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Freshman middle school education major Jacob Kehl catches a frisbee in a drill for his Ultimate Frisbee team at the intramural fields Tuesday night. MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer

STUDENT DEATH

Autopsy results pending release

By Julieta Chiquillo
Editor-in-Chief

Autopsy results for a 20-year-old female student who was found dead Monday night in her off-campus residence are pending and may take weeks to be released, according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.



Bebout

Fort Worth Police continue to investigate the death of Amanda Bebout, a junior nursing major whose body was found at her residence near campus at about 8 p.m. Monday on the 2800 block of Lubbock Avenue, police said. Preliminary findings suggest no foul play was involved, according to police.

Toxicology tests are being conducted, and it will take between four to six weeks before results are given back, said Linda Anderson, public information officer for the Medical Examiner's Office. The Medical Examiner's Office won't release any information until all tests are complete, she said.

"We don't have any published information at this time," Anderson said.

On Monday, police responded to a call about a woman who was unresponsive at a residence on Lubbock Avenue, according to police. Offi-

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STUDENT DEATH

Campus offered guidance

By Marshall Doig
Staff Reporter

University efforts to give support to students following the death of 20-year-old junior nursing major Amanda Bebout included counselors visiting classmates and fellow sorority members.

A university counselor met with Bebout's classmates in a Tuesday morning nursing class, a Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences official said.

Marinda Allender, director of undergraduate nursing programs, said the counselor was in the class to help students cope with the death of their classmate.

"We encouraged the students to talk about Amanda, their memories of her, and we offered our services and the counseling center," Allender said.

Diane Hawley, clinical assistant professor, said that in addition to the resources available at the Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center, faculty in the nursing school were also an option for students wishing to speak about Bebout's death.

"Part of nursing is helping patients and families through the death and dying process," Hawley said. "We are educated in helping people with grief, and so there's a certain amount of helpfulness that we as a faculty can be to each other and to the students."

The Rev. Jeremy Albers, associ-

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STUDENT DEATH

Official: Verification caused delay

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

It was quickly evident to police on the scene that no foul play was involved in the off-campus death of student Amanda Bebout on Monday night, TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said. However, that information had to be confirmed by a homicide specialist before it could be released to the student body, he said Tuesday.

McGee said it took about an hour for the homicide specialist to arrive on the scene Monday night after officers were dispatched shortly after 8 p.m. McGee said he remained in close contact with Fort Worth Police throughout the investigation and kept an officer at the scene until the homicide specialist had performed his in-

vestigation.

"I called the captain and said, 'Look, I'm on a time line; I want to get something out. If there's a danger to my community I need to let them know,'" McGee said.

McGee said a local news station reported the incident as a homicide in which the victim was bound with duct tape but retracted that information later.

"Any time that we gather enough information to determine that the TCU community is threatened by a criminal activity ... we want to warn people," McGee said. "We put those alerts out because we want to keep the TCU community safe. But in this case it was pretty clear in the beginning there was going to be a ruling that there was (no) foul play."

Rumors about the cause of death spread throughout the student body from various sources Monday night, including word-of-mouth and TV reports.

Lisa Albert, director of communications, wrote in an e-mail that the university determined the TCU Alert system, which reaches the TCU community via e-mail, cell phone text messages and home phone messages, was not appropriate for this situation. "TCU Alert is used in case of emergencies or university closures," Albert wrote. "The TCU app is not designed for disseminating information to the campus community in that way."

According to an incident report from the Fort Worth Police Depart-

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Lobbyist: Economy remains an issue

By Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

In the wake of rough economic times, colleges and universities must be especially prudent when tackling budgets, one of the nation's most prominent higher education lobbyists said during a campus visit Tuesday.

"I think the biggest issue affecting colleges and universities right now is the economic climate that we're facing," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president for the American Coun-

cil on Education's government and public affairs division. "All institutions, both public and private, two-year and four-year, are facing serious challenges because just about every revenue source they have is under pressure."

Vice Chancellor of Government Affairs Larry Lauer, who invited Hartle to visit, said Hartle's primary job is "representing American higher education in the U.S. Legislature." Hartle was scheduled to meet with university administrators Tuesday to discuss academic issues concerning

higher education institutions.

Hartle said this is not the first time Americans have faced economic downturns, adding that education has had a long history of witnessing economic recessions and even depressions. He said that while recessions are familiar, they present serious managerial challenges.

Even though Sus Enos, a junior film-TV-digital media major, said she had no economic concerns about financing her own college ed-

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Model UN program continues to expand

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

Seven years ago, assistant political science professor Eric Cox helped the university's Model United Nations team prepare for its first national conference. At the end of March and into the first few days of April, the team will join more than 4,500 students in New York at the National Model United Nations conference.

The university's original 2003 team consisted of eight delegates and four alternates under the direction of Donald Jackson, Herman Brown professor of political science. Now under Cox's

leadership, the university sends groups of more than 20 delegates to two competitions each year as a nationally renowned team, he said.

Cox said the team's growth and success during the years should be attributed to its returning delegates.

"At the beginning I was trying to shape the student expectations and push them," Cox said. "Now, the student leadership that has been built up over time passes that on, and the students are the ones that drive the expectations."

Karen Baumgaertner, a representative from the national MUN, said this year's New York conference is at full

capacity.

"The purpose of these additional conferences is to accommodate additional interest," Baumgaertner said. "We have people coming to Washington D.C., Quito, Ecuador, and to Xi'an, China, and it's in order to allow more international students the opportunity to participate because our New York conference is so consistently full."

Baumgaertner said she believes the growing interest is partially because of schools like TCU that have teams that regularly receive recognition.

Cox serves on the National Model

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CORRECTION

The caption on Tuesday's front page misidentified the night on which the student's body was found. It was Monday night, not Wednesday night.

The caption on Tuesday's sports page misidentified TCU guard Antoinette Thompson as TCU guard Helena Sverrisdottir.

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The upcoming 2010 World Cup in South Africa could end up being more about AIDS and less about soccer.

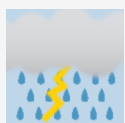
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PECULIAR FACT

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — A driver whose SUV plunged into a Northern California creek after he was startled by his hands-free cell phone device escaped the sinking vehicle by blasting out the window with a handgun.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



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NEWS

RESPONSE

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ment, officers were dispatched to the victim's home on Lubbock Avenue at about 8:10 p.m. Monday night. The e-mail notification regarding the off-campus death was sent out to university faculty, staff and students at 11:15 p.m., more than three hours after police arrived at the scene.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said university protocol for campus emergencies was slightly different for every incident, but it was especially important in this case to make sure the information was accurate before being distributed.

"While that appeared to be what the facts were (no foul play involved), we made the decision that until the findings were complete, both by the detectives and the medical examiner, it would be unwise to have issued a state-

ment earlier," Mills said. "If we issued a statement that calmed people down and then came back with a statement that said, 'Oops, we were wrong,' that, we believe, would have made the situation worse."

An e-mail was determined to be the most effective communication method, Albert wrote.

However, a crisis management expert said the ideal practice on college campuses is to have the ability to blast an alert via text message to students' cell phones as quickly as the information is available, approaching it from the perspective of being careful first.

"The best practice since Virginia Tech is to do that," said Dan Keeney, president of DPK Public Relations, a local firm that specializes in crisis management. "I think that 30 minutes is too long."

Keeney said subsequent messages could be sent out as more

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Dan Keeney
president of DPK
Public Relations

information becomes available.

"The last thing you want to do is create unnecessary panic, but you want to make sure students have the opportunity to protect themselves," Keeney said. "It is in the best interests of a university to disseminate accurate information quickly to avoid unnecessary concern or panic based on inaccurate information or rumors."

COUNSELING

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ate chaplain, said the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life would also offer counseling services for students.

"We have campus ministers and associate chaplains and chaplains here that are available to see people if they have questions regarding faith or how to process their feelings during this time of grief and questioning," Albers said.

The office has tentatively scheduled a memorial service for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Robert Carr Chapel, Albers said.

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tal Health Center would offer no extra services for students following Bebout's death Monday night.

Nina Dulacki, director of marketing and communications for Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority, of which Bebout

was a member, said the sorority was saddened by Bebout's death and that it was grateful for the support the university has provided to the TCU chapter members, including counseling. She said Gamma Phi Beta was also providing support to the chapter, but she declined to specify.

"How we help the girls cope is not for public consumption," Dulacki said.

Police found Bebout's body Monday night after her roommate called police to report that she had found Bebout unresponsive at her residence on Lubbock Avenue, a few blocks away from campus, according to police. Preliminary findings indicate that there was no foul play, police said.

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cers arrived at the scene and found the woman dead, police said.

According to a police incident report about the emergency call, a woman told police that she found her roommate not breathing and with duct tape over her mouth.

As a matter of policy, police do not discuss matters relating to evidence in an

ongoing investigation, but the woman was not bound or otherwise restrained as some reports indicated, according to a Fort Worth Police press release Tuesday.

Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, public information officer for Fort Worth Police, said at a press conference Monday night that the student's family had tried to contact her throughout the day Monday and then asked her roommates to check up on her.

Bebout was a member of

the TCU chapter of Gamma Phi Beta. Several members of the sorority declined to comment, citing sorority policy.

Gamma Phi Beta's request that its members not comment on the death of a member is international policy for the sorority, said Nina Dulacki, director of marketing and communications for the sorority.

"In difficult times, that's not in their best interest to comment," she said. "They need to grieve."

MODEL UN

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UN New York advisory committee. Advisors are nominated by their peers and chosen for their outstanding service to the program, Baumgaertner said.

Because of his involvement as an advisor and the team's growing prominence at the conference, TCU's MUN program was featured in promotional material for the New York conference, Cox said.

Senior political science majors Lauren Randle and Jenna Gleaton are this year's head delegates for the university's team.

Student delegates go through a stringent application process before being admitted to the MUN program, Cox said. Applications for the following year, including essays and recommendations, are due in the spring.

During students' first year, they must enroll in a two-semester class taught by Cox.

The fall semester focuses primarily on the workings of the U.N., Cox said. In November, teams are assigned the country

they will represent at the conference. Then the team divides into pairs to begin research on their committee's topic for the conference.

This year's team will represent the Netherlands, Cox said. Twelve committees will research issues such as piracy, mining in war zones, world food and biofuel.

"I think the program really applies TCU's mission statement to produce ethical global leaders," Gleaton said.

A smaller version of the program is available in the fall and does not require students to enroll for the preparation courses.

The conference is held in Washington, D.C., and participants can sign up without going through the rigorous application process of the New York conference.

Randle began her involvement in national MUN her sophomore year when she attended the conference in Washington D.C., she said.

"D.C. is supposed to be an educational experience for MUN, whereas in New York you are expected to know the

rules, have your research done and be a lot more prepared," Randle said.

Randle was also the leader of a student-run trip to a conference to Ecuador from Jan. 10 through Sunday. Eight delegates from the university attended the conference in Ecuador, Randle said.

At the Ecuador conference, TCU had its first delegate on a native language committee. Junior political science major Cynthia Arevalo will represent Chile in a Spanish-speaking session at the conference.

Because the team's first international conference was held in China, none of the delegates from TCU spoke the native language.

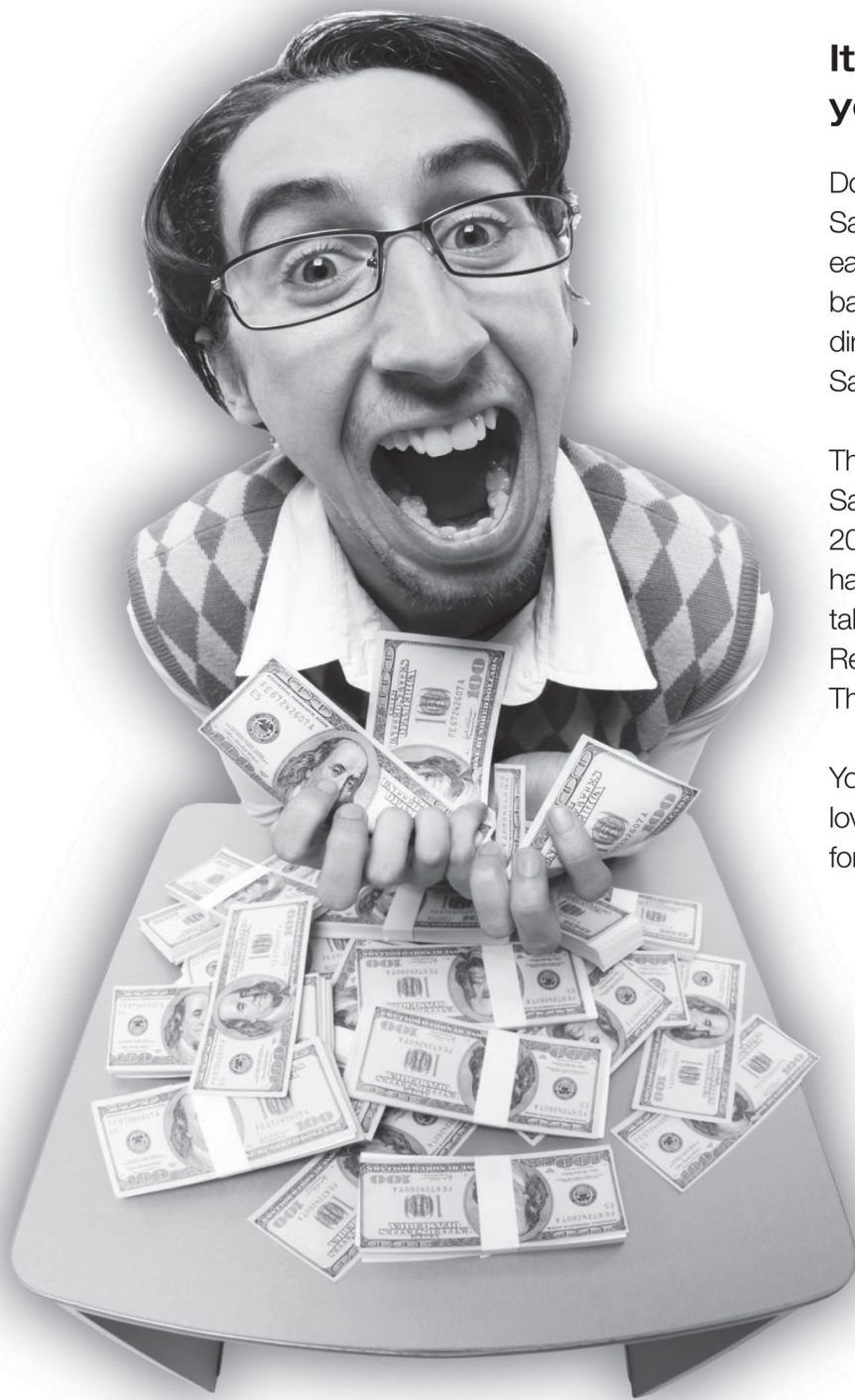
"I've always debated in Spanish so I think it will be more comfortable for me," Arevalo said. "You have to know a language very well to get up and speak your mind."

About 20 of the 120 delegates at the conference were scheduled to participate in the Spanish-speaking committee, called Summit of the Americas.

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ucation, she said others are having issues because TCU is an expensive school and some students are unable to receive scholarship money.

According to the financial aid office's Web site, the university offers a full range of financing options to families of all income levels, and 70 percent of TCU students receive some type of assistance.

Hartle said many schools are inclined to help students find financial aid because their class sizes would decrease if they did not offer help.

"Once students get into institutions, institutions are very anxious to see those students have a good experience and graduate, because institutions, as much as they like students, like happy alumni even more," Hartle said. "If students are facing challenges, they need to make sure that someone at the institution knows ... most colleges and universities have tried in the last year to put more money aside for financial aid particularly because they know the challenges that are facing so many American families right now."

Hartle said he recommends all young people get as much of an education as possible because of the financial benefits.

"I think higher education is something that we all ought to be concerned about because we do know that in the 21st century nations that invest in science and technology and education will outperform those that don't make those investments," Hartle said.

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The Skiff View

Student's death should prompt review of policy

The discovery of a dead 20-year-old female student at an off-campus residence Monday night brought up many questions as to the circumstances of her death.

The news of junior nursing major Amanda Bebout's death brought a mixture of emotions ranging from shock to sadness to concerns about a possible homicide. For the university, it seems that the need to warn the campus came into conflict with the risk of disseminating information that had not been made official at the time. The decision to go public with an inaccurate statement could have resulted in panic.

Monday's circumstances understandably put the university in a difficult position. However, in light of the incident and the erroneous reports that began circulating soon after, the university should review its policies when it comes to dealing with crises like this one.

Administrators should examine what kind of message they can disseminate when a tragedy like a student's death strikes campus. Concerns about releasing incomplete but accurate information should be balanced with the need to discredit rumors or incorrect information that spreads unwarranted fears and anxiety. Students' concerns may lead to misinformation that is quickly disseminated.

While the university's efforts to provide support to grieving community members are appreciated, administrators should acknowledge the concerns raised by Bebout's death and address them in the future should a similar situation arise.

Multimedia editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

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

AIDS may take precedence over soccer in World Cup



MARSHALL DOIG

The legacy of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa might not be the legendary games, spectacular goals or any other number of amazing on-field displays.

It could be AIDS.

According to CNN.com, sex worker advocates made dire predictions that the world's biggest sporting event could be a public health disaster because of the high demand for prostitutes by international soccer fans.

It gets even better. There are some who want the South African government to legalize prostitution in order to contain the spread of the disease, which an estimated 46 percent of South African sex workers have.

The issue should have been taken care of sooner.

Personally, I believe a person selling his or her body for sex shouldn't happen.

South Africa was selected as this year's FIFA World Cup host back in 2004. AIDS was and is still a problem in South Africa. The World Cup is the most popular sporting event in the world. Some international travelers like to pay for prostitutes. How did they not

connect the dots?

According to the article, the next opportunity for a possible change in prostitution law is expected to be in 2011. There was an effort in 2007 to legalize prostitution just for the duration of the World Cup. The idea has surfaced again among proponents of legalization, but a change probably won't happen.

This is a terrible idea to people who morally disagree with prostitution. Personally, I believe a person selling his or her body for sex shouldn't happen.

With that said, legalization in this case doesn't seem like a bad idea. I'm sure everyone has heard a variation on the idea that making something illegal encourages people to do it. Case in point: prohibition in the 1920s and underage drinking.

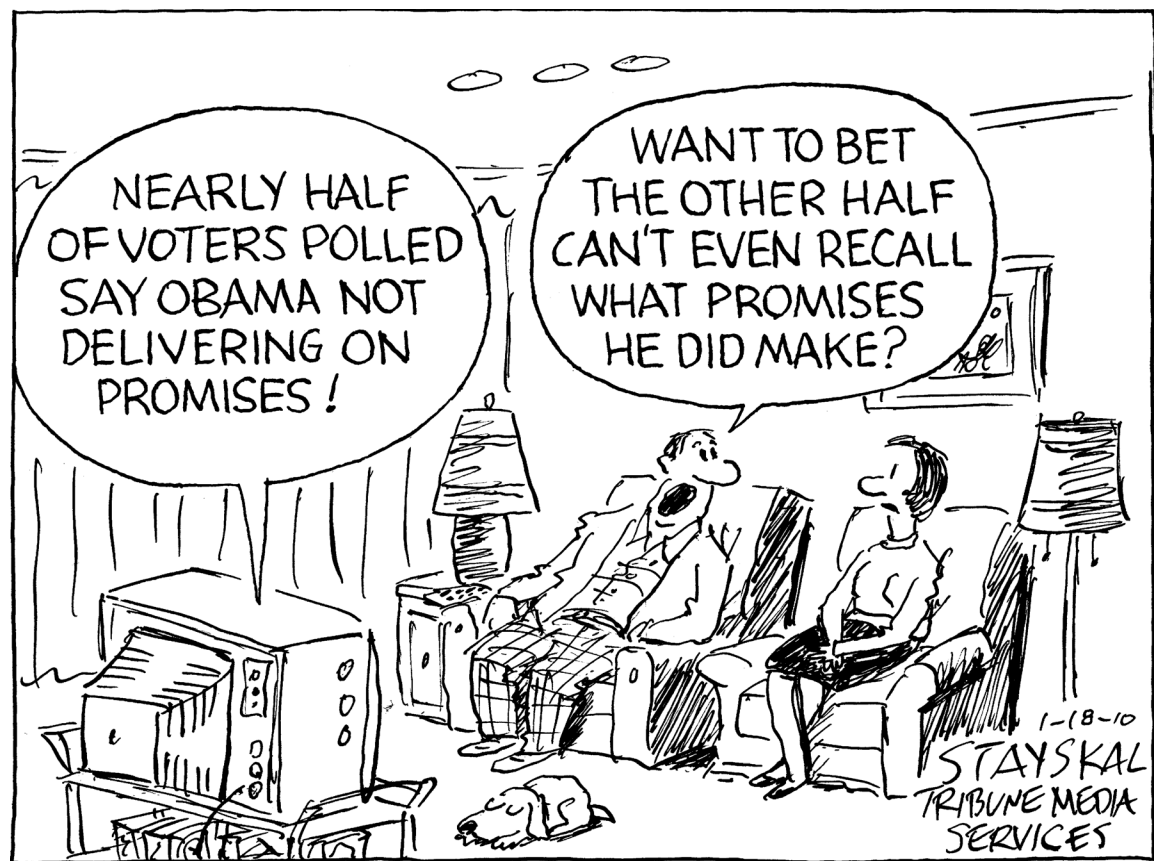
The argument here, provided by the Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Taskforce, is that if prostitutes don't have to worry about getting arrested, it becomes easier to provide condoms, and they can refuse any client who won't wear one.

This scenario doesn't account for the fact that condoms don't guarantee prevention of spreading STDs, but it sounds like a better alternative to not having one.

Now the fate of the issue is left to the potential clients scattered across the world who will be in South Africa this summer and the decisions they make while drunk, desperate or both.

Good luck, South Africa. I'll just focus on the soccer.

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Atheist group's rhetoric baseless



WYATT KANYER

European history features a long line of atheistic writers. From Denis Diderot to Richard Dawkins, Thomas Hobbes to Christopher Hitchens, atheism has remained a belief system that piques the interest of millions of Europeans.

Nowadays, the atheistic mindset has manifested itself in a laughable manner.

Atheism is to Europe as Christianity is to the United States: many claim it, but few understand the scope of its implications and consequences.

In a classic act of juvenility, Atheist Ireland, an Irish association of atheists, published "25 Blasphemous Quotations" on New Year's Day in an attempt to elevate the anti-religious remarks that important historical figures have made over the years.

According to a CNN report, the list featured such acclaimed figures as Salman Rushdie, Mohammed, Jesus, Bjork and Mark Twain.

While that seems like a respectable group, being someone religious or not, there are the not-so-credible quotations, like those from comedian George Carlin and musician Frank Zappa. That is where the list moves from an attempt to make a social statement to a ploy to spread an

ideology.

For instance, unsurprisingly, the No. 1 quote on the list is from Jesus Christ — an atheist's favorite target. In Matthew 26:64 of the King James Version of the Bible, Jesus claims to be the Messiah: "Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." This is considered blasphemy because Jesus was ultimately crucified for making this claim in that it contradicted Jewish doctrine.

But the group's goal in placing a verse from Christian scripture atop its blasphemous quotation list is clearly an attempt to demonstrate its disdain for Christianity, first and foremost.

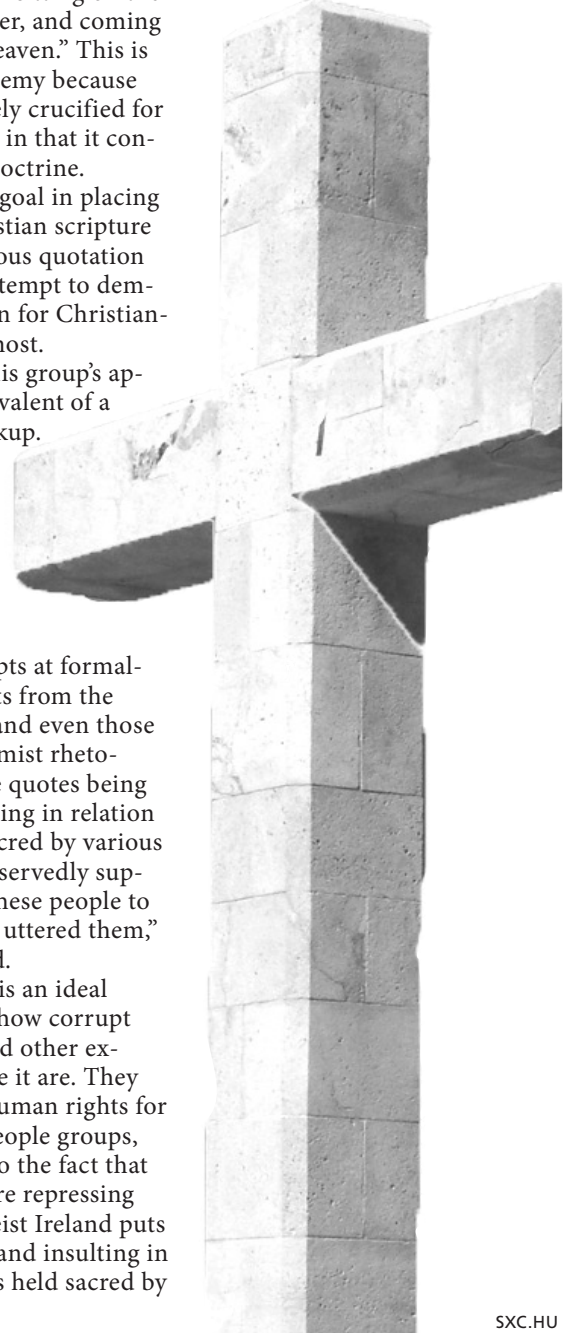
Additionally, this group's approach is the equivalent of a text message breakup. The list was published on New Year's Day, marking a new beginning of sorts, and it was posted on the group's blog.

The only attempts at formality were statements from the group's Web site, and even those were typical extremist rhetoric: "Despite these quotes being abusive and insulting in relation to matters held sacred by various religions, we unreservedly support the right of these people to have published or uttered them," the statement read.

This statement is an ideal representation of how corrupt Atheist Ireland and other extremist groups like it are. They strive for sound human rights for their respective people groups, yet are oblivious to the fact that they themselves are repressing groups, or as Atheist Ireland puts it, being "abusive and insulting in relation to matters held sacred by various religions."

Atheism is to Europe as Christianity is to the United States: many claim it, but few understand the scope of its implications and consequences.

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QUICK NEWS

Haitians can start applying Thurs. to stay in US

MIAMI (AP) — Haitians are so eager for information about a federal designation that will let illegal immigrants work temporarily in the U.S., they bombarded a Catholic church here even though the program doesn't start until Thursday.

More than 1,000 Haitians lined up this week outside the Notre Dame d'Haiti Catholic Church in Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood to ask questions about how to apply for temporary protected status. Some were told to come back the following day.

Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas said only those who were in the U.S. on the day of the earthquake or before it struck would be eligible, and he warned that early applications would be delayed.

French braid brings end to Texas follicle fight

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — A 4-year-old Dallas-area boy disciplined for having long hair has returned to his class with a brand new 'do.

Pre-kindergartner Taylor Pugh rejoined his classmates at his suburban elementary school Tuesday.

Elizabeth Taylor says her son's hair is just as long as ever, but now she's styled it in a double French braid pinned up at the base of his neck. The school principal approved the style.

The boy typically wears his hair long and had been sequestered from classmates at Floyd Elementary School in Balch Springs since late November.

The long hair violates the Mesquite school district dress code, which says boys' hair must be kept out of the eyes and cannot extend over the collar of a dress shirt.

Mystery visitor to Poe's grave is a no-show

BALTIMORE (AP) — It is what Edgar Allan Poe might have called "a mystery all insoluble": Every year for the past six decades, a shadowy visitor would leave roses and a half-empty bottle of cognac on Poe's grave on the anniversary of the writer's birth. This year, no one showed.

Did the mysterious "Poe toaster" meet his own mortal end? Did some kind of ghastly misfortune befall him? Will he be heard from nevermore?

"I'm confused, befuddled," said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum. "I don't know what's going on."

The visitor's absence this year only deepened the mystery over his identity. One name mentioned as a possibility was that of a Baltimore poet and known prankster who died in his 60s last week. But there is little or no evidence to suggest he was the man.

Feds investigating Texas Tech chemistry explosion

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Federal officials plan to investigate an explosion that severely injured a student at Texas Tech University's chemistry department.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board announced Tuesday it'll seek the causes of the Jan. 7 explosion on the Lubbock campus.

Tech officials told the agency that the accident happened during the handling of a high-energy metal compound that suddenly detonated. Tech has an agreement with Northeastern University, which holds a contract from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to study the high-energy materials.

O'Brien's staff is sticking point in talks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sticking point in Conan O'Brien's complex exit negotiations with NBC involves his TV staff, not Triumph, the Insult Comic Dog, a person familiar with the talks said Tuesday.

Although discussions also focused on whether NBC would keep the rights to familiar O'Brien comedy bits including Triumph, O'Brien's focus was ensuring severance deals for his "Tonight" staff and crew, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks were intended to be private.

NBC fired back in a statement, saying "it was Conan's decision to leave NBC that resulted in nearly 200 of his staffers being out of work."

ETC.



Today in History
On this day in 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.
— The Associated Press

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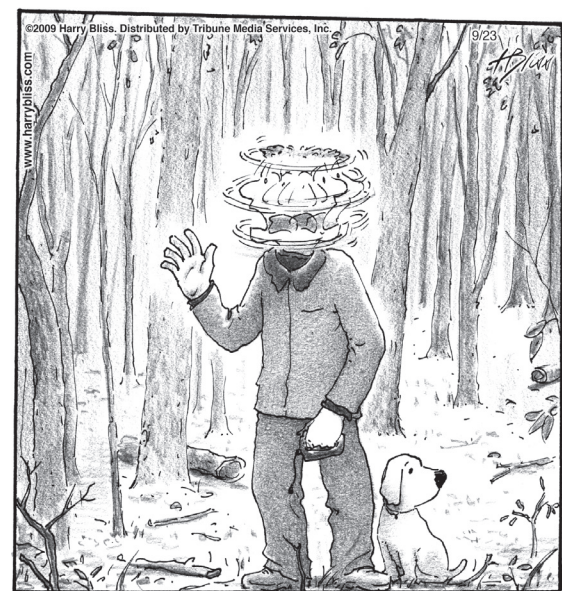
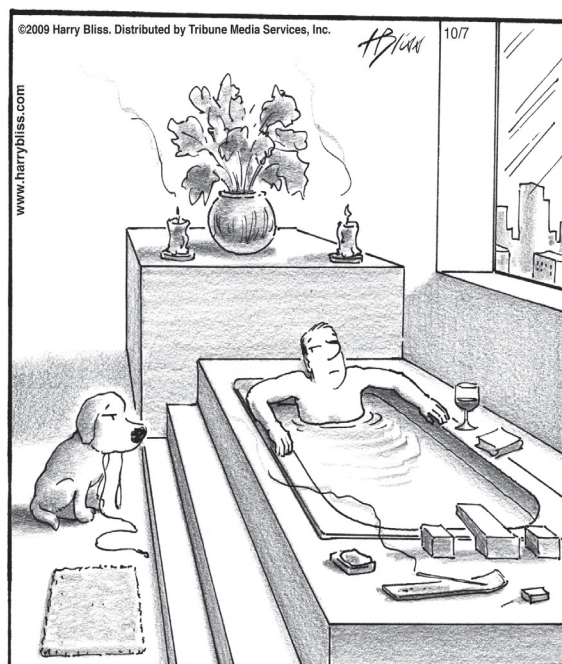
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By Barry C. Silk 1/20/10

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Traditional canning jars hold varieties of marijuana in a cabinet at the La Brea Collective medical marijuana dispensary in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Council is poised to vote on a medical marijuana ordinance after months of hammering out criteria that would shutter hundreds of dispensaries. Council members will take up the issue once again Tuesday.

City will close medical marijuana dispensaries

By Greg Risling
AP Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles City Council on Tuesday tentatively approved an ordinance to close most of the city's medical marijuana dispensaries, winding down months of debate on how to limit the rapid spread of such clinics.

The ordinance, if passed next week by a simple majority of the 15-member council, would cap the number of dispensaries at 70 and require them to be at least 1,000 feet from "sensitive uses" — schools, parks and other public gathering spots.

The local law would put an end to the proliferation of pot dispensaries. As many as 1,000 have cropped up over the past few years. That's more than the number of Starbucks and public schools in the city. Four dispensaries were open in 2005, when city officials first discussed a local medical marijuana law.

The ordinance would also likely force remaining clinics that comply to move to industrial areas because of the distance requirement.

"I think it's a beginning point," Councilman Ed Reyes said after Tuesday's meeting. "We have to get control of this issue and shape a policy to make medical marijuana more accessible to those who need it."

While other California cities such as San Francisco, Oakland and West Hollywood have been able to regulate medical marijuana, Los Angeles city officials have discussed an ordinance for years, trying to adopt language that jibes with state law.

The number of clinics has exploded — more than 600 over the past 10 months alone — despite a 2007 city moratorium prohibiting new medi-

cal marijuana dispensaries. The shop owners took advantage of a loophole known as a hardship exemption that allowed them to open while awaiting city approval.

However, more than 180 clinics qualified to remain open because they opened before the ban was enacted. About 137 of those dispensaries still exist and would be allowed to remain open if they meet other requirements in the new ordinance.

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Ed Reyes
Los Angeles councilman

Medical marijuana advocates argue the council's inability to provide clear regulations has led to the growth of pot shops in Los Angeles. Residents also have grown frustrated with the bottleneck as they've seen dispensaries creep closer to their homes.

Kristin Yoder, who runs California Alternative Caregivers in Venice, said the dispensary boom has hurt her clinic business. Her rent has gone from \$2,500 per month to \$7,600, and her patients have gone elsewhere.

"Other dispensaries advertise, solicit people on the streets," Yoder said. "It looks bad on us and it's because there haven't been any regulations."

Some collective patients were critical of the ordinance, arguing

they wouldn't be able to get medical marijuana because the dispensaries would have to relocate.

"The (state's) Compassionate Use Act says I should get my medicine in my neighborhood," said Jamie Green who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. "What am I going to do now?"

Even if the ordinance is signed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, dispensary owners are unsure they will be able to operate without being arrested. They have said they sell marijuana to their customers as a way to cover their expenses.

The ordinance states that "no collective shall operate for profit." However, "cash and in-kind contributions" as well as "reasonable compensation" would be accepted.

Some law enforcement officials believe any cash trading hands is illegal under state law.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said his office will target pot clinics that profit and sell to people who don't qualify for medical marijuana. Cooley said he believes state law authorizes the possession, use and cultivation of marijuana for medicinal purposes but not the sale of the drug.

City Attorney Carmen Trutanich had also sought to ban sales at dispensaries, but the council ignored his advice.

Under the ordinance, dispensaries would have to close until they comply with the new local law. City officials would seek an injunction against those who don't. The ordinance wouldn't take effect until city officials determine the registration fees collectives would have to pay.

Fourteen states, including California, permit medical marijuana. Pot, however, remains illegal under federal law.

SENATE RACE

Rep. wins Kennedy's seat

By Glen Johnson and Liz Sidoti
AP Writers

BOSTON (AP) — In an epic upset in liberal Massachusetts, Republican Scott Brown rode a wave of voter anger to win the U.S. Senate seat held by the late Edward M. Kennedy for nearly half a century, leaving President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in doubt and marring the end of his first year in office.

The loss by the once-favored Democrat Martha Coakley in the Democratic stronghold was a stunning embarrassment for the White House after Obama rushed to Boston on Sunday to try to save the foundering candidate. Her defeat signaled big political problems for the president's party this fall when House, Senate and gubernatorial candidates are on the ballot nationwide.

"I have no interest in sugarcoating what happened in Massachusetts," said Sen. Robert Menendez, the head of the Senate Democrats' campaign committee. "There is a lot of anxiety in the country right now. Americans are understandably impatient."

Brown will become the 41st Republican in the 100-member Senate, which could allow the GOP to block the president's health care legislation and the rest of his agenda. Democrats needed Coakley to win for a 60th vote to thwart Republican filibusters.

One day shy of the first anniversary of Obama's swearing-in, the election played out amid a backdrop of animosity and resentment from voters over persistently high unemployment, Wall Street bailouts, exploding federal budget deficits and partisan wrangling over health care.

For weeks considered a long shot, Brown seized voter discontent to draw even with Coakley in the campaign's final stretch. His candidacy energized Republicans, including backers of the grassroots "tea party" movement, while attracting disappointed Democrats and independents uneasy with where they felt the nation was heading.

A cornerstone of Brown's campaign was his promised vote

against the health care plan.

Though the president wasn't on the ballot, he was on many voters' minds.

"I voted for Obama because I wanted change...I thought he'd bring it to us, but I just don't like the direction that he's heading," said John Triolo, 38, a registered independent who voted in Fitchburg.

He said his frustrations, including what he considered the too-quick pace of health care legislation, led him to vote for Brown.

But Robert Hickman, 55, of New Bedford, said he backed Coakley "to stay on the same page with the president."

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Even before the first results were announced, administration officials were privately accusing Coakley of a poorly run campaign and playing down the notion that Obama or a toxic political landscape had much to do with the outcome.

Coakley's supporters, in turn, blamed that very environment, saying her lead dropped significantly after the Senate passed health care reform shortly before Christmas and after the Christmas Day attempted airliner bombing that Obama himself said showed a failure of his administration.

Days before the polls closed, Democrats were fingerpointing and laying blame.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said Coakley's loss won't deter his colleagues from continuing their practice of blaming George W. Bush's administration.

"President George W. Bush and House Republicans drove our

economy into a ditch and tried to run away from the accident," he said. "President Obama and congressional Democrats have been focused repairing the damage to our economy."

Wall Street watched the election closely. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 116 points, and analysts attributed the increase to hopes the election would make it harder for Obama to make his changes to health care. That eased investor concerns that profits at companies such as insurers and drug makers would suffer.

Across Massachusetts, voters who had been bombarded with phone calls and dizzied with non-stop campaign commercials for Coakley and Brown gave a fitting turnout despite intermittent snow and rain statewide.

Secretary of State William Galvin, who discounted sporadic reports of voter irregularities throughout the day, predicted turnout ranging from 1.6 million to 2.2 million, 40 percent to 55 percent of registered voters. The Dec. 8 primary had a scant turnout of about 20 percent.

Voters considered national issues including health care and the federal budget deficits.

"We don't want health care just for the rich and the middle class. We need it for everyone," said Democrat Neicei Degen, 82, who voted for Coakley in hopes of saving Obama's plan that would extend coverage to millions of uninsured.

Fears about spending drove Karla Bunch, 49, to vote for Brown. "It's time for the country, for the taxpayers, to take back their money," she said.

For others, feelings about the candidates themselves shaped their votes.

Recalling that Brown once posed nude for Cosmopolitan magazine, Kaitlin Addams, 50, said she reluctantly voted for Coakley "to make sure the pinup boy doesn't get into office. I don't like his stand on issues. He's an extreme conservative."

Conversely, Elizabeth Reddin, 65, voted for Brown because she said she was turned off by the Democrat's negative advertisements, saying: "The Coakley stuff was disgusting."

TEXAS HEALTH CARE

Pregnant women to get HIV tests

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Pregnant women are being tested during their last trimester for the virus that causes AIDS as part of a new effort to save young lives in Texas.

Under the law, which took effect this month, health care providers must conduct the HIV testing unless the woman objects.

Allison Lowery with the Department of State Health Services told the Austin American-Statesman that mothers-to-be generally will be billed for the test, but the cost is expected to be covered by insurance or Medicaid.

"We believe this new testing will save children's lives," Lowery said. The plan also brings Texas in line

with HIV testing recommendations made by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2006, according to Lowery.

Texas previously required doctors and other medical providers to test pregnant women for HIV at the first prenatal visit and at the time of birth.

Experts say a woman's HIV status can change during her pregnancy, potentially without her or her doctor knowing it, by the time she goes into labor.

The new law says a woman who tests positive for HIV can start getting antiretroviral drugs immediately to reduce the chances of infecting her baby. The infant gets treatment

at birth and for the next six weeks.

Without treatment, one in four pregnant women infected with HIV will transmit the disease to the baby, according to the Department of State Health Services. Treating the woman during her pregnancy can cut the risk of transmission to about 1 percent.

The number of women transmitting HIV to babies is small, an estimated 100 to 200 U.S. babies a year, said Dr. Judy Levison, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine.

"No woman should deliver without knowing her HIV status," Levison said.



Massachusetts State Senator Scott Brown, R-Wrentham, votes in Wrentham, Mass., Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010. Brown won against Democrat Martha Coakley in a special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat left empty by the death of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

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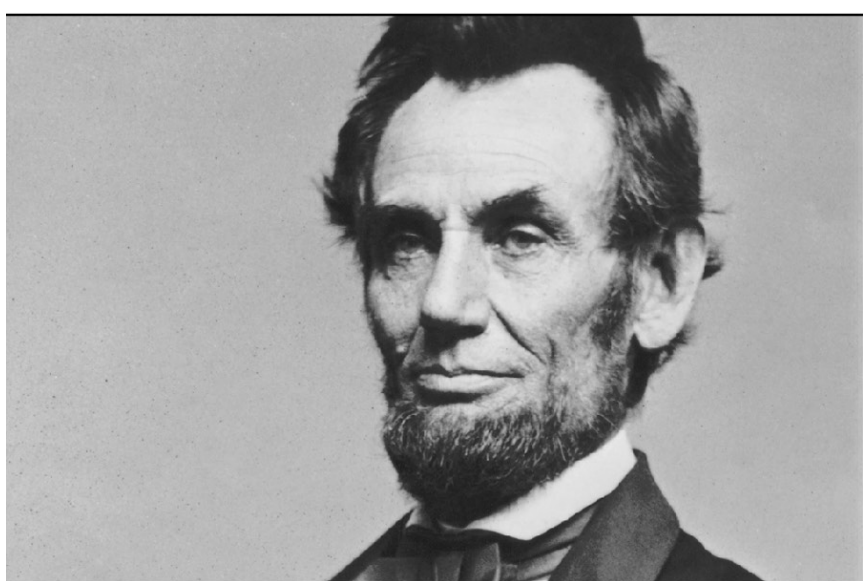
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TCU defensive end Jerry Hughes hangs on to Colorado State University running back Leonard Mason for a tackle in their 44-6 win over CSU Oct. 17.

Frog football racks up awards

By Wyatt Kanyer
Staff Reporter

A number of Horned Frog football players and coaches were awarded a series of national post-season honors for their performances this season.

Senior linebacker Daryl Washington and senior defensive end Jerry Hughes were named to the ESPN All-American team after anchoring the Horned Frog defense, which was No. 1 in the nation for the second consecutive year in 2009.

Hughes was also added to the Sports Illustrated All-American first team, along with junior center Jake Kirkpatrick.

Junior quarterback Andy Dalton was an honorable mention on the Sports Illustrated team.

Hughes' accolades did not stop there, as he was also named to the CBSSports.com All-American first team.

Washington, Dalton and Hughes were among the nine Frogs named in the Mountain West All-Conference first team.

Washington, Hughes and senior offensive tackle Marshall Newhouse were all on the 2009 Lombardi Award watch list for college linemen of the year and Washington was one of 16 semifinalists for the Butkus Award for the nation's top linebacker. Hughes was named MWC defensive player of the year, Dalton was named offensive player of the year and junior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley was named special teams player of the year, as he was the Frogs' top kick returner.

Athletic Director Chris Del

Conte said the awards the players garnered this year were because of the football program's ability to develop its players. Del Conte used Jerry Hughes' transition from high school running back to college defensive end as an example.

"When you look overall at the individual awards, they speak volumes of the team," he said. "Our program continues to grow because of how TCU develops its players," he said.

The man behind the success is head coach Gary Patterson, who received nine coach of the year awards, including the 2009 Associated Press Coach of the Year.

"When you go 12-0 like our football team did this year, it speaks volumes for the program that Gary Patterson has built," Del Conte said.

COLUMN

Confidence needed to move up ranks



DAVID HALL

I like Jim Christian and the basketball team. I really do.

But I've been around long enough to know not to expect much from TCU men's basketball.

Too many times during the past four years we have seen the Horned Frogs get out to a decent start, like last year's false-hope-inspiring 4-1 record to open Mountain West play, only to wilt like a purple rose in the middle of the desert. The 2009 iteration of the team proceeded to lose its next six conference games.

Currently, the Horned Frogs stand at 2-2 in conference play. A respectable record, but will it last? History says no.

A seventh-place finish last year in conference was no better than the Neil Dougherty's 2007-2008 finish with the team. In fact, Christian's team finished with one less win than in Dougherty's final season.

The team shows promise as three Christian recruits, seniors Zvonko Buljan and Edvinas Ruzgas and sophomore Ronnie Moss, are currently the team's top three scorers, averaging 40.7 points between them.

The pieces are there, and as Christian's second recruiting class blossoms this season, a seventh-place finish for the third straight year just won't cut it.

I'm not saying the Frogs will shock the world and finish first in the conference and then tango with Louisville in the Sweet 16. I just want to see some marginal improvement, like finishing in fourth or fifth place.

The players need to execute better on the road, and Christian needs to inspire and motivate them to dig themselves out of the MWC cellar.

An extreme differential in talent separates teams in last place from teams in first place. A lack of mental toughness and confidence separates teams in seventh from teams in fifth.

The Frogs have dropped entirely too many road games in the past few seasons to not suggest a lack of focus and swagger when walking into the opponent's building. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that a 1-7 road record last season in conference and an 0-2 road start to this campaign is suggestive of the focal point of the team's struggles.

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I've attended at least 20 basketball games in my time at TCU and watched countless more on TV, and the lack of execution from an otherwise talented team is frustrating.

Coach Christian, don't misconstrue this as a public flogging or something meant to bring you or the team down.

I'm critical of the team because I pour my heart and soul into the games whether in the stands or on my couch.

Just as you expect the best from your players, we fans expect the best from the man who coaches them.

You and I both know the team's capable of more, and it's up to you to bring them there.

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NFL

Gailey goes to Buffalo Bills

By John Wawrow
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Chan Gailey's second chance to prove himself as an NFL head coach comes with plenty of challenges.

The Buffalo Bills team he's taking over hasn't made the playoffs in a decade and its fans have been clamoring for Bill Cowher during a coaching search that seemed to take forever.

Instead of landing one of the big-name coaches with loaded resumes such as Cowher or Mike Shanahan, Gailey — who coached the Dallas Cowboys for two less-than-inspiring seasons — was introduced Tuesday as the 15th head coach in Bills history — and fifth in 10 years.

"I can't say anything to change anybody's mind. All I can do is go try to help us win football games," Gailey said. "We win football games, everybody's minds will be changed, right?"

Gailey was hired by first-time general manager Buddy Nix, ending a two-month search to replace Dick Jauron, who was fired in November. He takes over a Bills team coming off its fifth straight losing season following a 6-10 finish, and in the midst of a 10-year playoff drought that is tied with Detroit as the longest active streak in the NFL.

"I've been around enough winning programs ... that when I walk on the field I expect to win. I don't just hope to win," Gailey said. "But the bottom line is we've got to do it on the field."

Gailey has spent 15 of his 35 years of coaching in the NFL. In his two years coaching the Dallas Cowboys, he went 18-14 and led the team to consecutive playoff appearances — both losses. He was dismissed after the 1999 season, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has acknowl-

edged his mistake in firing Gailey.

For Nix, it was Gailey's extensive experience that impressed him and met most of the criteria the GM set out when he took over the search two weeks ago.

Nix was eager to find someone with previous head-coaching experience and who had an offensive background.

"Without any doubt in my mind, we got the best qualified guy, a guy that was on the list early," Nix said. "We got the right guy for us. I've got full confidence in him to answer your question."

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Chan Gailey
Buffalo Bills head coach

Gailey has been out of football since he was removed as the Chiefs' offensive coordinator in August, two weeks before the season opener. He was entering his second season with Kansas City after a six-year stretch as Georgia Tech's coach, during which he went 44-33 before being fired in 2007.

Nix is already being second-guessed for how he conducted the coaching search, during which Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer turned down the Bills request for an interview last week. And it was a search that featured several prominent candidates who had raised fan expectations.

The Bills spoke to Cowher in a bid to lure the former Steelers coach out of his career in broadcasting. Fans raised \$1,125 to rent a billboard in Buffalo last week urging team owner Ralph

Wilson to hire Cowher. The team also interviewed former Broncos coach Shanahan, who instead chose to coach the Washington Redskins.

Vikings defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier was considered the top candidate after interviewing two weeks ago. Frazier's stock appeared to climb even further after his defense shut down the Cowboys in Minnesota's 34-3 win in the playoffs Sunday.

Nix said he conducted a thorough search and refused to be influenced by the fans or media.

"I can stand up here on the soap box and tell you what we're going to do, you've heard that before," Nix said. "So I'm not going to waste my time or yours. But I will tell you this, in November or December, I think you'll know more about what we're about."

Gailey and Nix have crossed paths going back to the 1970s, when both began their football careers as college coaches in the south.

With Buffalo, Gailey's top priority will be sparking an offense that has finished 25th or worst in yards gained in each of the past seven seasons.

Gailey intends to handle the offensive play-calling duties next season.

Along with assembling a coaching staff, Gailey said he intends to address the Bills quarterback situation soon. A combination of injuries and futility led to the Bills to go through three starters this past year.

Bills defensive end Chris Kelsay supported the team's decision to hire Gailey.

"I've been through this a number of times, and eventually you've got to get it right, and I think they will," said Kelsay, who completed his seventh season in Buffalo. "I think we're headed in the right direction ... It is time for change, and I think we're do for a little success as well."