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'Sad and tragic'



A group of young women comfort one another outside the residence where police found a 20-year-old female student dead inside of her residence Wednesday night in Lubbock Avenue. Police are investigating the death but said

Police: No foul play suspected in student's death

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

Fort Worth Police are investigating the death of a 20-year-old female student whose body was 2800 block of Lubbock Avenue.

Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, Fort Worth said. Police public information officer,

homicide, but the investigation is Avenue and arrived with emer- ing those reports because he said would lose someone from our stuongoing. The name of the student gency units shortly after, accordis being withheld pending offi- ing to a police incident detail recial identification by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner.

found at her residence near cam- conducting a complete death inpus at about 8 p.m. Monday on the vestigation as is the case with all

no signs of a criminal assault or dence in 2800 block of Lubbock swer reporters' questions regard- It's just so sad and tragic that we

port about the emergency call. Emergency Medical Service staff "Our homicide investigators are entered the residence, but did not bring an awaiting stretcher inside.

According to incident report,

it was an "evidentiary question." Don Mills, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, told the Skiff late Monday night that earlier reports that the woman was found with duct tape are false.

"There was some duct tape; she (unattended) deaths," Mahaffey the woman's roommate told police was not bound with duct tape," that she had found her roommate Mills said. "Police and the medi-Police responded to an emer- with duct tape over her mouth. cal examiner both told me that McGee said. said preliminary findings indicate gency call at 8:07 p.m. at a resi- However, Mahaffey wouldn't an- there's no criminal investigation...

dent community. It's hard for students to comprehend, and it's hard for us, too."

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee referred questions about the investigation to Fort Worth Police.

"If foul play had been suspected, TCU Police would have issued a crime alert as soon as possible,"

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Staff Assembly sets new goals for group

By Jennifer Ivy Staff Reporter

The Staff Assembly has formed two new ad hoc committees, Community on Campus and Mission and Vision, to help further the group's goal of building community on and off campus and ensuring all voices on campus are represented, an assembly official said.

The Rev. Angela Kaufman, Staff Assembly chair and minister to the university, said the changes were brought about in light of the Staff Assembly's 10year anniversary.

"Staff Assembly members and other staff on campus had expressed in recent years the desire to ensure community and connections among staff was just as good today as it was 10 years ago," Kaufman said.

Craig Elders, chair of the Community on Campus Committee and associate director for Student Affairs Information Services, said the Purple Notes Campaign is one example of a program intended to help build more relationships among uniand staff to send notes of en- memorial trees, he said. couragement, congratulation, condolence and other sentiments to fellow co-workers on an official Staff Assembly note card, he said.

because we hope to recognize people who have done something special," Elders said. "When we see somebody doing something purple, or TCU-ish, we want to recognize them."

Kaufman said the committee and the Staff Assembly plan to make the stationery a tradition among staff and faculty. Purple Notes stationery is available

While the Community on Campus Committee is working to strengthen co-worker relationships with the Purple Notes, its members are also trying to strengthen relations with the surrounding neighborhood, Elders said. The committee has been working with the

versity staff. Implemented in City of Fort Worth on adopting the fall, the committee's Purple a park in the neighborhood to Notes Campaign allows faculty help beautify the area and plant

"It's not only Staff Assembly that might go out and plant a tree for someone or something in the park, but it would be a chance for Staff Assembly "We call them Purple Notes members to get people in their offices and their divisions to join us," Elders said.

Having staff and faculty unite in an off-campus setting lets neighborhood residents know that the university cares about strengthening its ties to the community, Elders said.

Kaufman said the Mission and Vision Committee, chaired by Carlene Coover, technical at Staff Assembly meetings or trainer for Technical Resources, through the Community on was formed to further develop Campus Committee members. the priorities of the Staff As-

> Coover said one goal for this semester was to finalize the changes made to the Staff Assembly's mission statement and implement a vision state-

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TCU Connect completes Dolby system upgrade

By Sarah Fleischer Staff Reporter

surround sound.

TCU Connect has upgraded the cable system on campus to the 5.1 Dolby Digital system, an audio system that allows users to experience

Travis Cook, director of wrote in an e-mail that the upgrade was necessary "to accommodate the ever-growing number of sets that are coming standard with 5.1."

Cook wrote that the old cable system had to be upgraded for newer TVs to process audio, and TVs with 5.1 should now be able to receive audio.

Dolby Digital 5.1 allows TV users to experience channel surround sound and it ensures audio quality for any Dolby Digital soundtrack, according to www.dolby.com.

"(The upgrade) fixes an existing problem some students were experiencing," Cook wrote, referring to the audio problem students were having that prevented them from using 5.1. "It would have grown funding permits, Cook wrote. man said.

exponentially with each incoming class."

TCU Connect upgraded the CATV encoders to make the changes to the system, Cook wrote. The CATV encoders changed 480i signals a form of standard-definition television broadcast - into a digital format. After business services at TCU, this upgrade, it now changes the 480i signals into 5.1 Dolby Digital to allow all TVs to receive audio.

> To complete the upgrade, '(students) will need to perform an auto scan on their sets to find and lock in the new channel numbers," Cook

He wrote that the scan is standard operation that is performed anytime a person gets a new TV.

The upgrade did not cost the university any money because it was paid for by the manufacturer, Cook wrote. He does not anticipate future changes in the cable system, adding that he is hopeful TCU Connect will introduce new technology for students as

Louis Ducruet, a junior business major, said he noticed the cable channels were different.

"All the channels were changed," Ducruet said. "I just had a hard time finding the channels I watch."

Bobby Khosravikatoli, a sophomore biology major, said he enjoyed the cable system on campus, adding that he had 5.1 Dolby Digital audio. Khosravikatoli said his roommate ended up getting the TV working again after he could not figure out how to complete the scan.

Evan Radman, a freshman history major, said he did not know the cable system on campus was being upgraded. Even though he said he did not have any problems with 5.1 last semester, Radman said it is important to him that the university keeps up with the latest technology, even if manufacturers might not pay for future

'They have enough money to renovate the buildings, so why not (keep up with technology as far as) the TV," Rad-

NEWS



Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, Fort Worth Police spokesman, prepares to give a statement to the media in the 2800 block of Lubbock Avenue on Monday.

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he had never had any inci- an was unresponsive. dents with the leaseholders.

Junior strategic com- weekend. Mahaffey said the wom- munications major David an's family tried to contact Western, who lives next time later, he said.

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the woman throughout the door to the house where the day Monday, then asked body was found, said he was roommates to check up on on his porch when a wom-Wayo Dorsey, the land- her. A roommate called po- an ran out of the house and lord of the residence, said lice reporting that the wom- frantically asked him what had happened during the

Police arrived a short



Police gather outside the home of a 20 year-old female student who was found dead Monday night.

HEALING



Book paints prof's struggle

By Libby Davis

News Editor

their illness, much less write gan to write. intimately about it.

written two books of poetry he said discussing his illness. Now

book, "Happy: A Memoir."

Happy was Lemon's col-Most people who suffer lege nickname, a reflection through a debilitating illness of his exterior demeanor. that robs them of the ability But after having an abnorto speak, walk or see would mal growth in his brain stem be hesitant to talk about removed in 1999, Lemon be-

"I was fun-loving and But Alex Lemon, a profes-partying hard, and inside sor of English, has already I was an emotional wreck,"

The growth caused seihe is inviting readers into zures and eventually led

his private hell with his new to drug addiction and an emotionally difficult year.

The memoir has to do with that experience," Lemon said. "It's definitely a young person's book. Being a college kid and having that happen and then being really lost and bewildered because nobody wanted to do anything about it. It was too deep in my brain. They said it probably wouldn't happen again, and it happened again."

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revised mission statement dethe new vision statement creates an image of the future success the Staff Assembly wants to obtain, Coover said.

want to change," Coover said.

According to the most recent version of the group's mission ment written this past fall. The statement, the Staff Assembly wants to improve communicascribes the purpose of the Staff tions, serve as a sounding board Assembly's updated goals, while for ideas and address staff member concerns in the interest of bettering the university.

"We want to look at the future addition of a vision statement unwanted sick days to fellow of Staff Assembly and see if we are still pending review and apcan figure out what we might proval from the executive com-

mittee. Kaufman said other committee goals for this semester include revising the bylaws, which determine how officers are chosen and how membership is structured, and finalizing the details of a Catastrophic Sick Leave Coover said the changes to Bank Program that would althe mission statement and the low staff to donate unused or staff under special circum-



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SPORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BACK ON TOP



ANDY CARPENEAN / AP Photo Wyoming point guard Randi Richardson, right, puts her hand up on defense while guarding TCU guard Helena Sverrisdottir during an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday in Laramie, Wyo.

THE AP TOP 25

| RANKINGS | RECORD | PTs |
|-------------------------|--------|------|
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| 2. Stanford | 15 - 1 | 960 |
| 3. Tennessee | 16 - 1 | 912 |
| 4. Notre Dame | 15 - 1 | 852 |
| 5. Ohio St. | 19 - 1 | 836 |
| 6. Duke | 15 - 2 | 794 |
| 7. Nebraska | 16 - 0 | 784 |
| 8. Georgia | 17 - 1 | 677 |
| 9. Texas A&M | 14 - 2 | 639 |
| 10. Baylor | 14 - 3 | 635 |
| 11. Xavier | 12 - 3 | 525 |
| 12. Oklahoma St. | 15 - 2 | 524 |
| 13. Oklahoma | 12 - 4 | 511 |
| 14. North Carolina | 14 - 3 | 472 |
| 15. Florida St. | 16 - 3 | 449 |
| 16. West Virginia | 17 - 1 | 432 |
| 17. Wisconsin-Green Bay | 16 - 0 | 416 |
| 18. LSU | 13 - 3 | 398 |
| 19. Georgetown | 15 - 2 | 248 |
| 20. Texas | 12 - 5 | 234 |
| 21. Vanderbilt | 13 - 5 | 133 |
| 22. Georgia Tech | 15 - 4 | 126 |
| 23. TCU | 13 - 4 | 79 |
| 24. Vermont | 14 - 3 | 59 |
| 25. Virginia | 11 - 5 | 51 |

Lady Frogs remain in AP's Top 25

By Mary Sue Greenleaf Sports Editor

With a loss to Wyoming and a ference. win against San Diego State last week, the Lady Frogs dropped one spot in the Associated Press Top 25 rankings to No. 23.

The women's basketball team close second with 21. defeated the Aztecs 80-63 on Saturday, breaking the Aztecs' seven-game winning streak.

With this victory, the Lady Frogs advance to No. 2 in the Lady Frogs caused one Aztec, MWC with a 3-1 record in con- Jene Morris, to foul out, and led

Junior guard Helena Sverrisdottir led the team in scoring with 22 points while junior weekend against UNLV in Las guard Emily Carter came in as a Vegas.

Senior guard Eboni Mangum racked up 12 points and five steals against the Aztecs as well.

Offensive pressure from the juniors Allison Duffy and Paris Johnson to four fouls each.

TCU returns to the court next

For the full coverage story of Saturday's win check dailyskiff.com.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men set to face the Broncs

By Cameron Lakey Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team will look to tip its season record back over the .500 mark Wednesday against UT-Pan American following a 67-62 loss on the road to San Diego State on Saturday.

The Frogs, led by senior guard Edvinas Ruzgas who scored a teamhigh 16 points, started strong in the first half jumping out to a 14-point lead before taking a 38-29 advantage into halftime.

The Aztecs came out strong in the second half taking their first lead of the game at 51-49. TCU stayed within reach toward the end but the Aztecs eventually pulled away on the strength of a 6-of-6 free throw effort down the stretch.

With the loss, the Frogs fell to 9-9 on the season with a 2-2 conference record, but head coach Jim Christian kept a positive outlook Monday during the team's workout.

'We've signed up for a very dif- under control at all times," Moss said.

ficult schedule and it doesn't let up "I feel like I kind of got away from when you get to conference play," that a little bit, and this last game I Christian said. "We probably have tried to be a little more under control. struggled to be the consistent team If I'm under control then my team is that we want but you don't know going to be under control." when it comes together, you just have to keep working at it and I'm starting to see signs of it."

more focus given to not turning the

"I think we're showing now that we can compete with everyone in the league and now we just have to do the little things for 40 minutes to give a pretty good team," Moss said. ourselves a chance to win," Christian

Christian said he was reassured with the team's outlook for the rest of the season because the team has managed to win games this season without some of its key players, like sophomore guard Ronnie Moss, playing to their potential.

Moss said improvements on the floor need to start with him.

"I have to get my team to do everything the right way and I have to be

Christian said for the Frogs' match up with UT-Pan American he intends to focus more on what his team Christian said he would like to see needs to work on to improve rather than game planning for the Broncs.

Moss echoed his coach's focus.

"We just figured out at the last game against San Diego State that if we execute our plays, we're "We're still trying to figure everything out right now, but we're putting all the pieces together. We've got 14 more games left and we're going to play every game hard."

TCU vs. UT-Pan **American**

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The right place at the right time



MARY SUE GREENLEAF

At the close of every college football season the rumors start flying, the coaches shuffle around and sports fans everywhere are on the edge of their seats hoping their coach won't be next.

At the end of the 2009 season, the news at the forefront of college sports was Pete Carroll's resignation at USC.

Carroll's new coaching position with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks left a big hole for the Trojans to fill and a lot of nervous college football fans across the country.

When Lane Kiffin was named the new head coach for USC, the rumors struck close to home. ESPN Radio was reporting that Tennessee officials were in Fort Worth and commotion was stirring.

After following up on these allegations nothing materialized. TCU officials reported that the rumors were false and Tennessee went on to hire Derek Dooley from Louisiana Tech.

Doesn't this all feel a little too familiar?

After the 2008 season similar rumors flew around regarding an open coaching position at Kansas State, Patterson's alma mater. Once again, the rumors led to nothing and Patterson extended his contract to 2016 at the end of the 2009 season, although it is reportedly non-binding.

Why would a coach making good money with a top-10 team leave for another program? And why does this keep happening?

The facts are that Patterson is a good coach with a winning team... in a weak conference. Although the Mountain West finished the 2009 campaign with a lot of bowl wins and a lot more national press, it doesn't change the fact that they aren't part of the BCS.

But some coaches in non-BCS conferences may not have such a bad thing going.

Take Dan Hawkins, head coach of the University of Colorado Buffaloes, for instance.

While serving as head coach for Boise State in the WAC, another non-BCS conference, Hawkins racked up a 53-11 record, two WAC coach of the year awards, four WAC titles, and the longest win streak in WAC history with 31 straight in conference play.

In December 2005, Hawkins got called up to the big leagues with a head coaching position at Colorado in the Big 12. In his four seasons at Colorado, the Buffaloes have accumulated a not-so-shiny record of 16-33, going 10-22 in conference.

Despite the fumbles of the past several years, Hawkins will return The facts are that Patterson is a good coach with a winning team...in a weak conference. Although the Mountain West finished the 2009 campaign with a lot of bowl wins and a lot more national press, it doesn't change the fact that they aren't part of the BCS.

as Buffs head coach for another season in 2010.

A similar situation resulted in a less than favorable outcome for former head coach of the Big East's Louisville Cardinals, Steve Kragthorpe.

Kragthorpe achieved major success at Tulsa, part of Conference USA, taking over a team with a losing record and leading them to a conference title and three bowl

Kragthorpe became head coach at Louisville in 2007, entering an ideal situation with the Cardinals who were coming off an Orange Bowl win the previous season, returning a Heisman finalist quarterback and starting off with a No. 10 ranking.

But as head coach of the Cardinals, Kragthorpe's credibility plummeted. His overall record was 15-21 at Louisville, going 5-16 in the Big East.

He was fired as head coach, with a generous \$2.2 million buyout in November 2009 after the completion of a 4-8 season with recordlow game attendance.

These coaches can make the magic happen in smaller programs but fail to recreate it under the spotlight in BCS conferences.

We can't forget Urban Meyer though, who achieved success at both levels. Florida is 57-10 under Meyer with two national championship wins to show for it, and he came from the Mountain West Conference's Utah, where he took the Utes to a BCS bowl game win and a 22-2 record in two seasons.

But for every Urban Meyer, there is a Kragthorpe and a Hawkins. So what does this mean to TCU?

The Patterson rumors will continue to fly as long at TCU keeps winning and the Mountain West remains a non-BCS conference. What big school wouldn't want a head coach who took a MWC school to the top 5? But Looking at the facts it is clear that, in most cases, for the magic to happen it takes the right team at the right time in the right place.

For Patterson, it seems that TCU is the right team in the right place, right now. So bring on the magic.

Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Boulder, Colo.

Cowboys drop out of playoff race with a loss to the Vikings

By Dave Campbell AP Sports Writer

touchdown passes by Minnesota's 40-year-old quarterback, Brett Favre, a personal playoff game record for the NFL's all-time leading passer, sent the Vikings to the NFC championship game with a determined 34-3 victory over Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

The Vikings (13-4) will take on the (14-3), with the winner going to the with a smile. Super Bowl in Miami.

scores and put an exclamation point on the final one when his fourth-and-3 pass from the 11 was caught in the end zone by Visanthe Shiancoe after the 2-minute warning. Never in 22 previous playoff games had Favre thrown

had he beaten Dallas in the postseason after losses to the Cowboys ended MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Four his first three playoff experiences with

Favre finished 15 for 24 for 234 yards without a turnover, slapping fives with anyone in reach and rapidly pumping his right arm in celebration all afternoon. Favre even added another accomplishment as the first 40-yearold quarterback to win a playoff game.

"Probably the most fatigued or tired Saints next Sunday at New Orleans I got today was celebrating," he said

All those big-game ghosts that 'This is why I came back," Favre Romo was supposed to have gotten rid of in last week's win over Philadelphia Favre found Sidney Rice for three came back and haunted the Cowboys

> "Any time you come in with the exaccomplish them, No. 1, it's frustrating," Romo said, taking a long pause.

for four touchdowns, and never before season is over."

Romo lost two of his three fumbles and threw an interception, with two of those turnovers leading to Vikings field goals. He completed 22 of 35 passes for 198 yards, but the best season of his career was brought to a crashing halt at the hands of a fierce reached you goal." Vikings rush.

Romo took six sacks, three by Ray Edwards.

The Vikings, who had last week off while Dallas whipped the Eagles, felt slighted by all the national favor building for the surging Cowboys.

The Tasmanian devils were coming from Dallas that were about to bombard the state of Minnesota and run through us like Sherman through the South," coach Brad Childress said, exaggerating the popular opinion innocence of running up the score. pectations and goals we set and don't about this game. "All of us felt it quite

So the Vikings played aggressively "Right now, it's just hard to think the all the way to the end, enough to make

"It's like the elevator falling from the top. It's tough when it's over. If you don't win in all, you have not

Wade Phillips Cowboys' coach

Cowboys linebacker Keith Brooking angry. He confronted Childress on the sideline after Favre's fourth touchdown toss and continued his rant af-

"I think it was totally classless and disrespectful," Brooking said.

Both Favre and Childress claimed

"That wasn't rubbing it in. It's just taking care of business," the coach said. After gaining 118 yards in the first

rest of the way and watched the buzz from their first playoff win in 13 years last week fizzle out. "It's like the elevator falling from the

top. It's tough when it's over. If you don't win it all, you have not reached your goal," coach Wade Phillips said. The turning point came in the first

quarter during a second straight tooeasy drive for Dallas. Romo dropped a second-down snap at the 35, and on fourth-and-1 at the 30 Phillips sent Shaun Suisham out for a field goal. It went wide left, as did his try from 49 yards in the third quarter.

Four plays later, Favre found Rice in single coverage and fired a perfectly placed ball up the sideline from 47 yards out. Just like that, the Cowboys were behind for the first time since their loss to San Diego on Dec. 13.

"Words can't describe how we feel;" said tight end Jason Witten, who had 10 receptions for 98 yards. "I think this quarter, the Cowboys got only 130 the team had the pieces there."

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Today in History

On this day in 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Eisenhower.

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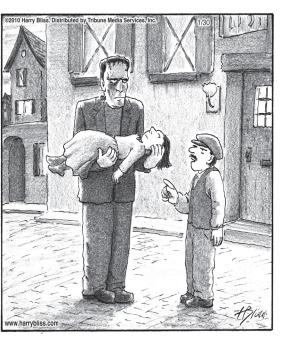
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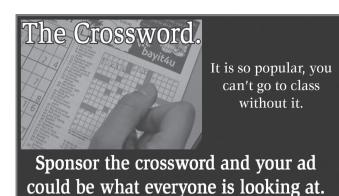


"Seriously, just pull my finger ..."



"We should be home by midnight. And remember, no computer after 8:00."

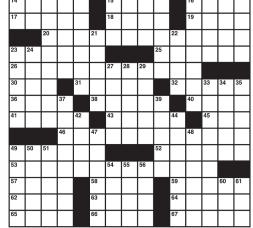
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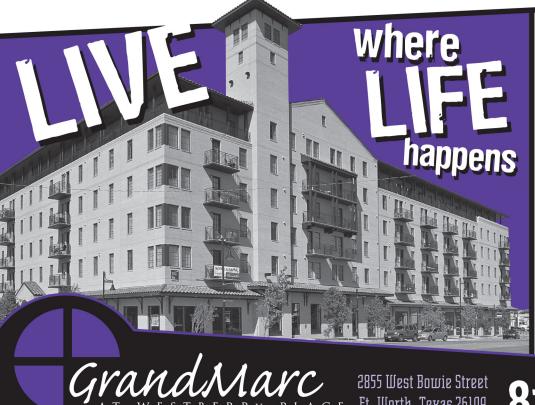
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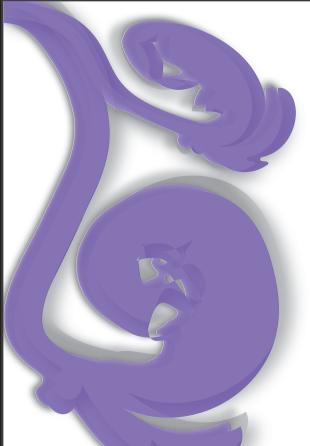
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CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Sophomore English major Amanda Balderamos assembles a Battleship board game to play with residents of the Family & Community Resources Center in downtown Fort Worth.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Senior computer science major Terrence Bunkley plays scorekeeper for a round of dominoes played with community members at the Day Resource Center for the Homeless in downtown Fort Worth.

A day of service: MLK's legacy in action

Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been transformed from a national holiday into a day of service by students and community leaders across the country. Some students took the day as an opportunity to give back to others.



CHANCE WELCH/ Multimedia Editor Sophomore film-TV-digital media major Emily Torres assembles a Connect Four board game for residents at the center.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Edito Junior deaf education major Tejay Johnson, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and a safety for the TCU football team, volunteers his time at the Day Resource Center for the Homeless



Alex Lemon Thursday, January 28th 6:30 PM

CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Copies of Alex Lemon's book, "Happy: A Memoir," on display at a stand in the TCU Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

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he was more than 10 years re-

"In a lot of ways, it felt like I was re-traumatizing myself," he said. "Writing in the first person, present tense about somebody that you don't really like."

Lemon said the book covers two main points: a young man's relationship with his mother and how college-age men relate to one another.

"More than it being about medical trauma or addiction, it's really a book about a young man's relationship with his mother," Lemon said. "So it's really a love story between a young man and his mom."

Lemon said that it was his relationship with his mother that changed significantly during his recovery from his illness. The memoir, he said, was men discover their love and Lemon said. "I did not want ed in anything, that kind of "Mosquito."

need for their parents.

the book comes from how he Lemon said he tried not to related to other men after his ful." judge himself when writing illness and during his recovery, about the event from which Lemon said. He said men often ing used in the book reflects have trouble communicating the mentality of a young colfeelings, and the book was an lege student suffering through analysis of that communica- a traumatic event.

right), Edith Resendiz (bottom right), and Emily Torres (bottom left).

how young men deal with mental illness and about their love for their parents and how they come to find that," Lemon said. to do with dysfunctional relationships and this vitriolic re- fine with that." lationship with family. Mine is about a family that really finds

themselves loving each other." The memoir, which is available for order on Amazon.com, view where the person said has garnered plenty of reviews, some praising the openness of like me," he said. "And it was the writing and others criticizing Lemon's use of offensive ally bugged me. I'm fine taklanguage.

meant to illustrate how young to some people, which is fine,"

to write that book that judges bugged me." The masculinity aspect of those people or doesn't frame them in a light that feels truth-

Lemon added that the swear-

"I don't think one ever cre-"I hope people think about ates a work of art or literature masculinity in college, about that pleases everyone," he said. "I think it's impossible, and my artistic vision was one where I already knew that some people were going to be offended by "So many other memoirs have the language and offended by some of the content, and I'm

Lemon said only one review of "Happy" really got under his

"There was an Amazon rethey didn't think they would so bizarre ... that night, it reing criticism about the book, "I think it will be off-putting but when it's like that kind of personal criticism, not locat-

But Lemon is used to facing adversity and said that writing provided an outlet to process past misfortune.

"It became easier for me to handle volatile material, the bad things that have happened to me," he said.

Dan Williams, chair of the English department, said students benefit from having a published author as a professor.

"His experiences and his talent enrich our campus in innumerable ways," Williams said. "He has contact with all kinds of publishers and writers across the country, and he has a wealth of experience about publishing and different kinds of creative writing programs and projects going on. He has an incredible amount to offer our students."

Lemon's poem "Being There" was published in the January 2009 issue of Esquire magazine. He has also published two other books, "Hallelujah Blackout" and







LIBBY DAVIS / News Editor

TCU professor and published author Alex Lemon drew on his experiences with having a stroke and undergoing brain surgery in his new book "Happy: A Memoir."

OPINION

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The Skiff View

University needs stricter e-mail policies

he university should review its policy concerning its e-mail account system. The lack of a policy regarding unsolicited political messages sent through TCU e-mail accounts opens the door for possible abuse of the university's global address book, which lists the e-mails of the entire university community.

Choosing a mass number of e-mail addresses and then spamming those people with political messages is essentially political propaganda. It abuses the privilege to communicate with anyone on campus, especially if the global address book is used for the advancement of a political party aimed at an unwilling or unsuspecting audience.

It is important to be involved in politics, especially for college students, who have mostly established their political stances upon graduation, but it shouldn't be in the form of spam. Some Americans are already turned off at the idea of becoming involved in politics because of the overwhelming amount of information blasted at them from all corners of the media. There's no need to continue to turn people off by sending unwanted political messages to their inboxes. If anything, political propaganda will end up in the same folder as those sexually inappropriate advertisements: the junk folder.

Web editor Maricruz Salinas for the editorial board.

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

Letter from the editor: Skiff changes introduced



The Daily Skiff is introducing some changes this spring that we hope will grab your attention.

You'll notice that the front page is now full color Tuesday through Friday instead of twice a week. The Skiff has made a shift by replacing the features editor position with that of projects editor, whose job is to produce packages that highlight news features and take advantage of the splash of color on the front

For those looking to catch up on current events at the local, national and international level, you will need to look no further than Page 3. The opinion page now shares room with a section called "Quick News," designed to provide our readers with the day's top headlines in easily digested news briefs. The Skiff added this section because our staff understands that you want to be informed but may not have time to read a full news

Further, the Skiff has shortened the length of wire articles and become more judicious in selecting reports that will appeal to a college audience.

Also, in an effort to capture campus from different perspectives, the Skiff now runs a weekly photo half-page that showcases

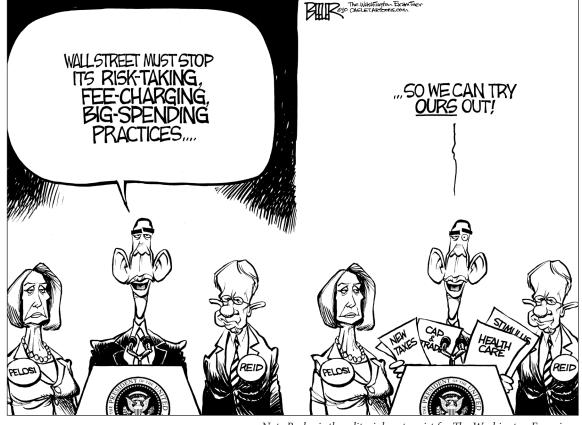
the university's students, faculty and staff and their activities. Additional pictures are posted on DailySkiff.com

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Better yet, tell us what you think in person. Expect to see us by the library this week on Thursday and Friday morning, when we'll be handing out copies of the Skiff, collecting suggestions and signing up students, staff and faculty for our mailing list. We hope to see you there.

Editor-in-chief Julieta Chiquillo is a senior news-editorial journalism major from San Salvador, El Salvador.



Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner

U.S. lacking in airport security



Lines, luggage, lapsed time. We've all experienced the frustration of airport security. Yet with all the hassle that seems to build up year after year to provide for our safety, the shoe and underwear bombers seem to somehow slip through security easier than a can of hair spray.

As U.S. airline security grows more technologically advanced, so does the technological knowledge of terrorists. Prices are increasing, but safety is not. The answer may lie in face-to-face interaction instead of heavier technological bulk.

CNN interviewed Isaac Yeffet, the former head of security for the Israeli Airline El Al, about his experience with preventing bomb attempts on the airline because of Israel's unique passenger screening technique of face-to-face interviews with

well-trained security officials. "It's mandatory that every passenger...has to be interviewed by security people who are qualified and well-trained, and are being tested all year long," Yeffet told

It has become obvious that security fails. Security failed Sept. 11 and could have permitted another tragedy if the Christmas Day bombing had succeeded. Yeffet concludes that although technology can assist humans, it will never be able to replace humans.

One of the biggest differences between Israeli and U.S. airlines, Yeffet said, is the incredibly high levels of education and qualifications As U.S. airline security grows more technologically advanced, so does the technological knowledge of terrorists.

Israeli security officials are required to possess. Security tests are run frequently throughout Israeli airport security to ensure the efficiency and quality of the security officials. If any failure occurs, the security staff involved are immediately fired.

"I wanted everyone to learn from any failure," Yeffet said. "And if they were very successful,

I wanted everyone to know why." Would security training be

expensive? Yes.

Would security interviews take more time? Yes. Would anyone affected by Sept. 11 be unwilling to give more time or money to save a loved one? Absolutely not.

There is no comparison between money and human lives. Our reactive procedures have yet to stop bombs hidden in shoes and underwear, and even stray shotgun shells floating around in suitcases. Yeffet explained that it is proactive procedures like his security interviews that prevent tragedies.

With the correct, most proactive security system available, terrorists would realize that the potential for security failure would be little to none.

Kerri Feczko is a sophomore broadcast journalism and political science major from Flower Mound.

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Man in JFK breach just used 'wrong door'

NEW YORK (AP) - A man returning from Haiti who walked through a restricted door and set off an alarm that led to the evacuation of a terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport simply went the wrong way, his attorney said Sunday.

The security breach on Saturday afternoon delayed dozens of flights and caused headaches for travelers who had to exit the terminal and wait for hours while police swept through the building. Passengers were then re-screened by Transportation Security Administration officers. The incident came less than two weeks after a security breach at nearby Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey.

The man, Jules Paul Bouloute, told investigation into the security breach told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Pope John Paul II gunman released from prison

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The Turk who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981 was IMF said China and other developing released from prison on Monday after more than 29 years behind bars and proclaimed that he was a messenger of God and that the world will end in this

Mehmet Ali Agca, 52, waved to journalists as he left the prison in a convoy of several vehicles. Turkish authorities plan to monitor him closely because of long-standing questions about his mental health. Agca's hair was gray and he wore a blue sweatshirt.

Agca shot John Paul on May 13, 1981, as the pope rode in an open car in St. Peter's Square. The pontiff was hit in while rebounds in the U.S., Japan and the abdomen, left hand and right arm, but the bullets missed vital organs. John police he went through the door by Paul met with Agca in Italy's Rebibbia mistake, an official familiar with the prison in 1983 and forgave him for the

IMF chief: global recovery stronger than expected

TOKYO (AP) — The head of the Asian economies are leading a global recovery that is faster and stronger than expected, but warned that money rushing into emerging markets could lead to asset bubbles.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, strongly suggested Monday that the IMF would raise its 2010 global growth forecast from the 3.1 percent it projected in October.

China, India and other emerging Asian economies were close to returning to their pre-crisis growth rates, other advanced economies remained "sluggish," he said.

"The forecasts we're going to release in a couple of days will show that this recovery is going faster and stronger than we expected," Strauss-Kahn said.

5,000 displaced after violence in northern Nigeria

JOS, Nigeria (AP) — Angry Muslim youths set a church filled with worshippers ablaze in northern Nigeria, starting a riot that killed at least 10 people and wounded 69 others in the latest religious violence in the region, officials said Monday.

About 5,000 people lost their homes as rioters also burned mosques and homes in Jos, a city that saw more than 300 residents killed during a similar uprising in 2008, said local Red Cross official Auwal Muhammad Madobi. He said he had no information about deaths and police officials declined to offer a count of the dead.

An Associated Press reporter saw the bodies of 10 dead youths, marked with bullet holes and machete wounds, at a local hospital on Monday. On Sunday, witnesses told reporters they saw 10 bodies at a mosque in the city.

U.S. surgery tech details stealing painkiller

DENVER (AP) — A surgery technician who infected three dozen people with hepatitis C and may have exposed thousands of others by switching used syringes with ones filled with a powerful painkiller says she got careless while and doesn't expect to be forgiven.

Ahead of a hearing where she'll be sentenced to 20 years in prison, Kristen Diane Parker described for prosecutors how she slipped through a hospital's drug screening process and began stealing drugs as she coped with a heroin

addiction. "I can't ask for forgiveness," a tearful Parker, 27, told a prosecutor during a videotaped interview Jan. 11. "I don't expect anybody to forgive me for what

Parker pleaded guilty to tampering with a consumer product and obtaining a controlled substance by deceit or subterfuge.