these young fans root for their favorite team and players, they also will watch their on-field heroes use smokeless tobacco products," they wrote. Smokeless tobacco includes chewing tobacco and

"It's going to be kind of hard to ban that," Texas Rangers pitcher Matt Harrison said. "They probably would have a big fight on their hands for that. ... They can hide it a little bit better, I guess - not be doing it in the dugout and showing it where kids can watch and stuff. But I think it's kind of like your own freedom. If that's what you want to do, then you do it. "

Big East stability tied to Missouri

Former RB Swope excels at WR for Aggies

DEREK CRIDER IS in his back swing while playing golf at The Rawls Course at Texas Tech as the haboob cloud hits Lubbock on Monday.

HABOOB HANDICAP

NEW YORK (AP) — The Big East wants to expand to 12 football teams and "the sooner the better."

The problem is the Big East can't be sure if its current members are staying put until Missouri, the Big 12 and the Southeastern Conference figure out what their next steps will be in the ongoing drama of conference realignment.

"The overall landscape is still so very unsettled," Big East Commissioner John Marinatto said Tuesday during a conference call

"We're not going to pause until the Missouri situation is settled because it might not be settled for a while."

The Big East's presidents unani-

COLLEGE STATION (AP) —

He was helped by Ryan Tannehill,

Making the transition from high school

running back to receiver at Texas

who arrived in College Station as a

quarterback, but played almost exclu-

sively at receiver his first two seasons.

last year. But the things he taught

Swope about receiving have helped the

junior become a top target for the 17th-

ranked Aggies, with the pair hooking

the wide receiver I am today," Swope

said. "I give a lot of credit to Ryan.

When I came in here as a freshman he

Swope was a star running back at

really helped me read defenses."

"He helped me and molded me into

up for four touchdowns last weekend.

Tannehill returned to quarterback

A&M wasn't easy for Ryan Swope.

mously voted Monday night to increase the league's withdrawal fee from \$5 million to \$10 million when an expansion plan is executed, Marinatto said.

Marinatto declined to talk about specific schools the Big East wants to add, but did say the Big East has "identified specific teams, and if any one of those teams commits (to joining the league), the exit fee

A person with knowledge of the Big East's plan told The Associated Press that the addition of Navy or Air Force would trigger the increase in the exit fee. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk publicly about which schools the league is

Austin's Westlake High School where

he ran for 1,826 yards and 27 touch-

downs as a senior to follow up a junior

year where he finished with 1,336 yards

in high school, but never lined up

full time as a receiver. Tannehill had

112 receptions for 1,596 yards and 10

touchdowns in 21-2 seasons before tak-

ing over at quarterback in the middle of

last season. He decided to take Swope

under his wing while still at receiver

rience at that position," Swope said.

"He helped me through that. It really

showed Saturday. He had a feel for me

and I for him, and the chemistry was

"I didn't have a whole lot of expe-

and that bond has continued.

He occasionally caught short passes

rushing with 14 scores.

Gladchuk said in a phone interview Tuesday the Big East and the academy have been in contact, but he was unaware of the league's most recent move.

East with stable core members is something the Naval Academy needs to consider," he said.

Air Force spokesman Troy Garnhart said in an email school officials would not comment.

Gladchuk said the two academies communicate, but will make decisions independently.

"I'm not convinced that it needs to be a package deal," Gladchuk said. The conference's plan to get

tions for 206 yards and four touch-

downs, both career-bests, in Saturday's

at running back makes him a danger-

said. "He can make guys miss and get

est receiver and he has great hands. He's

not afraid to go up and make a play. He's

face Iowa State on Saturday, in yards

receiving (619), receptions (40) and

receiving touchdowns (six) this season.

He's already scored more touchdowns

not afraid to go over the middle, too."

Tannehill said Swope's experience

"He knows what to do when he

"He has great balance. He's our fast-

has the ball in his hands," Tannehill hamstring injury.

55-28 win over Baylor.

up field.

to 12 members includes Navy, Air Navy athletic director Chet Force and Boise State as footballonly members and Central Florida, Houston and SMU for all sports, though that has not been made public by the league.

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Navy is an independent. AFA "Certainly a reconfigured Big and Boise State play in the Mountain West Conference. UCF, Houston and SMU are in Conference

> Marinatto said no invitations have gone out and he could not give a timetable for when the Big East hopes to complete its expansion work.

> 'Stay tuned, we're working diligently," he said. "We're not going to rush ourselves. The sooner the

combined and he is 206 yards shy of

matching his career high of 825 yards

tion this year while Jeff Fuller, who led

the team with 1,066 yards receiving

in 2010, has struggled with a nagging

playmakers we have across the board,"

Tannehill said. "It's a potent offense

that doesn't have to focus on one

person to move the ball. I think the

fact we're able to do that really helps

of pressure on the defense across the

field ... and once we get Jeff back at

100 percent that brings even another

'It's a huge luxury to have the

He's picked up the slack at the posi-

receiving from last year.

Swope had a season-high 11 receping 2011 than he did in his first two years

Swope leads the Aggies, who . us spread the ball evenly and puts a lot

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