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Executive Chef Charlie Guajardo on Monday shows off meatloaf topped with fried onions and a side of corn, one of the 10 most popular dishes that Sodexo found in a nationwide survey of 600 schools and also a dish that Market Square will soon serve.

Menu lists comfort food favorites

By Sarah Fleischer
Staff Reporter

Market Square currently serves or will serve eight of the top 10 foods on college campuses listed in a Sodexo survey, a Dining Services representative said.

The top 10 foods were determined by Sodexo in a national survey of 600 colleges and universities, but the university did not participate in the study, Legia Abato, district marketing manager for Dining Services, wrote in an e-mail.

Market Square currently serves the following college favorites: apricot-glazed turkey, meatloaf with frizzle-fried onions, vegetarian lentil shepherd's pie, stuffed pork chops, lemon herbed baked tilapia and home-style pot roast.

Market Square will soon offer top 10 items not previously on the Market Square menu, such as Vietnamese pho and rotisserie chicken, she wrote.

Students are diverse in the kinds of foods they prefer, making it difficult for Dining Services to plan menus with which students are happy, Abato said.

"We have groups on campus that identify very much with more comfort type of food," Abato said.

Dining Services aimed to serve a variety of food so that all students could find foods they identified with, Abato said.

Several changes in Market Square menus resulted from the Student Government Association's Dining Services Committee, Abato said. The committee

Top 10 Foods

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

Items in bold are served at Market Square. Items with * will join the menu soon.

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HOUSING

Policies change priority placing

By Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

Students currently living in the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments will not have preference to keep their rooms in the fall after policy changes made by Housing and Residence Life are implemented, a Housing and Residence Life official said.

Rony Die, Tom Brown-Pete Wright hall director, said last week at the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Town Hall Meeting that apartment assignments will be determined by the number of semesters students have lived on campus, not by how many credit hours they have. The minimum number of semesters spent in campus housing that a student needs to be eligible for Tom Brown-Pete Wright housing is four semesters, according to Housing and Residence Life.

"Your hours on campus will determine your weight in the lottery," Die said. "So you go into the lottery, and then if you win the lottery, we say, 'Hey, you can stay on campus next year.'"

Some students, like Chelsea Wilson, a sophomore musical theatre major, are still worried.

"(Hours are) the only reason I'm even in Tom Brown-Pete Wright," Wilson said. "Even though technically this is my fourth semester on campus, I have enough hours to be considered a senior."

Die said in addition to the lottery-like system, the policy known as "squatting," where students have first choice to return to their room from the previous year, will be eliminated.

Mindy Hollan, assistant director of administration, said Tom Brown-Pete

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CORRECTION

A Jan. 19 Skiff article incorrectly identified Dan Williams as chair of the English department. He is professor of English.

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Large pay disparities between assistant and full-time professors are unfair.

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PECULIAR FACT

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— The Associated Press

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SOCIOLOGY

Study: Speech shows 'backstage racism'

By Ashley Melnick
Staff Reporter

University professors have differing views on the results of a sociological study that found college students use more racially charged speech in private than in public.

At a university, appearing to be politically correct could be a form of self-preservation, said Sarah Hill, an assistant professor of psychology.

Hill said some people are freer

with their words in private because it is not socially acceptable to be racist in American society. She said people's true attitudes may not be "seen on the front stage" because most instances of racism at the university and elsewhere are intended to be private, but become public, like the incident involving Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev. The Senate majority leader apologized to President Barack Obama for describing him as "light skinned" and as having no "Negro dialect"

in a private conversation that became public.

"People want to be seen as likable and open-minded," Hill said. "The cultural norm on this campus and on many campuses is to be seen as tolerant. People want to be perceived that way regardless of their true attitudes."

Jeanne Green, associate professor of political science, said she thinks students try to be tol-

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Club seeks to boost cancer event awareness

By Thomas Koenig
Staff Reporter

The university's new Relay For Life club will try to boost support for the annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life event, a club official said.

Sheri Milhollin, staff adviser for the club, said it is focused on raising money and awareness for the 12-hour overnight relay.

Relay For Life is a cancer-fighting event where participants form teams to walk around a track and raise money to support the American Cancer Society. According to the Relay Web site, the event aims

to celebrate the lives of those affected by cancer and to fight back against the disease.

Each team of 10 to 15 people is asked to keep one member on the track at all times of the night to symbolize the fact that cancer never sleeps, Milhollin said, adding that the club would like to see university faculty and staff put together a team.

Milhollin, who also served as the team development chair for the Fort Worth Relay For Life event, said she started the club after participants from the university expressed interest in having a place to meet with other relayers.

"The club is a way to bring past and hopefully future relayers together," Milhollin said. "(It) gives them an opportunity to network with each other and to be able to do joint fundraising ventures."

The club will hold one on-campus fundraiser this year, a game night Feb. 22 in the University Recreation Center, and plans for two next year, Milhollin said.

"The club itself will raise zero money (for itself)," Milhollin said. "Each team raises the money, and that money goes directly to the American Cancer Society to help

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NURSING

Leader program expands

By Kayla Mezzell and Madison Pelletier
Staff Reporters

Lori Muhr found her farm on Facebook was not doing as well since beginning the new master's program in the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

The farm Muhr referred to was a virtual one featured in an application designed for members to care for farm animals.

Muhr is one of the six inaugural students in Harris College's clinical nurse leader program, which began in fall 2009. She works as an emergency nurse at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth and said the program was similar to having another full-time job.

"I work on homework over 30 hours a week, and work over 30 hours at the hospital," Muhr said.

The university formed a partnership with Texas Health Resources, a system of 14 area hospitals, and Medical City Dallas Hospital to create the first clinical nurse leader master's degree program in North Texas, said Penny Moore, program coordinator and assistant professor for Harris College.

Both Moore and Mary Robinson, vice president of Patient Care Ser-

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vices for Texas Health Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital, said the partnership was integral to the program.

Moore said the American Association of College of Nursing, which provided the accreditation for the program, required clinical nurse leader academic programs to align with practice partners, which are health care facilities that pair with schools to train the students.

Moore said the goal for those involved with the program is to create a generation of nurses who will more effectively coordinate care for groups of patients, both during and after their hospital stay.

"It's not management, but clinical leadership," Moore said. "This role is designated and very specifically intended for the nurse with a master's degree to stay at the bedside."

Moore said in the past, master's degree-educated nurses left everyday practice in favor of administrative positions because there

were fewer opportunities for advancement in clinical practice, but the clinical nurse leader role would revolutionize patient care by keeping a higher-educated nurse in direct contact with patients and hospital staff members.

Moore estimated that 15 students will join the program for summer 2010.

Cole Edmonson, vice president and chief nursing officer at Medical City Dallas, said he thought many members of the nursing community were excited by the clinical nurse leader role. He said it would provide an opportunity to improve patient care nationwide, increase job satisfaction for nurses and help drive health care reform.

"This is why we went into nursing," Edmonson said.

Muhr said she decided to join the program at the university in order to be more directly involved in patient care. She said the extra work would be worth it if she and her peers completed the program and other health care professionals saw the difference clinical nurse leaders could make.

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Penny Moore
program coordinator,
Harris College of Nursing

The university's program is a two-year online program through the Harris College. Everything from homework to tests is administered online, Muhr said.

According to the Harris College Web site, applicants must have current CPR certification, a current nursing license and three letters of reference. Also listed are preferences including a cumulative 3.0 GPA and two years of full-time registered nursing experience or its equivalent. Applicants should visit the Harris College Web site to apply or to find a complete list of qualifications. Feb. 1. is the last day to apply.

For an application, visit nursing.tcu.edu.

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Wright and the other apartments on campus, such as the apartments on Sandage and McCart avenues, have historically been the first sections open for self-assignment.

"That may remain true this year," Hollan said. "We are still finalizing the order that areas will be available for self-assignment."

The Commons will be part of the self-assignment process as usual, Hollan said. Students must be able to fill quadruple or triple rooms in The Commons, or they will self-assign to spaces left after that process, she said.

Die said that once a student is approved to live on campus, the next step is to find three roommates and become a "roommate group." The group will then be given priority in signing up for a unit.

Hannah Ernest, a junior ballet and modern dance major, said she thinks having four people sign up together will eliminate the confusion of scrambling for roommates at the last minute.

"That's kind of chaotic, and

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Mindy Hollan
assistant director of
administration

it's stressful for the people signing up, as well as the people doing housing, so I understand that part," Ernest said.

Hollan said students who are able to fill a suite or an apartment unit are usually the first to sign up for housing. Following the footsteps of other schools, the university is implementing this policy because the group of four students who want to be roommates can fill an apartment as opposed to a single student signing up for a room in the apartment and living with three random roommates, Hollan said. Students

who have a roommate leave in December will remain in the apartment and get the chance to choose a new spring roommate, as usual, or if not, have a random roommate assigned, Hollan said.

The decision to postpone Colby Hall renovations caused changes to the plans for housing designation in 2010-2011, Hollan said.

"This decision was not made for monetary reasons, but merely to accommodate as many incoming first-year students as possible," she said.

Leaving Colby Hall open gives the university more flexibility in assigning housing for freshmen because that building holds more than 350 residents, so the university is able to designate other spaces for students as needed, Hollan said.

The new system will make the self-assignment process easier for students, adding that student input is utilized when possible and students are considered in all decisions, Hollan said.

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them in research, education, advocacy and patient services."

Senior history and criminal justice major Adam Martinez, the club's president, said the club was a perfect fit for him.

"I first saw them at (the) activities fair, and they jumped out to me because my grandpa died of cancer, and so I've always been an activist in fighting cancer," Martinez said.

Martinez said he hoped the club would bring more awareness to campus and encourage more students to participate in Relay For Life events.

Junior nutrition major Ellen Plummer, the club's secretary and treasurer, said

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senior history and
criminal justice major

the Relay For Life event she attended had entertainment for everyone, including music, dancers, food and a blow-up game of Twister.

The event also features more than just fun and games. According to the Relay For Life Web site, the event features the Survivors'

Fort Worth Relay For Life

When: 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.
April 9-10
Where: Farrington Field

For more information about the club visit the TCU Relay For Life Club Facebook page or e-mail Sheri Millhollin at s.milhollin@tcu.edu.

Lap, where cancer survivors circle the track together at the start of the event, and the Luminaria Ceremony, during which candles are lit after dark inside bags bearing names of those affected by cancer. The Fight Back Ceremony, where participants make a promise to save lives by fighting cancer, takes place at the end of the event.

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gave Dining Services information about what students wanted to see, she said.

Kelly Raw, marketing manager for Dining Services, said that although TCU did not participate in Sodexo's top college foods survey, Market Square did hand out a customer satisfaction survey from Sodexo in the fall.

Abato said in the next year, Dining Services is going to try a new kind of polling. A poll every few years would help determine what kinds of foods students want, but the format of the poll has not yet been decided, she said.

Abbey Brokos, a sophomore political science major and Dining Services Committee chairwoman, said the committee had not done any polling of students, but it does have comment boxes located at all eating facilities on campus where students can leave feedback. The Dining Services Committee used friends' views on the food at Market Square and personal experiences to determine what students on campus are looking for, she said. Some of the things Dining Services implemented as a result of committee suggestions include the om-

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Abbey Brokos
sophomore political
science major

let bar, the pasta section, more kinds of cereal and more kinds of milk, Brokos said.

Some students prefer comfort food, but they may get tired of it, Brokos said. Market Square should have a balance between trendy food items and comfort foods, she said.

Dining Services did well with listening to and implementing suggestions from the committee, she said.

"I think that the common misconception that people have is that Sodexo isn't willing to work with us at all," Brokos said. "They are extremely receptive, and they really do listen to all of our concerns, and they do implement them right away."

Alexis Tribble, a junior early childhood education major, said Market Square

should ask students input more often of what foods Market Square should serve. Tribble said she filled out a Market Square survey last fall and requested that Market Square indicate which foods contain nuts because of her peanut allergy. She said she feels like her survey response was not addressed.

Tribble also said Market Square offers the same foods too often.

"They don't change it up," Tribble said.

Market Square should serve both trendy food and comfort food, Tribble said. Students like to try new foods like sushi when they are away from home, but students also want to see some food that is familiar to them, she said.

Mallory Tarp, a sophomore strategic communication major, said Market Square provided the food students want, but the food was not convenient because there was not enough food on the east side of campus, where most academic buildings are located.

Tarp said she thought Market Square should serve more trendy foods in addition to comfort foods.

"I feel like the comfort food, whenever they try to do it, is not up to par," Tarp said.

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erant of racial differences in class and are willing to learn about other races and cultures.

"What can be seen as insensitive or racist comments are often (the result of) a lack of awareness," Green said. "If you look at students' intentions, they are very good; it's just of-ten ignorance."

For Leslie Picca and Joe Feagin, the researchers who conducted the study, the experience of waiting tables inspired them to publish research on a phenomenon they called "backstage racism." The term refers to the instances in which people use racist speech more freely in private conversations than in public settings.

Picca, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Dayton, Ohio, was waiting tables as a Ph.D. candidate working on her dissertation when she began to document instances of front stage and backstage racism in the restaurant.

"White servers would go to tables and be very polite and friendly and retreat to the backstage, the kitchen area, and would make racially disparaging comments," Picca said.

Picca said adviser and co-author Feagin, a professor of sociology at Texas

A&M University, encouraged her to document experiences with backstage racism as an independent study, but soon the study expanded countrywide with more than 900 students at 28 colleges and universities keeping journals of backstage racism on their campuses.

Based on their research, Picca and Feagin found that whites interacted differently when they were with other whites, compared to when they were with non-whites, Picca said. There were not many differences between journals written by students in the South versus those documented in the North, Picca said.

Macy Pulliam, a freshman entrepreneurial management and sociology major, said people will talk differently in private, regardless of the topic.

"People talk in private about topics they are embarrassed of or afraid... will offend someone," Pulliam said. "(For example) race, or if they're talking about someone 'behind their back.'"

Linda Moore, social work department chair, said student ignorance is the result of a lack of exposure to minorities.

"A lot of people are not comfortable with differences," Moore said. "They haven't been exposed to it, so they base their opinions and behaviors on what they

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Joanne Green
associate professor
of political science

heard (rather) than what is true."

Moore said that by observing campus hangouts such as the Brown-Lupton University Union, it was apparent to her that students gathered and socialized based on what groups they were associated with. At private universities there can be less diversity because of their size and cost, Moore said.

"There are more people here from different ethnic groups and backgrounds than there was 10 to 20 years ago," Moore said. "But we're still not diverse because minorities here are from middle- and upper-class families."

Hill said research has shown that when people act in a way inconsistent with their existing attitude for a long time, they can change their attitude based on their behavior.

"So if people go around and act like they're not racist, even though they harbor racist attitudes, that can in fact lead to attitude change," Hill said.

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The Skiff View

Policy should hinge on future student feedback

The university should be commended for attempting to simplify the process of signing up for a spot at the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments, but it should take certain considerations into account after it implements the new policy in the fall.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life did well in giving priority to students who have a long-term relationship with campus housing. Giving priority to students based on the number of semesters spent living on campus rather than the number of credit hours accumulated will ensure that upperclassmen have first dibs on living in Tom Brown-Pete Wright. When hours are the determining factor, underclassmen with an abundance of transfer credits can edge out upperclassmen who may be behind in hours.

However, students living in the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartment community will be increasingly dependent upon the living decisions of their roommates because of the new policy. In the past, Tom Brown-Pete Wright residents who graduated in May, or who transferred or studied abroad in the fall were replaced by students from a wait list, allowing the remaining roommates to stay in their residences. The new policy requires that students form into groups of four to be given priority in Tom Brown-Pete Wright. While this system will understandably lessen the last-minute chaos associated with finding roommates, it places an unfair responsibility on students who have no control over the decisions of their roommates. Sign-up time usually starts halfway through the spring, when many students are still uncertain about their living arrangements for the next academic year, so looking for a fourth roommate to replace one who is leaving may be difficult.

The university should be open to reviewing this policy based on student feedback after the changes are implemented.

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Portrayal of banker taxes misleading

I'd like to respond to Michael Lauck's remarks from his opinion article "Taxes, banks and bailouts detrimental to economy" in Friday's issue. He wrote, "To tax bonuses would be idiotic, unthinkable and downright unconstitutional." Taxing bonuses is none of these things. In what business does it make sense that you get a bonus for doing a bad job? Working for any other business you would be lucky not to get fired, much less get a bonus.

Further, it would not be unconstitutional. The author mentions "ex post facto law," but this does not apply. First, this is not a civil or criminal trial. Second, the government is not making bonuses illegal. To his credit the author does mention that the Supreme Court ruled that this law doesn't apply, but he does mislead the reader into thinking it should. I find it rather humorous that he bemoans the Supreme Court's decision while still extolling the Founding Fathers and the Constitution, the exact devices that allowed and created the Supreme Court to begin with.

The author then goes on to say that, "...this new tax may be the first step in destroying Britain's banking sector." Again, the author doesn't seem to understand that basic banking has traditionally been separate from the type of prospecting/investing that led to the global economic meltdown. There is a reason the Glass-Steagall act was

created to separate these two practices. Banking will not change; this is merely a bluff by powerful investors, and should be seen as such. The type of jobs they perform should be heavily regulated and watched.

Iceland is a prime example of how an economy built on just the financial sector is doomed to failure. If investors want to complain about taxes and move because of them, then let them. Their type of work adds nothing to the economy. At least they will be destroying another country.

To add insult to injury, Lauck proposes that taxing bonuses may even lead to the recession getting worse. The ironic thing is the recession won't be bad because bankers won't get their bonuses. It will be bad because no one will have jobs because bankers won't lend money to small businesses that created them. Yet we're asked to feel sorry for them because their bonuses could possibly be taxed when they were the people responsible for this mess in the first place?

At least he did get one thing right: The government should not have bailed out any of these businesses. That way none of these bankers would have jobs just like the other 10 percent of the country, and maybe they would actually feel responsible, though I'm betting that would be highly unlikely.

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SATIRE

Professor pay disparity shameful

MATT PALMER

There is a great and shameful disparity in pay among assistant professors and full-time professors. The promotion system in the humanities is inherently flawed. It rewards certain professors with greater wealth and prestige who produce more and better research, while it tramples all others. The laissez-faire status quo in humanities research rewards the "haves" at the expense of the "have-nots." It is a grindingly oppressive culture that must be regulated to ensure fairness.

Thank heavens for the military-industrial complex! If it were not for that institution, free-market demands would still determine what kinds of research projects are pursued in the sciences. But, because of billions in grant money for war-making, research in the sciences is largely directed by government, taming the chaos of freedom in research. However, since most

professors in the humanities do not rely on grants, they are free to research without government restraint. We need a military-industrial complex for the humanities.

I propose we create the Central Research Bureaucracy (CRB).

By allowing humanities journals the freedom to choose what kinds of articles they will publish and who writes them, professors have created yet another social-Darwinist meritocracy where those who are capable of producing more quality research thrive by extorting those who cannot.

The CRB will regulate journals to ensure that all academics publish the same amount of research and that the quality of their research does not create imbalances in the rank or prestige of professors. The CRB will assign research projects to professors to ensure fairness. Professors will not be permitted to create research without assignment from the CRB. In order to ensure compliance, professors will have to obtain a license

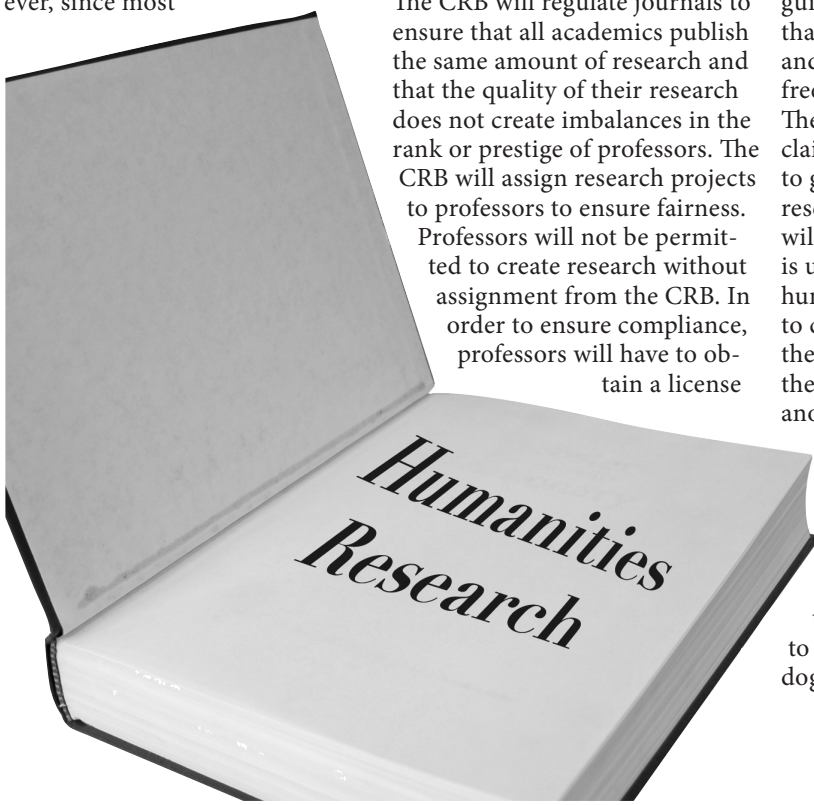
from the bureaucracy to teach and do research. This will ensure compliance from professors, since they will have their licenses revoked for pursuing projects of their own choosing.

A centralized system should also be more efficient than the current free-market approach to research. Central economic planning has been perfected. Waste and political influence have been completely removed from bureaucratic decision making. CRB will not allow professors to waste time writing articles that are of no worth to society. They can spend their extra time in activities that can more directly alleviate conditions of poverty, such as tutoring underprivileged students or volunteering with nonprofit companies.

I imagine humanities professors will trot out the same tiresome free-market ideas they have promoted for centuries. They will say that research should not be guided by political interests, or that professors will create more and better research if they are free to choose what to research. They will also levy the absurd claim that free markets are apt to give the fields the kinds of research that they value and feel will advance knowledge. This is utter nonsense. By allowing humanities journals the freedom to choose what kinds of articles they will publish and who writes them, professors have created yet another Social Darwinist meritocracy where those who are capable of producing more quality research thrive by extorting those who cannot.

It's time for a new and fair future for all academics. It's time for humanities professors to abandon their free-market dogma.

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QUICK NEWS

37 killed in Baghdad as 'Chemical Ali' hanged

BAGHDAD (AP) — Suicide bombers struck near three hotels popular with Western journalists and businessmen Monday just as Iraq announced the execution of Saddam Hussein's notorious cousin known as "Chemical Ali." At least 37 people were killed and more than 104 injured, security officials said.

The blasts — coming in a span of about 15 minutes in downtown Baghdad — came shortly before state television announced that Ali Hassan al-Majid had been hanged.

There was no claim of responsibility for the latest major attacks in Baghdad — about six weeks after a series of blasts killed 127 and brought outcry against Iraq's government for repeated security lapses as U.S. troops withdrew.

Texas woman beaten by son must cover legal costs

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Four months ago, Teresa Fuller endured a severe beating at the hands of her 15-year-old son after he refused to do his chores.

She said she received multiple concussions and has a scattered memory of the last three months of 2009.

Not only does she have to live with the lingering physical affects of the beating, she has to pay her son's legal bills, prompting her to wonder why the state's court system doesn't do enough to help victims of parental abuse.

"As a victim, I don't feel like I should have to pay," Fuller said.

Fuller said she and her two sons moved to El Paso from Arizona in June 2008. While in Arizona, Fuller's 15-year-old son was arrested more than 20 times, all for physically abusing her, Fuller said.

220,000 gallons evaporated, dispersed in oil spill

DALLAS (AP) — The worst Texas oil spill in more than 15 years was contained Monday, and authorities credit a massive emergency response with averting an environmental disaster.

About 462,000 gallons of oil spilled when an 800-foot tanker headed for an Exxon Mobil Corp. refinery in Beaumont collided Saturday with a vessel pushing two barges. As of Monday, roughly 220,000 gallons of oil had evaporated or dispersed, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

No injuries have been reported, but Port Arthur residents were evacuated after the spill while officials tested the air quality. So far only two oil-covered birds have been reported; one of them was captured and cleaned up, and the other flew away.

Beau Biden, VP's son, won't seek US Senate seat

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Beau Biden announced Monday that he will not seek election to the U.S. Senate seat long held by his father, Vice President Joe Biden, putting another Democratic-held Senate seat in jeopardy and dealing another blow to President Barack Obama's flailing party.

The Delaware attorney general told supporters in an e-mail that he will run for re-election to his state post instead of running against GOP Rep. Mike Castle for the seat the elder Biden held for 36 years. He cited a need to focus on prosecution of a high-profile child molestation case.

"I have a duty to fulfill as attorney general, and the immediate need to focus on a case of great consequence. And that is what I must do," Biden, 40, wrote. "Therefore I cannot and will not run for the United States Senate in 2010."

Picasso to be repaired, shown in Met exhibit

NEW YORK (AP) — An important Picasso painting accidentally damaged by a visitor last week will be repaired in time for a large exhibition of the artist's works at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in April.

"The Actor," a painting from Picasso's rose period, will be restored at the museum's onsite conservation laboratory, the Met said Monday.

The museum described the damage as an irregular 6-inch tear to the lower right-hand corner of the painting. Conservation and curatorial experts "fully expect" that the restoration "will be unobtrusive," the museum said in a statement released Sunday.

The artwork is nearly 6 feet by 4 feet, and depicts a standing acrobat in a pink costume and blue knee-high boots striking a pose against an abstracted backdrop.

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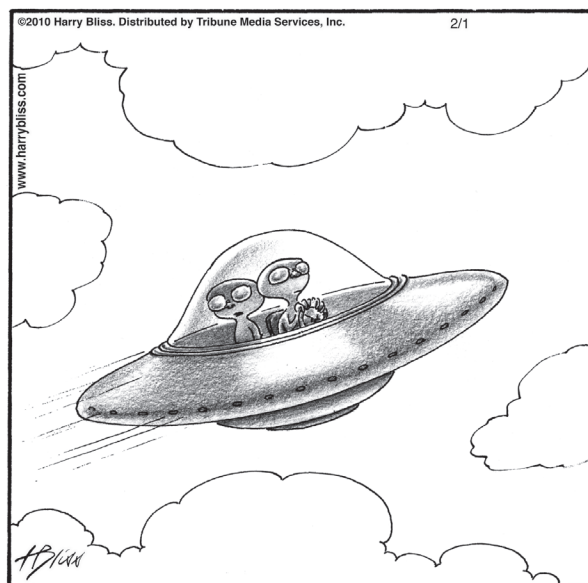
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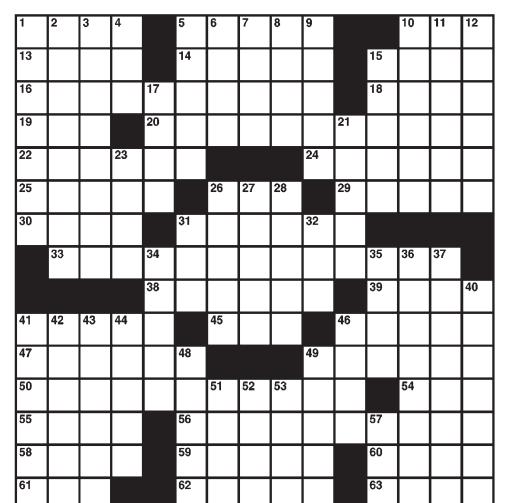
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- 14 Draw a better bead on
- 15 Pitcher Hideo
- 16 "Big name in tequila"
- 18 Gossip tidbit
- 19 Abu Dhabi's federation: Abbr.
- 20 "Mexican muralist"
- 22 Actor Brody of "The Pianist"
- 24 Pep
- 25 ___ one mind: disagreeing
- 26 Fri. precoder
- 29 Short film role
- 30 Some
- 31 On the double
- 33 "Spanish painter (1746-1828)"
- 38 For all to see
- 39 Submissive
- 41 Gas brand with a landmark sign outside Fenway Park
- 45 Vegas cube
- 46 Iraqi seaport
- 47 Opposed (to)
- 49 "The Picture of ___ Gray"
- 50 "Roger Federer rival"
- 54 Gold units: Abbr.
- 55 Big pictures: Abbr.
- 56 Home to this puzzle's theme
- 58 Fight-ending calls, briefly
- 59 Insect stage
- 60 Animal whose fur was used for Crockett's cap
- 61 Word that forms a city when combined with the first names in answers to starred clues
- 62 Slow to catch on
- 63 Barley beards



By Dan Naddor

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DOWN

- 1 Baja border city
- 2 What you "take" when you sit down
- 3 Military no-show
- 4 Lumberjack's tool
- 5 UCLA player
- 6 Extra wide, on a shoebox
- 7 Puppeteer Tony
- 8 VCR successor
- 9 Campfire treat
- 10 For the full length of a pregnancy
- 11 Come to light
- 12 "Skip the sandwich dressing"
- 15 Skin care brand
- 17 B-G link
- 21 Working undercover, for short
- 23 Corn Belt state
- 26 Gave it a shot
- 27 Mubarak of Egypt
- 28 "I give up!"
- 31 Angel dust, briefly
- 32 Happy Meal extra
- 34 Lariat loop
- 35 Poet Khayyám
- 36 "That's not news to me"
- 37 Soda-making process
- 40 Topeka natives
- 41 Insertion marks
- 42 The Donald's daughter
- 43 Nonstick coating
- 44 Lawn makeup
- 46 Western tie
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- 51 Apport
- 52 Actor Aida
- 53 Uses a spade
- 57 Color TV pioneer

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Erika Greet, an employee of U-Tan, a tanning salon located near the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California, demonstrates the workings of an Ergoline Excellence tanning bed. With the new year comes a new 10 percent tax on tanning beds using UV rays.

New tax worries tanning industry

By Nathan Olivarez-Giles
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

LOS ANGELES — The tanning industry is worried about getting burned by the health-care overhaul.

A little-noticed provision of the Senate bill approved last month would slap a 10 percent tax on indoor tanning treatments to help extend health-care coverage to millions of uninsured Americans.

Government analysts have estimated the tax will raise \$2.7 billion over 10 years. Some health advocates support taxing an activity that has been linked to skin cancer.

But tanning salon owners said they're already getting squeezed like a bottle of Coppertone. Wayne LaVassar, who operates 16 tanning outlets under various names in Southern California, said a lousy economy has his customers cutting back on visits that cost \$10 to \$15 for about 15 minutes on his lighted beds. Credit is tough to come by, while expenses such as electricity are going up.

LaVassar recently sold a location in West Hollywood. Last year he closed three others, laid off 40 employees and slashed prices as much as 20 percent to attract new clients. He said a new government health-care tax

would likely come out of his profit if he can't pass it along to customers.

LaVassar said the vast majority of his 60 employees are part-timers for whom he doesn't provide health insurance. While the proposed legislation is aimed at helping workers like them, LaVassar said higher taxes on employers like him could prove counterproductive if it results in fewer jobs.

"There will be more layoffs and maybe more closures," he said. "This tax is just one more blow I don't think many of us will be able to take."

Financing the nearly trillion-dollar health-care overhaul is shaping up to be one of the biggest challenges facing lawmakers. Proposals in the House and Senate include a surcharge on high-income taxpayers, an increase in the estate tax and a 40 percent tax on high-cost "Cadillac" health policies — all of which have raised objections from affected groups.

But some industries, helped by lobbyists and high-powered trade organizations, have fended off efforts to tax them.

The Senate targeted tanning after plans for a "Botax" aimed at the plastic surgery industry were dropped under intense pressure from doctors and drugmakers. That proposed 5 percent tax on

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Wayne LaVassar
Southern California tanning outlet operator

elective cosmetic procedures would have raised an estimated \$5.8 billion over 10 years. It would have applied to services including liposuction and injections of Botox, the wrinkle relaxer whose 2008 sales reached \$1.3 billion for its maker, Allergan Inc.

The Irvine, Calif., company helped finance the Web site Stopcosmetictax.org, which denounced the tax as punitive to women and the middle class. The site urged consumers to write their senators.

Nearly two dozen industry groups also worked to derail the Botax. Among them was the American Academy of Dermatology Association, which spent a record \$1.02 million on lobbying through the first nine months of last year, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, a non-partisan, nonprofit Washington research group.

HAITI RELIEF

Dartmouth a model to other schools

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Pulling an all-nighter just a week into winter term has paid off for three Dartmouth College students, not with good grades but with a massive fundraising campaign that has raised more than \$133,000 for Haiti's earthquake victims and become a model for other campuses.

Two days after the Jan. 12 quake, seniors Frances Vernon, Maura Cass and Alexandra Schindler stayed up until 6:30 a.m. developing a campus- and community-wide strategy to raise money for Partners in Health, an organization co-founded by Dartmouth President Jim Yong Kim that has operated in Haiti for decades. Given Kim's connections to the group, the trio knew Dartmouth would send a medical team to Haiti and wanted to match that effort with the same intensity.

"We might not be trained medical professionals, we might not have the financial resources to mobilize and be on the ground in Haiti, but we have time and we have brain power," said Vernon.

What emerged from that Thursday night spent making lists and sketching diagrams on huge sheets of paper tacked to the wall was a strategy to bring together students, faculty, staff and community groups. By Jan. 16, they had signed up leaders

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Frances Vernon
Dartmouth College senior

for eight committees ranging from monetary collection to communications, and by Jan. 17, they were ready to hand out assignments to 300 volunteers who showed up at a kickoff rally.

"It's about finding what you can do and what your place is in this response," she said.

For some, that may mean simply agreeing to e-mail alumni, friends and family seeking donations. For others, "it's become a full-time job in addition to other activities and school work," said sophomore Becky Waite, who is drawing on her local connections as a Hanover resident to co-chair the Upper Valley Outreach Committee.

Her group has been helping area schools organize fundraisers, seeking business sponsors for a benefit concert, coordinating efforts with local churches, and have worked with the owner of a

bus company to install signs and donation collection containers on buses.

Mark Arnoldy, a senior at the University of Colorado at Boulder, said he relied heavily on Dartmouth's model in helping create the fundraising campaign he and other student leaders are about to launch. While Dartmouth has an advantage given Kim's background with Partners in Health and the quickness with which he sought to get students involved in the relief effort, Arnoldy said he is confident his school will reach its \$100,000 goal.

"We were inspired by Dartmouth in a big way," he said. "We're hoping this can serve as an impetus for some of the other Big 12 schools in particular to launch a similar campaign."

Seeing how Dartmouth organized its committees was particularly helpful, Arnoldy said. He has studied charts and other information Dartmouth students have posted online and has been in touch with Vernon, who plans to review CU's strategic plan.

At Northwestern University, senior Peter Luckow said he's been impressed that Vernon and other Dartmouth students are looking beyond the immediate disaster and thinking critically about long-term issues in Haiti as well. His school has surpassed its more modest fundraising \$8,000 goal and is looking to increase its goal soon.

COLLEGE COSTS

Students ponder value of degrees

By Mara Rose Williams
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Being "upside-down" means owing more on your house or car than it's worth.

Right now, Patricia Summers is upside-down on her college degree.

She still owes \$18,000 on loans taken to get her degree in advertising from the University of Missouri. Her college time will end up costing more than \$50,000, not counting what she could have earned from a full-time job had she not gone to college.

But that job probably would have been a dead-end, low-paying service job, advocates of higher education contend.

Which is exactly what Summers is doing now: serving burgers at a Sonic drive-in.

The recession is recalibrating the economics of higher education.

"Whether college is worth it depends on how much you pay for it," said Kevin Carey, the policy director at the Education Sector, a Washington-based education think tank. "It's not worth much if you pay too much for a degree that has no value in the market, or one that pays too little to pay back what you borrowed."

College costs are rising fast, as are student debt loads. Take Aaron McNally, 29, who last year received a master's degree in English from the University of Northern Iowa, adding to what eventually became about \$50,000 in debt. That's more than the national average — \$40,208 — for a freshly inked M.A.

On the other end of the

four-year slog, salaries are sputtering — if you get the job in your chosen field. Not finding the public relations post, McNally took a job as an assistant manager at an Independence, Mo., grocery store.

Bigger investment. Disappointing returns. Yet college is still the only way to go, right?

Well, don't ask Bill Gates of Microsoft, Steve Jobs of Apple, Michael Dell of Dell, Larry Ellison of Oracle or Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook. They all dropped out.

Clearly college is not for everyone, but statistics and stud-

"Whether college is worth it depends on how much you pay for it."

Kevin Carey
policy director,
Education Sector

ies still show a college degree usually translates to a higher income.

"People with high levels of education make more money on average," Carey said.

But he warned that whether a diploma means more income or a better life depends on the individual.

"A college education is no guarantee," he said.

With money scarce, many newly cost-conscious families are trying to work out the math:

—They swallow hard when they realize that, based on the current estimated cost of tuition, room and board, four years at Harvard costs \$188,860. Even the \$60,236 four-year cost for an in-state

student at the University of Kansas can be daunting.

—The average student debt after four years is \$22,656.

—A bachelor's degree doesn't earn what it used to. "After adjusting for inflation, the earnings of male college graduates are no higher than they were in the early 1970s, and the earnings of female college graduates have increased only moderately," according to a College Board study of educational benefits.

—Fewer than 1 in 5 students in the class of 2009 had a job at graduation.

That gets us back to that Sonic in Columbia. Summers, who graduated in 2009, still is searching for a job in her field.

The Independence native, who also works at the MU bookstore, has her fingers crossed, and she still thinks college was worth it.

"I learned a lot of skills I couldn't have gotten if I hadn't gone to college," she said.

But Summers said that if a decent job doesn't come along soon, her feelings about the value of her degree could change.

Although Summers is "upside-down" for the moment, her degree isn't really comparable with a Florida condo mortgage, experts say. There are many non-monetary intangibles that come with college.

Studies indicate that college graduates are healthier, donate more blood, vote more often than other Americans and are more open-minded. They smoke less, exercise more and, a 2005 Pew study found, were 25 percent more likely than high school graduates to say they're very happy.

COLUMN

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basketball season. But losing saps the fun out of any sporting event if there isn't a Cameron Crazy atmosphere, and that was that for Dougherty's appeal to the football-faithful fans within the Greek community.

There's still hope for TCU basketball, and it's based on the "win a lot of games and conference titles and do it often" theory. The football team proved that in 2009.

The men's basketball team is light years away from winning bunches of games or a conference title; 1987 was the last year the men's basketball team made it to the NCAA tournament.

Let's try to think outside the box for a moment.

Wait, there IS a ranked basketball team on campus!

The Associated Press has the women's basketball team ranked No. 20, and the Lady Frogs are undefeated at the suddenly oh-so-cruel-to-opponents confines of Daniel-Meyer

Coliseum this season.

Fill the stands and the Lady Frogs might challenge Connecticut's 55 and counting home-winning streak. Wishful thinking at least.

According to gofrogs.com, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum holds nearly 8,500 when floor seats are added and 7,166 without. That dome can be rocked. The crowd is on top of the court, and the same acoustics that makes the feeble "Go Frogs!" chants as clear as a middle school Junior Varsity game can easily transform into the raucous environment of Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke or the "RAC" at Rutgers, both of which have official capacities of fewer than 10,000.

For those who discount Mountain West basketball, according to the St. Petersburg Times, The Pit at the University of New Mexico boasts the most deafening arena in the country with a decibel rating of 118. This campus has the ratio of women to men to justify filling those stands.

The women on the court are doing their part. Maybe

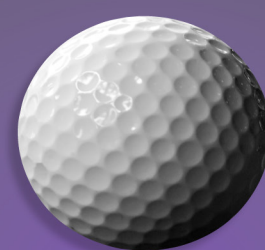
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Coach Jeff Mittie needs to start making his rounds to the sorority houses to get the girls into the stands. The women's team has made the NCAA tournament in eight of the past nine years — that's a winning pedigree.

Getting TCU basketball on par with the football and baseball team starts with filling Daniel-Meyer Coliseum when the ranked TCU basketball team is playing. There is one sport standing in TCU's way from being an all-around great sports school, and you can argue it's already made it if you just think outside the box.

Ryne Sulier is a junior news-editorial journalism and political science major from Plano.

Frogs Ace.



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SPORTS



A student was asked to play for the American In-Line Hockey League. Tomorrow

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MOVING UP



Freshman forward Starr Crawford moves in for the layup in the Lady Horned Frogs win over the University of Louisiana-Monroe 65-44 Dec. 1.

MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer

THE AP TOP 25

RANKINGS	RECORD	PTS
1. Connecticut (40)	19-0	1,000
2. Stanford	17-1	960
3. Notre Dame	17-1	890
4. Ohio St.	20-1	854
5. Tennessee	17-2	832
6. Nebraska	17-0	826
7. Duke	17-3	754
8. Texas A&M	15-2	694
9. Georgia	18-2	691
10. Xavier	14-3	600
11. Oklahoma	14-4	569
12. North Carolina	15-3	527
13. Florida St.	18-3	515
14. Baylor	14-4	480
15. Oklahoma St.	16-3	458
16. West Virginia	18-2	441
17. Georgetown	17-2	369
18. LSU	14-4	348
19. Texas	13-6	184
20. TCU	14-4	181
21. Virginia	14-5	169
22. Iowa St.	15-3	94
23. Penn St.	15-4	84
24. Wisconsin-Green Bay	16-2	81
25. Georgia Tech	16-5	77

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 20 Lady Frogs take on the Rams

By Justin White
Staff Writer

The No. 20 Lady Frogs (14-4, 4-1 Mountain West) will be looking to continue their home dominance when they take on conference foe Colorado State University (11-7, 3-2 Mountain West) on Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The team is 9-0 at home this year and will face a Rams team with an away record of 3-5.

"We do take a personal pride in defending our home court," Horned Frog head coach Jeff Mittie said. "But we also take pride in going on the road and taking over their court."

The Lady Frogs rallied from a halftime deficit in Las Vegas to rout UNLV by 20 points Saturday with four out of five starters scoring in double digits. Mittie credited the rally to less three-point attempts and more free-

TCU vs. CSU

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
Admission is free for students.
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throw attempts by his squad. "We tend to fall into that trap and think that we're going to just shoot," Mittie said. "But they had a different mentality in the second half. They were going to attack the rim."

The Rams are coming to Fort Worth with a two-game winning streak and a 2-0 record in conference away games.

Mittie said in order to slow the Rams down, his team needs to get them out of an offensive rhythm early.

Lady Frogs advance in the polls

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Sports Editor

Following a decisive win on the road against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Rebels, the Lady Frogs moved up the ranks to the No. 20 spot in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

TCU was up early in the game but ended the first half down by seven. The Lady Frogs came back strong in the second half and defeated the Rebels 81-61.

Prior to the UNLV win, the Lady Frogs won nine of their 11 games since the

first week of December. This raised their overall record to 14-4, and 4-1 in Mountain West Conference play.

This leaves TCU tied for the No. 1 spot in the MWC, alongside Brigham Young University.

In addition to their suc-

cess on the court, the Frogs were recognized this week for their accomplishments in the classroom.

The overall GPA for the student-athletes on the Lady Frogs basketball team is a 3.160. This is the highest recorded overall GPA for the program since 1998.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men face another conference opponent

By Sara Humphrey
Staff Writer

Coming off a 70-79 loss to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the men's basketball team will face the Colorado State University Rams in Fort Collins, Colo. on Wednesday.

The teams both have a record of 2-3 in conference play. Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss said the upcom-

"Mountain West Conference away games are tough, so if we can steal this one we will be ready to come back and play New Mexico Saturday at home."

Ronnie Moss
sophomore guard

ing game will be a big one because the Horned Frogs defeated the Rams at home 81-67, but lost 71-65 when the team went to Colorado last season.

"Mountain West Conference away games are tough,

so if we can steal this one we will be ready to come back and play New Mexico Saturday at home," Moss said.

The key to beating the Rams is to practice harder, Moss said.

"Prepare ourselves like it's a game in practice, and then Wednesday it will come natural to us," Moss said.

Against UNLV, Moss scored nine points, had six assists and four rebounds.

Junior guard Greg Hill said a win on Wednesday is important for their record.

"The game will mean a lot knowing we will be in conference play, which means we need to come out on top in order to compete for the chance to go to the (MWC) tournament," Hill said.

Hill said that in order to defeat the Rams, the Horned Frogs need to practice how to finish their games.

OPINION

Well-rounded program missing one category



RYNE SULIER

TCU is going places in the world of college sports.

Horned Frog football is here to stay despite a BCS bust.

The baseball team, even though it's been overshadowed by the football team's recent crack into the BCS, was a win away from the College World Series. The Collegiate Baseball Newspaper has the Horned Frogs ranked at No. 15.

According to Golf Week, men's golf is ranked No. 4.

Men's swimming is ranked No. 1 in the Mountain West.

Even the equestrian team made a run into the national championship in 2009.

The third leg of the football-baseball-basketball "big three" is stunted, however. What goes on in the oh-too-friendly-for-opponents confines of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is relatively unknown.

Attendance problems for basketball games is no secret — I'll beat the dead horse some more.

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