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White Coat Ceremony presents incoming School of Medicine students

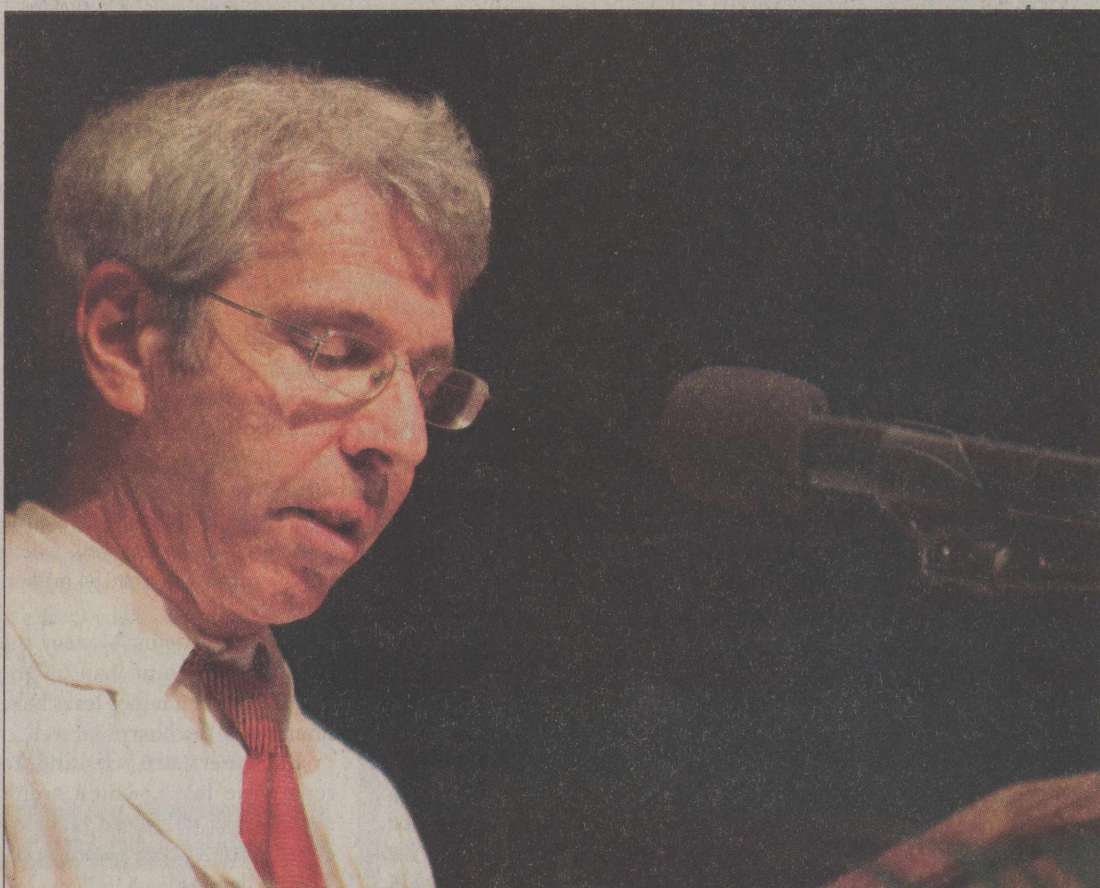


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STEVEN BERK, DEAN of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Medicine, speak at the 2010 White Coat Ceremony Friday at City Bank Auditorium. The ceremony is meant to represent and make known the transition that incoming medical students face as they begin medical school and eventually enter the professional realm.



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ROBERT CASANOVA (LEFT), of Texas Tech Physicians, and Simon Williams (right), associate dean for academic affairs of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Medicine, present Kelechi Azuogo with his white coat Friday as part of the 2010 White Coat Ceremony.

By TRISTIN WALKER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine announced its incoming medical students at the White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2014 Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the City Bank Auditorium.

The White Coat Ceremony is designed to clarify for students, before their entrance into the medical community, that a physician's responsibility is to both take care of patients and also

care about patients. Dr. Steven Berk, M.D., dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, spoke at the ceremony about what the ceremony represents for the students.

"Your white coats today means you have been invited into a prestigious profession," Dr. Berk said, "where you will be a trusted participant in the most profound elements of human life."

Berk went on to say the reason for the White Coat Ceremony is for students to take their first

step into professionalism, meaning their college days are over and their professional conduct is expected to be no different than any other member of the physicians' community.

At the ceremony, there were a total of 144 students conducted from all over the U.S. The class includes 34 students from Texas Tech, 17 students from the University of Texas and 16 from Texas A&M University.

To be accepted into medical school the students had to maintain a grade point average

(GPA) of a 3.63 or above and score favorably on their Medical College Administration Test (MCAT).

Dr. Kim Peck, a speaker at the ceremony, said not only does the School of Medicine look at scores, but also at the students' extracurricular activities and any leadership roles the students have taken.

"The students' activities outside of the classroom," Peck said, "are weighted as heavily as or even more heavily than their GPA and MCAT scores."

Christopher Skillern, who is from Rowlett, was one of the students conducted at the ceremony Friday and said he was beyond thrilled to be a part of the symbolic event.

"I have so many emotions going through me right now," Skillern said with a smile on his face. "I'm very excited, honored and privileged to be accepted into the medical school and being able to experience the White Coat Ceremony is just bringing everything into reality."

Skillern said he was told on

July 14 that he had been accepted into the program and now he cannot wait to get started.

"It went from being just a dream to be a pediatrician," Skillern said, "to becoming real."

The City Bank Auditorium was filled with families and friends who watched their loved ones start the journey toward becoming a doctor, surgeon, therapist, pediatrician or anything else their heart may call them to become.

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Double T Association announces 2010 Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor inductees



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JOE KIRK FULTON, Texas Tech's first Masked Rider, sits atop his horse. Fulton became the inaugural masked rider when he was asked to lead the Red Raiders onto the field of the 1954 Gator Bowl. The Masked Rider was the nation's first official mascot to feature a live horse.

By EVAN JANSA
STAFF WRITER

The Double T Association's Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor will be adding some new members to their ranks this fall.

Former Texas Tech athletes Herschel Ramsey, Johnny Grimes, Lisa Clark, Marcus Coleman, and Montae Reagor will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, while Tech's inaugural, or first, Masked Rider, Joe Kirk Fulton will be inducted into the Hall of Honor.

The athletic letterwinners organization at Tech, the Double T Association, selected the new members by vote and will also facilitate the induction festivities during the Tech-University of Texas football weekend, according to a press release by the Double T Association's Mike Gustafson.

There will be a banquet on Friday, Sept. 17, at the Merket Alumni Center. The next day, the inductees will be honored on the field before the kickoff of the Tech-Texas game.

The anticipation for the Sept. 17 and 18 weekend is already growing, Reagor said.

"I can't wait for the day so it will be

official," he said. "I am very proud to be associated with Texas Tech University. My heart bleeds red and black.

Reagor — one of the three former Red Raider football players being inducted alongside Ramsey and Coleman — said he was "initially shocked" when he was selected.

"It was a wave of emotions and excitement," Reagor said. "My eyes kind of watered because that's something to be proud of. It's something to be grateful for — to be thought to be among the best to ever play the game at Texas Tech. To be in that class is a great honor."

During his time at Tech from 1995 to 1998, Reagor was a two-time All-American and has also been named to the All-Time Texas Tech football team. He enjoyed a nine-year career in the NFL before retiring in 2007.

Coleman also played in the NFL after garnering All-American honors at Tech, as well as being selected to the All-Time Tech team. He played 11 seasons before retiring in 2006.

Ramsey was the first Red Raider football player to be named an All-American in 1935 and was also named All-Border Conference in 1936 and 1937.

Former Red Raider baseball standout Johnny Grimes will also be inducted after his success at the university. He was named the Southwest Conference (SWC) Player of the Year in 1984 and was selected to the All-American team. Grimes said he was thrilled when he heard that he was selected.

"It's one of those where you pinch yourself to make sure you're not dreaming," Grimes said. "I played with a lot of great players and there have been a lot of great players in all sports since and before then. For me to be included with a lot of those guys was just really a humbling thing for me."

Clark will be inducted after a stellar career for the Lady Raider volleyball team from 1987 to 1990. During her tenure at Tech, she was named to the SWC All-Decade volleyball team. As a senior, she led the Lady Raiders to a 30-3 record and the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA tournament.

All of the Athletic Hall Fame inductees "earned entry through outstanding athletic performances," according to the Double T Association press release. Grimes said being evaluated strictly for on-the-field performance versus monetary contribution

is important.

"It makes it more credible to recognize people who don't contribute as much or any," Grimes said. "It is a criteria based on your athletic contribution. Primarily, I think people think of that as what you accomplished on the field."

The Hall of Honor follows the same guidelines. According to the press release, the Hall of Honor "will reward those who make significant non-financial contributions to Tech athletics."

There's no denying that Fulton did that during his time as the Masked Rider at Tech. Fulton said that he was asked by then-head football coach Dewitt Weaver to be the university's first ever mascot at the team's 1954 bowl game.

"He said, 'We need a Red Raider,' and asked me if I'd do it at the Gator Bowl, which I did," Fulton said. "I certainly had no idea when I did it that it would become the tradition that it has. It was a great experience being the Masked Rider. I have a lot of fond memories of it."

Whether being inducted into the Hall of Honor or the Athletic Hall of Fame, the honorees that were selected have undoubtedly left their stamp on the university.

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A shimmer of hope, or maybe just oil

By EDMUND ROSTRAN
MANAGING EDITOR

With the final days of the summer session ticking away I have found that my mind rests not on final exams or papers that are due in short time, but rather on a quickly approaching seven-day vacation where I will venture away from Lubbock and find myself caching some rays on the beautiful Gulf coast beaches, or so I hope.

Since I was little my family and I have traveled to the same white sandy beaches of Fort Morgan, Alabama for a week of rest and relaxation. At the tip of this 22-mile strip of peninsula lies the famous Fort Morgan, a military fort used by the Confederates in the Civil War to ward off enemies attempting to enter Mobile Bay.

It is hard to imagine the problems the Confederates faced while trying to protect the coastal waters of Mobile Bay during the Civil War, but I can bet they couldn't fathom the dangers these coastal waters would face in due time. Fast forward 145 years and the same 22-mile strip of pristine gulf coast waters now face a much different battle; a battle many would like to think is over, but in reality has just begun.

In April the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, just off the coast of Louisiana. After months of attempting to stop the leak, BP was finally successful in stopping the flow of oil from the leaking well but not before an estimated 160 million gallons of oil was

spilled into the partially land-locked body of water.

Today, in what may be regarded as one of the most important days of 2010, BP will attempt to "static kill" the broken well. What this means is that BP is essentially going to stuff drilling mud into the well to kill the flow and then cover the well with cement.

I would be more optimistic about this procedure if I hadn't paid any attention to the news, which ever so perfectly detailed each of BP's failed attempts to stop the disaster over the past three months.

What looms over this all is the uncertainty the disaster is still dishing out. As of now, the flow of oil has been decreased — but according to BP, some oil is still seeping out through the sea floor.

Even more concerning is the "Dead Zone" in the Gulf, which according to scientists is becoming larger due in part to the oil spill. For those that don't know, the "Dead Zone" is an area of oxygen-deprived water that has been linked to large amounts of dying fish in the Gulf of Mexico each year.

Now, looking toward the end of this week and my trip to the beach, I can't help but worry about what will happen today. Will the "static kill" work as planned? Will the already suffering economies of the Gulf coast be hit even harder?

In all seriousness, this disaster is still far from over, especially since there is no way to predict the long-term effects the oil will inevitably have. Rather than letting this take a backseat in all of our minds, we need to be proactive in keeping ourselves up to date with ways in which we can help prevent this from happening again.

For those who are unaware, Seshadri Ramkumar, a textile researcher in Texas Tech's Institute of Environmental and Human Health, developed a nonwoven cotton product that has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of cleaning oil out of the waters of the Gulf. This is just one example of a proactive effort made by an everyday individual to help the disaster.

If we all do our part, we can put this disaster behind us and, hopefully, prevent similar ones from happening in the future.

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BP hedges on role of relief well in stopping Gulf oil leak

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Officials have long insisted that a relief well was the only surefire way to kill the oil leak at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, but with engineers only feet away from completing a pair of them they're now wrestling with how exactly to use them.

Crews planned testing Monday evening to determine whether to proceed with a plan — called a "static kill" — to pump mud and perhaps cement down the throat of the mile-deep busted well. The role of the relief well, plus a backup one dug at White House insistence, was to do the same from the bottom of the well and insure that the oil would stay in its vast undersea reservoir.

BP PLC Senior Vice President Kent Wells said Monday that engineers may pump cement directly into the busted well through the failed blowout preventer via a surface ship, rather than wait for the relief well's planned completion later this month.

That idea isn't new — but BP has never before indicated it might forgo use of the relief well altogether in direct attempts to plug the leak.

"Precisely what the relief wells will do remains to be seen given what we learn from the static kill," BP spokesman Daren Beaudou said. "Can't predict it for certain."

Either way, Wells said, "We want to end up with cement in the bottom of the hole."

The company began drilling the primary, 18,000-foot relief well May 2, 12 days after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and killed 11 workers, and the second well May 16. The first well is now only about 100 feet from the target, and Wells said it could reach it by Aug. 11.

The British oil giant said there's no doubt the relief wells, which can cost about \$100 million each, would be used in some fashion. Mud and cement could be pumped down to plug the reservoir, or it could simply be used to "confirm" that the static kill worked, Beaudou said.

BP didn't fully explain why, after so much time, money and effort, the company was unclear on the role a relief well would play.

The company could be more worried than it has said publicly about debris found in the relief well after it was briefly capped as Tropical Storm Bonnie passed last week, said Louisiana State University environmental sciences professor Ed Overton.

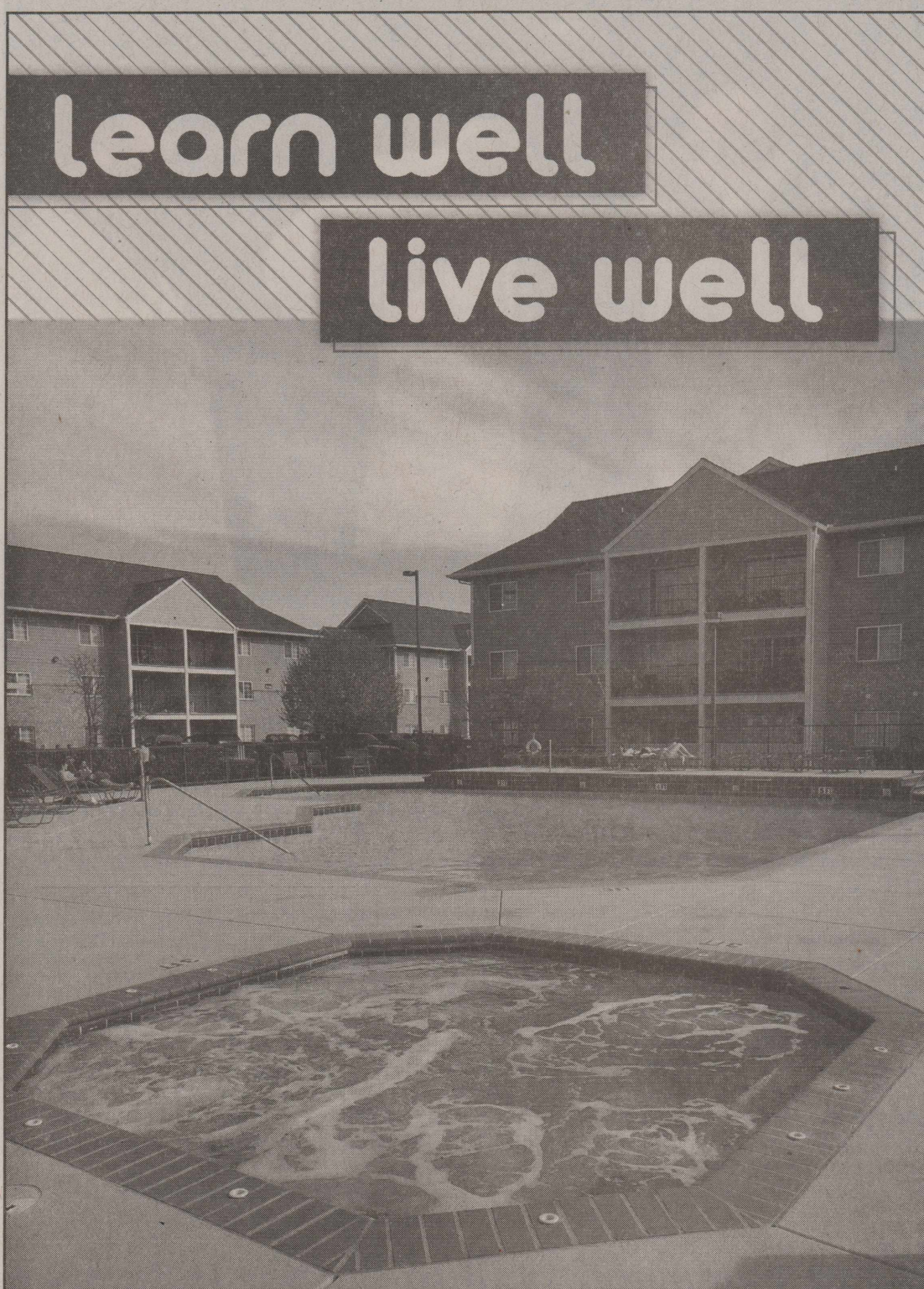
Plus, trying to seal the well from the top gives BP two shots at ending the disaster, Overton said.

"Frankly, if they can shut it off from the top and it's a good, permanent seal, I'll take it," Overton said. "A bird in the hand at this point is a good thing with this deal."

Engineers hoped to complete a final test by Monday evening to determine whether to proceed with the static kill. If the test is successful, officials said, engineers will spend most of Tuesday and possibly into Thursday slowly pumping the heavy mud down the well, which has spewed as much as 184 million gallons.

At a news briefing Monday, the government's point man on the spill said several minor leaks have sprung near the blown-out well.

Engineers are working to repair the leaks, which aren't expected to delay the plugging effort, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said.



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Architectural style of Tech buildings is unique, remarkable

By **TIAN-YI LI AND JIN-LIN ZHANG**

Buildings are important windows of a University. Through these silent, solidified sculptures, the educational philosophies and values of the university can be visualized. Pritzker, a world-famous architect, said, "Architecture is one's window to his soul".

The buildings of Texas Tech University have a unique South American style, highlighting the unique, romantic feel of Spanish architecture. In the early mornings, on Sundays and holidays when the campus is very quiet, I always walk alone and take photos of every building that inspires me or brings back memories.

From the Administration building, the Geosciences building and Holden Hall, to the university badge in front of the fountain at the east gate, each building is unique with different styles, inducing people's attention and endless admiration.

One of the wonders of Tech's buildings is their ingenious layout. When you stand under the flagpole in Memorial Circle and look east, you can see Holden Hall, West Hall and Sneed Hall on your left and Weeks Hall, Doak Hall and the Human Sciences Building on your right. The arrangement of these buildings forms a long, oval-like square.

In the early morning you can also see the sun rising from the east and water vapor from the fountain in the sun's rays just forms a beautiful rainbow.

This unique design can take your breath away.

When you look north from the Administration building, the Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mass Communications and Geosciences buildings will be on your left, and the Engineering and Technology Lab, Civil Engineering

building and Holden Hall will be on your right to form another square. The two squares show ingenious combinations that are aloof and impressive with broad vision.

The buildings, with red roofs, yellow walls and surrounding landscaping, form a harmonious atmosphere. Whenever bustling students shuttle around the beautiful campus, it's just like brilliant and beautiful pearls flashing in the green square.

The second wonder of Tech's buildings is their magnificent pillar-and-door-frame sculpture. Each door frame and colonnade has exquisite carvings.

When viewing the unique modeling on the colonnades, it's as if you stepped into the Spanish "Butler Apartments" or witnessed the gorgeous and brilliant "Holy Family Church in Barcelona". The wonderful architecture techniques in these two famous Spanish buildings are reflected in the buildings of Texas Tech University.

The third noteworthy wonder of Tech's buildings is the watchtowers, of which the clocktower on the Administrative Building is the most illuminating. This special design was not specifically for the tower's function, but for the sake of visual pleasure. Watchtowers started to be constructed for warfare in ancient Rome and were placed at the highest point of a structure, mainly to observe the enemy and to transmit signals to the allies.

There are similar buildings of a Gothic style in Germany, Italy, France, Norway and Denmark. I am puzzled as to why there is some legacy of Roman architectural influence at Texas Tech, assuming

the buildings mainly embody Spanish construction practices.

I have repeatedly studied this question. Finally, I found that Spain had been ruled by the Roman Empire and Gothic cultures for about 1,000 years; a number of Muslim dynasties appeared in Spain from the eighth century to the 15th cen-

ture and architecture once had Middle Eastern styles.

The Christian culture reoccupied Spain after the Renaissance. The Gothic watchtowers have been inherited by church buildings until now and have become the favorite of many architects in many countries.



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
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By Gary J. Whitehead 8/3/10

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Hard economic times call for new, more complex measures of economic well-being

By CHRIS LEAL

The United States — and numerous other countries around the world — have bared witness to much economic turmoil over the last decade, the apex of which being The Great Recession we're currently recovering from.

There have been many books written and much debate over the causes of the calamity, and just as much debate as to the proper remedy; regulate more, regulate less, spend more, spend less.

However, maybe these arguments don't go deep enough. After all, you can't legislate morality. In order to change a culture of speculation you have to change people's perspective of what wealth and prosperity are.

Perhaps what is needed, in a world obsessed with growth (and which goes about attaining it by any means necessary), is to reconsider what we value in our "growth".

Gross Domestic Product — aside from being the first term you'll learn in an introductory economics class — is the global standard for measuring the wealth of a nation. What is Gross Domestic Product? It's the total market value of all final goods and services produced in a nation in a year.

So an automobile made by Ford Motor Company would be included in the GDP figure, as would legal services.

But what about excessive flurries of financial activities and services, the overbuilding of houses or the excessive, inefficient and rapidly increasing cost structure of the health care industry?

All these things would also be included and prove beneficial for the GDP figure. However, our current situation proves that these components, while good for GDP in the short term, may not be good for our nation in the long run.

The United States' fixation

on the sheer number of products and services they can churn out in a year creates the mantra of quantity over quality, and it's this mantra that is echoed in the industries that comprise large stakes of the GDP figure.

If a man wanted to bulk up and gain weight, he would hope to gain lean muscle and not fat. He would hope to gain the 'right kind' of weight, so as to be healthy and fit — the exact opposite of an obese diabetic.

The United States is currently the obese diabetic, and we just had a heart attack.

The current GDP measurement is an antiquated relic of the industrial age and it's time our economic understanding evolved to intelligently value quality as much as quantity.

After all, what good is all this "growth" if income inequality is so skewed that only one percent of the population benefits? What good is all this "growth" if we destroy our environment in

the process? What good is this "growth" if we turn around and lose it a few years later?

If GDP was reformulated to take into account not just products and services a nation managed to produce in a given year, but also median household income, environmental health, income inequality and other measurements of well-being and long-term economic prosperity, it would shift our consciousness away from this obsession with growth for the sake of growth, regardless of what kind we get.

Instead of gaining flab we could focus on gaining muscle; instead of being heart-attack-prone we could work to become strong and healthy.

A new standard for measuring the wealth of nations is needed if we're to have stable growth into the 21st century.

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Tolerance is the twin of indifference

By THOMAS LOTT

In my opinion, the opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is tolerance.

I hear the word "tolerance" all the time now, and quite honestly it is frustrating. I hear that I should be tolerant of other cultures or other races or whatever else, and this deeply upsets me.

The dictionary definition of

tolerance is "a fair, objective and permissive attitude toward those whose opinions, practices, race, religion and nationality differ from one's own."

I have to ask this question right now: who wants to feel like someone else is merely permissive to their personal beliefs? Does this sound wrong to anyone else?

If someone you knew told you they tolerated you, how would you

react to it? I would be offended. I would much rather someone hate me than simply tolerate me.

If someone hates you, they had to have either heard something you did and reacted harshly enough to form such an extreme attitude toward you.

Someone who simply tolerates you does not even care enough to love or hate you. They really are

totally indifferent.

I understand what people are saying when they say we should be tolerant of other people and the ways in which they are different from us. People should not be hated for being different than someone else. That is wrong. But, I would honestly say tolerating someone is just as bad as hating them.

Let me ask this question: If you say you can tolerate a person, what drove you to that situation? Most of the time I tolerate people, it is because I have a friend who is dating a girl I do not like. Or, one of my friends has another friend that I cannot stand.

But, I will hang around with these particular people because my friend likes them. I will tolerate them because I have to. But there is a distinct uncomfortable feeling because, in all honesty, I do not like the person.

No matter what people say, everyone has done this. We all have friends who hang out with people we do not like and we tolerate them mainly because we have to. How is this any different than tolerating a culture or race or whatever else?

As 1960s as this is going to sound, I really wish people would try much harder to love someone rather than simply tolerate them. This is a lot to ask, I know. But no matter what, every person on this planet has either something you can relate to or something about them that you find interesting.

We need to focus on finding things to love about people rather than tolerating the things we do not like about them and ignoring the redeemable qualities these people have.

It is impossible to truly expect anyone to do so. Some people just rub each other the wrong way and will never be able to get along — like Texas Tech and Texas A&M. But even Aggies have some redeemable qualities, I should know, my roommate just married one.

All joking aside, I implore anyone who reads this article to stop merely tolerating other people. Find something redeemable about the person and love them for who they are. I hope you can avoid hating people. But if you do, be careful. Above all else, please do not be indifferent.

I will leave you with a quote from Elie Wiesel: "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference."

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