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Gladys Loius Jeune is pulled alive from the rubble of her home in Port-au-Prince nearly 43 hours after Tuesday's earthquake, where she was greeted by a cheering crowd Thursday. PATRICK FARRELL / AP Photographer

Donors use texting to give aid

From Staff and Wire Reports

President Barack Obama on Thursday pledged \$100 million in response to the Haiti humanitarian crisis, but text messaging and Twitter are giving relief efforts a new face.

U.S. cell phone users have contributed more than \$5 million to Haiti through mGive, a nonprofit that has partnered with the Red Cross and wireless service providers to channel donations. A cell phone user texts "HAITI" to 90999 to make a \$10 donation that is charged directly to the user's cell phone bill.

Other efforts include those of Haitian-American singer Wyclef Jean, who recruited donors by Tweeting a request to donate \$5 by texting "Yele" to the number 501501. Lindsey Nelson, a fresh-

man pre-business major, said she would be willing to donate through the text-messaging campaign.

"If the opportunity presented itself, then I would definitely go for it," Nelson said. "I admit that I have not been actively seeking one."

Kristen Escher, a junior neuroscience and philosophy major, said she would be inclined to contribute if efforts became more publicized on campus.

The international Red Cross estimates that about 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's 7.0 magnitude earthquake, which has provoked an international outpouring of support for the developing country.

But despite the popularity of the text-messaging campaign, local churches are relying on more

How to help

Financial aid:

- To donate \$10, text "HAITI" to 90999
- To donate \$5, text "Yele" to 501501
- Donate online at weekofcompassion.org
- Drop off a check at your local Red Cross

In-kind aid:

- Assemble supply kits and ship them to Church World Service. For instructions, go to churchworldservice.org.

traditional methods to supply aid to Haiti.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Noted lobbyist to visit campus

By Marshall Doig
Staff Reporter

The man considered to be higher education's top lobbyist in Washington, D.C., will visit the university Tuesday to talk with administrators about academic issues concerning higher education institutions, university officials said.

Terry Hartle, senior vice president for the American Council on Education's government and public affairs division, will speak to TCU's Administrative Council — a 40-50 member assembly of vice chancellors, academic deans and other administrators — about issues that could include containing costs, efficient resource management, learning outcomes, administration of loan programs, campus safety, need for financial aid, endowment transparency and student health insurance, said Lisa Albert, director of communications.



Hartle

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MLK DAY

Students prepare for day of service

By Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr. Day might be a holiday, but some students won't be taking the day off.

The university is now participating in the MLK Day of Service, said Melissa Gruver, coordinator for community involvement.

By noon on Monday, student volunteers will be working with community agencies, such as Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Samaritan House and Buchner Family Services, Gruver said.

"I'm glad that we are taking advantage of this day to make it more than just another holiday or another day to sleep in and not go to class."

Brittany Shamlin
NAACP chapter president

Gary Briggs, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity president, and Brittany Shamlin, NAACP president for the university's chapter, are leading the project.

Gruver said that various student organizations on campus like Alpha Phi Omega, the Black Student Association and the Multicultural Greek Council signed up to participate.

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Gubernatorial candidates Gov. Rick Perry, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina faced off Thursday at UNT in the year's first debate in their race for governor. Go to dailyskiff.com for the full story.

PECULIAR FACT

KINSTON, N.C. — An undercover drug buy led detectives to an underground marijuana garden in a buried school bus. A search dog fell through a camouflaged trap door leading to a full-length school bus buried 8 feet under a backyard tool shed.

— Associated Press

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FILM-TV-DIGITAL MEDIA

Radio host to broadcast from studio

By Jennifer Ivy
Staff Reporter

Progressive radio talk show host Ed Schultz will broadcast his daytime show, "The Ed Schultz Show," from KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice" on Friday.

Schultz is nationally syndicated through more than 100 affiliates, including satellite radio, and has a television show on MSNBC.

With more than 30 years of experience in broadcasting, Schultz is described as a "straight talking, no-nonsense voice of reason in unreasonable times," on his show's official Web site.

Russell Scott, KTCU director, said Schultz's son David, a 2006 alumnus and professional golfer on the PGA's Nationwide Tour, lives in the Fort Worth area. Last year, Schultz broadcasted his show from KTCU for about three days when he was in town to visit his son, Scott said.

"He was thoroughly impressed with the studios and the facilities, and it went off without a hitch," Scott said.

Students will not be involved with the production of the broadcast because Schultz will only be using studio space and not broadcasting on KTCU.

David Crouch, a senior film-TV-digital media major, said he was look-

ing forward to Schultz broadcasting from the studios.

"I remember when he was here last year," Crouch said. "It's a pretty big deal to have a nationally syndicated program being broadcast from TCU."

The 3-hour broadcast from KTCU's studios can be heard on his official Web site, www.bigeddieradio.com.

Ed Schultz

When: 11 a.m. today
Where: www.bigeddieradio.com

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Festival set to return after H1N1 scare

Thomas Koenig
Staff Reporter

Funnel cake, games and other carnival attractions are set to return to Trinity Park after a two-year absence.

After being canceled last year because of concerns about the spread of the H1N1 virus, Fort Worth's Mayfest is back thanks to support from the community, said Shannon Baumgardner, marketing manager for Mayfest, Inc. The festival will return this year after being shut down three hours before it was set to begin a year ago.

Baumgardner said attendees won't notice any differences compared to past years.

"We are being very, very care-

ful with our expenses, but at the same time, Mayfest is going to be as good, and as grand and as wonderful as the Fort Worth community has come to expect," Baumgardner said. Mallory Curtice, a sophomore pre-business major, said she was going to volunteer at the event last year but then got an e-mail notifying her about the cancellation. She said she may volunteer this year if her schedule allows it. "The girl I was going to volunteer with had gone in previous years, and she said it was a lot of fun," Curtice said.

A statement from the City of Fort Worth posted on the Mayfest Web site last April noted that "because of the current public health crisis and the emergency and di-

saster declarations by the federal and state governments, large outdoor public gatherings have been deemed unsafe."

The unexpected closure resulted in a nearly \$500,000 loss for the festival, Baumgardner said. Jeffrey Brown, a junior film-TV-digital media major, said the paranoia surrounding H1N1 was unwarranted. "I think it was a little much (to cancel the event), but just to make sure everyone's safe, it probably wasn't a bad idea to cancel it," Brown said.

Adelaide Leavens, executive director of Streams and Valleys Inc., said the festival's cancellation not only affected individuals who

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came into town to attend the four-day event on the Trinity River, but also nonprofit organizations that Mayfest benefits. Streams and Valleys Inc., an original founder of Mayfest, uses its profits to help improve and beautify the Trinity River. "For us to lose that much funding in one year put a significant dent into our capabilities of returning that money back to the river for improvement," Leavens said.

Baumgardner said that an emergency reserve fund and a gracious community have

allowed the near-dead festival to rise from the ashes. After a fundraising concert in July headlined by Reckless Kelly failed to draw a large crowd because of the extreme Texas heat, Mayfest was even further in the hole, Baumgardner said. Donations took off after an idea from an e-mail from a former patron was adopted urging community members to become one of 1,000 people to donate \$100 in 100 days, she said.

Companies and foundations also stepped up to get Mayfest back and running, Baumgardner said. Normally at this time of the year, Mayfest would have earned about

\$50,000 or less in donations and grants, but this year it has gained close to \$150,000, she said.

The festival, scheduled to run from April 29 through May 2, spans 33 acres along the Trinity River and features seven different stages for entertainment, including a heavy dose of North Texas music, Baumgardner said. Although contracts have not been finalized for specific attractions, Baumgardner said she is confident that the popular frisbee dog show will be back, along with a new haunted house.

Those interested in donating to Mayfest or looking for more information can call 817-332-1055 or visit Mayfest.org.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth is channeling aid to Haiti through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund, which is maintained by the national Presbyterian Church, said Karl Travis, pastor of FPCFW.

The church has close ties to the tragedy. For the past seven years, FPCFW has sent a medical mission to Leogane, Haiti, just a few miles from the epicenter of the earthquake, Travis said. This year's medical mission was scheduled for Feb. 6 to 13.

"Our church is reeling personally from the earthquake because people with whom we've worked, we don't know whether they are alive," Travis said.

It is uncertain whether the church will be able to make its scheduled trip to Leogane, Travis said. Volunteers don't know whether they will be able to fly there, and if

they are able to, it is unclear whether the roads are passable and whether locals will be able to provide hospitality, he said.

"There is a sense that this is a disaster on another level," Travis said.

The church is encouraging its members to contribute financially by bringing a check to Sunday service or stopping by the church office, according to an e-mail Travis sent to the congregation, which he provided to the Skiff.

Dani Cartwright, regional minister and president of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in the Southwest, said University Christian Church and other Disciples of Christ congregations are being directed to Week of Compassion (weekofcompassion.org), a Disciples of Christ mission fund, and Church World Service (churchworldservice.org), a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations, to volunteer aid.

Cartwright said the church encouraged in-kind relief for

Haiti in the form of hygiene kits and baby care kits, which are bundles of supplies that are shipped to the Church World Service's headquarters in Maryland and then distributed to the people in need. Instructions about how to put together the kits can be found on the charity's Web site.

In-kind relief is more helpful than directly giving money to the disaster victims because Haitians won't have access to basic necessities, Cartwright said.

"We can't just run to Wal-Mart in Haiti and get these things," she said.

(Staff reporters Lawrence Embry, Jennifer Ivy and Katie Vance, editor Julieta Chiquillo and The Associated Press contributed to this report.)



For a slideshow of the Haiti disaster, visit dailyskiff.com.

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Hartle was director of social policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute and a research scientist at the Educational Testing Service, according to the ACE Web site. Before joining ACE in 1993, he served for six years as education staff director for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, according to the site.

Hartle's campus visit will be his second in the past two years. He spoke in April 2008 about nationwide tuition costs at Chancellor Victor Boschini's invitation.

Vice Chancellor for Government Affairs Larry Lauer, who works with Hartle in Washington, said he invited Hartle to speak to the Administrative Council about issues that the ACE could focus on this year. The ACE's agenda for the year will be set during meetings in February and March, Lauer said.

"He's going to talk about what are the issues ahead, and he's going to talk about where we are at the moment," Lauer said.

Lauer, the former vice chancellor for marketing and communication, completed his first semester as vice chancellor for government affairs in the fall.

In his new position, Lauer said, he has worked with legislators and education associations, like Hartle and the ACE, on issues affecting higher education. He said that because of the prevalence of other issues in Congress, like health care, the economy and terrorism, higher education was not receiving much attention.

Lauer said the new position gave the university a presence in Washington that it lacked before.

"We never made a concerted effort to have a regular presence in that setting, and now we are," Lauer said. "So I think we're making good progress because what I can see is we are involved and we are being welcomed by virtually everybody I talk to."

Boschini said the creation of Lauer's position last fall has helped the university because now only one person focuses on representing the university at the government level.

"It's his main job to be 'at the table' at appropriate times in Washington and Austin," Boschini said. "It helps us now to have somebody concentrating their time on this because, in the past, I would do it part time, he would do it part time, and it's just too much because of physically being in different cities."

Most recently, Lauer was

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Larry Lauer
Vice Chancellor for Government Affairs

involved with the formation of the Schieffer School in Washington program, a semester-long mixture of an internship and coursework for university journalism students through the nonprofit Washington Center, Lauer said.

Last fall, Lauer said, the university's goal was to make a place for itself at the forefront of higher education. He said it's hard to tell when the university actually reached that goal, but its recent national presence have helped.

"What I've learned is when you show up, they will talk to you, and when they talk to you, you become influential," Lauer said. "And we're trying to make the most of that in both Austin and in Washington to say, 'TCU's here, we're at the table, we're involved, and we're going to be a player in the shaping of the future of our industry.'"

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sleep in and not go to class," Shamlin said. "I'm excited that... we've had such an amazing response to the day, being that it's a new event. We weren't quite sure how people would respond to it, but it's been great turnout."

Shamlin said there were about 55 students registered to participate in MLK Day of Service.

Jamarri Aikins, a senior psychology major, said he heard about the event through the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and thought he should help out.

"I think this is a great opportunity for everybody to

kind of live in his shoes and look at some of the things that he did," Aikins said.

Students can visit involved.tcu.edu/mlk.asp for more information about MLK Day of Service.

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HIGHER EDUCATION



Wilson Liang, 17, poses for a portrait at Galileo High School in San Francisco. College applicants are facing one of the toughest years ever to gain admission to the nation's public colleges and universities as schools grapple with deep budget cuts and record numbers of applications. RUSSEL A. DANIELS / AP Photo

Admission competition on the rise

By Terence Chea
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — College applicants are facing one of the toughest years ever to gain admission to the nation's public colleges and universities as schools grapple with deep budget cuts and record numbers of applications.

As cash-poor state governments slash budgets, colleges are capping or cutting enrollment despite a surge in applications from high school seniors, community college students and unemployed workers returning to school.

The increased competition means more students will be turned away, forced to attend pricier private institutions or shut out of college altogether.

Wilson Liang, a senior at San Francisco's Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, said he worried that enrollment cuts at the University of California will

freeze him out of its flagship Berkeley campus.

"I know the competition is very high," said the 17-year-old Liang, who would be the first person in his family to attend college. "There are a lot of smart people out there."

Colleges that previously accepted all qualified students are becoming selective, while selective schools are becoming more so. Most community colleges have open-access policies, but demand for classes is so intense that many students can't get the courses they need.

"We're hearing a lot of panic," said Gerna Benz, a partner at California San Francisco Bay Area College Planning Specialists. Benz said business at his Oakland-based college counseling firm has tripled over the past year.

Benz is encouraging more families to consider private colleges, which may be more expensive but offer less crowded classes and the

chance to graduate in four years, which is becoming a rarity at many public colleges.

Applications to private colleges are holding steady, while public universities around the country are seeing record demand as cost-conscious families look for good value, said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Low-income, minority students could face the roughest road to admission because they often can't afford private colleges and don't have the resources or academic credentials to compete with students from wealthier families and better high schools, he said.

The enrollment caps could also threaten President Barack Obama's goal of making the U.S. the leader in college attainment by 2020 and undermine the nation's economic competitiveness, college officials say.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Applications up 42 percent

By Jodi S. Cohen
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO — The University of Chicago saw a 42 percent increase in undergraduate applications for next fall's freshman class, an astounding number even among universities accustomed to double-digit increases.

It will mean bad news for most of the 19,306 students interested in attending the Chicago school next year—double the number who applied in 2006—but good news for a university trying to broaden its appeal and boost its popularity nationally.

The university plans to accept the same number of students as last year, about 3,700, meaning it will accept 19 percent of applicants, compared with 27 percent of the 13,564 who applied last year. Twenty years ago, 73 percent of applicants received an acceptance letter.

School officials attribute the increase to a combination of factors. Everything from more far-flung outreach to publicity that

"These kids are every bit as witty and intellectually engaged as students of the past."

James Nondorf
admissions dean at the University of Chicago

comes with having President Barack Obama as a former faculty member. The university also is in its second year of using the Common Application, which enables students to use a single form to submit personal and educational data to nearly 400 colleges and universities. U. of C. still requires supplemental essays.

There were increases in applications from African-American, Latino and international students, and those from all income levels and every region of the country. James Nondorf, University of Chicago's

admissions dean, said early indicators of academic quality, such as test scores, show a class at least as accomplished as prior years.

"These kids are every bit as witty and intellectually engaged as students of the past," he said.

Christopher Watson, the admissions dean at Northwestern University, said U. of C.'s application increase is shocking.

"I have never heard of an increase like that before," he said.

Northwestern made news three years ago when it had a 19 percent increase, its largest ever.

Other selective universities also are reporting record numbers, though not as drastic as University of Chicago's jump, in part a result of more students going to college and applying to more schools.

Applications are up at least 7 percent at Northwestern, 10.5 percent at Duke and 2.5 percent at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Universities said more applications could trickle in, and not all colleges are reporting their numbers yet.

TEXAS ECONOMY

Pundits expect 'slow and steady recovery'

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Texas will be "last in, first out" among states battling the recession, although a recovery that has already started will require patience, a leading economist says.

The Lone Star State proved resilient because of advantages such as weather, stable home prices and a political climate favorable for companies seeking new places to do business, said Ray Perryman, head of the Perryman Group and a longtime Texas economist.

Still, Perryman said Texas has

seen its share of difficulty since the state got caught up in the national economic downturn in the summer of 2008. Job losses mounted last year, and the outlook remains bleak for commercial real estate.

"The long-term story when people look back at it will be one of last in, first out. It's also a story of us doing a little better than the rest of the country," Perryman said. "Nonetheless, there's going to be a legacy of pain. Three hundred thousand people did lose their job, and no one really escaped this."

As a measure of Texas faring better than most states, Perry-

man pointed to the 300,000 job losses. Although a large number, it represented about 4 percent of the losses nationally in a state that accounts for about 8 percent of the U.S. economy, he said. Using that formula, Texas had about half the job losses that might be expected.

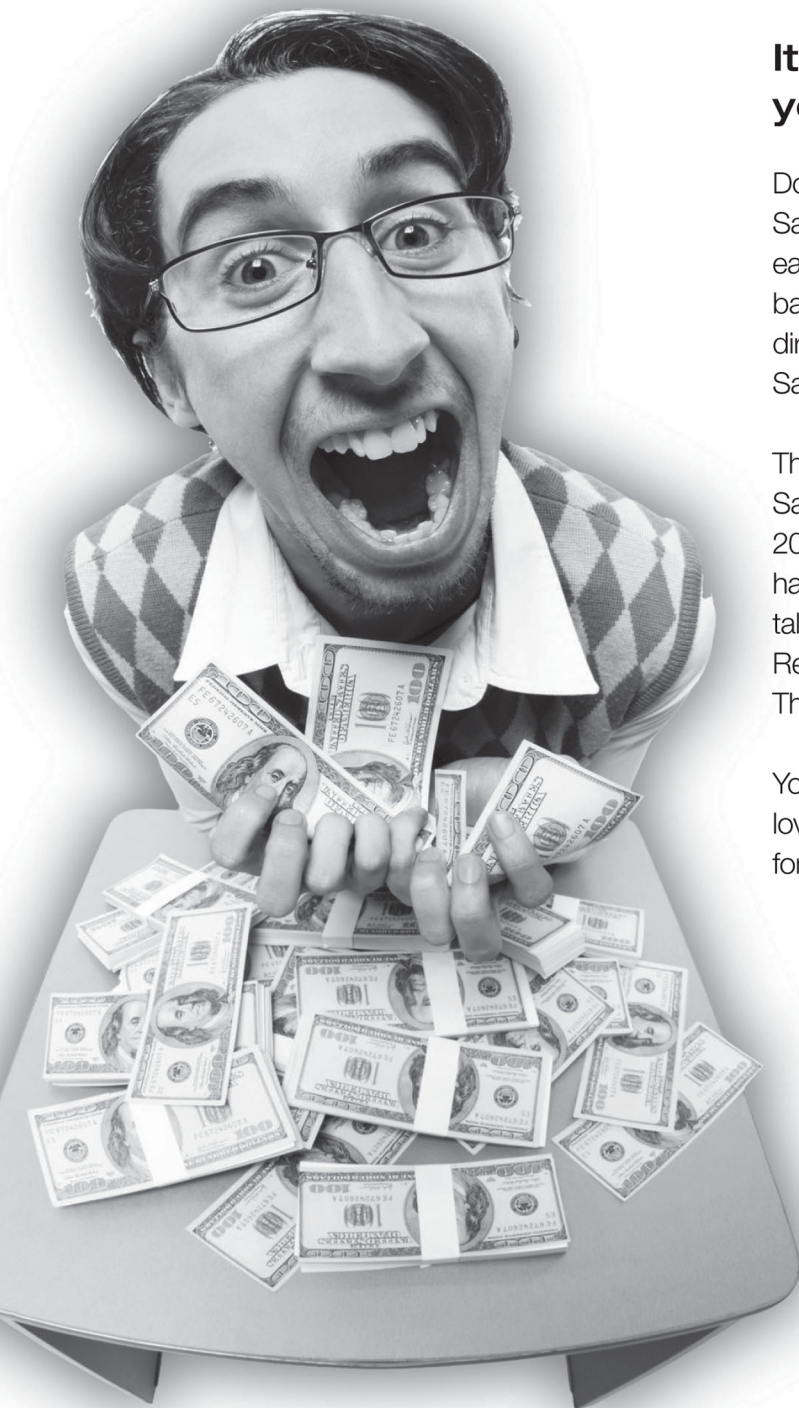
One of the strongest signs of a recovering economy, Perryman said, are the job gains the past two months and three of the past six.

"We don't expect a huge rebound back," said Laila Assanie, an associate economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "We expect a slow and steady recovery."

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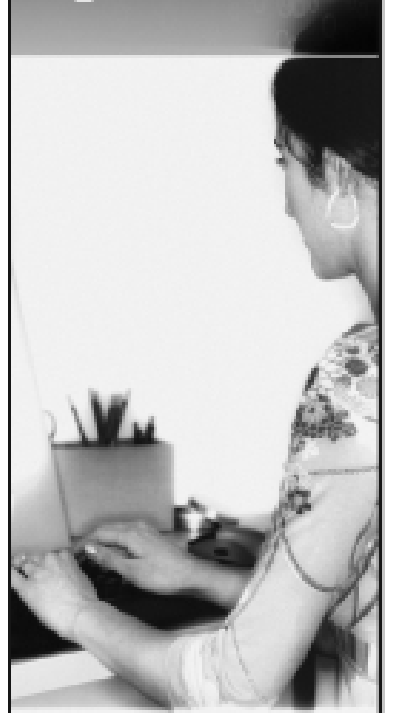


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The Skiff View

Government giving aid, citizens should follow

In the past decade, several events have shown how well Americans can come together in the face of a crisis. Natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina and horrifying tragedies like Sept. 11 rallied the nation, with people coming together to assist those most impacted.

Massive relief efforts within the United States should be applauded, and similar responses should be encouraged when disasters occur abroad.

Following Tuesday's devastating earthquake in Haiti, the strongest to hit the country in more than 200 years, governments from around the world mobilized aid to assist the underdeveloped nation. Individual American citizens should also be responding in the same generous and compassionate manner that they would if the same event occurred on American soil. Haiti lacks the necessary tools to cope with the effects of a natural disaster on this scale and Americans have the ability to help.

This is particularly true because of the convenience with which help can be given today. Various companies and organizations are offering services, such as mGive, through which people can donate money to a specific relief effort over the Internet or via text message.

Most Americans are fortunate enough to be in a position to help those who need and deserve it. All it takes is a few minutes out of your day.

Managing editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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

Reid's comments not met with sufficient punishment



BENNETT PARSONS

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) got himself into some hot water for his comments regarding President Barack Obama during the 2008 presidential election. In the recently released political gossip book, "Game Change," authors John Heilemann and Mark Halperin wrote that Reid, in an off-the-record comment, referred to the president as a "light-skinned" African American "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one." Reid's shocking comments do very little to help his troubled reelection bid and serve as a mild embarrassment for the president. Even more outrageous is the response from the pundits in the media.

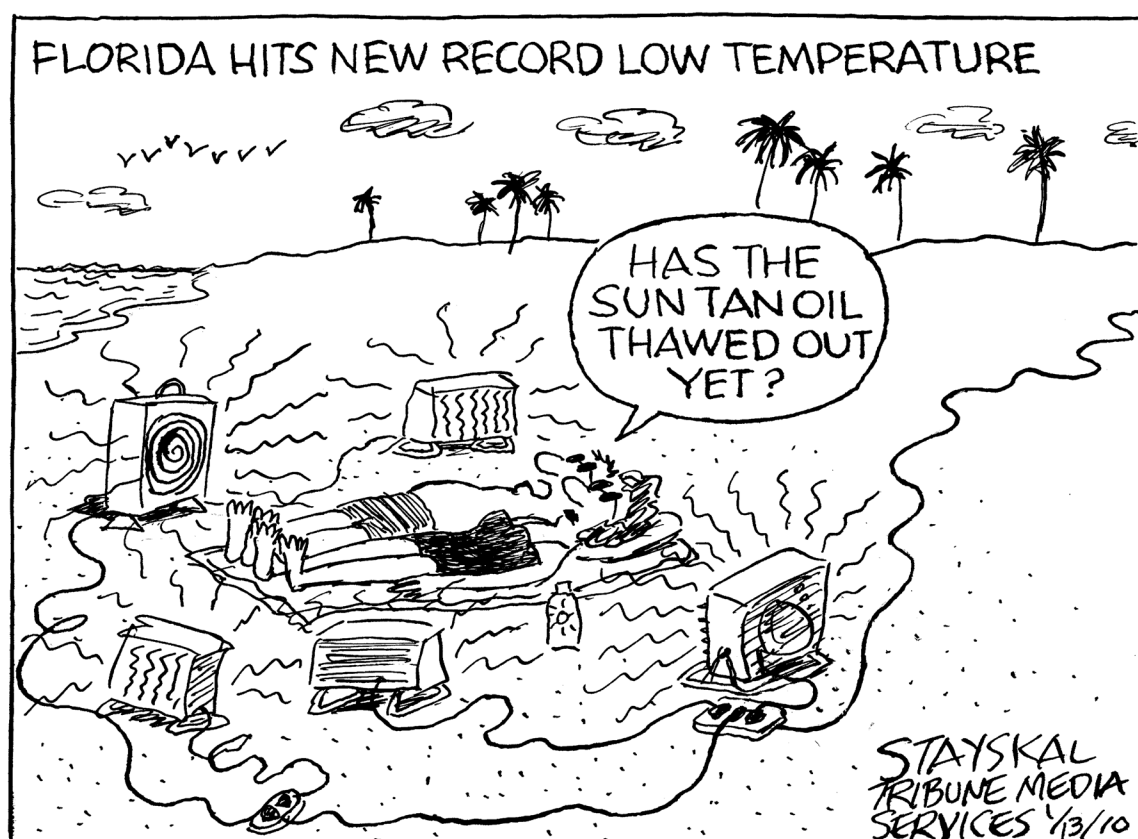
The Republicans went with their standard response, demanding immediate resignation. But their calls for Reid to resign reflect opportunistic attempts from a party desperate to score political points in any form imaginable. The party has been trying every possible idea to win back power. Weeks ago, it was screaming that the president does not believe the United States is at war with al-Qaida and other extremist groups. Before that, it said health care reform would lead to the euthanasia of our grandparents.

Similarly, the speedy forgiveness granted to Reid by Democrats and black leaders should cause significant public outrage. Democrats, in a rush to finish the president's "signature issue," a health care reform bill, quickly sent out statements forgiving Reid so the mini-scandal would go away and allow them to pass their health care bill. The same black leaders who helped dethrone former Republican Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi for his own racist remarks glossed over Reid's statements and missed the opportunity to help us all learn from this teachable moment. These so-called leaders will gather on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and will attempt to tell us about his dream.

Our leaders have once again failed us because they decided to play politics instead of address an issue that Americans still struggle with.

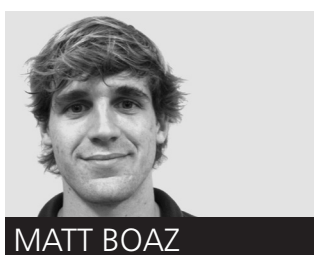
The song "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist," from the musical "Avenue Q," comes to mind when I see politicians bicker about which party is more racist and more deserving of public scorn. In all instances, politicians dismiss this simple fact of life. We all make these comments and know of others who have done the same. Instead of grandstanding and making accusations about how racist another person is, we should find ways to bridge these gaps so that we can truly get connected to each other and share in the things that unite us.

Bennett Parsons is a junior music education major from Arlington.



Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

Death penalty still not the answer



MATT BOAZ

Ohio is currently one of more than 30 states in the U.S. which permit capital punishment, according to CNN.com.

A recent controversy has arisen in which a new one-drug method of injection was used to execute an inmate in December. While a three drug "cocktail" is typically used, due to a prior botched attempt several years earlier, state prosecutors proposed this new method as an alternative for the death penalty. While sentencing in various states allows death by hanging, firing squad and the electric chair according to deathpenaltyinfo.org lethal injection has been deemed the most humane during the course of the 20th century.

The Supreme Court refused to intervene in a case recently, and Kenneth Biros was put to death by a method some consider to be a blatant form of human experimentation (the barbiturate used was given as a lethal dose, though its effects were not previously known).

This brings to the forefront a commonly debated issue, capital punishment. While used throughout history as the most threatening of punishments, and utilized only for the gravest offenses, its effectiveness in crime deterrence has often been questioned. In fact, the U.S. remains one of the few Western nations (along with Cuba and Guatemala) to currently utilize the death penalty. Eastern cohorts include China, Saudi Arabia and North Korea. Many feel that the only fair retribution for capital offenses such as murder and rape is an equally stark punishment of

death. However, there are further ramifications for the continued usage of this process.

The U.S. Constitution, in its Eighth Amendment, cites that cruel and unusual punishment shall be prohibited, no stipulation of the severity of the crimes is given. While the semantics of this line have long been debated, the intent is clear. There have been several instances of poorly administered executions in which clear suffering occurred by the convicted person. While their crimes certainly must have been heinous, this is clearly in violation of the above statement. The death penalty has seen a progression from hanging to the electric chair to now lethal injection as the norm. Each change has occurred as an effort to be more "humane." Yet, if this is this case, then it appears that the flaw lies not with the method, but with the institution itself.

While this is certainly an unpopular opinion in Texas, which consistently carries through with the most executions of any state, the logic of the issue needs to be considered. Firstly, there has been an exorbitant number of cases in which inmates have been wrongly convicted and later released from death row. There is, therefore, the potential for innocent people to receive the death penalty even though they may not have committed the crime. Secondly, as seen in the Ohio case, costs associated with carrying through with the provisions of capital punishment often exceed those of incarceration for the remainder of one's life. The free counsel provided by the state in order to post appeals in the Ohio case led to a drawn out process in which the inmate was posted in a holding cell for the execution chamber multiple times before the process was actually carried out.

This example indicates that the debate should be reopened. Capital punishment, while an ominous and threatening consequence, does



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not seem to be the most reasonable solution. If prosecutors are still continuing to search for the perfectly "humane" course of action, perhaps this is the most evident reasoning that the practice should be ceased altogether. Life imprisonment prevents further atrocities from being committed, but death seems to offer little repose except as a redeeming form of justice in which observers often seem conflicted about the resolution. The U.S. should take this opportunity to reconsider its stance on the subject and continue to analyze its justice system to determine if capital punishment is actually the most effective and daunting course of action.

Matt Boaz is a senior political science major from Edmond, Okla.

QUICK NEWS

McNeill will not be on Tuberville's staff

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Tommy Tuberville is cleaning house at Texas Tech in the wake of the Mike Leach's firing.

The school said Thursday that Ruffin McNeill, the defensive coordinator and interim head coach after Texas Tech suspended and then fired Leach last month, is leaving the program. McNeill came to Texas Tech with Leach in 2000 and was the only other candidate for the head coaching job that was filled by Tuberville.

Also not returning are inside receivers coach Lincoln Riley, running backs coach Clay McGuire, cornerbacks coach Brian Mitchell and Eric Russell, who coordinated special teams. Carlos Mainord, who coached the safeties, is retiring.

Texas murder suspect searched 'overdose' online

WACO, Texas (AP) — In the month before his wife died, a minister in Texas tried to buy a prescription sleeping aid online and conducted an Internet search for "overdose on sleeping pills," computer experts testified Thursday in his murder trial.

Neal Kersh, a computer forensics examiner, testified that he examined data from Matt Baker's church-owned laptop and was able to retrieve information from a computer server at a youth center where Baker worked.

Baker is accused of killing his wife Kari, whose death initially was ruled a suicide. A near-empty bottle of over-the-counter sleeping pills and typed suicide note were found by her body.

Mark E. Henry, the CEO of an online pharmacy, testified that Baker started to buy a 50-count bottle of Ambien but stopped the order.

SF economist says gay marriage ban costs city

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A state ban on gay marriage is costing the city of San Francisco millions of dollars a year in lost revenue and increased services, an economist testified Thursday in a lawsuit aimed at overturning the prohibition.

Chief city economist Edmund Egan said married people accumulate more wealth and have more to spend, which bolsters tax revenue.

He also said the city must spend more on health care for uninsured workers because same-sex couples are not always covered under their partner's employee health care plans.

Peter Patterson, a lawyer for Proposition 8 sponsors, had him acknowledge during cross-examination that he based many of his estimates on assumptions drawn from the spending habits of opposite-sex couples.

South Korean teens named world texting champs

NEW YORK (AP) — Two South Korean teenagers have been crowned fastest texters in the world.

The team of 17-year-old Bae Yeong Ho and 18-year-old Ha Mok Min went thumb-to-thumb against competitors from a dozen countries to win the title in the LG Mobile World Cup competition Thursday in New York City.

The winning team took home a \$100,000 prize.

Second place and \$20,000 went to the U.S. contestants — 16-year-old Kate Moore of Des Moines, Iowa, who is the 2009 U.S. National Texting Champion, and 14-year-old Morgan Dynda of Pooler, Ga., the 2009 runner-up.

Moore averages 12,000 texts per month, entering up to 3.5 characters per second.

Man pleads guilty in plot to kill Obama

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — An Arkansas man pleaded guilty Thursday to charges he plotted to kill then-Sen. Barack Obama and dozens of other black people in 2008.

Paul Schlesselman, 19, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy, one count of threatening to kill and harm a presidential candidate and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

He faces up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in April.

A co-defendant, Daniel Cowart, 21, of Bells, Tenn., remains in custody.

Authorities have described the two as white supremacist skinheads who hatched a plot for a cross-country robbery and killing spree that was culminate with an attack on Obama.

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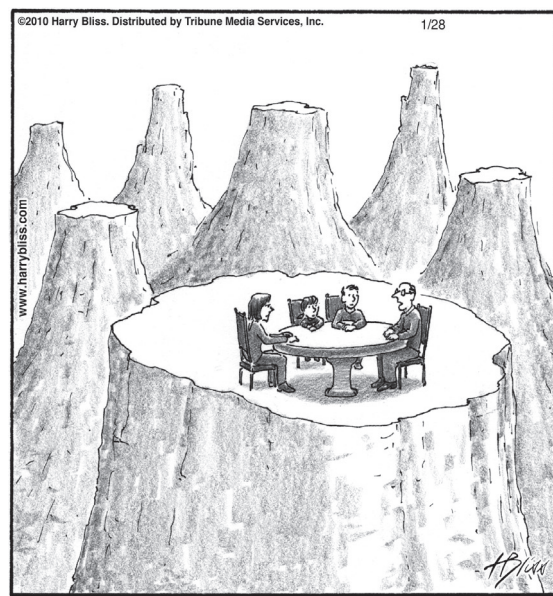
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- 15 Lickable treat
- 16 Apple for the teacher, perhaps
- 17 Let fall, as tresses
- 18 Continue
- 19 "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" musical
- 20 Air-conditioning commuter trains?
- 23 Old comm. giant
- 24 Demure
- 25 Ill humor
- 26 Allocation word
- 27 flakes
- 29 Anteater's slurp in the comic "B.C."
- 32 Pitch from a personified spud?
- 36 Set of standards
- 37 Craters of the Moon monument site
- 38 Eastern sash
- 39 Piercing weapon
- 40 Poet Sandburg
- 41 Like finger-painters?
- 43 Quiz
- 44 Some fiction
- 45 Sue Grafton's "for Outlaw"
- 46 Cost of freedom?
- 48 Up to, informally
- 49 Single, for one: Abbr.
- 52 Cry during an escape, and this puzzle's title
- 56 Mitchell with the 1969 album "Clouds"
- 57 Praise
- 58 In the slightest
- 59 Ocean hunter
- 60 Alençon's department
- 61 Fool in "Pagliacci"
- 62 Automobile route
- 63 Student stats
- 64 Doc Golithely portrayed in "Breakfast at Tiffany's"

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- 9 Rotten
- 10 Bruce of Sherlock Holmes films
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- 12 Funny ones
- 13 It's not always exact: Abbr.
- 21 Nick's wife
- 22 It may be deadly
- 26 Four-time Hugo winner Frederik
- 27 Emmerge suddenly
- 28 It's forecast in percentages
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Zvonko Buljan goes in for the layup in the Horned Frogs' 80-70 loss to the Texas Tech Raiders Dec. 9.



ANDREW YOUNG / Staff Photographer
TCU forward Starr Crawford does a layup in the Lady Horned Frogs' win 65-44 over the ULM Warhawks at the Daniel Meyer Coliseum Dec. 1.

Basketball faces Aztecs Saturday

By Austin Pearson
Staff Writer

Coming off a home victory against Wyoming, the men's basketball team faces a stiff test on the road against the San Diego State Aztecs this Saturday.

The Horned Frogs enter the contest with 9-8 overall record and are 2-1 in the Mountain West after a 62-59 win over Wyoming Tuesday night.

"I'm just looking for consistency," said TCU head coach Jim Christian. "That's the one thing that's been a struggle for us."

The Aztecs are coming off consecutive losses to UNLV and Wyoming after beating then-No. 14 New Mexico at home 74-64. San Diego State has a 12-5 overall record and are 1-2 in Mountain West play.

"They're athletic as you can get," said Christian. "They're experienced up front. They're

good. It's a really good test going into their building."

Senior guard Keion Mitchem said the Aztecs size and home court could pose some problems for the Horned Frogs.

TCU has a 1-5 road record this season while the Aztecs are undefeated at home with an 8-0 record. San Diego State won both games last season against the Horned Frogs.

"We've gone to tough places and winning on the road in this league is not the easiest thing to do," said Christian. "When you go on the road your battling more things. You're battling crowds. You're battling the travel. You've got to be more focused. You got to have more energy and you've got to take the advantage of the opportunities you get on the road."

The Aztecs won the first meeting last season in San Diego, 67-50. Horned

Men's Basketball at San Diego State

When: 9 p.m. Saturday
Where: San Diego
The game is scheduled to be broadcast on The Mtn.

Frog forward Zvonko Buljan scored 14 points in the loss. TCU guards Ronnie Moss and Edvinas Ruzgas both scored 10 points.

In the second meeting last year, the Horned Frogs dropped a heartbreaker in overtime 79-77. Moss was the leading scorer in the game with a then career-high 22 points. Buljan had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Ruzgas also scored 11 points in the game.

Moss leads the team in scoring and assists. He averages 14.1 points and 5.8

Women's Basketball vs. San Diego State

When: Noon Saturday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
The game is free of admission for students and scheduled for broadcast on The Mtn.

assists a game.

Buljan is the second leading scorer and the leading rebounder for the Frogs. He averages close to a double-double with 13.6 points and 9.4 rebounds a game. Senior guard Edvinas Ruzgas is averaging 13 points a game for TCU.

San Diego State has four players that average double-digit scoring a game. Junior forward Billy White is the leading scorer for the Aztecs. He averages 11.8 points a game.

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Student starts new club to connect students and professionals

By Ashley Freel
Staff Reporter

Without an opportunity to break into sports management or marketing, David Lindow found a way. He started the TCU Sports Networking Club, alongside sophomore business majors Kevin Able and Carrie Patterson.

Lindow, a sophomore marketing major and president of the club, said he started the club

because he wanted to work in the sports industry one day and wanted to help others on the same path.

"Since TCU does not have a sports management (or) sports marketing major at this point, I wanted to form an organization to assist students who were interested in a career in the sports industry to achieve that goal," he said.

Lindow said that he looked forward to behind-the-scenes

"...I wanted to form an organization to assist students who were interested in a career in the sports industry..."

David Lindow
president of the TCU SNC

opportunities and hands-on approaches that the club will make available to its mem-

bers. He said the club is looking to bring in speakers from several sports organizations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He also said that he planned to visit different sports venues where there may be touring and networking opportunities.

"I have spoken to a professional sports organization who has offered us the opportunity to have some of our members shadow some employees as they prepare for a

game," Lindow said.

Lindow said the club will provide members with the opportunity to interact with successful sport individuals and will provide a way to set themselves apart from competing applicants when applying for internships and jobs.

The kick-off event is scheduled for Jan. 28 in the BLUU ballroom featuring guest speaker TCU athletics director Chris Del Conte. Del Conte will speak

about his entrance into the world of sports and his journey to where he is today, leaving time for a question and answer session toward the end.

Lindow said students are encouraged to come to the event and bring friends.

He said club membership is free and membership forms will be available at the event. Students can also join the club by e-mailing tcusportsnet@gmail.com for a membership form.

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