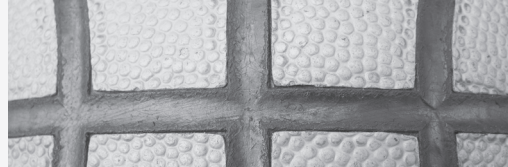




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Robert Carr Chapel is a great place to get married. **Opinion, page 3**

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# CATCH AND RELEASE



Cpl. Brad Murphey, left, and Officer Joe Chambers, right, search a suspect's car near the intersection of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive on Monday evening. Three suspects were detained but released after being suspected for burglary of a motor vehicle.

JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

## Burglary suspicion yields no arrests

By David Hall  
 Associate Editor

TCU Police detained two men and one woman on suspicion of motor vehicle burglary Monday night, but no arrests were made, a TCU Police official said.

Sgt. Alvin Allcon said TCU police stopped and searched a maroon Ford sedan after a suspected burglary in the parking lot of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. He said TCU Police were given consent to search the sedan, where police found a laptop that the owner of the burglarized vehicle was able to identify.

The occupants of the car, two men and one woman, were detained in the back of police vehicles, he said. Three children were also in the car, he said.

Allcon declined to disclose any further evidence found in the car or the names of the suspects who were detained.

In spite of the laptop's presence in the stopped vehicle, Allcon said TCU Police were unable to make an arrest because motor vehicle burglary is a misdemeanor, and in order for an arrest to be made in a misdemeanor crime, an officer must witness the crime taking place.

Allcon said TCU Police will take evi-

dence from the vehicle back to the station and hope an arrest warrant will be issued.

He said although police did find evidence that could lead to an arrest, he is disappointed with the incident's results.

"I'm kind of frustrated now to be honest," Allcon said. "We're getting torn up with vehicle burglaries."

TCU Police have recently looked into steps such as updating camera technology and unmarked patrol vehicles in hopes of combatting the continuing problem of car burglaries on campus.

## Real-life 'Hitch' shares relationship advice

By Courtney Jay  
 Staff Reporter

It takes a fat penguin to break the ice. That's the first step to finding love, said David Coleman, the "Dating Doctor" and inspiration for the movie "Hitch." And for some of the nearly 1,000 students who came to hear him speak Monday night at the Brown-Lupton University Union ballroom, that was appropriate advice only five days before Valentine's Day.

"He said to just be open and up front," said Samantha Meade, a sophomore early childhood education major. "You can break the ice so you don't have to wait for the guy to make all the moves."

Coleman began by telling audience members to look inside themselves before they begin looking for a relationship.

"I want you to be complete all on your own," Coleman said. "I want you to find someone who complements your life."

Coleman then gave the audience advice

on how to find their "hmm," or a person who stops them dead in their tracks. He said that it's very important to release tension at the beginning of a relationship and break the ice.

"Every single day that you fail to let another person know that you are potentially interested in them gives them a day to meet someone else and never know you romantically," Coleman said.

To conclude the relationship blueprint, Coleman told students to employ the "ABCs of initial interest."

"You're going to ask yourself four simple questions," Coleman said. "Are you attracted to this person? Do you believe them? Is there chemistry? Is there desire?"

He said if the answer to all of these questions is yes, do something social with this person for no longer than an hour in case the interest dwindles.

Sophomore advertising/public relations major Jaelyn Gibbs said she was intrigued by the reality in Coleman's advice.

For a video of "Dating Doctor" advice, go to [DailySkiff.com](http://DailySkiff.com).

"All the advice he gave you can really relate to your own life and your own situations that are going on," Gibbs said.

Coleman also gave men in the audience five signs that a woman is interested. He said if a woman is interested, she will maintain eye contact with you, she will stay in your presence, she will smile, she will laugh and she will banter. She will break the touch barrier, she will test the future on you and she will make sure that you have enough contact information to stay in touch with her, he said.

The advice Coleman said is most important, however, is to "take your shot."

"Life doesn't always give us second chances with the same person," Coleman said.

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**RADIO-TV-FILM**

## Alumnus reveals industry secrets

By Maricruz Salinas  
 Staff Reporter

Guest speaker Chris St. Pierre's speech felt more like going to the movies than attending a lecture.

St. Pierre told a classroom of about 40 students in Moudy Building South on Monday night how much effort is required in the post-production process of marketing movies.

St. Pierre, an alumnus of TCU, showcased movie trailers he has worked on, such as "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," "Sweeney Todd: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street" and "Watchmen."

He said shuffling through hours

of footage of the movie involves fast-forwarding and learning to identify significant shots to make previews and television spots.

"The cool head-turns or the big epic shots are going to make it," St. Pierre said.

Editing hours of dialogue and compiling footage takes an average of months, he said. The marketing aspect overrules the project, St. Pierre said. Editors need to decide what shots best tell the same story in an average of 15 seconds, he said.

He said it's especially difficult to edit bad movies, using "The Forbidden Kingdom" as an example of how incoherent dialogue can make the trailer editing process

challenging.

Eventually the studio was forced to hire someone who sounded similar to Jackie Chan to dub over his lines for clarity, he said.

Joe Wurtz, junior radio-TV-film major, said he did not realize the post-production process involved making trailers and television spots.

"You don't normally hear about this aspect of the film industry," Wurtz said. "It's great to know there are jobs where the sole purpose is making movie trailers."

St. Pierre said he immediately moved to Los Angeles when he graduated in 2004 and



RTVF majors Sam Ryan, left, and Jason Knutzen, right, talk to Chris St. Pierre, a TCU alumnus, after his presentation on editing trailers for blockbuster movies and being successful in Hollywood.

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## New gossip Web site surfaces

By David Hall  
 Associate Editor

With the recent closing of anonymous college gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com, a new forum for anonymous posting has taken root.

CollegeACB.com, or the College Anonymous Confession Board, is now supporting all campuses previously supported by JuicyCampus, said Peter Frank, owner of CollegeACB and freshman student at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

Frank said that he talked to Matt Ivester, founder of JuicyCampus, and they worked out an agreement that would direct traffic from JuicyCampus to CollegeACB. Currently, JuicyCampus' URL automatically redirects to CollegeACB.

"Matt told me I could copy and paste the list (of schools)," Frank said.

Frank said he initially got in touch with JuicyCampus on Wednesday inquiring about purchasing ad space. Seeing as JuicyCampus was closing down, Frank said that he requested to buy JuicyCampus' traffic after he found out the Web site was closing.

Frank said that the conversations with Ivester were purely about transferring traffic from one site to the other, and Frank said the

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**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

## Poster event celebrates diversity

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay  
 Staff Reporter

Residential Services is sponsoring the first diversity poster competition on campus to encourage students to visually express how they perceive diversity and what it means to them.

Ashanti Williams, the hall director for Brachman, Martin Moore, and Wiggins halls, said the competition is designed to get students to visualize and think about diversity on a broader spectrum.

"We hear the word diversity all the time and we see programs that try to promote it but we sometimes don't really know how it affects us," Williams said. "Here is your opportunity to reflect what it means to you."

Williams said the posters will be judged by a panel of faculty and staff based on creativity, expression of ideas, originality, visual and message appeal.

**Poster Competition**

**Deadline:** 5 p.m. March 6  
 For guidelines on the competition, visit [www.rh.tcu.edu](http://www.rh.tcu.edu) or contact Ashanti Williams at [a.e.williams@tcu.edu](mailto:a.e.williams@tcu.edu)

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## NEWS

## NOTEWORTHY



CHANCE WELCH / Features Editor

Conductor Curt Wilson led the TCU Jazz Ensemble into a jam opening for the The Fort Worth-TCU Symphonic Choir and TCU Symphony Orchestra at last night's sold-out show at Bass Hall.

## COLEMAN

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"When an opportunity presents itself for you to be a fat penguin and meet someone, take your shot."

For sophomore advertising/public relations major Allison Schorr, this advice is something she plans to use in her life.

"Don't second-guess yourself," Schorr said. "Don't live in mediocrity."

Kelsey Lemm, coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said students filled every chair in the Brown-Lupton University Union ballroom to have their questions answered by Coleman.

"I think it went really well," Lemm said. "There were lots of students afterwards who came up and said that they really enjoyed it and had a lot more fun than they expected."

Lemm said plans for Coleman's

return are already in the works.

"We were just talking with the (Interfraternity Council) president and he was saying he thinks we should bring him back every year," Lemm said. "We've brought him to campus several times before and he's definitely somebody that the students enjoyed as well as the staff."

Coleman invited audience members to stay after the program to have personal questions answered. Many stayed, but most didn't want to talk about their personal questions.

Junior accounting major Melissa Walton, however, had one last burning question for Coleman.

"Where are all the good guys at TCU?" Walton said. "Please help me find them."

Walton will have to wait for an answer to that question, but if the "Dating Doctor" comes back soon, it may not be a long wait.

## GEOLOGY

## Scholar: drift cycle shows land origins

Madison Morgan  
Staff Reporter

Traveling and spending time outdoors led Ian Dalziel to apply to the Navy; however, after learning that a lazy eye would keep him from being enlisted, a keen curiosity for the Earth led him in another direction.

Dalziel, a research professor at the Institute for Geophysics at the University of Texas at Austin, presented his lecture Monday night at the Sid Richardson Building.

Dalziel, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, received his graduate degree from the University of Edinburgh.

Dalziel said the goal of his lecture is to present a broad perspective on Earth's history and the several theories that are being proposed by geologists today, which explain the

allows geologists to trace the movement of the land mass around the world identifying various other land masses in which it was once attached to.

"This is why geologists have found rocks in East Antarctica that are indistinguishable from granite found in North America," Dalziel said. "Specifically there have been rocks found in the Grand Canyon states that are also found in Antarctica."

The supercontinent Laurentia was created as continents moved about the surface of the Earth, bumping into other continents and drifting away. Dalziel said there is a substantial amount of evidence that supports the transfer of continental crust by way of a continent-to-continent collision.

Dalziel said geologists continue to make this their lives' work because of the information it provides about the location of important mineral resources, as well as sheer scientific curiosity.

Dalziel recently returned from six weeks on the ice in Antarctica and has served as the chief scientist on 20 scientific cruises.

"The most exciting part about my job is discovering new things, and during these cruises we found information that reinterpreted the layout of the Earth's ocean floor," Dalziel said.

His profession does involve risky situations, especially when at sea and over ice, but the most dangerous threat when traveling is humans, Dalziel said.

"While working in Africa, my colleagues and I have run into people that do not want you on or near their land," Dalziel said. "I can normally predict what nature is going to throw at me but you can never predict what people will do."

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## Ian Dalziel

research professor at the Institute for Geophysics at the University of Texas at Austin

similarities of geological content on continents that are oceans apart.

According to present-day GPS systems, geologists have measured that everything on the Earth is moving, Dalziel said.

Dalziel said he believes that North America rifted from the center of the pre-Pangean supercontinent Laurentia, and is a tectonic tracer. The North American tectonic tracer

## QUICK NEWS

## Weather service issues severe storm warning

A severe storm may hit the Metroplex on Tuesday afternoon, according to the National Weather Service.

The National Weather Service issued a warning around 3 p.m. Monday. The warning said scattered thunderstorms are probable for Tuesday afternoon followed by another storm system.

More severe weather is expected to hit Tuesday evening. According to the warning, large hail and damaging

winds will be the primary threats. Isolated tornadoes are also a possibility.

According to the National Weather Service Web site, during a severe weather situation it is important to stay indoors and away from windows. The National Weather Service recommends staying tuned in to local radio or television stations to know when severe weather warnings will be in effect for the area.

— Staff reporter Lizzy Karoly

## COMPETITION

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Williams said the winning poster will be displayed all over campus to serve as a visual representation of TCU's commitment to diversity.

Tara De Fonseca, a junior economics major, said the university has good intentions when it comes to diversity, but that it needs to focus on bringing the entire campus closer together.

"If they want to promote diversity, they should find other ways to do it," De Fonseca said. "TCU does a good job of having a mixture of people on campus, but it seems like the majority of people stick with their own group."

Camille Haddad, a sophomore nursing major, said she also notices that students tend to steer clear from those who are different from them.

"When I walk into Market Square, there is always some form of segregation," Haddad said. "The black students have their own section, Asians sitting together, etc."

Williams said she hopes the

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Ashanti Williams  
Brachman hall director

poster competition will help students think about diversity beyond just a racial standpoint.

"(Diversity) is about so much more than just race; it's also about gender, religion, and sexual identity," Williams said. "Hopefully, this competition will encourage students to think outside of the diversity box."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said achieving diversity is a process, but it is something that students should be eager to see.

"Students should want rapid change," Mills said. "You've got four years. So if you see something that ought to be better, then you want that to happen while you're still here."

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landed a job at MOJO, a post-production advertising company that specializes in editing theatrical trailers for blockbuster movies.

"At (TCU) you're going to learn your basics, but you can't just learn everything in school," St. Pierre said. "You do that on the job."

St. Pierre said he started off at the bottom of the chain at MOJO, where he fetched coffee, washed dishes, and drove finished projects to clients.

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two made a five-figure deal in which all traffic to JuicyCampus will be rerouted to CollegeACB for two months.

"I didn't advise him and he didn't advise me," Frank said.

Investor, in an e-mail through his public relations agent, did not grant an interview with the Skiff.

While he said that CollegeACB is like JuicyCampus in

"You can't be above that though," St. Pierre said. "You've got to be eager to learn and earn your wings."

St. Pierre said the best thing that's ever happened to him was when the production assistant ahead of him got fired for accidentally releasing the footage of the Harry Potter logo because it allowed him to be promoted.

During his early days at MOJO, St. Pierre said the responsibilities increased with each task until he was assigned to edit together "Sweeney Todd" using only raw footage of the day-to-day shoot.

He said it took him two months with the help of the original screenplay.

St. Pierre said the TCU community is very well-networked throughout Hollywood and said he still speaks to many of his classmates in the Los Angeles area.

Ruth Lopez, sophomore RTVF major, said the presentation was a good experience because of the advice St. Pierre offered.

"It gave me the opportunity for one-on-one contact with a professional in a field I'm interested in," she said.

algorithm itself.

Former Student Body President Thomas Pressly, who co-authored a resolution condemning JuicyCampus in February 2008, said he wasn't surprised by the existence of CollegeACB.

Pressly said that despite the user reporting feature, the gossip it could spread is still damaging.

"I still think gossip is gossip," Pressly said. "Even if they remove it, 10 people could have already read it."

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## JuicyCampus' exit bittersweet

There are many things college campuses could do without. One of them is gossip.

College gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com shut down citing the economic downturn, which left the site without sufficient resources to support its "exponential growth."

Advertising companies involved with JuicyCampus soon realized the harmful nature of the Web site and decided to pull their ads. Google and AdBrite pulled their ad platforms from the Web site, bringing some bad press for JuicyCampus.

As with many other businesses, JuicyCampus did not survive the recession either.

Even though JuicyCampus' demise merits a celebration, it is regretful that the reason it shut down is that an increasing demand for its services put a strain on the site's resources.

In a press release, JuicyCampus founder Matt Ivester said he hoped the Web site would be remembered as "a place for the fun, lighthearted gossip of college life," despite its dark side.

JuicyCampus fostered a poisonous environment that brought out the worst in people. To suggest that the site ever summoned images of a fun, lighthearted place is an insult to students' intellect.

But what is most disappointing is that students gave the site the following it had. Although it is easy to condemn the Web site, the only reason it became such a hit is that students fueled it with their venom.

Gossip may provide entertainment, but at whose expense? Many have seen their college experience ruined by a rumor, just so that others may have a cheap laugh. It's not a fair trade-off.

Goodbye, JuicyCampus. You will not be missed.

*Web editor Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.*

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

## Misbehavior punishments for athletes disproportionate



TONY OSORIO

As a lifelong sports fanatic, I wouldn't be surprised if I knew the entire Dallas Cowboys roster at any given time.

As a kid, I thought Deion Sanders was the epitome of style and charisma, while Troy Aikman was the definition of a great man.

I looked up to these men with stars in my eyes and, in light of all the fumbles of recent athletes, I have begun to explore the question: Are celebrity athletes role models?

NBA star Charles Barkley has said in the past that he is not a role model.

It is obvious to someone like me, who grew up on American athletics, that Barkley and other premier athletes of this country are role models to kids around the world.

This includes Michael Phelps, the 23-year-old, 14-time Olympic gold medalist who was recently photographed smoking marijuana out of a bong.

Some levels of misbehavior can be disappointing, but we have to remember that athletes are only human and everyone makes mistakes.

However, there are also athletes like

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez and San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman who have been accused of steroid abuse.

These actions are not in the same category as a "boys will be boys" type of mistake.

Deciding to cheat at a sport takes premeditation and negates any accolades or awards won by the athlete during his or her career.

So why is it that Phelps smoking from a bong receives just as much scrutiny and airtime as Roger Clemens' purported years of performance-enhancing drug abuse?

Why is the bong smoking incident an instant story while the abuse of performance-enhancing drugs is often overlooked for years or even decades?

It is a travesty that our society is overly critical of athletes who make common mistakes yet allows those who cheat the integrity of athletics to go on as great leaders.

We can only hope that these athletes will one day realize they truly are role models.

In the meantime, the public should recognize the differences in these two very different types of infractions and regulate accordingly.

Maybe then we can turn our attention over to the real negative role models in our society.

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## Chapel's price, community status worth the wait for ideal wedding



ERIC ANDERSON

Unofficial rule No. 76 for freshman girls at TCU: Book the Robert Carr Chapel now, even if you are not engaged. Finding the groom is the easy part.

The ongoing joke at freshman orientation depicts the mother of a TCU student booking the chapel even before her daughter is engaged. Some truth lies in this joke.

The booking office at the chapel fields 20 calls per day on average regarding booking for upcoming weddings, said Kristi Ingram, booking agent and wedding coordinator for the chapel.

"We have parents booking weddings and refusing to provide the groom's information because he is not aware of the engagement," Ingram said. "I came back from Christmas break with over 60 messages, not including e-mails."

On a personal note, I am getting married at the Robert Carr Chapel in September. When I tell anyone about my wedding plans, they tend to ask a lot of questions about how far in advance I had to book it and how much it cost.

I booked my wedding at the chapel 14 months in advance. My fiancée and I decided on the date based on what was available at the time and lucked into a 6 o'clock time slot.

I chose the chapel because of my love of TCU and the discount offered to students. My fiancée, a Texas A&M alumna, allowed the choice to be made because of the beauty and feel of the chapel.

The average wedding at the chapel is booked eight months in advance, Ingram said. If couples prefer evening weddings, they need to book the wedding at least 14 months in advance. However, June, July and

December weddings require additional planning and are booked at least 18 months in advance.

Kayla Alley, TCU alumna class of 1997, booked her wedding 18 months in advance to secure one of the coveted July dates. Alley chose the chapel because of a family connection with it.

"We chose the Robert Carr Chapel because my parents got married there and because my husband and I graduated from TCU," she said.

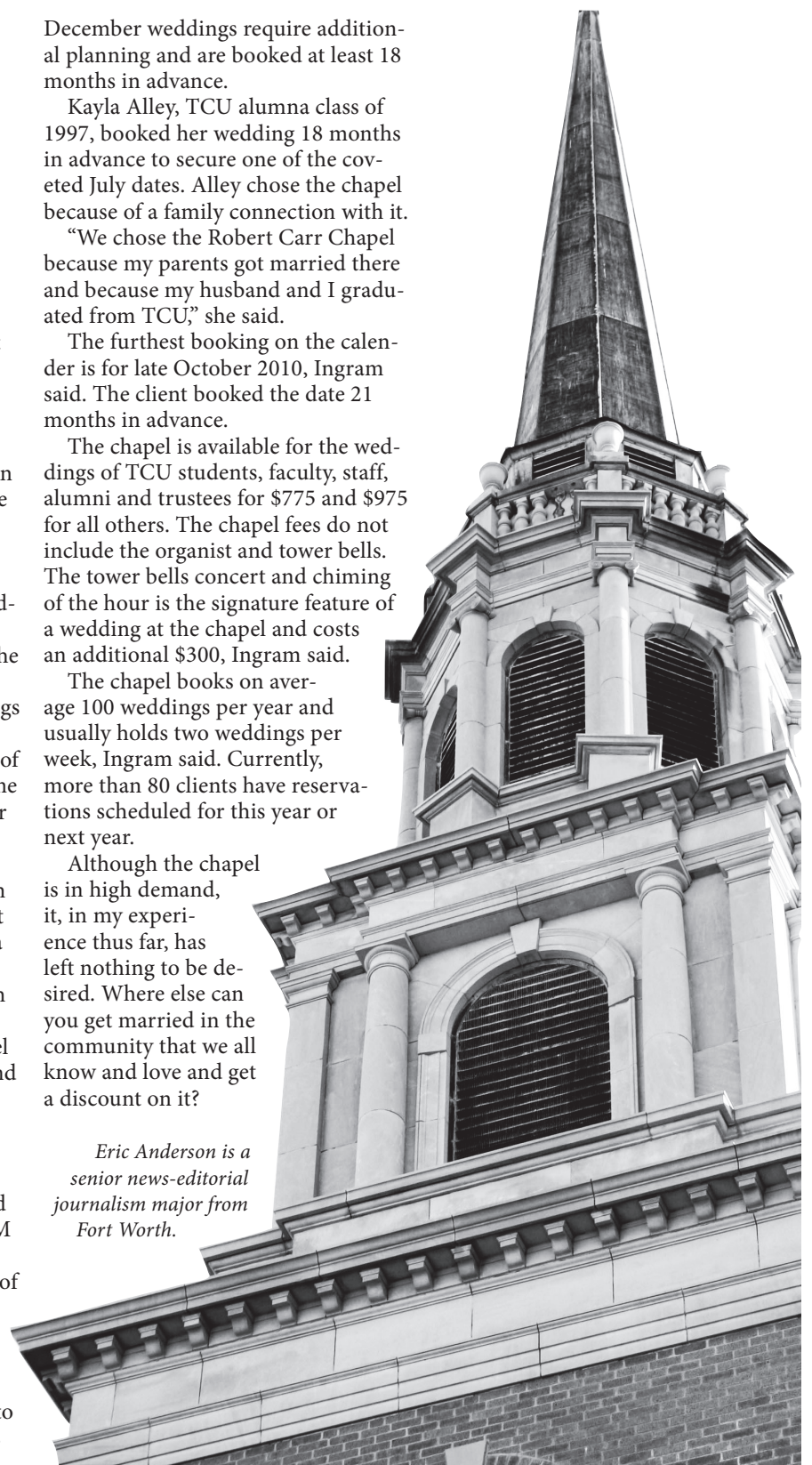
The furthest booking on the calendar is for late October 2010, Ingram said. The client booked the date 21 months in advance.

The chapel is available for the weddings of TCU students, faculty, staff, alumni and trustees for \$775 and \$975 for all others. The chapel fees do not include the organist and tower bells. The tower bells concert and chiming of the hour is the signature feature of a wedding at the chapel and costs an additional \$300, Ingram said.

The chapel books on average 100 weddings per year and usually holds two weddings per week, Ingram said. Currently, more than 80 clients have reservations scheduled for this year or next year.

Although the chapel is in high demand, it, in my experience thus far, has left nothing to be desired. Where else can you get married in the community that we all know and love and get a discount on it?

*Eric Anderson is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.*



JASON FOCHTMAN /Multimedia Editor

## Prospect of Iraqi democracy lives

Sometimes the most remarkable stories are those that don't appear on page one. Last weekend's provincial elections in Iraq caused hardly a ripple on the news front, but that's precisely why the event was noteworthy. An election in Iraq went off so smoothly that hardly anyone noticed.

Compared to past elections, when daring to vote meant having to dodge bullets, this is a landmark achievement. As welcome as this development is, however, it should not be misread. One violence-free election does not a democracy make. Nor does it signal the end of conflict. Still, it represents political progress, raising the prospect that Iraq might

yet become the kind of moderate, stable Middle East state that the Bush administration imagined when it launched the war nearly six years ago.

The elections for regional council representatives in 14 of the country's 18 provinces will not change Iraq's political makeup.

In most places, voters backed Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's candidates and his secular agenda. Sunni voters took part instead of engaging in boycotts, as they have done before. Candidates backed by the extremist, Iranian-backed cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, failed to make significant gains.

These are all welcome developments. There were claims of vote

fraud in places, but these are hardly unique in developing countries. More important is that Iraqi forces managed to provide most of the security at polling places, replacing U.S. troops.

The elections may benefit President Barack Obama, who has been a critic of U.S. involvement in Iraq. The outcome helps to justify his policy of withdrawing U.S. troops and moving quickly to implement an exit strategy. But this is just the start of a process. It is not time to declare victory. However, it does make the hope of victory more realistic.

*This editorial appeared in the Miami Herald on Thursday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.*

# FEATURES



Have you had a date that went downhill fast? Have a Valentine's Day horror story you would like to share? E-mail [features@dailyskiff.com](mailto:features@dailyskiff.com).

## Review Volkswagen's MkV soon to be classic

By **Greg Laver**  
Staff Writer

Volkswagen's MkV GTI has been out for sometime now, and after winning many awards, it is now about to be phased out for the upcoming GTI MkVI. So now is the last chance to go and pick one up.

As almost any car enthusiast will tell you, there is no better way to be involved in the driving experience than by slamming that left leg down on a third pedal.

However, what I can say is that if you are looking for the best performance out of the GTI, the Direct-Shift Gearbox is impossible to beat. I can tell you that if it wasn't so brilliant, I would have opted for the good six-speed manual. It's essentially the same system used on the multimillion-dollar Bugatti Veyron and can turn any back road smash into a Formula One-esque time trial. Then of course when traffic hits, you can throw the computer-controlled twin-clutch manual transmission into drive and just relax. But does the automated manual detract from the joys of driving?

The answer to that is only slightly. VW has accounted for some of this in their design. The GTI's steering wheel paddles are quite small, as if trying to hide the fact they are even there. It would be much more satisfying to slap a larger paddle and then .02 of a second later hear that burp from the exhaust as you upshift.

The secret of the GTI is it's not really the best at any one thing. If you want the quickest sport compact, the 2009 Mazdaspeed3, 2009 Turbo-charged Chevrolet Cobalt SS Coupe or the slightly more expensive 2009 Subaru WRX are your choices.

This does not mean the GTI is a slow car. With the optional DSG gearbox and its launch control feature, it

will do 0 to 60 in far less time than the manufacturer-rated 6.9 seconds. Several magazines have done 0 to 60 runs under this time, with Car and Driver Magazine posting the quickest time at six seconds flat.

To help performance, the car could use a limited slip differential which would reduce the wheel spin generated by the torque-crazed engine. However, around a track or back road, you will really see where the car shines. The driver always has the power and control that he or she wants, and even with this performance you will still be able to push out 30 miles per gallon on the highway.

In terms of handling, the GTI is not the best in its class for pure track performance but offers a spirited driving performance. Unlike the Honda Civic Si, which stays flatter through the turns, the GTI will have a slight amount of body roll, but only just so to remind you that, yes, you are entering a turn very quickly and perhaps you should pay attention. Not that you will crash or anything. Lift off the throttle and the front will tuck in nice and tidy.

Enough with me rambling on about performance, let's look at the interior and functionality. The GTI, because it is just a performance version of the Rabbit (or Golf), also sports the most usable body shape of its competition. With its folding rear seats, it can easily carry almost anything you would want it to, and with the seats up it will still easily fit your six-foot-five-inch car salesperson and a dog all at the same time.

It is impossible to notice that the interior feels far nicer than the car's price. Some have even complained that it feels too much like an Audi. The interior has a robust quality to it with its high-grade plastics and inlays.

Unlike the interior, the exterior of the car is a love it or hate it routine.

Interior: 4.5/5  
Exterior: 4/5  
Value and Fuel Economy: 5/5  
Fun: 4.75/5

With its retro-themed accents, the honeycomb grill and red grill stripe it does look quite poised and aggressive. Like most hatchbacks, photos do not do any justice to the shape and lines, so look at it in person before you judge it.

Overall, the MkV GTI is worthy of every award it's won and then some piled on top of that. It may not be a car for everyone's taste, but it is certainly worth a test drive if you are in the market for a sport compact. With its expensive feel and overall quality in every category it's hard to ignore this jack of all trades.

Final Thoughts: Every time I step into my GTI, it never fails to put a smile on my face. Whether it is blasting on to an on ramp, ripping up a curvy road or even just being able to carry all of my junk, the car does anything you could possibly want. And if I ever grow tired of it, I can always look at the aftermarket to spice things up.



Photos by CHANCE WELCH / Features Editor

## Review



Fort Worth natives Green River Ordinance recently scored a deal to release their album "Out of My Hands" with Virgin Records.

## Rising GRO stays true to local roots

By **Chance Welch**  
Features Editor

Green River Ordinance has a sizable following here on campus, having spent much of its time playing at local venues like The Aardvark before it hit it big last year with a major record label deal with Virgin Records America. With "Out of My Hands," the band makes a solid debut, polished and mainstream yet still in tune with its roots.

The songs range from the anthemic pop-rock songs like "Different (Anything At All)" to softer ballads like top 40 radio-ready "On Your Own" and "Last October" that call to mind radio-dominating bands like The Fray.

Josh Jenkins, who handles vocalist duties as well as piano and guitar in the group, has a knack for songwriting that becomes clear soon after hearing the songs for the first time.

Bassist Geoff Ice and his guitarist brother Jamey Ice formed the original lineup of GRO but by the time Jenkins joined, the band realized how promising its songwriting skills had become. They recorded their first EP in their basement of a church and started a grassroots campaign with the

**GRO is definitely more in touch with their sensitive side and that's not necessarily a bad thing.**

CD selling out soon after its first pressing. From the band's humble beginnings to its latest brush with the limelight, the band still seems down to earth and approachable. Lyrics on "Different" include lines like "Just another sunrise, crowded

by a city losing hope, it's time we said goodbye to the phony smiles and the puppet shows."

If you prefer your rock music with a harder edge, you might think that the band's catchy hooks and sing-along choruses are less sugar, more cough syrup. GRO is definitely more in touch with its sensitive side and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

But that's not to say that the album doesn't have its fair share of rock. Songs like "Sleep It Off" and "Come On" pick the pace back up, balancing the album and keeping it from becoming over-reliant on piano-driven songs. While the slower songs never cross into cliched and schmaltzy territory, it's a relief that the band can keep an audience's attention with more of a variety.

If you are looking for songs that you can't get out of your head, look into GRO's "Out of My Hands."

## Preview

### With new show, Martin gets 'Important'

By **Neal Justin**  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

LOS ANGELES — With his anorexic build, boyish face and mop of hair that would make Rod Blagojevich envious, Demetri Martin looks like he should be playing hackysack on some college green. Instead, he's poised to become comedy's next superstar.

His coming-out party takes place Wednesday with the premiere of "Important Things With Demetri Martin," Comedy Central's wholly original new series that uses animation, sketches, standup and music to showcase a bright, promising talent.

What makes the 35-year-old special is his ability to shift from format to format without dropping his deadpan delivery and his oblique point of view. One minute, he's delivering a bit about our fascination with bear-skinned rugs. The next, he's playing five instruments simultaneously while displaying illustrations that point out the uncanny resemblance between a button and a disappointing pepperoni pizza.

That's followed by a quickie cartoon about a one-hour-photo shop driven out of business by a 59-minute-photo shop; a sketch about a time-traveling gigolo who trades potatoes for sex during the Irish famine; an acoustic number dedicated to his enemies titled "Me vs. You" (sample lyric: "Me hillbilly, you my teeth") and a language lesson on how the phrase "I hate you" can become even more spiteful by removing the letter "h."

The most unusual — and ingenious — device in Martin's act is a simple sketch pad and easel, the kind you used to find in boardrooms before the advance of PowerPoint.

The simply drawn sketches are a nod to one of his comedic idols, "Far Side" creator Gary Larson.

In addition to Larson, Martin has been inspired by Steven Wright ("my greatest influence"), Peter Sellers, Woody Allen and his fa-



COMEDY CENTRAL

Yale Law School dropout Demetri Martin wrote for Conan O'Brien and had guest spots on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" before making the jump to his own series.

ther, a Greek Orthodox priest who used to recite "Saturday Night Live" catchphrases around their New York City home.

Martin attended Yale Law School for two years before dropping out in 1997. He was onstage three months later.

"The funny thing was, I decided I wanted to be a comedian and then dropped out of law school, but I hadn't tested if that was a viable career option," he said. "I just kind of announced, 'Yeah, I'm going to be a comedian now.'"

It didn't take long for the entertainment business to notice. He got an Emmy nomination while writing for "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" in 2003 and 2004, then began contributing "trend-spotting" pieces to "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart."

Busboy Productions, Stewart's

company, is behind "Important Things." Its last project: "The Colbert Report."

O'Brien and Stewart aren't the only fans. Oscar-winning director Ang Lee cast him in his upcoming film "Taking Woodstock," granting him top billing over the likes of Emile Hirsch, Liev Schreiber and Imelda Staunton — a hefty role for a performer whose greatest acting challenge had been in a Fountains of Wayne video.

This sudden jolt into the mainstream may sound intimidating to mere mortals, but Martin appears to have realistic expectations.

"We have about 300 million people in the country, so if I can get a third of that, it would be great," he said. "That takes a lot of pressure off me because that means there are 200 million people I don't even care about."

## French show a little love for Americana

By Laurie Goering  
Chicago Tribune

PARIS — A decade ago, farmers in southwest France trashed a soon-to-open McDonald's, dismantling most of the interior and dumping it in front of the local town hall. Irritation over American "cultural imperialism" and punitive Roquefort tariffs was running high, and the protesters insisted they wanted to save the nation from "junk food and globalization."

How much have times changed?

McDonald's announced at the end of January that it now earns more from sales in Europe — particularly France and Britain — than it does in the United States. The French also spend more per pur-

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Philippe Gas  
Euro Disney's CEO

chase at McDonald's than anyone else in the world, according to the company's latest financial report.

McDonald's isn't the only emblem of Americana thriving in France. The Euro Disney theme park outside Paris, once a financial disaster maligned as a "cultural Chernobyl" for the country, is now profitable and the most popular tourist attraction in Europe. Who are its fastest-growing new customers? The French, who last quarter helped drive an 8 percent jump in attendance even as a growing recession in Europe kept Disney

regulars like the British and Spanish at home.

Are the French getting over their anti-Americanism? Or have American businesses become more French? The answer, analysts say, is both.

"In other markets you can wave the American flag," noted Jean-Francois Doridot, managing director of a Paris polling agency that has done work for McDonald's. "Here if you blend in more and don't fly the flag, people see no reason not to buy."

In most cases, American cultural icons have taken on an unmistakable Parisian flair to compete in France. Euro Disney's Disneyland Resort Paris now serves wine. McDonald's has scrapped its red-and-white plastic decor for muted colors and ultramodern wood-and-steel designs, changes that have become such a hit that McDonald's executives may experiment with them in the U.S.

Even the McDonald's menu looks distinctly French: There are seven types of coffee — all brewed from French-roasted beans — as well as French cheeses on burgers and chocolate mousse for dessert. Prominently posted signs detail the chain's tracking of ingredients and its submission to 35,000 health inspections a year — a crucial assurance in a country where concerns about food quality remain at the forefront.

"There's not really an American soul in the French McDonald's," observed Ludovic Renoir, 40, a Paris tour guide who, motorcycle helmet over his arm, recently ducked into one of the chain's Paris restaurants for a quick coffee and hamburger.

But a subtle fading of anti-Americanism, particularly as American chains grow more established in France, also has played a role in the success of companies like Disney and McDonald's.

When it opened 15 years ago, Euro Disney was greeted with strikes, resignations of workers grumpy about being made to wear costumes and feign cheer, and such minuscule turnouts that the theme park quickly rolled up massive financial losses. Critics predicted it



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Disney's original European park, Disneyland Parc, now draws 12 millions visitors per year.

would ruin a generation of French children.

Today French families flock on the weekends to the park, which is now profitable and chalked up 6 percent growth in revenue in the last quarter, despite the growing world economic crisis.

"We recognize we are not immune to the impact of a sustained economic downturn," Philippe Gas, Euro Disney's CEO, warned at the release of the company's latest report. But popularity with Europeans, he said, has remained strong, thanks in part to efforts to hold down costs and beef up attractions.

McDonald's, similarly, has benefited not just from its low prices — a particular asset as the world's

recession-hit look for cheaper eats — but from simply being around so long that it has come to be regarded as part of the French landscape.

Sarah Bolnrepaux, a 19-year-old at a McDonald's in Paris, looked puzzled to hear that her countrymen had once railed against her Big Mac and fries as a form of cultural imperialism.

"McDonald's doesn't seem American," said the aspiring actress, who admits she grew up eating Happy Meals. "It's everywhere."

"I think the French still do see American culture as a threat," added her friend Chloe Francois, also 19 and an actress. "But McDonald's is not part of that."

## Kansas considers full-strength beer

By David Klepper  
McClatchy Newspapers

TOPEKA, Kan. — Six decades have passed since Prohibition ended in Kansas and a century since Carry Nation, the famous liquor store attacker, swung her last tomahawk.

But Kansans still can't buy a full-strength beer at the grocery store.

Grocers and convenience store owners argue the time has come to change all that. And once again — as they have over the past 20 years — they're asking Kansas lawmakers to pass legislation to allow them to sell most full-strength beer.

Current law limits them to selling what some derisively call "near beer" that's no more than 3.2 percent alcohol by weight.

"Nobody wants to buy it. Nobody wants to drink it," Lenexa BP convenience store owner Aaron Jacobs complained about his store's 3.2 product. "The only people who do are the ones who don't know."

However, the reason the law hasn't changed these many years has more to do with money than morals. The state's liquor store lobby successfully fights off all attempts to change the law, an act they argue would create thousands of new competitors for liquor stores overnight.

Kansas has always endured a tortured relationship with alcohol. It was one of the first states to pass Prohibition and one of the last to repeal it.

A century ago, Nation put the "temper" in the temperance movement when she used a hatchet to smash saloon bottles. It wasn't until 1970 that the state Supreme Court even ruled liquor stores could keep beer on ice.

The slightly weaker beer that grocery stores now sell was created in the 1930s as a way to circumvent prohibition. Since it fell just short of the legal definition of an "intoxicating liquor," it could be sold when stronger drinks were outlawed.

"We're frozen in time with some

archaic laws," said Terry Presta, a convenience store owner and former state lawmaker from Garden City, Kan.

Liquor store owners insist they want to protect more than just their profits. They argue that the change would allow more minors to illegally buy full-strength beer.

State law requires liquor store employees to be 21; convenience and grocery stores have no such rule. Liquor store employees also are trained to spot fake IDs, liquor store owners contend. Plus, more stores selling full-strength beer means more work for state authorities who regulate alcohol sales.

But their biggest concern is increased competition from big retailers who can sell beer at wholesale costs because they also sell other goods. Indeed, if the law is changed, Tuck Duncan of the Kansas Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association estimates between 200 and 250 liquor stores would close.

Since attempts to change the law have failed so many times before, many legislators doubt there's reason to believe this year will be any different when a committee vote is expected to be taken within the next few weeks.

"We've traditionally tried to protect the mom-and-pop liquor stores," explained Kansas House Minority Leader Paul Davis, D-Lawrence.

Other lawmakers, however, said they've grown weary of protecting liquor stores from competition.

"It's not the job of state government to create niches to protect certain businesses," said Rep. Scott Schwab, R-Olathe. "If you can't survive in a free market, you're in the wrong business."

Still, state Sen. Tim Owens, R-Overland Park, said he sympathizes with liquor stores concerned about losing business. Yet he suspects many consumers would probably toast an end to the state's system.

"It just seems like it would be a lot simpler," Owens said.

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## SPORTS

## WOMEN'S SOCCER



Freshman forward Jordan Calhoun dribbles the ball past Navarro defender Heather Pagano during the first of three scrimmage games Sunday afternoon. Calhoun scored a goal in the first scrimmage game which TCU won 5-0.

## Team starts spring with shutout

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay  
Staff Reporter

It didn't count for team's record, but the women's soccer squad dominated in its first game of the spring, shutting out the Navarro College Bulldogs.

The team played three 45-minute periods Sunday, each starting at a score of 0-0. They didn't show any lack of competitiveness, winning all three periods, 5-0, 0-0 and 1-0 at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

The Horned Frogs started out strong, scoring five goals in the first period. Freshman defender Katie Taylor scored the Horned Frogs' first goal on a free kick after her teammate, junior forward Lizzy Karoly, was fouled.

The offensive explosion continued with goals from Karoly, sophomore forward Jackie Torda and junior midfielder Michelle Nguyen. Freshman All-American Jordan Calhoun also contributed a goal as

the first period drew to a close.

After a scoreless second period, Nguyen scored her second goal of the match midway through the third period after a precise pass from freshman midfielder Katie Runyon.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said the high scoring was a direct result of his players' executing well and getting a feel for one another.

"We did a good job of finding a bit of a rhythm," Abdalla said. "For our first match of the spring, that's what we really wanted to get out of this."

Abdalla said he was pleased with his team's performance, but they need to get sharper on the ball and focus on finishing.

Junior midfielder Kelly Faerber said the team took a good first step but they have work to do if they want to meet their ultimate goal.

"We had a great season last fall but we still have bigger and better goals such as winning the conference," Faerber said. "Practices and

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**Kelly Faerber**  
junior midfielder

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The team's next home match will be March 7 against the University of North Texas.

*Editor's note: Lizzy Karoly is a staff reporter.*

## BASKETBALL

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improvement.

"I'm still not happy with our rebounding," Mittie said.

The Lady Frogs still managed to outrebound the Rams 41-39, although the margin was down from the last meeting between the teams. Turnovers, of which TCU had 19, are another concern, Mittie said.

"We seemed a little out of sync tonight," he said.

The team certainly wasn't out of sync in the early going, as the Lady's Frogs' offense helped the team jump out to a quick 15-point lead.

But TCU appeared to cool off as

the half progressed before regaining its form in the last few minutes. The Lady Frogs entered halftime with a 15-point lead, 40-25.

"It was kind of like a roller coaster the whole game," Rentschler said. "We had our ups and our downs and we just need to start focusing and just going hard for 40 minutes."

The Rams went on a run at the beginning of second-half play and rapidly closed in on the Lady Frogs' lead. But the Lady Frogs held their ground, allowing the Rams to get within three points of the lead before retaking control just minutes later.

TCU fought its way back to a double-digit lead midway through the second half of play thanks to

scoring bursts from sophomore forward Emily Carter and sophomore guard Helena Sverrisdottir.

The team's lead ballooned to as many as 17 points late in the game. Successful clock management kept the Rams at bay until the game's end.

Sverrisdottir was the team's leading scorer, and finished the night with 19 points, seven rebounds and four assists, despite getting in early foul trouble.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is up next for the Lady Frogs. In the two teams' previous meeting on Jan. 10 in Las Vegas, the Lady Frogs outlasted the Lady Rebels 66-61. UNLV's record stands at 10-12, including a 3-6 clip in the MWC.

## TENNIS

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and senior Whitney Chappel in doubles play.

The Horned Frogs clinched the doubles point when freshman Kayla Duncan and sophomore Katariina Tuohimaa battled

to an 8-3 win over against the Tigers' pairing of junior Myrthe

Molenveld and sophomore Dunja Dujuranovic.

Head coach Jefferson Hammond said matches against talented teams outside of the conference are beneficial when conference play rolls around.

"The harder our opponents are in the non-conference the easier our conference schedule seems to be at times," Hammond said.

Hammond said the most important thing for his team is to keep up the strong play and take care of its opportunities.

The two-week break before North Carolina State University and Miami University visit Fort Worth on Feb. 21-22 will give the team adequate time to practice and prepare for the opponents, Hammond said.



TRAVIS BROWN / Staff Writer

TCU head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle, left, and guest speaker Dr. Bobby Brown exchange pleasantries at the First Pitch Banquet on Friday night at the Ridgela Country Club. The baseball team's season starts Feb. 20 at Cal State Fullerton.

## BANQUET

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Cubs in the first round of the 2008 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, and junior Tyler Lockwood. The Outstanding Defensive Player Award went to senior second baseman Ben Carruthers.

Several special guests attended the banquet including baseball historian Talmage Boston, who offered Brown's introduction, and representatives of pro baseball's Texas Rangers.

Schlossnagle conducted a spe-

cial presentation for new Fort Worth Police Department Chief of Police Jeff Halstead in which Schlossnagle gave the chief a new TCU lapel pin to replace his Fort Worth Police Department long-horn-shaped pin.

The voice of the Horned Frogs, Brian Estridge, was the event's master of ceremonies.

Brown had compliments all around for TCU and its baseball program.

"I think coach Schlossnagle has done a terrific job," he said. "They have one of the best pro-

grams in the country now. They have a great facility and they have a great way to attract people and the school is great. There isn't any reason why they can't compete with everyone."

The First Pitch Weekend was completed Saturday with the return of the Alumni game at Lupton Stadium.

The Horned Frogs begin their 2009 campaign Feb. 20 on the road against Cal State Fullerton. The first home game is Feb. 24 against Dallas Baptist University.

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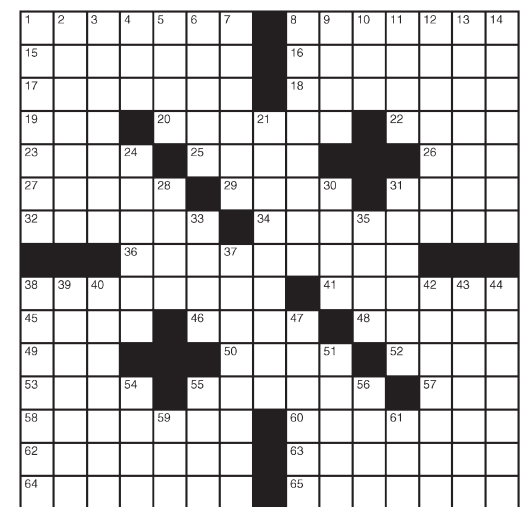
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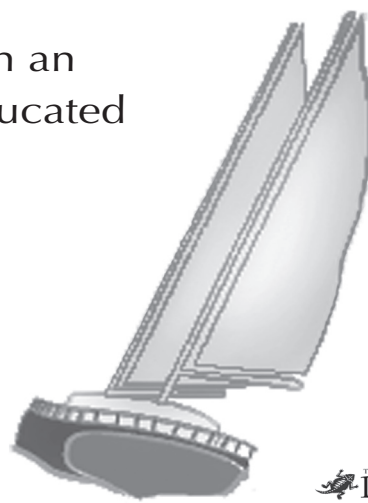
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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# QUICK BREAK



LINH DANG / Staff Photographer

Junior guard TK LaFleur dribbles the ball against ram guard Kim Mestdagh during the Horned Frogs' 71-59 win over Colorado State. LaFleur, who scored 28 points, was one of seven Lady Frogs who finished the night in double figures.

## Team tops Rams with overall effort

By Michael Carroll  
Sports Editor

"Teams that want to play in March have to have good Februaries."

That was head coach Jeff Mittie's message to his team as they prepared to start the second half of conference play with a home game against Colorado State University on Saturday.

If the Lady Frogs' 71-59 win

over the Rams was any indication, the team is listening so far.

The Mountain West Conference's top-scoring offense was on full display Saturday night as the Lady Frogs topped the Rams in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Although the Lady Frogs' high-flying offense was impressive in the win over the Rams, the team proved it can play a little defense, too.

"I think we did a really good

job of shutting down their shooters," said sophomore forward Rachel Rentschler.

The Lady Frogs held the Rams to just 31.3 percent shooting on the night.

The game against Colorado State (7-15, 2-7 MWC) was a rematch of both teams' first game played in the Mountain West Conference this season back on Jan. 7, a 21-point TCU victory.

The Lady Frogs' record now

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stands at 14-8 with a 6-3 clip in Mountain West Conference play.

Despite the win, Mittie said the team still has room for

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## BASEBALL

# First Pitch Banquet marks season's start

By Travis L. Brown  
Staff Writer

Awards and speeches, not hits and stolen bases, began the 2009 baseball season.

The Horned Frogs attended the sixth annual First Pitch Banquet Friday night at Ridglea Country Club in the presence of a four-time World Series champion.

The team was proud to welcome Dr. Bobby Brown, four-time World Series winner and former American League president, as the keynote speaker for the evening.

Brown shared many stories, including his time with the New York Yankees, playing with greats like Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra and the challenges of playing pro baseball and working toward a medical degree at the same time.

"What an honor that we're just able to have an audience with a gentleman like (Brown) and for him to share some of his wit and wisdom not only with these young ballplayers but all of us that are baseball fans," said associate ath-

letics director Ross Bailey.

The event was held at Ridglea Country Club and included dinner, a number of guest speakers and a silent auction, all of which raised funds for the program.

"You get momentum for the season and people thinking college baseball," said head coach Jim Schlossnagle about the purpose of the banquet.

The banquet also honored the accomplishments of the previous season, and provided a stage to announce the winners of the 2008 team awards. Raking in three of the six postseason awards was graduated outfielder Clint Arnold, who won the Garry Williams Most Valuable Player Award, the Ben Dyess Leading Hitter Award and Steve Macko Scholar-Athlete Award. The Frank Windegger Fightin' Frog Award went to graduated pitcher Dillon Farish. The Outstanding Pitcher Award was shared between Andrew Cashner, who left school after he was drafted by the Chicago

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## QUICK SPORTS

### Men's basketball suffers fourth straight conference loss

The Horned Frogs fell to Colorado State University 71-65 on Saturday night on the road. It was the team's fourth straight loss in the Mountain West Conference.

The team's record now stands at 13-10 overall. The loss gives the Horned Frogs a 4-5 record in the MWC.

Senior forward Kevin Langford led the team with 19 points, four assists and three rebounds.

The Horned Frogs get right back to action tonight on the road against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

### Men's golf settles for third in Hawaii

The golf team completed its first tournament of the spring in impressive fashion, finishing third at the University of Hawaii Hilo Intercollegiate Tournament.

The 20-team tournament featured 10 teams in the top-25, including tournament champion University of Southern California and runner-up University of Washington.

Sophomore Tom Hoge led the team, tying for 10th in the tournament with a total score

of 214, including a final-round score of 69.

The team has a two-week break until its next tournament, the University of North Florida Invitational, beginning Feb. 22 in Jacksonville, Fla.

### Rifle team sets records in weekend competition

In its final competition before an NCAA qualifier match against the Air Force Academy, the rifle team defeated the University of Texas at El Paso 4,649-4,630 at home Saturday.

The win helped the team remain undefeated since returning from Winter Break.

During the match, the Horned Frogs set a new team record in the smallbore competition, collectively scoring 2,316 points. Junior Erin Lorenzen broke an individual school record when she registered a score of 587 in the 3X20 smallbore.

The team's next match, the NCAA qualifier against Air Force, is scheduled Saturday at home. The match will help determine placement in the eight-team NCAA National Championships in March.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Junior's tiebreaker victory clinches match

By Luke Urban  
Staff Reporter

The No. 21 women's tennis team pulled away late with a tight 4-3 win over Auburn University on Sunday at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

With the win, the team's spring record now stands at 3-2. It was the team's second consecutive win over a top-25 opponent.

The highlight of the day was

a match between TCU junior Nina Munch-Soegaard, the No. 12 player in the country, and Auburn junior Fani Chifchieva, the No. 6 player in the country.

Munch-Soegaard fell behind early in the match after dropping the first set, but convincingly won the second set to force a third. She rushed out to a 4-1 lead in the final set, but the match eventually went into a tiebreaker, where she finally topped Chifchieva, 3-6,

6-1, 7-6 (8-6). The win clinched the match for the Horned Frogs.

The win put Munch-Soegaard at 5-0 in singles play, all against ranked players.

Munch-Soegaard said the key to the Horned Frogs' success for the rest of the season is to clinch the points in a more decisive manner.

"It all comes down to practice and preparation before you go out on the court," Munch-Soe-

gaard said.

Munch-Soegaard said it's very tough to play against teams like Auburn that are very energetic and want to win.

Munch-Soegaard and sophomore Maria Babanova, the 28th-ranked doubles team in the country who paired up for the first time this spring, earned an 8-6 win over Auburn's duo of Chifchieva

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