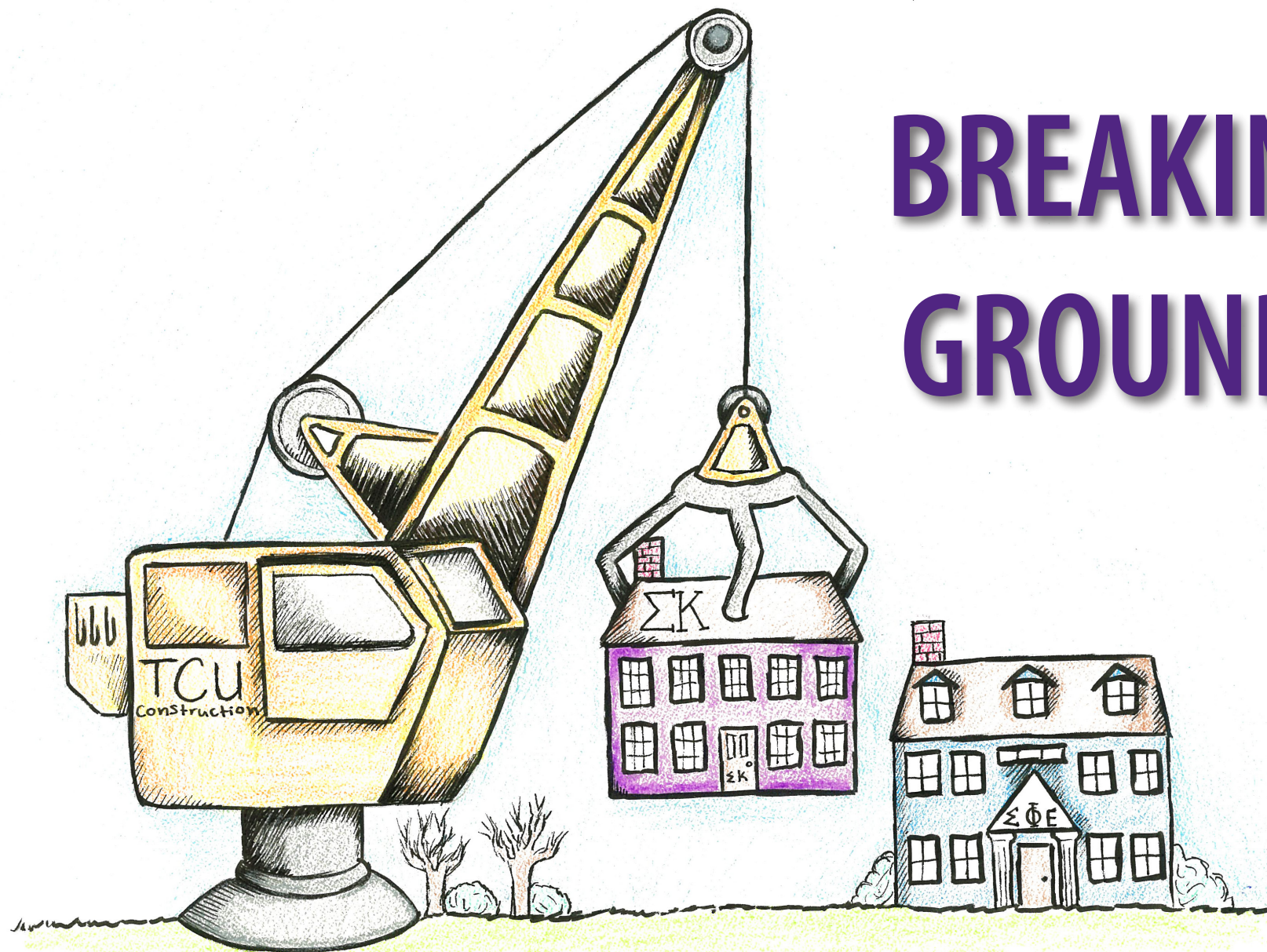




**FOOTBALL 3**

Boise State game no longer to be held at TCU.



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# BREAKING GROUND?

## Discussion on possible renovation of Greek housing continues

By Sarah Fleischer  
 News Now

The university will continue discussions this semester with the Board of Trustees about building new Greek houses and either renovating or tearing down the old ones, Craig Allen, director of

Housing & Residence Life, said.

Currently, Housing & Residence Life and Fraternity and Sorority Life is in communication with the Board of Trustees about getting approval for plans and the cost for the housing.

Allen said the cost of the housing is unknown at this point.

“My hope is that one day, it’ll be hard to live in your chapter house because it is such a desirable place to live,” Allen said.

The project would probably roughly take around three to five years to complete, Allen said. Ideas for the new Greek area include some type of commons area

and a possible dining area.

Alyssa Dolny, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, said she thinks the university needs the new Greek housing.

“The Greek housing right now is really old,” she said. “My mom was in a sorority here 35 years ago, and she had the same hous-

ing I had.”

Dolny said she would like to see bigger bedrooms and updated kitchens with nicer appliances. She thought the amenities currently located in Worth Hills were out of date compared to the

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**CUISINE 3**

New restaurant with college vibe opens by the GrandMarc.



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High school names library in memory of Phil Record.



## FINE ARTS

# Search for new School of Art director down to three candidates

By Clay York  
Staff Reporter

The College of Fine Arts is searching for a replacement for the director of the School of Art, who will retire at the end of this semester.

Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said the college has received around 10 applications for the position as the School of Art Director.

"The search committee has zeroed in on three [applicants] and they are now checking references," Sullivan said. "Then they are going to do a phone interview for those people to see if they are the kinds of people that we want to pursue and bring to campus for more interviews."

Sullivan would not disclose who the three appli-

cants were or what universities they came from. He said confidentiality was essential to helping the candidates maintain positive relationships with their current institutions.

"If you don't get the job, people sometimes think you are unloyal to their institution because you tried to get a job somewhere else," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he would announce who the candidates are when they agree to come to campus for more interviews.

The school's current director, Ronald Watson, planned on stepping down at the end of the 2009-10 school year to return to teaching. When the school could not find a replacement last year, Watson instead agreed to hold the position for one final year.

"I think it was the better move for all concerned, rather than putting someone in as an interim appointment who didn't have the experience and didn't have the knowledge," Watson said.

However, he would have preferred to be teaching his final year, he said.

"Teaching is directly rewarding. Everyday in the classroom new things happen," Watson said. "I'm able to see the progress my students are making, which is really wonderful. Administration doesn't really work that way. Your rewards, if you get them, are deferred and so on and spread out over a whole group of people."

Sullivan said the College of Fine Arts was grateful that Watson stayed for another year because he already possessed the knowledge about

curriculum, budget requests and other topics.

"He didn't need to learn anything new," Sullivan said. "He gave us the continuity and continued leadership and really helped us."

**"He gave us the continuity and continued leadership and really helped us."**

**Scott Sullivan**

Dean of the College of Fine Arts

In retirement, Watson plans on working in his studio full-time, doing primarily sculpture work, he said. He hoped that the free time would allow him to reinvest himself into painting, he said.

According to Sullivan,

Watson has accomplished a great deal during his years at TCU, including hiring nearly 80 percent of the faculty for the School of Art.

He was also able to get the School of Art nationally accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. This accreditation made the department of visual art a school.

Watson also created the Fort Worth Contemporary Arts gallery two years ago, to "show students cutting-edge art that would inspire them and help raise the level of the art they created," Sullivan said.

Watson said his largest accomplishment was building relationships with students, specifically through a study abroad program that he created in collaboration with political science profes-

sor Manochehr Dorraj. The program allows students to study art, mathematics and political science in Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

Clinton Johnson, a senior studio art major with a concentration in sculpture, attended the study abroad trip with Watson last summer. Johnson said Watson was really involved with students and showed him that professors are real people.

"He has a quiet energy that will be missed around here," Johnson said.

Sullivan said he hoped Watson would stay active in the College of Fine Arts to support and serve as a mentor for the incoming director.

"We hope he'll be available as kind of an adviser to keep his legacy in the department and the school that he built," Sullivan said.

## POLITICS

# State of the Union address emphasizes unity, bipartisanship



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President Barack Obama is applauded by House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio and Vice President Joe Biden while delivering his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington.

By Ben Feller  
Associated Press

Pleading for unity in a newly divided government, President Barack Obama implored Democratic and Republican lawmakers to rally behind his vision of economic revival for an anxious nation, declaring in his State of the Union address Tuesday night: "We will move forward together or not at all."

To a television audience in the millions, Obama addressed a Congress sobered by the assassination attempt against one of its own members, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Her seat sat empty, and many lawmakers of competing parties sat together in a show of support and civility. Yet differences were still evident, as when Democrats stood to applaud his comments on health care and tax cuts while Republicans next to them sat mute.

In his best chance of the year to connect with the country, Obama devoted most of his hour-long prime-time address to the economy, the issue that dominates concern in a nation still reeling from a monster recession — and the one that will shape his own political fortunes in the 2012 election.

The president unveiled an

agenda of carefully balanced political goals: a burst of spending on education, research, technology and transportation to make the nation more competitive, alongside pledges, in the strongest terms of his presidency, to cut the deficit and smack down spending deemed wasteful to America.

**"What comes of this moment will be determined not by whether we can sit together tonight but whether we can work together tomorrow."**

**Barack Obama**  
President

Yet he never explained how he'd pull that off or what specifically would be cut.

Obama did pledge to veto any bill with earmarks, the term used for lawmakers' pet projects. Boehner and other Republicans applauded.

But Obama's promise drew a rebuke from his own party even before he spoke, as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the president had "enough power al-

ready" and that plans to ban earmarks were "a lot of pretty talk."

Obama's proposals Tuesday night included cutting the corporate tax, providing wireless services for almost the whole nation, consolidating government agencies and freezing most discretionary federal spending for the next five years. In the overarching theme of his speech, the president told the lawmakers: "The future is ours to win."

Yet, Republicans have dismissed his "investment" proposals as merely new spending.

Republican Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, giving the GOP's response, said the nation was at a tipping point leading to a dire future if federal deficits aren't trimmed. Ryan was to promote budget cuts as essential to responsible governing, speaking from the hearing room of the House Budget Committee, which he now chairs.

Obama entered the House chamber to prolonged applause, and to the unusual sight of Republicans and Democrats seated next to one another rather than on different sides of the center aisle. And he began with a political grace note, taking a moment to congratulate Boehner, the new Republican speaker of

the House.

Calling for a new day of cooperation, Obama said: "What comes of this moment will be determined not by whether we can sit together tonight but whether we can work together tomorrow." On a night typically known for its political theater, the lawmakers sometimes seemed subdued, as if still in the shadow of the Arizona shootings.

Many in both parties wore black-and-white lapel ribbons, signifying the deaths in Tucson and the hopes of the survivors. Giffords' husband was watching the speech from her bedside, as he held her hand. At times, Obama delivered lighter comments, seeming to surprise his audience with the way he lamppooned what he suggested was the government's illogical regulation of salmon.

Halfway through his term, Obama stepped into this moment on the upswing, with a series of recent legislative wins in his pocket and praise from all corners for the way he responded to the shooting rampage in Arizona. But he confronts the political reality is that he must to lead a divided government for the first time, with more than half of all Americans disapproving of the way he is handling the economy.

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## FOOTBALL

# Boise State, TCU game no longer scheduled at home



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Boise State cornerback Brandyn Thompson intercepts a pass intended for TCU wide receiver Antoine Hicks in the Horned Frogs' loss to the Broncos 17-10 in the Fiesta Bowl.

**By Clay York**  
Staff Reporter

The first and only conference matchup between TCU and Boise State, originally slotted to be a home game for TCU, will now be played at Boise's Bronco Stadium, according to a press release from The Mountain West Conference's Board of Directors.

The game was originally scheduled to play at Amon G. Carter Stadium for the 2011 football season.

The MWC said it ap-

proved the recommendations from the conference's athletic directors on the grounds that it would address current and future scheduling issues caused by shifts in MWC membership.

TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte previously said he was against the MWC's initial proposal to change the game's location.

Del Conte said he thought the move seemed to be a plot to benefit Boise. He said the game against Boise filled the hole in the home-game scheduling conflict

that Utah created when they left the MWC and joined the Pac-10.

"It's our home game and they told us it would be our home game and to change the rules midstream is not appropriate," Del Conte told ESPNDallas.com earlier this month.

Because TCU will move to the Big East in 2012, TCU was barred from voting on the proposed scheduling change.

*Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this report.*

## SGA

# Constitution changes approved

**By Sydney Hicks**  
Staff Reporter

A bill calling to approve revising the Constitution of the Student Body to remove Programming Council as the body responsible for student programming passed in the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday night. In last Tuesday's House meeting, a revision pertaining to this same issue did not pass.

The former revision involved including the organization theCrew as a part of the Constitution change. According to the *Skiff*, theCrew replaced Programming Council this fall as the primary event-planning

group in on-campus events. Ad Hoc Committee Chair Macy Pulliam led the Ad Hoc committee in reworking Article IV of the Constitution after last Tuesday's meeting.

Hunter Sprague, a representative for the class of 2013, said that theCrew's name was removed from the proposed revision so that the wording of the Constitution was not tied down to one specific organization. He said that the aim in the revision to the Constitution was to be general, but clear and concise.

The bill passed with a majority vote in the House and will be sent in referendum for the student body to vote

on the new Constitution.

Dalton Goodier, a representative for the Adran College of Liberal Arts, outlined that the House remains the gatekeeper as to what student programming organization will be in control of on-campus events. If another organization besides theCrew wanted to create programming, the decision would still need to pass through the house to accept or reject it, he said.

In other business in the meeting, President Jackie Wheeler, Vice President Brett Anderson, and Treasurer Brent Folan were sworn in, as well as new House representatives.

## LOCAL

# Cafe Brazil to open beneath GrandMarc



KATIE SHERIDAN/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A new Cafe Brazil will be opening up underneath the GrandMarc in the lot left behind by Los Vaqueros. Brazil will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as being open 24/7.

**By Jenn Lazear**  
Staff Reporter

Award-winning Café Brazil will open its first Tarrant County restaurant in place of Los Vaqueros, beneath the GrandMarc.

Brant Wood, CEO of Café Brazil, said there are 10 locations around Dallas, and he felt the restaurant's 24/7 concept is perfect for college students.

"We are known in the business for taking over failed restaurant space and converting it into a Café Brazil and being successful doing that," Wood said.

Café Brazil will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, although the menu is primarily breakfast-based with omelets, crepes and other traditional breakfast foods, Wood said.

The Fort Worth location is projected to open in the middle of March, although its goal is to open before that

time period, Wood said.

The location was chosen for the close proximity to the TCU campus, and Wood said he hoped to attract all TCU students as customers.

The restaurant has a self-service coffee bar for a bottomless cup of coffee with seven different flavors, he said. He added the restaurant will also provide free Wi-Fi.

"It is a really good fit for a campus setting," Wood said.

According to the Café Brazil website, the restaurant serves American and Tex-Mex foods, and also offers take-out and catering.

TCU student and GrandMarc resident Clifton Dickerson said he is excited about the new restaurant.

"It will be a good addition, especially with us being college students and being up, late it actually gives us somewhere to go," Dickerson, a senior psychology major, said.

Junior communication

studies major Jordan Young said that she regularly studied in the library her freshman year, but now she liked to find a new place to study to change it up. Young said a new 24-hour location would be a great place to use.

Wood said Café Brazil is currently hiring 45 employees for the new location. For more information about the restaurant and hiring visit their website at CafeBrazil.com.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Long-term planning needed for Greek renovation success

The Board of Trustees and the university have been discussing renovating the Greek houses on campus. Craig Allen, director of Housing & Residence Life, said the proposed plans include a common area for students as well as a new dining room. Allen also said a project of this size would take three to five years to complete.

Whatever the final design is, for the sake of the students at TCU, let's hope the school will have a well thought-out plan for construction that ensures on-campus housing for students without sacrificing several more parking spaces.

Since the completion of the Campus Commons in 2007, along with newer construction initiatives around campus, the number of parking spaces available for students has declined while admission continues to grow. According to a *Skiff* article from last semester, 300 freshmen were living in converted rooms at the start of the semester.

If the project will take multiple years to complete, there needs to be a plan in place so all students can live in a proper dorm room and have sufficient parking available.

And maybe, just maybe, once construction is completed, those 7 a.m. wake-up calls from a jackhammer will be a thing of the past.

*News editor Patrick Burns for the editorial board.*

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## iClickers can keep students responsible



Bailey McGowan

When a student begins the adventure of college, he or she will hear many different pieces of advice: Go to class. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Study.

Some universities are making it practically impossible to avoid those pieces of advice.

Universities across the nation are using a clicker system to record students' timeliness, administer quizzes and alert professors virtually when students have a question, all while registering the information on a computer for easy recall if a dispute were to occur.

Sounds a bit like accountability and convenience mixed with overbearing, right?

At TCU, some students are required to purchase an iClicker for certain classes. As far as one can tell, the clickers are

only used for quizzes and not attendance or in-class questions. The U.S. House of Representatives uses a similar system with clickers to check members in and calculate votes throughout meetings.

The idea that professors would be able to tell exactly when a student arrived to class, if he or she went at all, seems a bit over the top.

A real moment of maturity occurs when students take on the responsibility of attending class because they realize it is what's best, not because they are forced to do so. If getting away with skipping class because of an electronic clicker is the motivating factor for going in the first place, then bring on the clickers.

TCU students pay upwards of \$40,000 a year in tuition. They also graduate with plenty of networking opportunities and a top-notch education. That should be reason enough to attend class and treat one's education as a responsibility. If a student can't make that shift, he or she probably won't have the discipline to finish his or her work anyway.

Yes, the idea that if he or she were running late one day and didn't make it there at the top of the hour may be ridiculous. That fact, however, may make

it easier to find the motivation to get out of bed.

There will always be ways to get around a system, no matter how well-planned the system may seem. Students at Northwestern University tried to send their clickers to class with a friend and were quickly deterred by the school's honor policy, according to a Nov. 16 article in *The New York Times*. If the clickers were brought to TCU, similar policies would do well to ensure academic integrity.

The clickers look like a mix between a TV remote control and a calculator and can cost as much as \$70, according to the article. Some universities require students to buy them, while others lend the clickers.

Essentially, \$70 could be the tangible maturity factor during the transition period to college. It could help students raise their hands without feeling socially awkward by assuming other students already understood the information. The iClicker could be the device that helps a student live out all that great advice.

*Bailey McGowan is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Burkburnett.*

## PERSPECTIVES

## Should teachers be allowed to carry guns in classrooms?

*Yes, armed teachers could make schools and students safer.*



**Shane Rainey**

The United States is a nation living in denial, completely oblivious and willfully ignoring the reality of violence.

Fortunately, not all Americans choose to live in this state of denial. David McElwee and Bill Sandlin, two gun rights advocates and members of the National Rifle Association, took their case in favor of concealed handguns on high school campuses before the Arlington ISD school board this past week. The board, however, showed no interest to McElwee and Sandlin's proposal on Friday.

The goal was to allow licensed administrators and teachers to carry their weapons on their person at all times in school, a measure that is long overdue and should be expanded to include college campuses as well.

Despite the unspeakable tragedies of Columbine High School in 1999 and Virginia Tech in 2007, this measure inevitably got buried underneath some pro-gun control agenda or fear about firearms, as before.

First, this is not an issue of who should be allowed to carry concealed handguns in school environments. The answer to this question has always been individuals licensed by the state, which can include teachers, administrators, and yes, even college students. In Texas, these individuals must be more than 21 years old and have completed background checks, fingerprinting and a live-fire test and evaluation. This is an issue of where license holders would be allowed to carry guns, which should be expanded to include schools, an atmosphere that has proven to be one of the most vulnerable.

Those licensed by the state possess the right to protect themselves. Gun control laws only apply to law-abiding citizens, and those currently in place have stripped these citizens of their right to defend themselves in a place that has needed it the most.

*Those who are not afraid to go into the grocery store because the guy buying lettuce might be carrying a legal handgun should likewise not be afraid to go to school for the same reason.*

Contrary to popular belief, allowing concealed weapons on campus would not diminish a healthy learning environment. Ask anyone when he or she last noticed someone carrying a handgun in a grocery store or in a movie theatre. The word "concealed" is included in Texas handgun laws for a reason, and no one should be able to discern its existence. Those who are not afraid to go into the grocery store because the guy buying lettuce might be carrying a legal handgun should likewise not be afraid to go to school for the same reason.

Secondly, we need to let people be who they are. Most individuals continue to deny the threats of violence. Pretending it does not exist does not make it disappear.

Others recognize this threat of violence and have moved to prepare for it, taking measures such as obtaining a concealed handgun license. No one is suggesting that these citizens would become vigilantes on campuses; rather they would be carrying their weapons for personal protection. It is

illogical and insulting that they are denied this right in a high-risk area.

Even though college campuses are considered statistically safer than surrounding areas, and while it is true that school shootings are rare, these areas still play host to a large variety of other types of violent crimes, such as rape and assault. In a free society, there is no legitimate reason to refuse a right such as self-defense by a licensed handgun holder in a place where it has the potential to do more good than harm.

I am much more concerned with someone carrying a weapon illegally at a school than I would be with one of my classmates legally carrying one. But this does not seem to be the popular opinion in public debate.

Ultimately, citizens are responsible for their own protection in whatever environment they are in. The police are great at what they do, but they are mainly reactionary, as there are not enough officers to be 100 percent proactive.

Let people be who they are. If someone wants to live in denial, fine. But let those who realize the threat of violence take the appropriate measures, especially in the most vulnerable of environments.

*Shane Rainey is a senior chemistry major from Fort Worth.*

*No, non-lethal deterrents and better security are a better option.*



**KC Aransen**

In Arlington, gun rights advocates sought to persuade the school board to give licensed teachers and administrators the ability to carry concealed firearms in school but to no avail. The reasons behind allowing this

## PRO CON

potential privilege are concerns over the safety of the students against potential threats and also to deter these types of threats from materializing.

The school board dismissed the issue, but there is still the matter of whether school districts are doing the right thing by not allowing teachers and staff to arm themselves against potential threats.

The central premise behind this type of measure is one of deterrence and safety. Gun rights advocates argue that licensed teachers with a concealed firearm inside school have the ability to protect themselves and their students should a threat arise.

While this may sound reasonable and logical, it is far from being so. It only serves to give students and faculty a false sense of protection. Furthermore, it may actually be counterproductive toward instilling

an atmosphere of learning, respect and safety, all of which are vital for education.

Rather than feeling safe and protected, the idea of armed teachers and staff has the potential to be, at the least, strongly disconcerting to the average student, and at worst downright terrifying. On the bright side, it may increase good behavior among students, though this good behavior would be more out of fear than respect for the rules.

*With the background checks for legally obtaining firearms being widely criticized for being too easy, it stands to reason that it is a bad idea to allow teachers to carry guns.*

We also need to consider whether we really want armed individuals teaching our students. What if an armed teacher becomes unhinged? With the background checks for legally obtaining firearms being widely criticized for being too easy, it stands to reason that it is a bad idea to allow teachers to carry guns.

As an actual deterrent for threats, it still would not make much of a difference. If an individual is unbalanced enough to shoot up a school, armed teachers likely will mean nothing to that person.

It also fails as a deterrent in that only licensed teachers and administrators will be carrying

concealed firearms. Thus, shooters will still have a high chance of inflicting casualties.

Now, if the same armed student bursts into a classroom in which the teacher carries a gun, there seems to be two possibilities: the armed student gets shot by the teacher, who is acting in self-defense, or the student and teacher have a standoff until one either backs down or help arrives.

In the latter case, the question becomes how one calls for help when two people have guns and the other students are either in shock or too afraid to move for their cell phones to actually make the call.

It seems a security system may be more effective with a direct line to the administration or the police department. This way, when the dreaded armed student does come in, the teacher would simply have to press a button to call for help.

If this system wouldn't work, schools should look into nonlethal deterrents such as stun guns, bean bag rounds or rubber bullets. These at least have the ability to potentially stop a crime without any deaths.

When two issues as heated and emotional as school shootings and gun control are open for debate, illogical solutions are often put forward, and many times are passed. That is precisely the case with this issue.

It will not be allowed by the Arlington School Board, and that is exactly the response we need so we can get back to thinking up practical solutions to these problems.

*KC Aransen is a sophomore psychology major from Arlington.*



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## FORT WORTH

# Library renamed to honor professor

By Sydney Hicks  
Staff Reporter

The Cassata High School library will be converted to the Phil Record Media Resource Center this summer in memoriam of former TCU journalism professor Phil Record, Cassata administrators said.



Record

Cassata principal Nancy Martin said Record was an active board member at the school for several years and had helped the school in many areas.

"Phil touched so many people," Martin said. "There is such an outpouring from his life of people wanting to do something to honor his memory."

According to the *Daily Skiff*, Record died of a heart attack this past November at the age of 81. Record worked at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* for more than 40 years and taught Media Ethics at TCU.

Martin said honoring Record by naming the new media resource center after him was a perfect fit because the conversion would be all about media and journalism.

Heather Parker, the director of development at Cassata,

described the school as a second chance school that caters to high school dropouts, former juvenile offenders and any student not best served by a traditional school.

"At Cassata we have this huge need to redo our library and update our technology," she said.

**"I'm really hoping that this center will be an opportunity for our schools to grow even closer together."**

**Heather Parker**  
Cassata Director of Development

Martin said the new media resource center will be home to new computers, a journalism lab and a "go center" to help students continue their educational career.

Bob Schieffer, a current CBS broadcaster and longtime broadcast journalist, was a close friend to Record for most of Record's life.

"Phil Record taught me most of what I know about journalism and a lot of what I know about life," Schieffer wrote in an e-mail. "He was first my mentor, then my boss, and for more than 50 years,

my close friend."

Charlie Fenske, also a close friend of Record, said Record introduced him to Cassata and the mentorship program. Fenske said he was a mentor to a student who graduated in December.

Fenske described Cassata as a wonderful environment for students.

"You've got some very exceptional situations with kids that are in need," he said.

Parker said there would be new opportunities for TCU students to tutor and work with students at the school after the renovation is completed.

"I'm really hoping that this center will be an opportunity for our schools to grow even closer together," she said.

Martin said the renovation will begin in the next few months.

"We hope to start it as soon as school is out, which would be like June 1, and have it ready to go by the start of school next year," she said.

The project is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000, Martin said.

Parker said funding for the project would come from friends of Record through gifts in his memory. She added that Schieffer had also donated a gift in memory of Record.

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Allen and others traveled to universities around the country looking for different ideas for the new housing, he said. He felt that the design of Auburn University was a good model to look at as an example.

"I think what we saw at Auburn University is probably one of the newest and nicest models giving us [the] density of housing that we need and also having a really nice kind of inviting village atmosphere to it," Allen said.

## INTERNATIONAL

# WikiLeaks to increase media partnerships

By Raphael G. Satter  
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — WikiLeaks hopes to enlist as many as 60 news organizations from around the world in a bid to help speed the publication of its massive trove of secret U.S. diplomatic memos, the site's founder said Tuesday.

Julian Assange told The Associated Press that he was making an effort to reach beyond the major newspapers — such as The New York Times and The Guardian — that worked with him

Although specific exterior and interior designs of the building have not been made, Allen believed each chapter would be able to personalize its house, he said. However, he added there would not be much flexibility in what type of bedrooms the houses would have as far as suite style, apartment style, or single bedrooms.

"I think that is a very attractive option because it allows us to have a good amount of density, meaning a lot of people in one area, but it also allows us to give chapters their own identity," Allen said.

Shannon Sumerlin, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said the university wanted to move the housing closer to the main campus.

She added that some multicultural organizations as well as upperclass-housing would also be included in the area.

Allen said the university has also planned to leave enough room for other sororities and fraternities that could be added in the future.

"Whatever we are building, we are going to want to have flexibility to grow our fraternity and sorority population," he said.

on earlier releases, saying that he already has about 20 media partners, and could triple that number within the next three months.

"We're striving for maximum impact for the material," Assange said in a telephone interview, in which he laid out his media strategy.

WikiLeaks has published 2,658 cables to its website — just over 1 percent of the 251,287 State Department cables it claims to have in reserve. Assange said that The Times, The Guardian, Spain's El Pais, France's Le Monde and Germany's Der Spiegel

have yet to go through all of the cables, although he didn't say how many of the files remained unread.

WikiLeaks has been accused by senior U.S. officials of reckless disregard in the way it publishes documents, but Assange said — with a few exceptions — he was so far satisfied with the process.

The 39-year old Australian, who is currently staying at a supporter's country home in eastern England, is also fighting attempts to extradite him to Sweden on sex crimes allegations.



## BUSINESS

# Author to speak at Neeley series

By Cathy Pham

Staff Reporter

Michael Lee Stallard, author of "Fired Up or Burned Out," will speak with Homer Erekson, dean of the Neeley School of Business, and 100 Neeley undergraduates and faculty members on how an organization can transform into a thriving, impassioned workplace by engaging its employees to find purpose and connection in their work.

Neeley School of Business public relations and events manager Elaine Cole said the Tandy Executive Speaker Series is an outreach for Fort Worth and area business professionals. Fifty Neeley undergraduates and 50 faculty members will be allowed to attend on a first come, first served basis, she said.

Cole estimated the turnout has typically averaged about 200 attendees between alumni, business professionals, Neeley students and sponsors from Fort Worth, she said.

Stallard is president of E Pluribus Partner, an organization that focuses on maximizing employee engagement.

"Employee engagement goes beyond satisfaction," he said. "It's whether or not people are enthusiastic about their work and are giving their best efforts."

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**Michael Lee Stallard**  
President of E Pluribus Partner

His book, "Fired Up or Burned Out," is about the importance of managers and employees connecting to each other and their work, he said.

Stallard said employee disengagement is a growing problem in America. About 75 percent of employees are not engaged in their jobs, which leads to a huge drag in productivity and innovation, he said.

Employees needed to feel connected to the organization they work for and feel inspired by its values and

purpose, he said.

"Employees who do not feel valued or respected will not be motivated," he said. "An emotional connection to people is important to thrive in life, [and] I want to help students realize this."

Stallard's question-and-answer session with the Erekson will address how organizations can motivate and engage their employees to connect to their work, Stallard said.

For students who could not attend the event, Cole said Stallard will be available Monday through Thursday and will meet with several student organizations in the business school, including the Neeley Fellows and some business classes.

**Tandy Executive Speaker Series**

**Michael Lee Stallard and Dean Homer Erekson on "Fired Up or Burned Out"**

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# WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

## Car salesman fired for wearing Packers tie

OAK LAWN, Ill. (AP) — A car salesman in suburban Chicago has been fired for refusing to remove a Green Bay Packers tie that he wore to work the day after the Packers beat the Chicago Bears to advance to the Super Bowl.

John Stone says he wore the Packers tie to work Monday at Webb Chevrolet in Oak Lawn to honor his late grandmother, who was a big Green Bay fan.

The sentimental gesture did not impress his boss, Jerry Roberts.

Roberts says the dealership has done promotions involving the Bears and he was afraid the tie could alien-

ate the team's fans and make it harder to sell cars.

Roberts adds that Stone was offered five chances to take off the tie but he refused.

## Grand piano found on sandbar in Miami bay

MIAMI (AP) — A grand piano recently showed up on a sandbar in Miami's Biscayne Bay, about 200 yards from condominiums on the shore.

The piano, which weighs at least 650 pounds, was placed

at the highest spot along the sandbar so it doesn't get underwater during high tide.

While officials aren't sure how it got there, they know it won't be going anywhere unless it becomes a hazard to wildlife or boaters.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino says the agency is not responsible for moving such items. And, he adds, unless it becomes a navigational hazard, the U.S. Coast Guard won't get involved.

For now, the piano has become a fancy roost for seagulls.

## 'Crop circle' in Indonesian rice paddy

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands of curious on-lookers are flocking to central Indonesia to look at a "crop circle" in a rice field following rumors it was formed by a UFO.

Though clearly sculptured by humans — it looks like an intricately designed flower —

the 70-yard-wide (70-meter-wide) circle has drawn so much attention that police have blocked off the area.

Guntur Purwanto, chief of Jogotirto village in Sleman district, said the circle appeared in the middle of the green rice paddies over the weekend.

Among those turning out Tuesday and offering opinions were officials from Indonesia's space agency, well-respected astronomers. All agree it was not left by a UFO.

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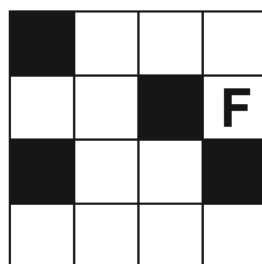
By Robert A. Doll 1/26/11

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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### "Water For Elephants"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (200pts)

#### How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

#### Tuesday's Solution



### "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (180pts)

#### Sample



"Freeze"

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#### Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

#### Tuesday's Solution

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# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## House Republicans back pre-Obama spending levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans controlling the House Tuesday went on record to return most domestic agencies to 2008 budget levels in place before President Barack Obama took office, keeping a campaign promise to slash the U.S. budget.

The 256-165 vote came on a symbolic measure but is an opening salvo in an upcoming battle over the budget that will pit the House Republicans against Obama and the Democratic-controlled Senate.

It came just hours before Obama was to issue his own proposal: calling for a five-year freeze for most domestic agencies at current levels. That is more than \$80 billion a year higher than the level of cuts Republicans want. Obama also reportedly will call for lawmakers to back a five-year plan put forth by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to save \$78 billion in defense spending, an idea that has many security-conscious Republicans anxious.

The immediate issue is how to wrap up the long overdue budget for the 2011 budget

year that began in October. A battle over the 2012 budget will follow on a parallel track starting with Obama's budget submission next month.

"The days are over of unlimited spending, of no prioritization," said Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, a Republican. "And the days of getting spending under control are just beginning. This is a first step in a long process."

The vote comes on a non-binding resolution that promises cuts approaching 20 percent of the budgets for agencies like the Education and Commerce departments when Congress wraps up the budget for the current fiscal year. The White House warns that such cuts would mean furloughs of tens of thousands of federal workers.

The actual Republican cuts would be made in a follow-up spending bill slated to advance next month and are sure to encounter strong resistance from the Democratic-controlled Senate and from Obama. Despite Tuesday's action, the cuts are a long way from becoming law; in fact, Democrats may have a tactical edge since Republicans are reluctant to spark a government shutdown if their demands are not met.

Republicans say Tuesday's

measure is the first step in keeping a campaign promise to cut \$100 billion from Obama's budget for the current year. The actual savings would be less — about \$84 billion — since Obama's budget increases were never passed. And because the budget year has been under way since Oct. 1, Republican leaders say they cannot deliver the cuts by the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year; instead, they say they will spread them over a full calendar year.

## 'King's Speech' rules with 12 Oscar nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The British monarchy saga "The King's Speech" reigned at the Academy Awards with 12 nominations, including acting honors for Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter and Geoffrey Rush, positioning itself to challenge "The Social Network" for best picture.

"The King's Speech" gained momentum against the Facebook drama "The Social Network," which dominated early Hollywood awards. Along with those two films, other best-picture nominees Tuesday for the Feb. 27 Oscars were the psychosexual thriller "Black

Swan"; the boxing drama "The Fighter"; the sci-fi blockbuster "Inception"; the lesbian-family tale "The Kids Are All Right"; the survival story "127 Hours"; the animated smash "Toy Story 3"; the Western "True Grit"; and the Ozarks crime thriller "Winter's Bone."

"True Grit" ran second with 10 nominations, including acting honors for last year's best-actor winner Jeff Bridges and

Hailee Steinfeld.

"The Social Network" won best drama at the Golden Globes and was picked as the year's best by key critics groups, while "The King's Speech" pulled an upset last weekend by winning the Producers Guild of America Awards top prize, whose recipient often goes on to claim best picture at the Oscars.

"It's really wonderful," Rush

said. "It's sort of like 'Ben-Hur' proportions. It all seems a bit crazy, you know?"

Along with Rush, best-actor favorite Firth and supporting-actress contender Bonham Carter, "The King's Speech" had nominations for director Tom Hooper and screenwriter David Seidler, plus honors in such categories as cinematography, costume design, art direction and musical score.



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In this film publicity image released by The Weinstein Company, Geoffrey Rush portrays Lionel Logue in "The King's Speech."

# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Live fish in bags tossed at Fort Worth pep rally

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A fish and chicks incident at a Fort Worth school has led to cancellation of future assemblies.

Live fish in bags and baby chicks were tossed during a pep rally last week at North Side High School.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports the school was celebrating its mariachi group advancing to state competition and the beginning of soccer and baseball seasons.

School district spokesman Clint Bond says three fish and one chick died. Administrators are working to identify the students blamed for the incident.

Administrators have suspended off-campus lunch privileges for seniors for two days.

Superintendent Melody

Johnson says animal cruelty won't be tolerated.

## Aikman, wife separate after decade of marriage

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and his wife have separated after more than a decade of marriage.

Aikman, in a statement published Tuesday by The Dallas Morning News, confirms the separation from his wife, Rhonda, in what he calls "a difficult decision" for both.

The couple married in 2000. Rhonda Aikman had a daughter from a previous marriage. The Aikmans have two daughters together.

The family has a mansion in Highland Park. Property records indicate Rhonda Aikman in November bought a five-bedroom home in a near-by neighborhood.

Aikman on Feb. 6 is sched-

uled to be part of the Fox broadcast team for the Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium, with the Packers facing the Steelers.

Messages left Tuesday for Aikman were not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

## Texas GOP pushing hard for voter ID bill

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Republicans are making a hard push to require voters to show photo identification before casting their ballots.

Acting quickly on Gov. Rick Perry's emergency declaration for the bill, the Senate scheduled public testimony on the bill for Tuesday and a vote could come late in the day or on Wednesday.

Republicans are making stronger voter ID laws a top priority as a way to prevent fraud. Democrats say it's a

partisan bill designed to boost GOP margins at the ballot box.

Democrats blocked a similar bill in 2009, but it is expected to pass this year with Republicans holding commanding majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus, conceded Democrats can't fight Republican muscle on the bill this time.

"This is like a dance where we have another song, another round," Van de Putte said. "There is no doubt this bill will pass."

Democrats argue voter ID should not be given emergency status during a session when lawmakers are grappling with a budget shortfall estimated at \$15 billion, and an early budget draft proposed deep cuts in education, health care and other state services.

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PART TWO

# Q & A: Del Conte talks Big East move, Super Bowl

By Ryne Sulier  
Sports Editor

TCU athletics director Chris Del Conte isn't often at a loss for words. The second half of my sit-down with Del Conte touched on TCU's move to the Big East, the Pittsburgh Steelers' scheduled practices on campus and even the athletic director's favorite childhood sports teams.



Del Conte

Here is part two of the Q&A:

**Q: Where are you in terms of rescheduling a non-conference game after Texas Tech backed out?**

A: I should have an announcement by Wednesday. It's done. I just have to wait on one little hiccup on the schedule. We

are now negotiating...I'm excited about the team, it still continues a good rivalry. But at the same time it gives us a chance. If you look at my schedule, the bad thing about the [Texas] Tech situation was they knew so long ago. My schedule's done, I got Arkansas [scheduled], I got LSU [scheduled], I got Oklahoma [scheduled]. We're down to 2016 and 2017, so when you have to scramble, it makes it for real problems, because everyone's [schedule is] already full.

**Q: On the effect of moving to the Big East for other TCU sports:**

A: I think rising tide floats all boats. Soccer is huge [in the Big East], they are national champions at Notre Dame in soccer this year...volleyball is significantly stronger in the Big East, [as is] women's basketball, men's basketball...it is comprehensively a very, very good league. It's a very competitive baseball

league; it's actually ranked higher than [the Mountain West]. It puts us in a different arena.

**Q: On cost of travel compared to playing in the Mountain West:**

A: Now cost-wise, believe it or not, and some people laugh at my mathematics, it's about 150 more [miles] collectively going east than it is going west for us. Some trips are going to be a little bit farther, but for us, remember, we added Boise State, Fresno, Nevada into the mix as well. And for football you added Hawaii. Now if you play a 7 o'clock [night game] on the East Coast, you actually pick up hours coming back. [Coming back from the West Coast,] it's crazy.

**Q: Is there a plan to boost the competitiveness of men's basketball with the move to the Big East?**

A: Going to the Big East is a daunting challenge for our basketball program, both men's and women's, because it's arguably the best [basketball] conference in the country. So I always look and say, 'Where do we think collectively our program could go?' I look at it as a five-year snapshot. I think you have to look at the great talent in Texas that starts leaving east. Great talent is leaving because they're going to go to the best conference in the country. So can we keep that talent, does this allow us to open that door and say, 'You don't have to go play at St. John's or Georgetown or Syracuse or Connecticut or Villanova. You can stay right here.' When I start looking at Louisville, Cincinnati, all those programs, their facilities are incredible there, they've invested in those facilities. Nothing has been done to Daniel-Meyer [Coliseum] for years and years and years. So my job is then to give our coaches all the tools

necessary to be successful, because what you cannot do is start to evaluate a coach, and say, 'Hey what have we done to help him?' What comes first: the chicken or the egg? And we've given ourselves now, going into the Big East, we've given us the chicken because now we have the league. And as we continue to move forward, we have to look at the coliseum. We have a society that is instantaneous, with the advent of the Internet. I call it the 'Urban Meyer effect.' He goes to Bowling Green, boom, two years, they're great. He goes to Utah, boom, [then] he goes to Florida. We want that success tomorrow, and I want it tomorrow just as bad as everybody, but I gotta sit back and go, 'OK, what do those other programs have that we don't have right now. What are they doing?'

**Q: On the Pittsburgh Steelers practicing on campus:**

A: For ESPN to pick Fort Worth [as the Super Bowl headquarters], it just continues to talk about our story. And I mean our story as a city. 'Hey, guess what, the Pittsburgh Steelers are working out at T-C-U.' You get to continue that momentum. Two weeks later is signing day. It's like the gift that never quits giving. It's been exciting, because I think the thing about us is that we've been preaching, and Gary [Patterson's] been preaching, it's about community.

**Q: Do you have a favorite NFL team?**

A: I'm a product of the '70s. I'm a Dallas Cowboys, New York Yankees, Philadelphia 76ers fan. Who was winning back in the day? It was Dr. J, it was Goose Gossage, it was Roger the Dodger [Staubach], I mean, those were my teams when I was a little kid.



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## SPORTS

## SWIMMING

## Rasch breaks university records, sets sights on world championships

By Jordan Daigle  
Staff Reporter

Last December, sophomore swimmer Sabine Rasch became the first woman in TCU history to swim the 50-freestyle in under 23 seconds. Rasch set a university record with a 22.96 at the U.S. Short Course National Championships held in Columbus, Ohio.

Rasch's performance topped the previous school record of 23.17 held by Erica Tate since 2007. However, this was not the first time Rasch put her name at the top of the university's all-time performance list. On Nov. 6, she earned herself a time of 50.75 in the 100-freestyle against San Diego State — a university record.

A native to Luckenwalde, Germany, Rasch said she has been swimming since she was

six years old.

"I wanted to be a diver like my dad," she said. "But (my dad) said I would need to learn (how to swim) first. So he brought me to a swim club where they taught me how to swim."

"I just want to see the pool and what's beyond me."

**Sabine Rasch**  
Sophomore swimmer

Now Rasch admits she really does not like to dive. She also said she does not like to swim in the ocean.

"I hate open water and fishes," she said. "I just want to see the pool and what's beyond me."

Rasch said she heard TCU had a good swimming program through her friend and team-

mate Friedrich Grott.

"(TCU) also offered me a great scholarship so that is why I came," Rasch said.

Head swimming and diving coach Richard Sybesma said Grott is also a native to Germany and assistant swimming and diving coach Bill Koppelman was able to get to know Rasch through Grott.

"It kind of just naturally happened," Sybesma said. "Sabine won an opportunity to swim in the states and we happened to be at the right school, at the right time, at the right place."

Rasch was unable to compete her freshman year due to certain state requirements when she switched schools from Germany, but it had nothing to do with academic problems, Sybesma said.

"Sitting out last year was difficult for her," he said. "She

couldn't wait to be a part of the team in terms of competing, and this year she has really embraced that and has done very well. Obviously when you set three school records and then when you have an NCAA 'B' cut, she has just done outstanding in her career here."

Rasch said she wants to try and qualify for the 2011 Division I NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in March.

She said she knows her team loves the boost she gives, but the shorter the race the better. Her favorite event is the 50-freestyle.

This summer, Rasch said she also hopes to qualify for the swimming world championships, known as the FINA World Championships.

Sybesma said Rasch's accomplishments have risen the level of the TCU swimming and diving

program — and not just in the water. TCU's relays have gotten better and the sprint program has gotten better, he said.

"We have given her the tools, but she's just really a phenomenal competitor, and she is very dedicated," Sybesma said. "She works at doing everything right. She will develop into one of the best swimmers we've ever had."

She has a fantastic career ahead of her."

Daniel Boden, one of the senior captains, said her accomplishments were amazing.

"She's come (to TCU) and broken the 50 and 100 (freestyle) record, she's insanely fast and a hard worker. Her accomplishments help with the overall team confidence."



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Sophomore Sabine Rasch swims in a freestyle event against Utah on Jan. 15.

## OPINION

## Stars not getting enough attention



J.D. Moore

After the successes of the Texas Rangers, the failure of the Dallas Cowboys and the hot start and subsequent injuries of the Dallas Mavericks, it's easy to forget that the Dallas Stars are one of the best teams in the NHL. When examining their play, why is it that no one in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is paying much attention to one of the hottest hockey teams in the nation?

With a third-place spot in the Western Conference and the top spot in the Pacific Division, Dallas has been the surprise of the season. The squad is stocked full of fresh, young talent, led by players such as 21-year-old Jamie Benn, 23-year-old James Neal and 25-year-old Loui Eriksson. The three players have combined for 50 goals and 69 assists. With years left to develop and mature, the youth the Stars have is a sign that Dallas will have superstars for years to come.

Rounding out the Stars' lineup are veterans such as Brad Richards and Brendan

Morrow. Both are having stellar years, ranking in the top 20 in the NHL in goals.

Head coach Marc Crawford is rejuvenated and has led the team to new heights. ESPN has ranked the Stars as high as second in its weekly power rankings and consistently has Dallas in the top 10. If the Stars are playing so well, what's to worry about?

*With years left to develop and mature, the youth the Stars have is a sign that Dallas will have superstars for years to come.*

In most cases, a top-five team deserves a top-five fan base. Despite their best efforts, though, attendance for Stars' home games remains low. An average Stars game this season nets barely more than 15,000 fans at the American Airlines Center, ranking 23rd out of the league's 30 teams.

Winning is supposed to make ratings go up, and fans are supposed to fill the stands when teams get hot.

What will it take for Dallas to begin supporting a team that might just make it to Stanley Cup Final? Excellent play hasn't been enough. Adding a superstar will not be enough. Even a playoff run will

not be enough. If Dallas makes it to the Stanley Cup Final, it's possible that a fan base will be renewed.

What's been demonstrated so far is apathy from Dallas fans. The Stars are arguably having their best season in more than a decade, but no one seems to care, let alone notice. The Stars have won seven of their past 10 games, but the headlines are about how the Mavericks are falling apart. The Stars are a mere one point away from second place in their conference, but attention appears diverted to a Super Bowl in which the Cowboys aren't even playing.

It's been 12 years since any major sports team from Dallas has won a championship, and that team was the Stars. Just like back in 1999, the Stars will be the most likely team to win a championship for the Big D.

Championship-caliber teams have fans that are willing to support the team. The Stars are playing amazing hockey, and they deserve fans who recognize that. If fans choose to continue to be apathetic and not support the team wholeheartedly, expect another championship drought in Dallas.

J.D. Moore is a freshman journalism major from Honolulu, Hawaii.

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Sophomore forward Starr Crawford looks on as junior guard Antoinette Thompson makes a play on the ball against BYU last week. The Lady Frogs play New Mexico at home tonight at 6:30 p.m.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Lady Frogs face UNM to remain unbeaten in MWC

By Clay York  
Staff Reporter

The TCU women's basketball team looks to remain unbeaten in Mountain West Conference play and extend its eight-game win streak against the University of New Mexico. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. New Mexico's recent five-game skid does not relax the Frogs as they prepare for Wednesday night.

"Every conference game is so important and New Mexico has a really good team, so this will be a battle for us," said senior guard/forward Helena Sverrisdottir. "Our focus is always to get a little bit better everyday and this will be another day that we hope to come in, play as a team and get better."

The Lady Frogs (14-6, 6-0 MWC) are fresh off of a 56-46 win against Utah (10-10, 3-3 MWC) at the Ute's Huntsman Center.

The game see-sawed back and forth, with eight ties and five lead changes.

The Frogs shot 32.8 percent from the field and were out-rebounded in their win against the Utes, yet the Horned Frogs capitalized on a 13-shot advantage in free throw attempts to stay in the game.

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Helena Sverrisdottir  
Senior guard/forward

TCU sophomore forward Starr Crawford led three Horned Frogs in double figures with 15 points on 6-of-14 shooting. Crawford also led the Frogs in both rebounding and steals, earning eight and five respectively. The UNM's women's basketball club (6-11, 0-5 MWC) is looking to bounce back from a disappointing 59-51 loss

to University of Nevada at Las Vegas (9-11, 2-4 MWC) at UNM's University Arena (The Pit) last Saturday.

The Lady Lobos first trailed the Lady Rebels when there was 15:20 left in the first half.

The Rebels then went on a 15-0 run, and never looked back once they had a comfortable 13-point lead. The Lady Lobos tried to claw back into the game and was able to narrow UNLV's lead to just two points with 12:28 left in the game.

UNLV went on another big run and outscored the Lobos 11-4 to extend the scoring margin back to nine points with 4:56 left in the game.

The last game UNM won was in December against in-state rival New Mexico State.

### TCU vs. New Mexico

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Frogs travel to UNM for chance to snap losing streak

By Kylie Osterloh  
Staff Writer

The TCU Horned Frogs will face conference opponent New Mexico today in Albuquerque at the Lobos' University Arena, known as The Pit, at 9 p.m.

Both teams enter to contest with a three-game losing streak and a single win in conference play.

Lobo's senior guard Dairese Gary leads his team in scoring with an average of 13.8 points and 5.2 assists per game.

Three of the remaining New Mexico (13-7, 1-4 MWC) starters average double-digit points per game. This will pose a challenge for the Frogs

defensively as each of TCU's last five opponents has shot 54 percent or better in at least one half of play.

The TCU (10-11, 1-5 MWC) squad leads the MWC with a 72 percent defensive rebounding rate. The Frogs know that playing at The Pit is always a challenge. The Pit is the fourth-loudest college basketball arena in the nation.

"It's a special place, they get unbelievable support," head basketball coach Jim Christian said. "It's one of the more difficult environments to play in our league. They're very, very basketball knowledgeable fans."

Junior guard Hank Thorns, who was named TCU Athlete

of the Week, said playing at The Pit would be interesting.

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Jim Christian  
Head men's basketball coach

"I've heard it's pretty hard (to play at New Mexico), I haven't been there yet but I

heard it's pretty loud," Thorns said. "I came from the ACC so I'm used to playing in front of 30,000 people. We've just gotta have fun with the game again. We gotta get passionate about it. We've gotta (score on) offense when someone scores on us. We've gotta find in ourselves somewhere, you know, to get that heart of a warrior back."

Christian said with the Frogs trying to snap a three-game losing streak, the mentality of the game has to change.

"We have to play the game with better respect for one another, better respect for what we're trying to do, a little

more attention to detail and just feel good about ourselves again," he said. "Right now when you go through tough stretches, it's hard to feel good about yourself because everything you try to do gets beaten down. You gotta rise above that."

Besides playing on the road, New Mexico will pose other challenges the Frogs must overcome if they want to pull out a victory.

"New Mexico is a very good basketball team, they're very big, they're an excellent rebounding team," Christian said. "They score on the interior very, very well. Those are things we have not defended

very well so those are going to be huge challenges. Our guys, again, I think they're excited to play. I think we've had two good days of practice and preparation so we're ready to go."

Staff reporter Emily Agee contributed to this article.

### TCU vs. New Mexico

When: 9:00 p.m. tonight

Where: UNM University Arena (The Pit)

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