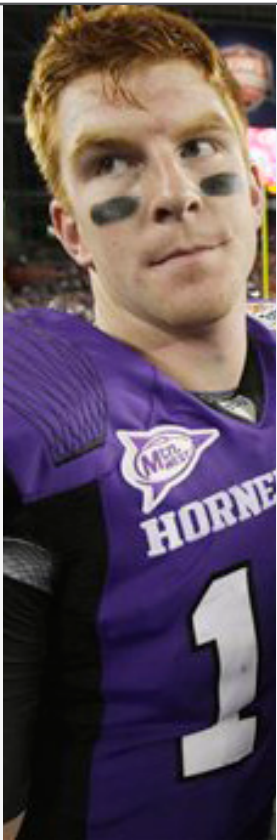


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Although the Fiesta Bowl didn't pan out in TCU's favor, the game brought unprecedented exposure.
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One administrator is making a name for TCU in Washington, D.C.
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NEWS

Boston Market is being replaced by another fast-food chain restaurant.
Tomorrow

FORT WORTH

GOOD SPORT



Mayor Mike Moncrief wears a Boise State football jersey to Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Moncrief wore the jersey as a part of a bet made with Boise Mayor David Bieter before the Horned Frogs' loss against the Broncos in the Fiesta Bowl.
CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia editor

Mayor dons blue after Fiesta loss

By Marshall Doig
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief wore a Boise State Broncos football jersey and hat to the first City Council meeting of 2010 Tuesday night after losing a bet to Boise Mayor David Bieter.

The mayors agreed that whoever supported the Fiesta Bowl's losing team would have to wear the winning team's jersey and hat to the next City Council meeting and be photographed as proof. Because TCU lost 17-10, Moncrief donned a Boise jersey and hat.

"I hadn't planned on wearing a

Boise jersey and cap to the council meeting, but at the same time, I doubt that Mayor Bieter had planned to wear a TCU jersey or cap," Moncrief said prior to the meeting.

The bet was Moncrief's idea and he presented it to Bieter, who was "more than willing" to agree to it, Moncrief said.

"I thought there had to be some kind of wager between the mayors of the two cities and I thought, 'Do we bet that we'll provide them barbecue and they provide us with potatoes?'" Moncrief said. "I decided it would be more visual for us to have the bet with the opposing team's jersey."

Before the meeting's invocation by TCU Campus Minister Angela Kaufman, Moncrief said, "We need your prayers, especially [with] me in this uniform."

He was even more conspicuous preparing for the photo as he was surrounded by the varying degrees of purple attire worn by City Council members, including a TCU hat worn by Mayor Pro Tempore Daniel Scarth.

Moncrief was a driving force in getting Fort Worth residents behind the Horned Frogs during the season.

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CONSTRUCTION

Officials: Backup parking planned

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Sports Editor

The bulldozers are back. In December, the university broke ground on the construction of a new admissions building on the west side of campus, which will occupy a parking lot reserved for commuters.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said accommodations have been and will be made to ensure that students have places to park.

"We added a number of spots last summer actually over by the condominiums (near Worth Hills off Bellaire Street)...and this spring we're going to knock down the taller of the condominium buildings and build a parking lot in there," Mills said. "So, when that parking lot is finished we will have almost exactly the same number of spots as are in the lot where the admissions building is going to be."

He said the university planned to tear down the condominium in December but was unable to do so.

Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects for Physical Plant, also said negotiations are in the works to tear down the condominium building and develop the parking lot. He said that although the construction may cause some inconvenience, there are enough spaces available to accommodate the spaces lost due to construction.

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DIVERSITY

Veteran population gets boost from bill

By Anna Waugh
Associate Editor

The post-9/11 GI Bill has continued to increase the university's student veteran population this spring with 37 new student veterans using the bill, almost matching the 40 who started using the bill at the beginning of fall 2009, a university veteran affairs official said.

Stephanie Hules, veteran affairs officer, said university officials anticipated the increase this spring be-

"I talk to so many of the new VA students and they say that this benefit is so amazing and has given them a great opportunity to come back to school at the school of their choice."

Stephanie Hules
veteran affairs officer

cause the applications for the new GI Bill were available May 2009, but some veterans could not finish the paperwork in time to start in the fall.

"I talk to so many of the new VA students and they say that this benefit is so amazing and has given them a great opportunity to come back to school at the school of their choice," Hules wrote in an e-mail.

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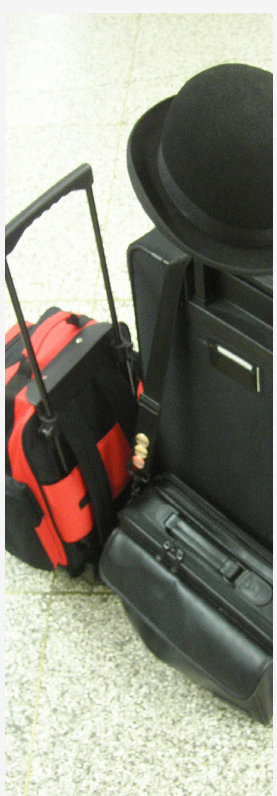
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For travelers, safety in the air involves making some sacrifices.

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PECULIAR FACT

MIAMI — A rare 1913 U.S. coin once owned by an Egyptian king and later featured in the TV detective series "Hawaii Five-O" was sold for more than \$3.7 million in a public auction last week in Florida.

— Reuters

TODAY'S WEATHER



57 45
HIGH LOW

Partly Sunny

Tomorrow: Chance of Rain
52 / 41

Friday: Rain likely
49 / 37



GRADUATE SCHOOL

Changes to GRE expected for 2011

By Lawrence Embry
Staff Reporter

Aspiring graduate students planning to take the Graduate Record Exam or GRE in 2011 might take a new, reformatted version of the test featuring a new scoring system and changes in test content.

The Education Testing Service, the nonprofit institution that administers the GRE, announced its plans to change the test at a December meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools in San Francisco, according to an article by The New York Times. More than 600,000 graduate school hopefuls take the GRE each year.

A representative for ETS told the Skiff that she could not comment on the changes to the test because nothing is official yet.

Andrew Mitchell, director of graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, said one of the format changes ETS is considering for the GRE is how the test is scored. The scoring system for each section of the test would change from a 200-to-800 point scale to a 130-to-170 point system, he said. This shift will make the scale narrower and the process more competitive for the students taking the test, Mitchell said.

"Essentially, when you're preparing for the GRE, you're trying to get

a competitive score," Mitchell said. "You're trying to beat your competition, whatever level of competition you're shooting for, and this smaller scale is gonna mean that it's that much harder to differentiate yourself."

Mitchell said the quantitative section of the test will have less geometry, more data analysis and an added on-line calculator. He said students may initially be excited about the calculator, but it may not be the gift they imagine because the kind of math featured will likely change, too.

"What we're likely to see is that straightforward problems will be re-

SEE GRE · PAGE 2

STUDY ABROAD

Colleagues remember program official

By Maricruz Salinas
Web Editor

The university's study abroad program is one staff member short following the death of its TCU in Florence coordinator, Harry Antrim, in December.

Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad, wrote in an e-mail that TCU Abroad will decide faculty members who will become more involved with the program at the appropriate time.

Antrim, 73, and his wife, Mary Volcansek, a political science pro-

fessor at the university, were on their way to vacation in Venice, Italy, when Antrim had a heart attack during a layover in an airport lounge in Spain on Dec. 23, according to his obituary in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Emergency workers tried to revive Antrim while his wife held his hand, but were unsuccessful.

Kucko wrote that Antrim was a pillar advocate for the TCU in Florence program since spring 2004.

"His passion for Italy, Florence in particular, transcended to our students who loved Dr. Antrim

and his ability to prepare them for an enriching semester in Florence," Kucko wrote. "Dr. Antrim's passion and expertise are not replaceable."

Antrim's daughter, Terry Leness, wrote in an e-mail that Antrim was "a kind man, generous to a fault with students and friends and an extremely erudite man of letters."

Steve Sherwood, director of the W.L. Adams Center for Writing, said Antrim, who was also a professor with the writing center, came to the university in 2000

OPINION

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The Skiff View

Parking lot closure lacked prompt warning

For the past few years, TCU has been proactive in building and remodeling infrastructure. This helps maintain a campus that current students can be proud of and prospective students can admire. However, poor communication created a headache for commuting students who found themselves having a particularly troublesome time finding a parking spot.

Over the winter break, the university broke ground on the new admissions building in what was formerly a commuter parking lot. Though an announcement Tuesday from TCU Parking and Transportation Services emphasized that there are other lots available for commuter parking, all are exceedingly far away from the heart of campus, and some students reported being late to class because they didn't know the lot was closed.

University officials said more parking lots are in the works to replace those spots that were lost to the admissions building. Though students will surely welcome the news, late notice about the parking lot closure and possible alternatives created problems for students who were not in town for the holidays and had not seen the construction before their first class Monday.

While students appreciate the university's expansion and administrators' efforts to address their parking woes, the administration should give advanced warning to its students about possible inconveniences so they can plan accordingly.

News editor Libby Davis for the editorial board

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

New security measures not designed for the shy



DANNY PETERS

The glory days of flying are now over. Long gone are the days of beautiful, cheery flight attendants and bright-eyed, young pilots who earned their stripes in World War II or any other military conflict. The flight attendant job has been relegated to older women who look like one of the members of ZZ Top without the awesome beard. Pilots have turned into exhausted, worn out older men who always regale us with the weather at our destination in the same, monotonous pilot tone.

Recent security lapses in American airports and abroad have forced the Transportation Security Administration and other aviation security groups to up the ante in the security game. The TSA is now starting to implement screening devices that can literally see through the traveler's clothes to reveal possible hidden explosives and weapons.

I wholeheartedly support the increased security measures for our general safety, but I also think that the screening units might be a possible privacy issue for those of us (you know who you are) who are not comfortable in their own skin and are slightly modest. The Federal Aviation Administration promises that there will be no issues with the new screen-

ing machines, but what measures are being put in place that will prevent a perverted screener from using the machine for his or her own sick pleasure?

There really is not another solution to the modesty-inducing screening machines unless we could somehow travel back to ancient Greece, where complete nudity was the norm and there was no modesty.

There really is not another solution to the modesty-inducing screening machines unless we could somehow travel back to ancient Greece, where complete nudity was the norm and there was no modesty. One would have to think the Hellenes would not mind our new screening processes, as they would just walk through the machine without any clothes on. Problem solved.

Ideally, there would be no terrorists who want to wreak havoc on American soil, thus we would not have to go through these security measures. But this is just not the case. If we want to live a life of luxury and travel at over 400 mph while eating allergy-friendly nuts, we will have to deal with these new machines and get over the chagrin that they will ultimately cause.

Danny Peters is a junior psychology major from Fort Worth.



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School provides good bowl experience



JOHN ANDREW WILLIS

Few things are so difficult that a group of people can prepare for weeks in the national spotlight, do everything in its power to achieve success and still only have a 50-50 chance of victory. College football bowl season is one of those things.

Despite the Fiesta Bowl's disappointing outcome, the university deserves huge credit for creating an incredible bowl experience for its students and fans. The effort the Athletics and Campus Life offices put forth regarding travel and event organization was exponentially better than last year for the Poinsettia Bowl.

Before the game was announced – in an unprecedented live national broadcast from the completely full Daniel-Meyer Coliseum – the community was given useful updates

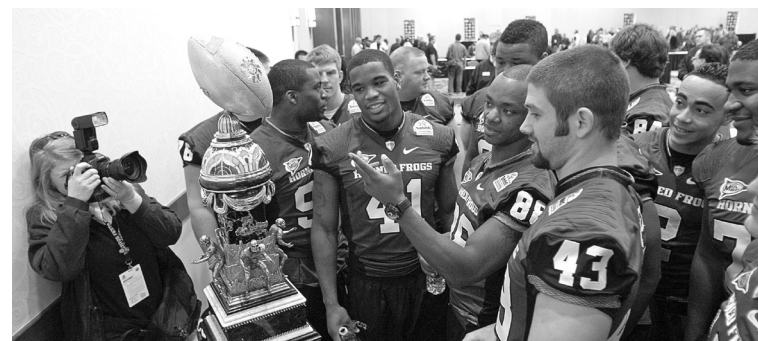
on travel and game ticket options. Students were even offered TCU-sponsored programming in Glendale, Ariz., including a welcome party and a pep rally. The university also teamed TCU Police with campus officials in Glendale in the event that a student needed emergency assistance.

I've always appreciated the community atmosphere TCU promotes, but seeing that same environment travel across the country absolutely exceeded my expectations. It takes a lot to find value in the cost of attending TCU, but the university's effort in planning an exceptional

bowl game experience was certainly an example.

The success of Horned Frog football, whether some naïve professors admit it or not, benefits the entire community in a huge way. TCU's increased national prominence in athletics coverage will certainly expedite our school's growth and image as a respected university. Seeing the university recognize and take action in light of that truth gives me reason to expect big things for TCU in the future.

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RODGER MALLISON / Fort Worth Star Telegram
 Several TCU starters gather to look at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl trophy during media day for the Fiesta Bowl at the Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Ariz., Friday, Jan. 1, 2010.

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Destruction of lot aggravates campus parking problem

After three weeks of holiday comfort food and home cooking, the first stop on my list after I got back to TCU was the campus Rec Center. I was looking forward to finally snagging a great parking space with almost no competition. Unfortunately, once I arrived at the site, I was greeted, not by a practically empty parking lot, but by a fenced-off mound of dirt and gravel. I was even more chagrined to learn that the lot wasn't just temporarily closed for paving; it was being replaced with a new administration building. There are more people at TCU every year. The school's student population is

on the rise and there are no hints that this trend will change any time soon. Yet for some reason, university administrators continue to respond to the influx of new students by further reducing the already limited number of parking spaces on campus. The logic behind this strategy has always eluded me. Please don't peg me as some loudmouthed malcontent. I understand that TCU administrators need somewhere to work and that students don't walk or carpool nearly as much as they could and should. But bulldozing this particular parking lot was an especially irksome decision because it's one of the few easily accessible commuter lots on West Campus. For most commuters,

driving is an unavoidable necessity. Razing the gym parking lot is also a safety concern for me and other women who work out after dark. With the Rec Center lot gone, the closest commuter lots will be by the football stadium and library, both of which are several blocks away. Don't get me wrong — I fully appreciate all of TCU's new facilities, and the campus looks great. But maybe it's time that TCU made some more room for its students. Being a college student is hard enough without having to park half a mile away from your classes.

Chelsea Smith is a senior broadcast journalism and English major from Albuquerque, N.M.

QUICK NEWS

Lawmakers consider dropping health bill 'millionaires tax'

WASHINGTON — House and Senate negotiators working on President Barack Obama's health overhaul bill appear likely to drop a proposed income tax increase on high-wage earners and possibly jettison a requirement for large businesses to offer coverage to their employees, Democratic officials said Tuesday.

Negotiators are considering extending the Medicare payroll tax, which now applies only to income from wages, to cover some of the investment earnings of couples making more than \$250,000 a year, and individuals earning above \$200,000.

On another high-profile issue, the negotiators are discussing a hybrid of a proposed national insurance exchange contained in the House bill and the state-by-state approach favored by the Senate. Subsidized health care.

Conan O'Brien says no thanks to NBC move

LOS ANGELES — Conan O'Brien has refused to play along with NBC's plan to move "The Tonight Show" and return Jay Leno to late-night, abruptly derailing the network's effort to resolve its scheduling mess.

O'Brien said in a statement Tuesday that shifting "Tonight" will "seriously damage what I consider to be the greatest franchise in the history of broadcasting," and he expressed disappointment that NBC had given him less than a year to establish himself as host at 11:35 p.m. EST.

He doesn't have an offer in hand from another network, O'Brien said.

The network's prime-time ratings woes stem in part from the poor performance of Leno's new prime-time show. "The Jay Leno Show" debuted in the fall after Leno surrendered his 17-year stake in the "Tonight" last spring to O'Brien.

Former worker who shot 2 at Texas ranch executed

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted killer Gary Johnson was executed Tuesday for fatally shooting a ranch foreman and another man who interrupted his burglary of a southeast Texas ranch nearly 24 years ago.

Johnson, 59, was the second inmate to receive lethal injection this year in Texas.

He was condemned for the 1986 slayings of James Hazelton, 28, and Hazelton's brother-in-law, Peter Sparagana, 23. The two were gunned down while investigating a call from a neighbor who reported intruders had driven through a chained gate at a ranch. It took about two years for investigators to assemble their case against Johnson, who once worked at the ranch, and his brother, Terry. The brothers became suspects after the neighbor who saw men drive into the ranch described distinctive brake lights on their truck.

Another chain pulls cadmium-tainted kids' jewelry

LOS ANGELES — A second international chain store said it is pulling from shelves jewelry that lab tests show contained high levels of the heavy metal cadmium, and Chinese regulators said they will investigate dangerous levels of the toxin in children's jewelry being exported to the United States.

The jewelry and accessories store Claire's, with nearly 3,000 locations in North America and Europe, on Tuesday joined Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in saying it would stop selling any item cited in an Associated Press investigation of the presence of cadmium in cheap bracelets and charms.

Charms on a "Best Friends" bracelet sold at Claire's contained 89 and 91 percent cadmium, according to testing organized by AP, and shed alarming amounts in a procedure that examined how much cadmium children might be exposed to.

Bomb kills Iran physicist

TEHRAN, Iran — A senior physics professor who publicly backed Iran's opposition leader was killed when a bomb-rigged motorcycle exploded as he left for work Tuesday. The government blamed the U.S. and Israel for the attack.

The blast apparently was set off by a remote trigger, but it was unclear why the professor was targeted. The victim was a 50-year-old researcher with no prominent political voice, no published work with military relevance and no declared links to Iran's nuclear program.

Hard-line backers of the Islamic system have urged stronger measures to try to crush and intimidate anti-government forces. But the Tehran University professor, Masoud Ali Mohammadi, was far from a front-row political player.

—The Associated Press

NEWS & SPORTS

TEXAS TECH

School asks court to toss claim

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech on Tuesday asked a judge to throw out fired coach Mike Leach's lawsuit, saying state law gives the university immunity from legal action.

The university contended Leach is barred from suing the university without a waiver of sovereign immunity from the Texas Legislature.

Attorneys for Leach, who was fired last month amid allegations he mistreated a player who had

suffered a concussion, also filed additional claims Tuesday, including that the school violated the Texas Whistleblower Act in dismissing the coach.

One of the attorneys, Paul Dobrowski, said at a news conference that a sovereign immunity defense isn't permissible under a whistleblower claim. In a statement read by another attorney, Ted Liggett, Leach said he expects to be "vindicated," and will "vigorously prosecute" his claims.

"I categorically deny that I mistreated Adam James, refused to cooperate with the school's in-

vestigation, or acted in an insubordinate manner as an employee of the University," Leach said in his statement.

The university wants the judge to take up its claim Jan. 20, before a hearing is held on a motion from Leach's attorneys seeking to depose Texas Tech administrators — university system chancellor Kent Hance, school president Guy H. Bailey, and athletic director Gerald Myers — and James, the receiver Leach is accused of mistreating.

The attorneys also want documents and communications from the school pertaining to Leach going back to Jan. 1, 2006.

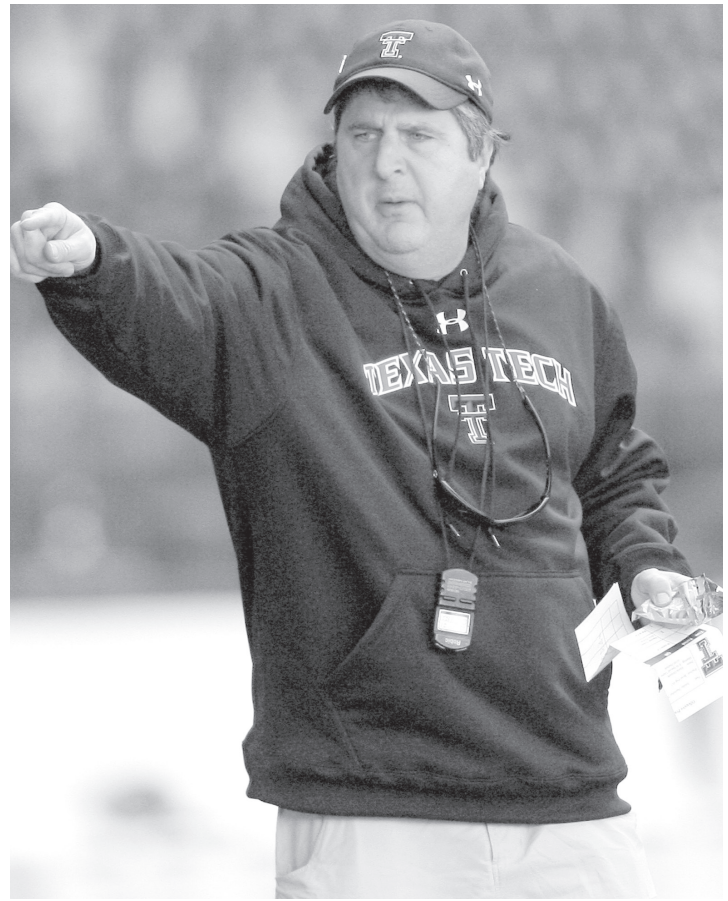
Texas Tech's filing Tuesday asserts the school is entitled to a sovereign immunity defense on claims made in previous filings by Leach — including breach of contract, slander, libel and violation of due process.

Leach's attorneys claim in their Tuesday filing that Hance told Leach that James' father, former NFL player and ESPN analyst Craig James, was claiming his son "was being forced" to play before his concussion had healed. The filing states that Leach denied this allegation to Hance.

According to Leach's filing, the reason for Leach's dismissal was his seeking a temporary restraining order following his suspension Dec. 28.

A statement from the university said Leach's newest filing contains "numerous falsehoods and gross inaccuracies."

"It appears to me this latest filing is nothing more than a desperate attempt to deflect the focus from Mike Leach's irresponsible treatment of an injured student athlete and Leach's insubordination," Bailey, the school's president, said in a separate statement.



MIKE STONE / AP Photographer

Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach gives directions to his team during a December football practice. The school handed a termination letter to Leach's attorney on Dec. 30, just before the two sides were to appear in a courtroom for a hearing on the coach's suspension.

STUDENT LIFE

Comfort food a campus favorite

By Jodi S. Cohen
Chicago Tribune

Apricot-glazed turkey. Meatloaf with frizzle-fried onions. And Vietnamese pho.

These may not sound like typical dorm foods — especially the Asian rice noodle soup — but they topped the list of most popular cafeteria items according to Sodexo, which provides food service at 600 campuses across the country.

There are regional differences, of course, reflecting the tastes students developed at home. In the Midwest, the top three favorites are home-style roast beef, carved roasted turkey and mac 'n' cheese, which may explain the freshman 15. In the Southwest region? Fish tacos. The Mid-Atlantic? Chicken pot pie.

The Sodexo survey found that students want comfort foods, said Sodexo spokeswoman Mon-

ica Zimmer.

"If you are a New Englander studying at Tulane, maybe red beans and rice becomes your comfort food," Zimmer said, "and maybe for a Southerner studying at M.I.T., clam chowder becomes their comfort food."

Vegetarian fare also has become more popular, she said. The list was determined in part from votes taken by students who attended the company's food-trend expos held throughout the year. Feedback also came from focus groups, a restaurant audit and other research.

None of the items on the Sodexo list is as surprising as one of the most increasingly popular foods at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: kimchi, the Korean pickled cabbage. U. of I. students are going through 30 to 40 gallons of it each day, said Dawn Aubrey, a senior as-

Top 10 college foods

1. Apricot-glazed turkey
2. Meatloaf with frizzle-fried onions
3. Vietnamese pho
4. Vegetarian lentil shepherd's pie
5. Chicken adobo
6. Stuffed pork chops
7. Vegetarian jambalaya
8. Lemon herbed baked tilapia
9. Rotisserie chicken
10. Home-style pot roast

Source: Sodexo

stant director of dining.

"They use it as a condiment and incorporate it into the made-to-order stir-fries. We have even had students put it on hot dogs," Aubrey said. "We are going through amazing amounts of it."

VIRGINIA TECH

Parts of lawsuit may go forward

By Michael Felberbaum
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Key parts of a \$10 million lawsuit filed by the families of two students slain in the mass shootings at Virginia Tech can go forward, a judge in Virginia ruled Tuesday.

Visiting Circuit Court Judge William Alexander said the families of Julia Pryde and Erin Peterson alleged enough facts about gross negligence by the university, president Charles Steger and former executive vice president James Hyatt to allow a case against them to proceed.

But Alexander said allegations against four other officials and

members of the group that coordinated the school's response on April 16, 2007, did not state a sufficient cause of action against them.

He ruled cases against three employees of Virginia Tech's counseling center can proceed.

But the judge dismissed the families' claims against a local community services board and its staff.

The rulings are not a finding of fact or fault, but simply that the allegations are clear enough to warrant a trial.

Peterson and Pryde's families claim in lawsuits seeking \$10 million that the state, Virginia Tech and university and mental health

officials were grossly negligent by not immediately warning students of two shootings that occurred at 7:15 a.m. on April 16, 2007, in a dormitory. The families claim the two-hour delay in notifying faculty and staff was the result of officials putting concerns about the school's image above campus safety.

The lawsuits also claim a local health center where student gunman Seung-Hui Cho had gone did not adequately treat or monitor him.

Most of the families of slain students accepted their share of an \$11 million state settlement.

Cho killed 32 people before taking his own life in April 2007 during the nation's worst mass shooting. Officials still don't know why Cho, a loner who had attracted little attention, killed so many people. Assistant Attorney General Mike F. Melis had said during a hearing last month that officials were not negligent because they took actions based on the information they had available to them at the time.

He also argued that Steger and others should be extended sovereign immunity because their positions are established and funded by the state.

Robert T. Hall, Peterson and Pryde's attorney, did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

University spokesman Mark Owczarski said in a statement that the ruling is another step in the "long journey to ultimately resolve the facts surrounding the horrific events."

"We strongly believe that Virginia Tech personnel acted appropriately in the events leading up to, during, and after April 16, 2007," Owczarski said in a statement. "We will vigorously defend against allegations made to the contrary."

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Today in History
On this day in 1128, Pope Honorius II grants a papal sanction to the military order known as the Knights Templar, declaring it to be an army of God.
—The History Channel

Joke of the Day
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A: Mice Crispies.

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See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

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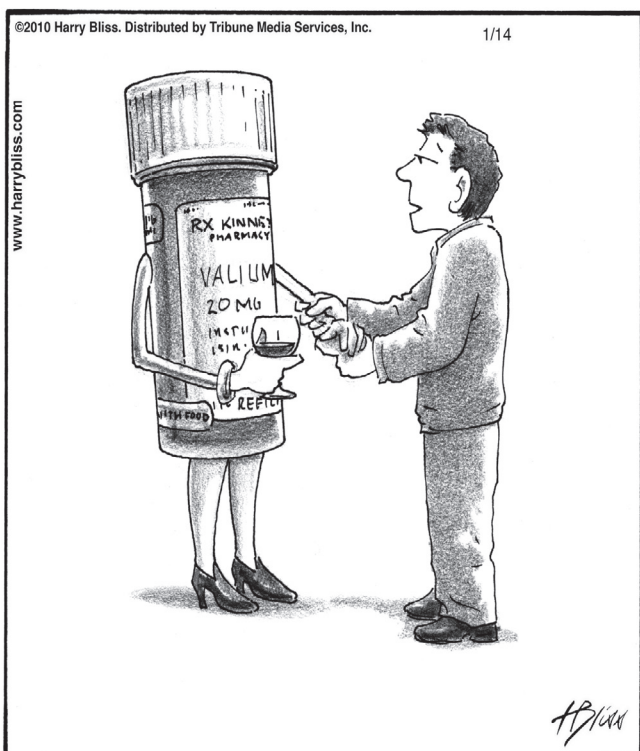
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by Harry Bliss



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- Egyptian viper
- Chase, in a way
- Supposing
- Zig or zag
- Dictated reminder
- Wrath, in a hymn title
- "We must be nuts!"
- Word with car or bumper
- Dover's st.
- Skeddaddles
- Derby drinks
- Moor on stage
- Beef source
- Flowery welcome
- VIP on the Hill
- Restricted airspace
- First name in tyranny
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By Dan Naddor

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

DEFENDING



TCU freshman guard Xavier Roberson goes for the layup in the Horned Frogs' to the Wyoming Cowboys on Tuesday night at the Daniel Meyer Coliseum. **MATT COFFELT/ Staff Photographer**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs make trip to Laramie

By **Kylie Osterloh**
Staff Writer

After a convincing win against conference rival Utah, No. 22 TCU, now 12-3 for the season, is looking to defeat a 10-4 Wyoming in Laramie tonight.

The Lady Frogs hope to extend their seven-game win streak, which marks the fourth longest in program history, with a victory over the Cowgirls.

"The biggest challenge is that they're a good basketball team," said associate head coach Brian Ostermann. "Any time you're

playing a good team on their floor, you have to overcome the challenges."

In the past six matchups for the Lady Frogs and the Cowgirls in Laramie, TCU has recorded two wins.

"They pose some problems for our defense, and we're going to really have to be locked in and play very well to get the result that we want," Ostermann said.

Freshman forward Starr Crawford scored 15 points against the Utes and tied freshman forward DeLisa Gross for the most rebounds with eight.

"We're in a good flow right now and that helps us tremendously, especially because we are going into conference," Crawford said.

As the race for the Mountain West Conference title continues, the Lady Frogs are gaining national recognition with a spot on the AP Top 25 Poll. They jumped to No. 22 after Saturday's 62-41 win against Utah.

"It's definitely a good accomplishment, but we need to focus on one game at a time because it can be taken away if we slip up," said senior guard Eboni Mangum. "We need to play

team ball."

In last season's meetings, TCU swept the Cowgirls with a 60-47 win at home and an 81-78 victory in Laramie.

The Lady Frogs are 8-6 against Wyoming overall.

"We are just preparing for a typical Mountain West Conference game, and it's a matter of who can be the better team in those 40 minutes," Ostermann said.

The game will not be broadcast on TV but can be listened to live on 88.7 KTCU FM with an Internet feed available on gofrogs.com.

FIESTA BOWL

Regional TV ratings soar during Fiesta

By **David Stein**
Staff Reporter

While the Fiesta Bowl loss to Boise State was certainly not the best game in the TCU's history, it was one of the most watched.

According to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article, Fox drew 13.8 million viewers, 27 percent more than the Mountain West rival Utah victory over Alabama in last season's Allstate Sugar Bowl.

Dallas-Fort Worth comprised of 35 share on the night of the game, which means that 35 percent of viewers in the area watching television at the time were tuned in to the game.

Explanations offered for the successful exposure of the Fiesta Bowl include that there had never been a BCS non-championship game between two undefeated teams or that never before had two non-BCS conference opponents met in a BCS bowl game.

Mark Cohen, director of athletic media relations, said the broadcast was great exposure for the university.

"I think it's fantastic exposure," Cohen said. "Monday night on Fox is a major football viewing night, and it was the first Monday without a Monday Night Football game. There were so many promos on Fox leading up to the game, and I think a lot of people tuned in for the curiosity factor."

Cohen said it was unclear if the game offered the greatest exposure ratings in university history, but he said he thought it neared the top.

ESPN Radio broadcasted

the game live from The Pour House, a restaurant and bar near downtown Fort Worth.

Eric Tschetter, owner of The Pour House, said it was beyond packed as hundreds gathered for the watch party.

The Fiesta Bowl ratings were good news for a team that had some trouble with television broadcasts this season. While 12 of the Frogs' 13 games could be seen on TV, DirecTV subscribers missed four on Versus because of a contract feud. Subscribers to Dish Network were unable to watch three games on the MountainWest Sports Network.

"We're contractually obligated through the conference to be on CBS College Sports, Versus and the (MountainWest Sports Network) for home games," Cohen said. "For instance, if we play a Big 12 team on the road, it would be on another network, but when we play Baylor next season at home, it will be on one of the three."

The Frogs' 2010 non-conference could include games that would further advance the program's exposure.

Along with a home game against Big 12 opponent Baylor University, TCU is close to inking a game against Oregon State from the Pac-10 at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, according to ESPNDallas.com.

TCU's game against Southern Methodist University could also see more national attention next year after SMU's first bowl win in 25 years.

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Three lessons on the culture of winning



JOSH DAVIS

As Pete Carroll walks away from millions, the University of Southern California program and its support, the "Why?" is written on the wall.

Since the Reggie Bush case took its first breath of fresh air since 2004, three major investigations have taken place. First into Southern Cal's elite players in football and basketball programs being compensated for play (Bush, O.J. Mayo and most recently Joe McKnight), then Sports Illustrated reported misconduct from team coaches and doctors regarding a football assistant's pain-killer addiction. And the cherry on top of the See-you-on-Sundays?

There are plenty of whispered rumors of Carroll's misconduct with a coed that were whispered less than subtly by Charlie Weis as he waddled out of South Bend.

The Southern California athletic program is a victim of its own culture. It's a culture of winning, but it is also a culture of lies, cheating and misconduct. And while I'm not letting Carroll off the hook for running away, could anyone honestly blame him for getting out as quickly as possible before the house of cards crumbles? It's self-preservation at its finest, which is the life of many college coaches today.

TCU shares that culture of

winning. So far, we have been fortunate enough to only benefit from that culture, as one big program can help to build others, much like our football program has. In fact, there is a lot about USC that TCU would love to copy.

The Trojans have set the bar frustratingly high for what a private school can accomplish on all athletic fields. While USC has a much longer athletic history than TCU, there are similar themes. Most notably, Carroll was hired as coach at USC in 2000 during the same bowl season that Dennis Franchione left TCU high and dry. Gary Patterson took over that team for their bowl game before both men became full-time NCAA coaches in 2001. Both athletic programs have been on the rise for the near-decade since.

For Southern Cal, it was much easier to create a winner. In just his second year, the Trojans were in the Orange Bowl, the first of seven consecutive BCS bowls. It took nine years for Gary Patterson to get TCU to that level, but if the university wants to stay there, lessons on what not to do are being taught at USC.

There are three lessons to take to heart to make a winner the right way:

1) One player is never worth it. Not Mayo, McKnight or the next player who thinks Texas would be a better fit than TCU unless the university is willing to sweeten the deal. And while it would be wonderful to whisper right in Bevo's ear all year talking smack to UT fans, we are not on that level yet. As long as TCU plays

We are the Horned Frogs, and while it would be wonderful to whisper right in Bevo's ear all year talking smack to UT fans, we are not on that level yet.

its advantages and boosters don't get any really bad ideas, we shouldn't have any issues. We have been lucky with coaching staffs that have shown they can do more with less talent than all of our in-state competition. As long as the university stays relevant, talent will come organically.

2) Coaches come, coaches go. Unfortunately, contracts don't mean a whole lot to college coaches these days. While their success is to be commended, the winning ways of TCU's coaches will eventually buy their ticket out of here. The athletics programs here are great, but some can't compete with state school money. Others can't match the focused intensity of other private schools. Thankfully living in Fort Worth and working with the people at TCU isn't a bad gig.

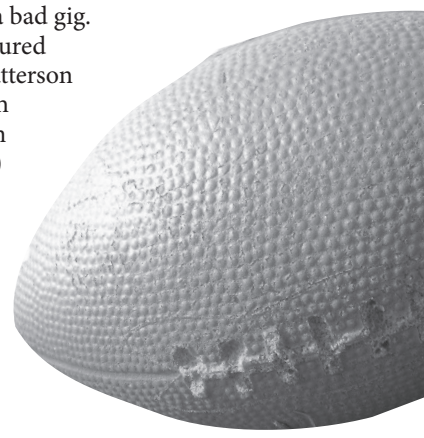
But even long-tenured coaches like Gary Patterson and swimming coach Richard Sybesma (an astounding 31 years) can't have full authority over their programs. They are employees of the university, and their players need to be checked up on like any other athletes. I

don't believe a coach should be able to claim stupidity and bail out to, say, the Seattle Seahawks (just an example), if players they know and work with every day are caught cheating.

3) A winning environment needs fans. I've got to believe there are enough season ticket holders and students in town to push the attendance number. The basketball team deserves better. Our football and baseball teams posted record attendance last year. If you want to play with big programs and bring in big players, an empty gym, field or court doesn't pass anymore. Baseball season is wonderful. Basketball season is now.

It has been an incredible run lately for TCU athletics. But a bitter warning might be coming soon in LA As Tiger has shown all of us, you can idolize someone — but that doesn't mean you need to follow their life step for step.

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