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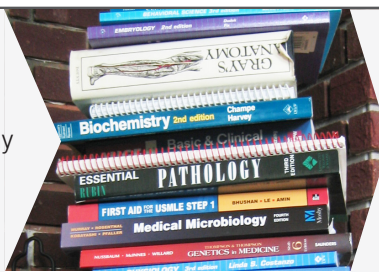


Women's swimming and diving faces conference opponent New Mexico this weekend.

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## NEWS

A new textbook rental program through the University Bookstore may soon be an option for students. Tomorrow



## NEWS

The Harris College of Nursing is offering a new Master's program that is one of its kind in North Texas. Tomorrow



## BASKETBALL

# GAME ON



Freshman forward Nikola Cerina makes a basket during the game against the University of Texas- Pan American at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Wednesday night.

PAIGE McCARDLE / Staff Photographer

## Frogs soar past UTPA Broncs

By David Hall  
Staff Writer

While it wasn't a 153-point performance like their last game against the UT-Pan American Broncs during the 1997 season, the Frogs won at home Wednesday night to creep above .500 heading into the meat of their conference schedule.

A 70-58 victory saw the ball shared quite a bit, with eight TCU players scoring at least five points as the Frogs improved to 10-9 and the Broncs dropped to 3-17.

Three Horned Frog players

scored in double figures during the night, with sophomore guard Ronnie Moss and senior forward Zvonko Buljan tallying double-doubles.

Horned Frog head coach Jim Christian downplayed the double-doubles after the game and said he's more focused on getting the team to play more consistently and better off the bench.

"It's not really double-doubles, it's about solid play," Christian said. "That's been a struggle (for us)."

Christian also said that motivating the team toward more consistent

play is tough.

"The hardest part of this whole thing has been getting those guys who've never won to believe they can win," he said. "If I could bottle that then I wouldn't have to (coach). I could write a book about it and make millions and that would be fine."

Moss, the Mountain West's current assist leader, added 11 helpers as the Frogs dominated with 36 points in the paint compared to 18 for the Broncs. Moss also

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## FILM-TV-DIGITAL MEDIA

# Australia program open to all majors

By Chance Welch  
Multimedia Editor

Students hoping for a good look at the Shire from "The Lord of the Rings" or a scenic trip through the land down under have signed up for a new study abroad program in New Zealand and Australia offered by the film-TV-digital media department.

The summer program, which takes place over three weeks, is open to all majors and will be supervised by FTDM professors Tricia Jenkins and Andy Haskett. According to the FTDM study abroad Web site, the program will only be offered once by the department every three to four years.

Haskett said the idea for the program came from the two professors' backgrounds. Jenkins' husband is Australian and has seen much of the country's culture firsthand. Haskett spent his formative years as a teenager in Australia at a time when he said the country's film and television industry was developing its own identity. Jenkins applied for an instructional development grant given to professors who create new courses.

"For this particular department it made sense to draw on the experiences and expertise of those who are already here, so New Zealand and Australia would be a good opportunity for that," Jenkins said.

The airing on premium channel HBO of Australian series "Summer

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## CORRECTION

An article in Wednesday's issue incorrectly quoted Director of Communications Lisa Albert as saying that the Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center was not offering extra services for students following the death of junior nursing major Amanda Bebout. The Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center is in fact offering individual and group counseling. For details, read the related story on this page. For more information about the center, visit [counseling.tcu.edu](http://counseling.tcu.edu).

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Because of population restriction laws, as many as 24 million Chinese men could find themselves without wives by 2020.

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## PECULIAR FACT

EASTON, Pa. — An eastern Pennsylvania man was charged after he allegedly broke into a home, showered, cut his hair and prepared fried chicken before being discovered. According to court documents, the homeowner returned home Sunday to discover him watching TV and cooking chicken.

— The Associated Press

## TODAY'S WEATHER



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Tomorrow: Mostly Sunny  
72 / 55

Saturday: Chance of Showers  
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## REMEMBRANCE

# 'A precious person has been lost'

By Marshall Doig  
Staff Reporter

One of the things Jimmie Borum said she remembered most about Amanda Bebout was her smile.

"She had a really beautiful and infectious smile," said Borum, a clinical instructor in the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. "She was always smiling, and when she smiled, her eyes smiled with her."



Bebout

Throughout the week, Borum and other members of the campus community have been reflecting on Bebout, a 20-year-old junior nursing major from California who was found dead at her off-campus residence Monday. Preliminary findings indicate there was no foul play, according to police.

"I think that a precious person has been lost, and I just hope she has some peace now," Borum said.

Diane Hawley, a clinical assistant professor, said she spent time with Bebout during a July 2008 London study abroad trip.

"She was always bubbly and

ready to go to the next thing and the next place to visit," Hawley said. "She just had a lot of energy about her, and she just had a wonderful desire to learn."

Hawley said she particularly remembered a visit to London's Old Operating Theatre, a 19th-century

### Amanda Bebout Memorial Service

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday  
Where: Robert Carr Chapel

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## STUDENT AFFAIRS

# Counselors visit students at dorms

By Marshall Doig  
Staff Reporter

Students seeking guidance from the Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center don't necessarily have to walk into the office to get help, the center's director said.

Linda Wolszon, director of the center, said residence halls and Greek chapter houses have requested visits from the counseling center to help students cope with the death of junior nursing major Amanda Bebout, who was found dead Monday night at her off-campus residence. The center expects more requests, she said.

Other services provided by the counseling center include individual visits with students and self-help information provided on the center's

Web site, Wolszon said.

"Providing information on grief and loss, and helping students cope with the complicated and painful feelings of such a loss, is something we want to provide assistance with," Wolszon wrote in an e-mail.

The center continues to work closely with Campus Life and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life to better meet students' needs, Wolszon said.

"We want students to find support wherever they can," Wolszon said.

If students want to speak to a counselor, they may call ahead or walk in, and services will be provided for them, Wolszon said.

According to the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, a memorial service for Bebout will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Robert Carr

### Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Telephone: (817) 257-7863  
Location: Brown-Lupton Health Center (west entrance)  
Web site: [counseling.tcu.edu](http://counseling.tcu.edu)

Chapel.

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.

## CAMPUS LIFE

# Official: E-mail not in violation of policy

By Andrea Bolt  
Opinion Editor

The university will not take action against a student who sent unsolicited political propaganda to several students and staff members from her TCU e-mail account because university policy does not prohibit it, a university official said.

The pair of e-mails sent in December supporting Gov. Rick Perry are a non-issue, said Glory Robinson, associate dean of Campus Life.

Although the e-mails endorsed a specific political candidate, Robinson said that unless a recipient had filed a complaint, there was nothing wrong with the nature of the message because the university has no policy against sending such e-mails.

"I looked for a policy against sending political propaganda, and I couldn't find anything," Robinson said.

Robinson said that even though it may have been offensive to some, she did not see a policy violation in this instance. She said it would have been a different story if the content of the messages had been highly inappropriate, offensive or lewd in nature.

"I have not had a formal complaint placed in front of me, and I'm not going to address anything if there's not something in front of me to address," Robinson said.

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## NEWS

## BEBOUT

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operating room.

"It has some gruesome depictions and some gruesome ways about surgery in those days, and Amanda was particularly grossed out by the (antiquated style of) the Old Operating Theatre," Hawley said.

To honor Bebout, Hawley said she and other nursing professors took time in class Tuesday for prayer or a moment of silence. The TCU flag in front of Sadler Hall was lowered to half-staff in memory of Bebout as well.

Borum, who taught Bebout in her spring 2008 Nursing Fundamentals and Health Assessment class, said she remembered an e-mail Bebout sent her after the class was over.

"During that e-mail, roles

kind of reversed and instead of me being the encourager, she was encouraging me and sharing with me what she enjoyed about the class and the way I taught," Borum said. "I think that's just an example of the kind of giving person that she was."

Marinda Allender, director of undergraduate nursing programs, echoed the sentiments of Borum and Hawley and said Bebout was a bright, enthusiastic nursing student.

A Gamma Phi Beta alumna, who asked to remain anonymous because of sorority policy, said she remembered Bebout's outgoing nature, likening it to "a ray of sunshine."

"She was always a very bubbly and outgoing and fun person to be around," she said. "She made everyone smile and laugh. I don't think I've ever seen someone who is

so inspiring to other people."

According to an article in The Orange County Register, Bebout was a star swimmer at Tesoro High School in Orange County. While in high school, Bebout also trained with local swimming club Mission Viejo Nadadores, where she was a member of the club's second highest training group, according to the article.

Attempts to reach Bebout's family by telephone were unsuccessful.

A Facebook group in memory of Bebout, "Prayers for Amanda Bebout," had more than 3,300 members. Friends and acquaintances described Bebout as a kind and inspiring young woman. A high school friend wrote that Bebout's name is still on a board of school swimming records. The Facebook group has been taken down since.

## PERRY

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Bryan Lucas, executive director of technology resources, wrote in an e-mail that students can access the university's global address book and send e-mails to any other students.

"We do limit the number of recipients per message," Lucas wrote. "As for the content of the message, it is not against the computing resource policy."

The student who sent the e-mail, a sophomore pre-major, declined to comment on the content of the e-mail or the circumstances surrounding its distribution. The student, who asked to remain anonymous, said she was aware the e-mail was

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**Bryan Lucas**  
executive director of  
technology resources

sent from her account but declined to comment as to whether she personally sent the e-mail. However, she said her e-mail account was not hacked or broken into.

The first e-mail concerned Perry's leadership in creating jobs in Texas and tax cuts for

small businesses. The student's second message was an apology for sending the first e-mail. In it, the student wrote she had no political ties to any candidate and expressed regret for sending the Perry plug in the first place.

"It was inappropriate and abusive of the TCU e-mail (system)," the student wrote in the apology e-mail.

The student said she wanted to turn her stressful experience into something positive.

"All I'm going to say is that it's important for students at TCU to make their own political decisions," she said. "I just think it's important for people to understand who they are (and) what they believe in."

## POLITICS



Shelly Bailes, left, and Ellen Pontac, right, laugh during a rally in San Francisco on Jan. 11. The first federal trial to determine if the Constitution prohibits states from outlawing same-sex marriage began Monday.

## Prof: Gays lack political power

By Lisa Leff  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gay men and lesbians are a politically unpopular and relatively powerless force in the United States, even though the public tends to think otherwise, a political scientist testified Wednesday during a historic trial on the constitutionality of California's same-sex marriage ban.

Stanford University professor Gary M. Segura cited hate crime statistics, anti-gay remarks by elected officials, the relatively low number of gay office holders nationwide, and the success rate of ballot initiatives such as California's Proposition 8 to argue that gays do not possess a meaningful degree of political power.

"By any measure, gays and

lesbians would have to be understood as a minority faction," Segura said. "People who accept the normativity of heterosexuality have held power essentially forever."

Lawyers for two same-sex couples suing to overturn Proposition 8 — California's gay marriage ban — called Segura to the witness stand to buttress their argument that gays are a disadvantaged group that deserves the same protections from discrimination afforded other vulnerable minorities under the U.S. Constitution.

Segura said Proposition 8 was part of a chain of ballot-box defeats for the gay rights movement dating back to the 1970s, including 33 of the 34 measures across the country dealing with marriage.

"There is no group in Amer-

ican society that has been targeted with ballot initiatives more than gays and lesbians," he said.

Attorney David Thompson, who is representing Proposition 8 sponsors, spent hours trying to poke holes in Segura's statements and show that gays enjoy substantial political support at the highest levels of government.

Thompson listed the progress of the gay rights movement in getting same-sex marriage legalized in a handful of states and its multiple legislative victories in California, including the recent selection of John Perez, a gay man, as speaker of the California Assembly.

Segura replied that Perez's ascension to the speakership was based on factors other than his sexual orientation.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

## Non-credit courses increase online

By Susan Snyder  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — A stay-at-home mom in Maine. A physics teacher in an under-supplied school in Quito, Ecuador. A food-service-supply salesman in Lancaster, Pa., laid up for months with little to do after a hang-gliding accident. And two out-of-work West Philadelphia men looking to take an intellectual journey from their living room.

They are among millions around the world who have been attracted to Yale University's free courses on the Web, complete with audio and video lectures, syllabi and supplementary materials.

"It was such a great thing to me," said Steve Ziegler, 40,

of Lancaster, who during his recovery watched Ivy League English-class lectures on Cormac McCarthy's novel "Blood Meridian," which quickly became one of his favorite books. "I was able to get more out of something that I love because Yale put these courses online."

More universities are beginning to upload full-length, free courses through iTunes, YouTube and the international consortium site OpenCourseWare.

Last year, the University of Pennsylvania put up an environmental course and a psychology course on its "open learning" site, and Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa., launched a Christian spirituality course and an urban sociology course.

While some worry such projects are tantamount to giving away perhaps a university's most prized treasure — its teaching — others say the projects fulfill a mission to disseminate information widely.

Of the eight Ivy League schools, Yale has been a leader, with 25 free courses online and 11 more coming this fall.

Since the Web site's launch in December 2007, more than 2 million from 193 countries have viewed the courses, and many others have tapped into the courses on iTunes and YouTube, said Diana E.E. Kleiner, a history of arts professor who directs the project. Though these are the same courses taken for credit by Yale undergraduates on campus, they are noncredit on the Web.

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Heights High" and "Flight of the Conchords," which features the New Zealand comedy duo of the same name, highlights how both countries' television industries have grown and can market programs internationally instead of just domestically, Jenkins said.

Haskett said his only regret is that students won't be able to see all of the attractions but are encouraged to go on side trips through the rest of the countries once the program is over.

The programs' two courses will focus on topics like the historical figures and themes explored in Australian and New Zealand film and television. The program also studies the cultural effect of the indigenous groups of the two countries, the Maori of New Zealand and the Aborigines of Australia. Haskett said the two countries have different qualities that make them attractive for the courses and

that Australia is home to an array of different landscapes made popular through its films.

"Sydney is kind of a brash, modern city, and Melbourne is almost a stately European kind of city," Haskett said.

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**Tricia Jenkins**  
FTDM professor

"I think it will be nice. They do a lot of TV production in both places and a lot of film."

The program will only be offered ever 3 to 4 years because of Jenkins' fam-

ily responsibilities, Jenkins said. With a three-year old at home and a husband at home, Jenkins said it would be too big of a strain for the three week trip to be offered on a regular basis.

The program fee for students is \$3,600, but with TCU paying 25 percent of each fee, the total comes out to \$2,700, according to the FTDM study abroad program. The program fee doesn't cover the cost of tuition for summer credit hours and other fees like airplane tickets, meals and laundry.

Junior communication studies major Shelbi Adair said she registered for the courses and is confirmed to go on the trip. Adair, a member of Student Filmmakers Association, said she's excited by the prospect of going to the two countries.

"Australia is one of the top places I've wanted to visit, so it all just fell into place perfectly when that was the main place for the trip," Adair said.

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## NEWS &amp; SPORTS

## OLYMPICS



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In this Aug. 19, 2009 photo, South Africa's Caster Semenya, right, runs to the finish line to win the gold medal in the final of the Women's 800-meter race at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin.

## More gender testing centers considered

By Stephen Wilson  
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The International Olympic Committee is recommending the establishment of special medical centers to deal with athletes who have ambiguous sexual characteristics.

The IOC also wants rules put in place by sports bodies to determine their eligibility to compete on a "case by case" basis when gender is called into question.

The IOC organized a two-day conference with medical specialists in Miami to consider guidelines for handling sex-verification cases. The issue gained global attention last year when South African runner Caster Semenya was ordered to undergo gender tests.

The case of Semenya, who won the women's 800 meters in August at the world championships in Berlin, was not dealt with directly in the closed meetings Sunday and Monday. But it helped focus the need for clarity on the issue of whether an athlete competes as a man or a woman.

"We did not discuss any particular case," IOC medical commission chairman Arne Ljungqvist told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview. "We explored the science of all these matters. We established several important points based on up-to-date science and global expertise. Now we have the scientific basis for going further."

The IOC will consult with law-

yers and its own athletes' commission to help establish specific guidelines.

Among the key conclusions was a proposal to set up health centers where experts would diagnose and treat athletes with what are known as "disorders of sex development." Most cases, Ljungqvist said, require treatment such as surgery or hormone therapy.

"We cannot expect sports in every country around the world to have the necessary expertise," Ljungqvist said. "That's not possible, so we recommend strategically located centers where cases could be referred, if necessary. It's for the experts to decide what to do with each individual case. There is no general treatment. There is no general diagnosis."

The Miami symposium — attended by about 15 scientists, medical experts and sports federation doctors — took place amid international scrutiny on Semenya, who was 18 when she won the 800 gold at the championships in August. Her dramatic improvement in times and muscular build led the International Association of Athletics Federations to order gender tests.

The IAAF is still reviewing the test results to determine Semenya's eligibility to compete. The IAAF has refused to confirm or deny Australian media reports that the tests indicate Semenya has both male and female sex organs.

with 10 points and 10 rebounds. He averaged 13.6 points and 9.3 rebounds a game coming into the contest.

Freshman forward Nikola Cerina scored 13 points for the Frogs and added rebounds in a game that saw the Frogs open up a two-point lead midway through the first quarter into a final margin of victory of 12.

TCU's bench scored 22 during the game compared to 11 for UT-Pan American.

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dropped in 15 points.

Moss said the non-conference game, sandwiched in the middle of the team's conference slate, served as a good practice run for Saturday's home game against UNLV.

"It's about getting closer to your teammates and learning how to play with them," Moss said.

Buljan had a good night

## SECURITY

# FBI phone-records requests 'troubling'

By Josh Meyer  
Tribune Washington Bureau  
(MCT)

WASHINGTON — The FBI used a variety of controversial and possibly illegal methods to obtain phone records in terrorism investigations, including claiming fake emergencies, according to a sharply critical report issued Wednesday by the Justice Department's inspector general.

The report by Justice's independent watchdog office said the tactics were used by the FBI from 2002 to 2006 and approved by officials at the highest levels of the bureau, including at least four top counter-terrorism officials.

In an apparent effort to cut corners, the FBI informally — and improperly — used emergency or "exigent letters" to phone service providers to obtain at least 2,000 phone records, Inspector General Glenn A. Fine said in the 289-page report.

The report described some of the methods as "troubling" and even "startling," including requests made via e-mail and

telephone requests and even Post-it notes, and said they amounted to an "egregious breakdown" of the FBI's own oversight of the program. After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Congress made it easier for FBI agents to get phone records in certain emergency circumstances when trying to thwart terrorist plots and attacks.

The report also detailed how FBI officials compounded the misconduct by trying to issue national security letters after the fact.

"While the FBI has taken action to end the use of exigent letters and other informal requests for telephone records, we believe that the FBI and the Department need to examine this report carefully and take additional corrective action to ensure that the FBI obtains such records in accord with the law and Department of Justice policies," Fine said.

The report was the inspector general's third on the issue of the FBI's improper collection of phone records in recent years. But it provided new details about the program, in-

cluding how widespread it became and how much controversy it generated within the bureau.

The report also confirms instances in which FBI agents conducting leak investigations obtained information relating

**"The OIG report finds no intentional attempts to obtain records that counterterrorism personnel knew they were not legally entitled to obtain."**

Michael P. Kortan  
FBI's assistant director  
for public affairs

to the billing records or other calling activity information of reporters for The New York Times and Washington Post without getting the required authorization from the attorney general.

In response, the FBI issued a statement saying its agents

were working under great stress in trying to run down numerous leads and thwart potential terror attacks and that they did not intentionally violate the law. The practice was "limited and discontinued," and the records in question involved only billing records as opposed to access to what was actually discussed in the calls, the FBI said.

"The OIG report finds no intentional attempts to obtain records that counterterrorism personnel knew they were not legally entitled to obtain," said Michael P. Kortan, the FBI's Assistant Director for Public Affairs. "No FBI employee obtained telephone records for reasons other than a legitimate investigative interest."

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III was unaware of the improper and widespread use of the exigent letters until late 2006, when they were uncovered by the inspector general investigation, and has since taken steps to correct the problem, according to the report and Mueller's own testimony Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## HEALTH CARE

# Obama, Dems consider scaling down bill

By Ricardo Alonso-Aldvier  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chastened by the Democratic Senate loss in Massachusetts, President Barack Obama and congressional allies signaled Wednesday they may try to scale back his sweeping health care overhaul in an effort to at least keep parts of it alive.

A simpler, less ambitious bill emerged as an alternative only hours after the loss of the party's crucial 60th Senate seat forced the Democrats to slow their all-out drive to pass Obama's signature legislation despite fierce Republican opposition.

No decisions have been made, lawmakers said, but they laid out a new approach that could still include these provisions: limiting the ability of insurance companies to deny coverage to people with medical problems, allowing young adults to stay on their parents' policies, helping small businesses and low-income people pay premiums and changing Medicare to encourage payment for quality care instead of sheer volume of services.

Obama said the election results wouldn't sour his interest in passing a health care bill.

"Now, I could have said, 'Well, we'll just do what's safe, we'll just take on those things



CHARLES DHARAPAK / AP Photo

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs pretends to wonder what reporters will ask him about during the daily press briefing at the White House in Washington on Wednesday.

that are completely non-controversial," Obama said in an interview with ABC News. "The problem is: the things that are non-controversial end up being the things that don't solve the problem."

Yet, the goal of trying to cover nearly all Americans would be put off further into the future.

Obama urged lawmakers not to try to jam a bill through, but scale the proposal down to what he called "those elements of the package that people agree on."

One potential Republican

convert for health care legislation remained an enigma. Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, who has been in regular contact with Obama, roundly criticized the Democrats' hard push to pass their bill. But she would not rule out voting for something in the end.

Asked if the Democratic bills are dead, Snowe responded: "I never say anything is dead, but clearly I think they have to revisit the entire issue."

Some Democrats weren't ready for that, despite the

president's new words.

One option, still alive and stirring strong emotions, called for the House to quickly pass the Senate version of the broader bill — simply accepting it and bypassing the Senate problem created by losing the Massachusetts seat to Rep. Scott Brown. But that appeared to be losing favor.

"Full speed ahead is off the table," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, a moderate Democrat from North Dakota. "We are still very much in the exercise of drawing meaning from the public disquiet."

## BASKETBALL

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that the Frogs played better when the stadium was full and the fans were involved.

The same applies to basketball, except for one clear discrepancy. Not every college has an arena like Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

When full, the dome-shaped venue concentrates noise and showers the court with a wave of cheers. And as there isn't a bad seat in

the whole place, it is almost as if the fans are on the court with the players.

When it is quiet in the arena, every conversation is audible. Every random "Go Frogs" and "C'mon, defense" can be heard perfectly.

All of these features make for a potentially special home court advantage. But there are still too many empty seats for home games.

While there are factors keeping many students from attending (class, homework,

and the like), the majority of students decide not to attend the games because they do not want to see another loss.

However, if the Horned Frog faithful are going to establish themselves as a formidable fan base, they must support their team in the midst of a rebuilding campaign.

Sure, TCU is a relatively small school, but a sold-out Daniel-Meyer Coliseum would still only represent

about four-fifths of the student population.

The more games the basketball team wins, the more attention the program will get from top recruits in the area, and believe me, there are plenty in Texas.

If more fans show up to games, the Horned Frogs could be the ones causing mismatches in the future.

Sophomore Wyatt Kanyer is a news-editorial journalism major from Yakima, Wash.

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*The Skiff View*

## Staff campaign benefits community

The Staff Assembly should be commended for its efforts to reach out to the community.

Through the Purple Notes Campaign, the Staff Assembly is recognizing co-workers who have taken time to do something special. The campaign brings back the thoughtfulness that comes with a handwritten thank-you note, a simple action that can cheer up a person during a long day at work.

The Staff Assembly's efforts to brighten peoples' days are also reaching beyond the campus grounds. The assembly is considering adopting a Fort Worth park. At the park, university staff could continue enhancing co-worker relationships by planting trees together and encouraging their co-workers to join them while beautifying the Fort Worth community.

The efforts the Staff Assembly has made to extend its members' green thumbs to the community and offer kind words to co-workers are greatly appreciated. Many people do not give back to the community enough, and people often do not take the time to thank someone for brightening their stressful work days.

With words of encouragement and acts of service, the assembly's goal to unite fellow staff members and beautify the community is certainly a goal that all should add to their to-do lists.

*Associate editor Anna Waugh for the editorial board.*

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

## Campus involvement for older students not up to par



ANDREA DRUSCH

Yesterday you were a prospect; today you're a client. Isn't that what they say? Gone are the days of free fajitas after a tour of campus, or purple sprinkled doughnuts during a Monday at TCU session. Now that you're actually a student here, you won't be getting any of those things. In fact, you're lucky to get a parking spot.

Life was pretty good as a freshman. You got to walk out on the field during a football game and resident assistants and Connections Mentors helped you through tough times. Plus, you got tons of free T-shirts... and cups, and cozies and pens. The Rec Center is amazing and so close to your dorm, which is nice after the times you hit up the all-you-can-eat buffet. Life on campus was an amazing community of good friends, good food and good times.

As a sophomore you're still in the center of campus, unless you live in Worth Hills, but you're no longer getting invited to Frog Camp reunions or the Chancellor's Assembly. As an underclassman there were all sorts of opportunities to apply for; programs like Frog Aides and the Chancellor's Leadership Program, but if you didn't make the cut then, you are out of luck now. Before you

know it you're living off campus and you're practically TCU's stepchild. Chances are, the next time you get anything free you'll be an alumnus. You walk to class in the rain from the freshman overflow lot because commuter parking has been demolished. For lunch you either bum leftover campus cash from a freshman, or dig out your coupon book and your last few bucks and head to Dutch's.

Campus is evolving in ways that make TCU seem amazing to prospective students. But in some ways, it lets down a promise that it made to prospective students three years ago. Juniors and seniors waited patiently through years of construction and chaos, but got little in return. By taking away some of their parking, dining options and traditional tailgates, the university discourages them from spending any time on campus.

Keep the magic of TCU alive even as students approach graduation. TCU is a community of more than just its on-campus residents, and it should accommodate accordingly. It could be as simple selecting all on an e-mail invitation or opening up programs to students of all ages. It could go as far as giving commuters a place to hang out and eat between classes, or raising academic scholarships for current students based on their performance in college. Little signs of appreciation could bring back a crowd of Horned Frogs that we haven't seen in a while.

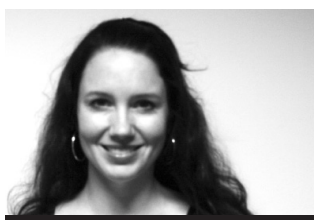
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## Compassion 2.0



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## Wives soon to be luxury in China



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Millions of Chinese men are going to be growing old alone because of the country's outdated one-child policy, according to the news service AFP. As many as 24 million men could find themselves with no wives by the year 2020. Could China not see this one coming?

The rule, which has been in place for more than 30 years, was originally enforced because of overpopulation worries. This has led to a glut of male births and sex-selective abortions, according to the AFP article.

Although it appears this law is causing more harm than good, Zhang Weiqing, Minister of China's State Population and Family Planning Commission has said that the law will remain because China is about to hit a peak number of women in childbearing age, according to a March 2008 China Daily story.

Does Weiqing not see that the ramifications of upholding this law will be more far-reaching than population issues? Women will be at risk as kidnapping, prostitution and trafficking of potential brides to China could become serious problems. Because men won't have many women to choose from in China, they may begin to think, "Why not import them from other countries?"

The statistics are staggering. China has 37 million more males than females, according to the China Daily.

Opinions are diverse on the subject of the one-child policy. Some proponents of the law say that China is so severely overpopulated that the law is helping. Many others think that aborting fetuses simply because of their gender is horrifying. I agree. I think China has really shot itself in

Selective abortions because of the unborn child's sex should be halted, the one child law should be overturned and China should make steps to combat what will surely be a huge social problem by the year 2020.

the foot with this one. I can't imagine how they couldn't predict that something like this would happen.

As a feminist, I am also just completely overwhelmed by how women are treated in China. They are obviously seen as second-class citizens, and I can't imagine how low their self esteem must be and what it must be like for them. I also have to wonder if the men are arrogant because they hold all the power. What a sad environment for women and girls to grow up in. I also wonder if all these men in power will be eating crow when they are all alone.

*China is way behind the times.*

The various punishments for having more than one child include fines, extra taxes and possibly forced abortions and sterilization, according to Time.com. It also rewards couples that decide to put off having children or stay childless. I wonder if future Chinese will value women more as they come to see the worth of having a wife and family. I wonder if human trafficking really will become a sad and scary problem in China as men try to buy wives.

Selective abortions because of the unborn child's sex should be halted, the one-child law should be overturned and China should make steps to combat what will surely be a huge social problem by the year 2020. The whole country could become unstable, and these laws may have been a seemingly good idea decades ago, but they really are a scary social issue now.

Short of some whacked out version of "The Bachelor," Chinese men will be out of luck and living the single life unless something drastic happens in China, sooner rather than later.

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## QUICK NEWS

### Haitians flee in fear as big aftershock hits

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A powerful aftershock sent Haitians screaming into the streets Wednesday, collapsing buildings, cracking roads and adding to the trauma of a nation stunned by an apocalyptic quake eight days ago.

The magnitude-5.9 jolt matched the strongest of the aftershocks that have followed the huge Jan. 12 quake that devastated Haiti's capital.

The new tremor collapsed seven buildings in Petit-Goave, the seaside town closest to the epicenter, according to Mike Morton of the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination agency, but there were no reports of people crushed or trapped, perhaps because the earlier quake frightened most people into sleeping outside.

Hundreds of thousands of Haitians remain homeless, hungry and in mourning — most still waiting for the benefits of a nearly \$1 billion global aid campaign.

### New York Times to charge for Web access in 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times says it will charge readers for full access to its Web site starting in 2011, a risky move aimed at drawing more revenue online without driving away advertisers that want the biggest possible audience.

The potential pitfalls have made most other major newspapers hesitant to take a similar step. But after months of deliberation, the Times said Wednesday it will use a metered system, allowing free access to a certain number of articles and then charging users for additional content.

Shares in The New York Times Co. fell 4 percent in afternoon trading.

The Times did not disclose how many articles will be available for free or what it will charge to read more. Subscribers to the printed version of the Times would still have free access to the Web site.

### Report: Judge shouldn't lose job for closing court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An embattled Texas judge who closed her court before a death-row inmate could file his final appeal should not lose her job or receive any further punishment beyond the "public humiliation" she has faced, a judge presiding over her ethics trial said in a report released Wednesday.

Judge Sharon Keller still faces five judicial misconduct charges for refusing to keep her court open past 5 p.m. The state commission that will ultimately decide Keller's fate is not bound by the recommendations in Wednesday's report.

But the report makes it clear that Keller is not to blame for a twice-convicted killer being executed Sept. 25, 2007.

"Although Judge Keller's conduct on that day was not exemplary, she did not engage in conduct so egregious that she should be removed from office," wrote state district Judge David Berchermann.

### Texas seminary acquires Dead Sea Scroll fragments

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is set to unveil three newly acquired biblical Dead Sea Scroll fragments.

The more than 2,000-year-old Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the 1940s in caves in Israel overlooking the Dead Sea. The scrolls include the earliest known version of portions of the Hebrew Bible. They have shed light on Judaism and the beginnings of Christianity.

Southwestern spokesman Thomas White says the fragments acquired Tuesday include Scriptures from the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Daniel. The school will unveil and discuss them Wednesday.

The seminary says it is one of only three U.S. institutions to own the scroll fragments and the only evangelical seminary in the nation to have biblical fragments.

### Experts may have found bones of English princess

LONDON (AP) — She was a beautiful English princess who married one of Europe's most powerful monarchs and dazzled subjects with her charity and charm.

Now, an international team of scientists say they think they've found the body of Princess Eadgyth (pronounced Edith) — a 10th-century noblewoman who has been compared to Princess Diana.

"She was sort of the Diana of her day if you like — pretty and full of good works," said Mark Horton, an archaeology professor at Bristol University in western England.

Horton is one of a team of experts working to verify the identity of some bones found bundled in silk at Magdeburg Cathedral in Germany.

Should the skeleton be positively identified as belonging to Eadgyth, it would be oldest remains of any English royal discovered so far.



# SPORTS



Rifle looks to continue win streak at Nebraska on Saturday. Tomorrow

SWIMMING & DIVING

## SPLASH



MICHAEL CLEMENTS / Staff Photographer  
TCU Swimming and Diving competes against Wyoming in the University Recreation Center on Nov. 21, 2009.

## Women take on the Lobos

By Alexis Mladenoff  
Staff Writer

The women's swimming and diving team will face the University of New Mexico Lobos at 2 p.m. Friday at the University Recreation Center natatorium.

The Lady Frogs are 6-0 against the Lobos in the all-time series, which began in 1983.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said the squad cannot take New Mexico for granted because they have been improving during the past few years.

Sophomore freestyle swimmer Lindsey Stevens said everyone has more confidence going into this meet.

She said the squad is also more motivated for Friday's meet after a close loss to the University of North Texas last week.

Senior diver Destiny Glampe said that even though the Lobos are coming off last week's win at a

meet in Grand Junction, Colo., the divers will come full force no matter what.

"Last week's loss made us realize we need to focus more in practice, so we've added more practice time... so we can put our game faces on," Glampe said.

Sybesma said he is excited the meet is during the day because he thinks more people will come out to support the Lady Frogs.

TRACK AND FIELD

## Track team off to good start

By Mary Sue Greenleaf  
Sports Editor

Coming off a strong performance in College Station last week, the university track and field program looks to advance its season this weekend at the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

TCU holds the No. 1 spot in the Mountain West Conference in seven events and have record times in the men's and women's 5,000 meters and 4x400-meter relays.

At their season opener in College Station, the Frogs won six events and broke 13 meet records.

They also set two school records in both the men's and women's weight throw.

After redshirting the 2009 season, junior Festus Kigen took the men's 3,000 No. 1 spot at the meet and set the top-time in the NCAA for that event.

Although the Frogs claimed top honors at the Texas A&M Invitational, they are scheduled to face numerous ranked opponents in Fayetteville this weekend.

Ranked opponents for the men include No. 5 Arkansas, No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 11 Baylor and No. 21 Oklahoma State.

The women face No. 16 Baylor, No. 17 Arkansas and No. 21 Oklahoma.

Several unranked opponents are scheduled to compete as well.

The meet kicks off on Friday at 11 a.m. with events throughout the day and into Saturday.

The men's 3,000-meter event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by the women's triple jump at 1 p.m.

Live coverage of the meet will be offered through gofrogs.com.

A recap and final results will be available through dailyskiff.com and the TCU Athletics Web site.

OPINION

## Good attendance key to winning



WYATT KANYER

Sports in general are riddled with cliches. Each sport has its own, but some have more than others.

With basketball, one of the most common cliches is "basketball is a game of matchups." And when a team is starting from scratch or trying to make a name for itself, this cliché becomes much more evident because, quite simply, rebuilding teams are often overmatched.

The men's basketball team

could be considered to be in the rebuilding stage.

Last season, there seemed to be a glimmer of hope for the young Horned Frog hoopers. At the season's halfway point, the team's record was 13-6 and first place in the conference heading into a home game versus New Mexico.

The conference season featured a storm of inconsistency, accented by a six-game losing streak.

According to GoFrogs.com, home attendance was about half that of away games.

Students were used to watching their team win, as the 2008 football team had just finished an 11-2 season with a bowl win, and the volleyball team narrowly missed an NCAA bid.

This season, the Frogs are a year older, but not necessarily a year wiser. The issues the team faced last season are creeping up again, mostly due to mediocre shooting and lack of size in the post.

The team is at .500 once again with a 10-9 record, and there is little to no buzz around campus about the next basketball game.

One might see this situation and blame the decrease in wins and fan support on the team's lack of skill.

That cannot be the case.

Elite college basketball programs have a fan base. In fact, every great athletic program has solid support.

Looking back on the football season, one can easily see

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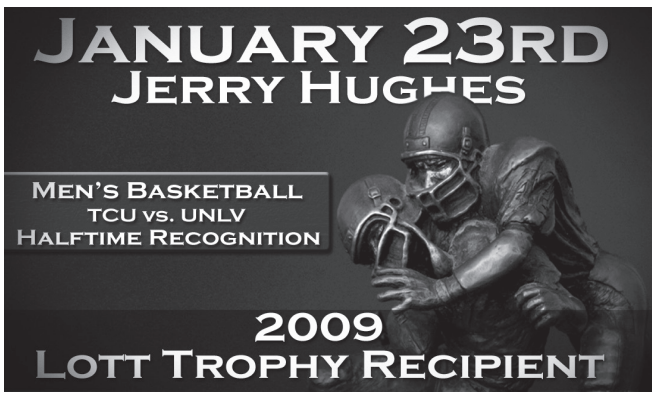


**Today in History**  
 On this day in 1793, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine during the French Revolution.  
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**Joke of the Day**  
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 A: Because he saw the salad dressing.

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## Bliss

by Harry Bliss



"Elaine, any messages? Elaine? ... Elaine?"



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- Who blows that? "April Love" singer
- Talks deliriously
- Witch's specialty
- One that creates a current in the current
- "You \_\_\_ here"
- Floor model
- alcohol: fusel oil component
- Shakespearean feet
- Ceremonial act
- Kissers
- DNA researcher
- Horror filmmaker Roth
- James Brown's genre
- Allow
- A flat one may evoke a wince
- Tit for
- Starting line advantage
- Puccini works
- Wilson's predecessor
- Actress Ullmann
- Fitness staple
- "The fool \_\_\_ think he is wise ...": "As You Like It"
- Silver encouragement?
- Duke \_\_\_ video game hero
- Ireland, poetically
- Ale feature
- Ace's value, at times
- Warm things up, and what 17-, 28- and 50-Across literally do
- Beverage suffix
- Barracks VIP
- Rubber duck-loving Muppet
- Short flight
- Tints
- They must be met

**DOWN**

- Between the sheets
- Exclusive
- Housman work
- "More!"
- Bottom line
- Butcher's best
- Like some negligees
- "Brideshead Revisited" novelist Waugh
- Buzzer
- Ersatz
- Basil or chervil
- They may not be speaking
- Add sneakily
- Sine or cosine
- See 25-Down
- With 23-Down, "Duck soup!"
- Census datum
- Italian port
- Sneak off to the altar
- Compound in some explosives
- Enrapture
- Where Christ stopped, in a Levi title
- Hudson River's \_\_\_ Island
- "Still Me" autobiographer
- Wear down
- Unpopular legislative decisions
- WWII enders
- Take a load off
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- Hearthening
- Stick together
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- Edit menu command
- Don't let go
- Fashion
- Mozart's "\_\_\_ kleine Nachtmusik"
- Alkali
- neutralizer
- They're barely passing
- "Far out!"
- Barryard bird

By Gareth Bain 1/21/10

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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**Directions**  
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### Wednesday's Solution

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6	8	7	9	5	2	1	4	3
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