



## **UM Faculty Council discusses restrictions on recording lectures**

By Janese Silvey

University of Missouri System administrators and faculty members are grappling with the question of whether students should be allowed to videotape or otherwise record classroom lectures.

The discussion comes on the heels of fallout over a leaked taped lecture from a labor studies course co-taught at UM-Kansas City and UM-St. Louis in the spring semester. The video, posted on Andrew Breitbart's Big Government website in April, pieced together edited comments from the two instructors, making it appear they were advocating for violence.

Since then, UM System lawyers have drafted a policy aimed to give campuses the ability to control who tapes lectures and discipline those who break the rules.

"The purpose was two-fold," interim UM System President Steve Owens said. "One was to reaffirm the university's commitment to academic freedom for faculty and the second was to put in place some guidelines to protect the sanctity of classroom discussions for students. ... It's an attempt to make students feel comfortable that things they say in the classroom are going to have some privacy."

But the policy on the table isn't the solution, members of MU's Faculty Council agreed at yesterday's meeting.

"It's written strangely," said Cheryl Heesch, professor of biomedical sciences. "It's just bad. I have no idea what they were getting at."

The draft policy states that unauthorized copying, editing and redistributing of recordings of statements or comments in the course are prohibited without the professor's permission. Doing so could trigger a violation of copyright and privacy laws, and discipline perpetrators with existing student conduct policies.

That language places too broad of restrictions on students, some agreed.

Leona Rubin said she doesn't care if her veterinary medicine students record her lecture to share with classmates who might have missed it.

Rubin suggested each faculty member be allowed to decide what "unauthorized" use of course material is.

Clyde Bentley, an associate professor of journalism, said his students sometimes like to tweet things they've learned in class, and he wondered if it would interfere with that.

"Our general feeling is you don't ensure free flow of information by restricting how information is disseminated," he said, speaking on behalf of his School of Journalism colleagues.

He said one peer also suggested such restrictions might lead the the public to perceive faculty as trying to hide what they're doing from the taxpayers who in part fund university operations.

The proposed policy does spell out the federal Family Educational Rights and Policy Act that protects student information, and some faculty members said they feel FERPA is strong enough to provide the protection the university is seeking.

Most MU Faculty Council members didn't oppose having a policy of some sort, but they agreed it needs to be more clearly defined.

The issue sets up competing goals, said Jonathan Krieckhaus, an associate professor of political science. On one hand, instructors want students to have tools they need to learn. On the other hand, he knows first-hand that students should not be circulating any recordings outside of the classroom.

"Political science is inherently controversial," he said. "Students need protection."

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# COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

## **After scrutiny, MU Faculty Council recommends revision of 'academic freedom' policy**

By Zach Murdock

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**COLUMBIA — A policy proposed to protect classroom discussion needs to be revised so it's more clear, according to a recommendation from MU's Faculty Council.**

The council's recommendation for the "Policy on Academic Freedom, Course Discussion and Privacy" will go to the University of Missouri System.

It is unclear what the system will do with that recommendation. But Faculty Council Chairman Harry Tyrer said he suspects that because of the volume and quality of comments at the council meeting Thursday, the system will take them under consideration.

Before the meeting, council member Leona Rubin said the policy is intended to protect classroom academic freedom and to ensure that faculty and students feel comfortable engaging in open dialogue in the classroom. The proposal is motivated in part, Rubin said, by the biased editing of lectures given last spring by labor professors at UM campuses in Kansas City and St. Louis.

The proposed policy would have prohibited the distribution of recordings of class comments and discussions, but some faculty members and staff have raised concerns that the policy is overreaching as written and that its language could be more precise.

"It's a solution seeking a problem, and there just isn't a problem," Mike McKean, associate professor of convergence journalism, said in an interview.

Dean Mills, dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, said he understands the issues that led to the policy but has concerns with the way it is written now.

"This is one of those cases in which the proposed cure is worse than the disease," Mills said in an interview.

At the meeting, several members offered similar sentiments, calling the proposal's language confusing and suggesting the key to clearing it up is to make it more specific. Several also suggested including the issue under already-existing academic honesty policies or providing faculty some kind of protective language that can be put on course syllabi.

The ability to put protective language in each class's syllabus would give teachers the chance to warn students up front about disciplinary actions for unauthorized use of class materials or comments, Marty Walker, director of administrative services for the College of Engineering, said in an earlier interview.

The idea could be along the same lines as warnings given about video and audio recorders before concerts, he said.

"Students are students; they're young," Walker said. "You have to look at the situation and how it (the policy) should be applied."

At the meeting, council member Jonathan "Vanya" Kriekhaus, associate professor of political science, said he feels strongly that the classroom should be a protected space where students feel safe expressing their opinion.

"We should provide some protection for our students," Kriekhaus said. "I just don't know how to do it."

In April, conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart posted videos of lectures by Judy Ancel, director of the Institute of Labor Studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and University of Missouri-St. Louis professor Don Giljum. The videos appeared to show the professors endorsing union violence and intimidation tactics in their lectures to a joint-campus Intro to Labor Studies course.

Investigations from both schools concluded that the videos had been heavily edited to take the lecturer's words out of context, at points even editing clips from various class sessions together to appear as one thought.

Rubin, associate professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine, said this incident and others like it inspired the policy.

"The goal is to ensure faculty, but mostly students, have the safety and security to engage in any open dialogue in the classroom without fear of it being remixed or edited out of context," Rubin said. "It was not written to prevent students from taping or sharing information but from intentionally giving it to someone with the intent to defame or alter it in an inappropriate manner."

Without a policy in place, Rubin and Tyrer maintain the university may have no recourse against inappropriate conduct with lecture recordings that twist student or faculty comment in the classroom.

"The concern here is to try to provide a means to provide protection to students," Tyrer said before the meeting. "Right now, there is no mechanism available to the university to do that."

In the end, the council agreed the policy needs to be reconsidered and the language rewritten to clear up the concerns faculty brought against the proposal, including making the policy more focused and specific.

Tyrer, professor of electrical and computer engineering, said after the meeting that he will pass along notes and comments from the discussion to the UM System. Tyrer said he also will request that the issue be put on the Intercampus Faculty Council agenda.

"As long as there's concern, and as long as there's worry about this, we'll continue discussing it until we arrive at a reasonable consensus," Tyrer said.

## **You can't judge MU/SEC reports without an agenda filter**

By Mike DeArmond - Posted on 06 October 2011

**Within less than 24 hours of Missouri's Board of Curators directing MU chancellor Brady Deaton to shop around the Tigers' conference allegiance, some real whopper claims have popped up.**

Before dealing with those, let's issue a caution:

Some who are convinced Missouri will ultimately wind up in the SEC have an agenda.

Some who are convinced the SEC could not possibly want to add Missouri have an agenda.

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So just be forewarned and, if you can, wait - and it will likely be a few weeks down the road rather than today or tomorrow - for the official, on the record, no I'm not kidding, action.

As to the craziness already out there.

1. An MU administrator is anonymously the source of an AP report that Missouri would prefer the Big Ten over the SEC. Last year's news. There is no credible indication the Big Ten is courting Missouri or that Missouri is playing the Big Ten off against the SEC. And whether you believe that or not, the only perception that counts is among SEC presidents and commissioner Mike Slive.

2. A self-proclaimed Big 12 insider out of Oklahoma this morning has tweeted that Chip Brown, last year's media star from Orangebloods.com during the first round of Big 12 movement, is actually the AP's MU administrator. Chip says it is hilarious and a lie. And you should believe Chip. He's a polarizing figure, but Chip Brown is not nor would he claim to be an MU administrator, professor or janitor.

3. A columnist in the Birmingham News has written that Missouri does not yet have the votes to be welcomed into the SEC. The number noted in that column that favor MU inclusion was seven. Since then, I am told by a person I trust in SEC country, that favorable vote total has risen to eight. Nine votes are needed. And that person I trust in the SEC said this morning that he anticipates Slive will ultimately get the minimum nine votes needed to sweep Mizzou into the SEC.

Can I tell you when or if that will happen? No. And advocacy of any specific result - MU staying in the Big 12 or leaving for the SEC - is not on MY AGENDA.

What you'll get out of this reporter and The Star is what is happening and what has happened.

As Chip Brown is fond of writing at the end of his updates: stay tuned.

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## As Big 12 adds TCU, Mizzou keeps silent

BY VAHE GREGORIAN | Posted: Friday, October 7, 2011

As the Big 12 surged ahead Thursday by clearing a path for Texas Christian to enter the league and committing to reforms that included unexpected concessions from Texas, **Mizzou reinforced its non-committal stance and apparent intention to leave by not participating in votes on those issues on advice of legal counsel.**

Moreover, interim Big 12 commissioner Chuck Neinas' scheduled visit to Columbia this week has been postponed indefinitely, a source told the Post-Dispatch.

The meeting was expected to be rescheduled and it was unclear why it was postponed, but an inability to stay on the same page was at least symbolic of the increasingly diverging path MU seems to be on from the Big 12.

Mizzou made that known Tuesday, when chancellor Brady Deaton stepped down as chairman of the Big 12 board of directors as he was empowered by the system's board of curators to "undertake any and all actions necessary to fully explore options for conference affiliation."

The Southeastern Conference and Mizzou already have been doing some exploring, albeit either through intermediaries or in unofficial capacities, and each now is believed to be trying to make it work if legal concerns can be alleviated.

It's not known whether MU has other appealing options or whether MU and the SEC now are having official talks, but the move made by the board appears to clear the way for Mizzou to engage in open dialogue.

Meanwhile, actions taken by the Big 12 to solidify the conference seem to be ones MU would favor.

Missouri long has touted equal revenue sharing, which was enacted on the network and cable revenues — Tier I and Tier II — when the board approved Thursday a formal grant of rights for at least six years.

That doesn't apply to Tier III, which allows schools to pursue their own platform and where the problematic Longhorn Network comes into play.

But even that was reeled in some, with the Big 12 announcing that no high school games or highlights will be allowed on the Longhorn Network (or any other Tier III broadcast) and that any conference game shown on such network would be allowed only if both schools agreed.

The Longhorn Network, run by ESPN, initially had intended to broadcast high school football games and had sought to add another Texas football telecast. When the NCAA ruled out broadcasting high school games as a recruiting advantage, the Longhorn Network tried to make a go of showing high school highlights.

What more specifics Mizzou would seek from a conference where its roots go back more than 100 years is a mystery, but a general sense of distrust and dysfunction among the group is a long way from being healed.

Any other day, the most significant news would be the addition of TCU, which now appears poised to join the Big 12 before it ever made good on its commitment to leave the Mountain West for the Big East next year.

As its move reduces the known Big East's football membership for next year to six, TCU's addition at least for the moment refortifies the Big 12, giving it 10 with another force in Texas with Texas A&M departing for the SEC next year.

Between Texas changing its stance on adding TCU and the ground given on the Longhorn Network, some believe Neinas is having an impact on the reasoning of Texas athletics director DeLoss Dodds, who worked for Neinas when Neinas was Big Eight commissioner.

TCU's move isn't finalized, but a source intimately familiar with the dynamics considers the deal done.

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Mizzou mum as Big 12 invites TCU, agrees to grant of rights

BY VAHE GREGORIAN | Posted: Thursday, October 6, 2011

**The Big 12 made two big moves today -- and the University of Missouri was notably absent in the voting on both.**

Moreover, a knowledgeable source told the Post-Dispatch Thursday afternoon that interim Big 12 commissioner Chuck Neinas' scheduled visit to Columbia this week has been postponed indefinitely, although the source expected it to be rescheduled.

Earlier, the Big 12 announced it is beginning negotiations and discussions to add TCU, but a source with knowledge of the situation considered it done Thursday. And multiple news reports indicated Big 12 chancellors and presidents voted in the morning to accept TCU and that the deal would be finalized shortly.

Also today, the conference announced that its Board of Directors agreed to a formal grant of television rights for a minimum of six years. The approval by the Board was unanimous; however the University of Missouri did not participate in the vote on the advice of legal counsel.

An earlier vote related to equal revenue distribution becomes effective upon the formal assignment of rights by all institutions.

In addition to the grant of television rights for at least a six-year period, the proposal included agreements related to high school content and access to football games for institutional third-tier telecast packages (mainly the controversial Longhorn Network.)

Conference bylaws will reflect that no member institution branded outlet will show high school games or highlights, noting that it is permissible pursuant to NCAA interpretation to use scores, standings and statistics of high school games; and, that additional games beyond the one member institution retained football game for telecast purposes must be approved by both institutions and both Conference telecast partners.

It's uncertain what impact TCU's addition would have on Mizzou, which announced Tuesday it had empowered chancellor Brady Deaton to explore and act upon other affiliation options, most likely related to the Southeastern Conference.

At the time, Deaton stepped down as chairman of the board of directors of the conference.

It's not known whether he also relinquished his seat on the conference expansion committee, but the Big 12 said Mizzou did not participate in the vote to negotiate with TCU on advice of legal counsel.

TCU's addition at least for the moment refortifies the conference membership, giving it 10 with another force in Texas after Texas A&M departs for the SEC next year.

As the Big 12 mulled replacing A&M, TCU was not considered a strong option because it wasn't perceived to add much to the already established footprint in Texas for television package purposes and because Texas was believed to be against it.

But interim commissioner Chuck Neinas recently speculated that the thinking on TCU had changed, and in fact Texas athletics director DeLoss Dodds was quoted Thursday as saying he endorsed the move.

He told the Austin American-Statesman TCU was invited because of "the good academics ... It's pro-active with facilities, has a good budget with strong financial backing, (has) had good results on the football field, (sits) in a pretty good TV market (Dallas-Ft. Worth) and is very travel-friendly" for the Big 12.

American-Statesman columnist Kirk Bohls also added, "The Big 12 remains unaware of Missouri's plans, but most Big 12 administrators do not think Missouri has an invite from the SEC or even any assurance that it will get one. The league decided not to wait and was taking immediate action to strengthen the league."

One conference administrator, though, seemed resigned to MU's departure in an interview with the Post-Dispatch on Wednesday night.



## **TCU discusses Big 12 invite**

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TCU athletic officials and the board of trustees spoke Thursday about an invitation to join the Big 12, and the trustees are expected to meet Friday or early next week, according to sources close to the negotiations. Even if TCU does decide to join the conference, the Big 12 might not be done expanding.

The Big 12 voted earlier Thursday to invite TCU into the conference and the school is expected to accept, according to sources. No announcement has been scheduled. TCU chancellor Victor Boschini Jr. issued a statement neither confirming nor denying the school was going to the Big 12.

"These discussions with the Big 12 have huge implications for TCU," the statement said. "It will allow us to return to old rivalries, something our fans and others have been advocating for many years. As always, we must consider what's best for TCU and our student-athletes in this ever-changing landscape of collegiate athletics. We look forward to continuing these discussions with the Big 12."

The school, which had rivalries with Big 12 schools Texas, Texas Tech and Baylor when they all were members of the Southwest Conference, said it would have no further comment Thursday.

TCU, the defending Rose Bowl champion, agreed earlier this year to leave the Mountain West Conference after this season for the Big East, which has an automatic BCS berth.

The Mountain West has been told that TCU is leaving for the Big 12 as well, pending TCU board of regents approval, according to a MWC spokesperson.

The source told ESPNDallas.com that TCU would have to pay the \$5 million exit fee from the Big East but could join the Big 12 in time for the 2012-13 athletic year. A source with knowledge of the Big East's situation said the league is prepared to see TCU leave before it ever plays a game.

The Big East, which would be left with six football programs because Syracuse and Pittsburgh have already announced moves to the ACC, had no comment, but its member schools were aware of the danger a TCU move would mean for the league when it comes to football.

The New York Times reported late Thursday that Big East presidents planned a conference call on Friday morning to talk about expansion. The league had hoped to court Navy and Air Force,

the newspaper reported. East Carolina, Central Florida and Temple, The Times reported, would like to be considered by the conference.

Connecticut president Susan Herbst called college realignment a "fluid situation."

"It is important that none of us here at UConn become too anxious over this situation," Herbst said. "We will continue to monitor the national landscape and be in communication with officials from other schools and leaders from around the country."

The Big 12 released a statement confirming the invitation and saying that negotiations will begin immediately with TCU. **The University of Missouri did not participate in the vote on the advice of legal counsel.**

The Big 12 lost Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) over the summer and will lose Texas A&M to the SEC next year. Missouri also is exploring options to leave the Big 12.

While Oklahoma president David L. Boren said Thursday that "there could be other additions in the future," sources told ESPN.com's Andy Katz that the Big 12 will hold at 10 until it knows what Missouri will do.

The next two schools on the Big 12's list for possible expansion are Louisville and West Virginia, but not necessarily both. Louisville is closer geographically but West Virginia's football is a stronger pull. There is still no consensus within the Big 12 on whether the league will go to 10 or 12 schools long-term. A number of sources expect a Missouri-SEC decision in some form within a week, which would then allow for the Big 12 to make its next move.

Big 12 members praised the move to invite TCU.

"We're proud that TCU has been invited to join the Big 12," Texas AD DeLoss Dodds said in a statement. "Their commitment to academics and success on the field make them an excellent fit. With a solid budget and strong financial support, they have been proactive at improving facilities. Their close proximity to all conference institutions makes for a comfortable travel situation."

Boren added: "TCU is an excellent choice as a new member of the conference. They bring strong athletics and academic credentials and were enthusiastically and unanimously supported by all of the members of the conference."

According to a Big 12 source, the conference got more "expert information about fit/value/enhancement to our league," late Wednesday. The Big 12 knew of TCU's keen interest.

"There wasn't any reason to wait if we knew it would be the right choice," said the source, who added that "additional expansion is still possible."

TCU is undergoing a \$143 million modernizing renovation to Amon G. Carter Stadium, which will seat close to 50,000 when completed. It's expected to be ready for the 2012 opener. TCU's ticket office has received calls asking for 2012 season tickets.

TCU, which got left out of the Big 12 when the league was formed in 1996, would join Baylor as the Big 12's only private schools.

A move to the Big 12 would also be a financial windfall for TCU.

Big 12 chancellors and presidents have agreed to equally share revenue from the conference's most lucrative television deals if member schools agree to give those top-tier rights to the league for at least six years. The agreement is subject to approval by university governing boards.

The revenue-sharing plan would give each school about \$20 million in June and that figure is expected to grow by 2013 when the league's new 13-year contract with Fox Sports kicks in. The Big 12's contract with ABC/ESPN expires in 2016 and likely will bring in additional money when renegotiated.

Kansas chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said the school supports both the TCU invitation and the agreement on revenue sharing.

"The Big 12 board's approval of equal revenue sharing and the granting of television rights to the conference demonstrate a commitment to the Big 12 by its member universities. This is an outcome KU has sought throughout this process, and it is one that I've been seeking as a member of the conference's stability working group."

# COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

## **Big 12 votes to begin talks with TCU, extend grant of TV rights**

By Vinnie Duber

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**COLUMBIA – While Missouri explores joining another conference, the Big 12 is acting on options of its own.**

**Thursday, the Big 12 Conference board of directors made several decisions aimed at improving the future of the conference, which has appeared to be on its last legs at several points in the past few months.**

The board unanimously authorized interim Commissioner Chuck Neinas to begin discussions and negotiations to bring Texas Christian University into the conference, according to a release from the Big 12.

TCU, located in Fort Worth, Texas, currently plays in the Mountain West Conference but is scheduled for a move to the Big East Conference at the beginning of next season. A change of conferences is nothing new for TCU, which has played as a member of three leagues since 1996. Jumping to the Big 12 would reunite the school with former members of the Southwest Conference: Baylor, Texas Tech and the University of Texas.

The Horned Frogs have seen some success in the past couple of football seasons, making a BCS bowl game in each of the past two seasons and winning the 2011 Rose Bowl.

If TCU decides to head to the Big 12, it will be the first time the conference has added a school since the conference was formed in 1996.

Missouri did not participate in the vote, citing the “advice of legal counsel,” the release said.

On Tuesday, the UM System Board of Curators announced that it had authorized MU Chancellor Brady Deaton to explore other conference options.

In a separate vote, the Big 12 board also agreed to a six-year grant of television rights, according to another release from the conference. Missouri did not participate in this vote either, citing the same reason.

Under the agreement, any school that decides to leave the conference would see its television revenues continue to go to the Big 12, a situation that will go a long way toward keeping schools in the Big 12.

When they were first proposed last month, University of Oklahoma President David Boren described the penalties as “pretty strong handcuffs.”

As a part of this agreement, several other bylaws were established that officially address the Longhorn Network operated by the University of Texas. Most notably, the station will not be allowed to broadcast high school football games or highlights, something other Big 12 schools have seen as an unfair recruiting advantage.

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## Missouri open to leaving Big 12

*With the SEC seemingly in mind, MU is preparing to cut ties with its current conference.*

By Pat Iversen Published Oct. 7, 2011

**The University of Missouri's future with the Big 12 Conference is far from settled, but a series of decisions and announcements this week made one thing certain: Missouri has other options, and it's finally decided to give them a closer look.**

The UM System Board of Curators unanimously voted to grant Chancellor Brady Deaton power to explore alternate conference affiliation Tuesday. The announcement came after nearly four hours of a closed-door session between the board and Missouri athletics director Mike Alden.

Deaton also announced he would be stepping down as chairman of the Big 12 Board of Directors in order to avoid "perceived or actual conflict of interest" as he turns his focus solely to Missouri's future.

"It underscores his singular focus on what is best for MU," Interim UM System President Stephen Owens said.

Owens and Deaton both confirmed the school is not facing any deadlines from the Big 12 regarding a decision to leave the conference or remain. Owens said the board's decision was made after the Big 12 began asking its members for "irrevocable commitments" by demanding member schools hand over media rights for six years.

"We don't fault the Big 12 for asking for that," Owens said. "It's something it should be doing in order to provide stability. But because we are currently faced with making a long-term commitment to the Big 12, now is the time to explore options to fully understand where we are before locking into a long-term commitment."

Both Texas A&M and Oklahoma made similar moves earlier this fall, but only Texas A&M succeeded in leaving the Big 12. The Aggies' departure was briefly put on hold after Baylor led a legal movement to stop the move, but last week the school became the 13th member of the Southeastern Conference.

With the SEC potentially in need of a 14th member, the conference and Missouri have been entwined in rumors since the beginning of the entire process. The SEC officially denied rumors it had already extended an invite to MU but otherwise has declined any further comment.

Deaton also declined to comment about talks with the SEC, only to say the school is "exploring options generally." However, it seems unlikely Missouri would make such an announcement Tuesday if it didn't already have a particular conference in mind.

Following Missouri's decision, SEC commissioner Mike Silve met with conference athletics directors Wednesday. But SEC spokesman Charles Bloom said in a statement that the meeting was held simply "to integrate Texas A&M into the Southeastern Conference and plan for a 13-team schedule for all sports in 2012-13."

Deaton said he would meet with a group Wednesday to begin the process of researching Missouri's options, but wouldn't give an estimate of how long the process would take.

"That will require analysis and communication, and that will take some time," Deaton said.

But the Big 12 won't let Missouri go so easily. While speaking with media the day before, Big 12 interim commissioner Chuck Neinas expressed his belief Missouri would stay with the conference. He cited the equal revenue sharing plan for Tier 1 and Tier 2 rights that was unanimously passed by conference members.

Neinas was scheduled to meet with Missouri officials in Columbia later in the week.

"The University of Missouri is a member in good standing in the Big 12 Conference, and I anticipate the university will continue to be a member of the Big 12," Neinas said in a statement released shortly after the MU board's announcement Tuesday.

Throughout his tenure as conference chairman, Deaton expressed a strong commitment to finding a solution to keep the Big 12 intact. But he said Tuesday that Missouri needed to look at its available options considering the continued instability of the conference.

"The Big 12 board has been doing what we could to establish zones of stability within the Big 12," Deaton said. "As those discussions continued, we continued to have changes occurring from time to time with the departure of Texas A&M and the exploration of the Pac-12. Those discussions are continuing, and it's a time where we need to explore the other options we have."

Plans at this point remain in question.

"We certainly are not ruling out continuing in the Big 12 but we want to be sure we are doing what is best for our university," Deaton said.

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## Big 12 schools inviting TCU to join

By Ralph K.M. Haurwitz | Thursday, October 6, 2011, 11:41 AM

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds has issued a statement on the Big 12's invitation to TCU:

"We're proud that TCU has been invited to join the Big 12. Their commitment to academics and success on the field make them an excellent fit. With a solid budget and strong financial support, they have been proactive at improving facilities. Their close proximity to all conference institutions makes for a comfortable travel situation."

UPDATE:

Presidents and chancellors of the Big 12 schools voted this morning to invite Texas Christian University to join the league, according to two-well placed sources.

That would bring the league's complement to 10 schools after Texas A&M University leaves for the Southeastern Conference.

EARLIER:

Leaders of the University of Texas and other Big 12 schools agreed in a conference call this morning to share so-called Tier 1 and Tier 2 broadcast revenues equally, according to a well-placed source.

In addition, UT agreed not to show high school sports clips on its Longhorn Network, according to the source, who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. That's not a huge concession because the NCAA appears to be headed toward imposing such a prohibition anyway.

**The Big 12 presidents and chancellors agreed to throw in their Tier 1 and 2 rights for six years. The University of Missouri, which is flirting with leaving the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference, apparently pushed for 13 years.**

UT President William Powers Jr. declined to discuss the substance of the conference call or any details about whether a school has been lined up to replace the departing Texas A&M University, which is headed to the SEC.

However, Powers told the American-Statesman this morning that the league was making progress in its pursuit of stability.

"I think the conference is in good shape," he said.

Asked whether he expects Missouri to remain in the conference, he replied: "I'm optimistic."



## **Columbia man charged in fire at Ellis Library**

By Brennan David

A Columbia man arrested last month on suspicion of setting fires at Ellis Library was charged Friday with second-degree burglary and second-degree arson.

According to a probable cause statement, Christopher C. Kelley, 25, told police "I was in the library" but did not start any of the fires. He was arrested Sept. 10 on suspicion of one count of second-degree burglary, one count of second-degree arson, two counts of second-degree tampering and seven counts of second-degree property damage.

Damages are estimated between \$600,000 and \$1 million, said Karlan Seville, a spokeswoman for University of Missouri Campus Facilities. Renovations at the library are ongoing and are expected to conclude within 60 days.

When firefighters were called to the library, crews found a fire on the second floor being kept under control by sprinklers. Moderate smoke and water had spread to the first and second floors.

Video surveillance shows a man matching Kelley's description in the library, according to court documents. He told investigators he left a nearby party and, instead of going home, ended up walking on campus. He did not want to discuss with detectives what he did while in the library.

Also, a friend of Kelley's told investigators Kelley entered an unlocked Stephens College building and "accidentally" started a fire when he unplugged a computer monitor from a wall.

The friend said Kelley stole a computer from the college and was still using it.

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## Chemical reaction sends MU graduate student to hospital

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**COLUMBIA – An MU graduate research assistant was sent to University Hospital mid-morning Wednesday as a result of a chemical reaction in a chemistry building lab. The reaction injured the student's hands.**

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety is currently investigating the incident, MU spokesman Christian Basi said.

“We want to determine why it happened and how it could be prevented in the future,” Basi said.

The graduate student's condition is undetermined, but the injuries are not life-threatening, Basi said.