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COURTESY OF JULIE HARRISON

From left to right, junior film-television-digital media major Jena Krzeminski, senior FTDM major Chad Fountaine, junior FTDM major Jason Cahill and senior FTDM major Xan Angelovich senior film the intro portion to the "Top Grad" show.

ENTERTAINMENT

Campus reality show 'Top Grad' to premiere Friday

By **Katey Muldrow**
News Editor

After students spent much of 2010 planning it, the university's first reality show, "Top Grad," will have its premiere Friday on TCU Channel 20 and on its website, top-gradtv.com.

Junior Julie Harrison, the

show's executive producer, said the show features 11 student contestants competing in various challenges in an attempt to showcase their wide-ranging abilities and poise.

"What we're really striving for is to show a renaissance student, so someone who is a really well rounded student

and a jack of all trades," Harrison said.

Harrison, a film-television-digital media and communication studies double major, said she worked to oversee each part of the pre-production phase, including shaping the overall idea for the show, finding financial support and advertising to

create a fan base.

She said it was a fantastic opportunity to learn the process of creating television shows.

"Any part that we have to go through, I am there overseeing every single process, which means I can really understand how a show is made, and that is so benefi-

cial," Harrison said.

Each episode, contestants will face a challenge in one of the university's majors. Harrison said an example of a challenge might be recording vital signs just like a student studying in the nursing program would.

"We would set up a challenge where they would

have to take someone's vitals quickly, accurately and with a good bedside manner," Harrison said. "The person who does that the best wins a prize, and the person who does that the worst obviously gets kicked off."

After completing each

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TRANSPORTATION 3

T-Shuttle to provide free weekend transportation downtown.



ADMISSION 6

Competition for academic scholarships increases with more freshman applications.



CAMPUS

Boschini: University exploring ways to make up missed days

By Kim Burdi
Staff Reporter

With Wednesday classes canceled due to inclement weather, concerns have arisen about making up the lost school days.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the five snow days the university has had this semester are the most he's ever seen in his time at the university.

"This has never happened before," Boschini said. "We don't know our way around it."

The university does not require a set number of days each year, but with so many days in the classroom lost, TCU is exploring options to make up the work. Boschini said officials did not have any specific proposals at the time of publication.

Student Body President Jackie Wheeler confirmed Spring Break will not be changed. She also said she does not expect the calendar to be changed this week.

"If there happen to be changes, they would add on days to the end of school," Wheeler said. "[It wouldn't] be during Spring Break because people made plans and reservations, and that's a lot of money going down the drain for TCU students."

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Jackie Wheeler
Student Body President

She said the only TCU requirement is that students have to learn all the material expected for their classes, which is determined by the professors.

"We missed a lot of school days, but as long as we still

learn the material, which we can do without sitting in class, that's fine," Wheeler said.

She said that just because the university had some bad weather doesn't mean students can't learn the material. She suggested students can do more homework to make up some of the material.

Sophomore political science major Hannah Paul said it was good to close school when conditions were bad enough.

"The snow days have made it complicated with making up school work," Paul said. "Teachers have been trying to be really flexible, but [the snow] has really put us behind."

TCU students, faculty and staff all have dealt with the snow and ice this winter. However, Boschini said not everyone gets to simply enjoy the time off.

Boschini said TCU had not run into any problems because a lot of people have put in extra time and work. Ground-



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

More ice and snow accumulated onto the Campus Commons late Tuesday night and early Thursday morning. TCU campus was shut down for the fifth snow day of the semester.

skeepers came in during the previous week to keep ice off of the sidewalks, and workers at Market Square served food to students while campus was closed, he said.

Wheeler said, "I contacted [Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs] Don Mills and the Provost [Nowell Donovan] during snow days. While they might not be on campus, I know they

were still doing all the work they can for TCU students."

Faculty Senate Chair Dianna McFarland could not be reached for comment by the time of publication Thursday.

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FORT WORTH

The T to offer free weekend downtown shuttle service

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority, or the T, will partner with TCU to offer a free shuttle service to students on Friday and Saturday nights.

The shuttles will leave from the regular Frog Shuttle stops and will transport students downtown to the West Seventh Street entertainment area, which includes a Movie Tavern, Montgomery Plaza and a Super Target, according to a press release from the T. The program, which is scheduled to start Friday will run from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The T's spokeswoman, Joan Hunter, said the new program would be a good way for students to access entertainment venues downtown.

"The service is frequent, and it covers most of the entertainment evening period up until midnight," she said. "So that students who want to [go to] the movies or go to the restaurants will have plenty of time."

Hunter also said the service

is a good option for the environmentally conscious.

"Public transportation is beneficial both to the wallet, in terms of saving on gas, and also to the environment," she said. "The T uses compressed natural gas buses. You're not polluting the air, and you're saving by using transit versus individual vehicles on the road."

"I think people would use it because of convenience, but they'd be safe in doing so."

Jillian Stanfield
Junior speech pathology major

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills agreed that the increased "green" factor of the service would provide a major benefit.

"It's environmentally sound because it'll take cars off the road, which will take exhaust out of the air," Mills said.

Mills said the program would be a good way for TCU stu-

dents to get out in Fort Worth.

"This is something we've worked on for quite some time, but I think it will enable students to go downtown or go to the Seventh Street area... and be able to come back," he said. "They won't have to worry about parking, and I think for students who don't have cars, it'll make it easy for them to get off campus."

Mills said the university began working with the T to create the program after a group of students approached the Board of Trustees last fall asking them to implement some type of shuttle service.

"Our goal was to have it by Valentine's weekend, and it looks like we're going to make it," he said.

Mills said that although this is a pilot program, the university was open to making it a permanent feature. TCU will evaluate how many students use the transportation at the end of the spring semester and decide if they would continue the service.

Junior speech pathology ma-

ior Jillian Stanfield, who lives on campus, said she could see herself using the program.

"It would keep [students] safe and save money, too," she said. "I think people would use it because of convenience, but they'd be safe in doing so."

TCU Police Sgt. Alvin Allcon said the implementation of the shuttle service was "a great feature for the students."

Allcon said that if the program could cut down on students driving after consuming alcohol on the weekends, it would be a success.

"Anytime that people have the freedom to be able to enjoy a drink or two and then not get back in a vehicle is a wonderful thing," he said.

Allcon also said TCU's Greek Life organizations employ similar tactics to keep their members safe.

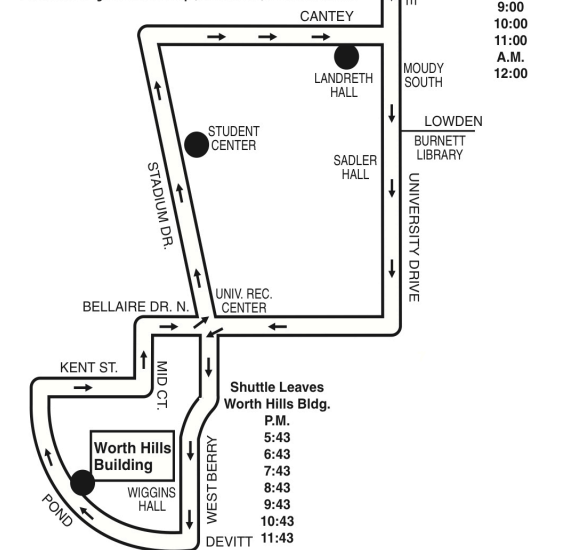
"Quite frankly, that's what a lot of fraternities and sororities are doing now when they're going to events," he said. "They're hiring buses to transport them to their venue to avoid the driving issue."

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*Tip: Boarding times are only a minute or two difference between stops on campus or at So7 area. Using the listed times as the boarding times for all stops, in each area, is recommended.



COURTESY OF THE T

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challenge, four judges will critique each contestant's performance. The judging panel will consist of two permanent judges, adjunct professor Punch Shaw and senior broadcast journalism major Katie Love, and two guest judges from the college of that week's challenge.

"The story of reality TV really comes alive in the editing process."

Julie Harrison
"Top Grad" Executive Producer

"The two permanent judges are really looking at how well you represent TCU and the TCU ideal that we would like you to be," Harrison said. "And the other two judges are representing how well you effectively showcase [the] major and follow the criteria well."

The winner at the end of the season will receive a cash prize, the amount of which will be revealed in the show's pilot episode, a feature article written in the university's magazine

and the bragging rights of being "Top Grad," Harrison said.

The FTDM department usually creates a large project, like a television show, once every four years, Harrison said. In past years, soap operas and sitcoms were popular, but the department chose to create a reality show involving many students on campus.

"We realized that to keep up with the times we really need to do this reality show," Harrison said. "We really need to focus on this genre since it's so popular. And when you go into the industry, that's really what you'll be focusing on — is most likely reality TV."

Students in FTDM will work on creating the show during classes that focus on the parts of production. Video III, Directing, and Audio Production I classes will contribute to the show during class lab times in the spring semester.

Junior FTDM major Jena Krzeminski enrolled in Video III as the show's supervising producer of production. She said she hoped the show would highlight the FTDM department as well as various majors around campus.

Krzeminski said she worked to prepare for the show by coordinating with the deans of the university's colleges



COURTESY OF JULIE HARRISON

Senior FTDM major Xan Angelovich poses for the filming of the "Top Grad" intro portion.

for the challenges, planning the equipment that would be needed for recording and creating a budget for the show, she said.

Harrison said crews began filming and creating the first episode Jan. 31. She said she hoped to tell a bigger story through each episode of the show.

"The story of reality TV really comes alive in the editing process," Harrison said. "You see those interpersonal relationships at work within the show, and you can choose to focus on any central point that you want to because you have all this footage that you can draw on."

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Shuttle program shows communication success

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority, or The T, announced in a press release Thursday that it would offer free shuttle service on Fridays and Saturdays to the West Seventh Street area beginning this weekend. The T's announcement was a welcome and pleasant surprise because of all of the positives involved.

Joan Hunter, The T's spokeswoman, said the service was a good way for students to access the West Seventh area's entertainment opportunities.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills noted the environmentally friendly aspect of the service, which would cut down on the amount of driving students do.

TCU Police Sgt. Alvin Allcon said the shuttles could reduce the number of students who drink and drive on the weekends.

In addition to these positives, the service seems like it would be a good "release valve" for students without cars who suffer from "campus cabin fever" when they can't get off campus often enough. The feeling of being trapped on campus will be all too familiar to anyone who was stranded at TCU because of last week's weather.

Mills said that after a group of students asked the Board of Trustees last fall to begin some kind of shuttle service, the board began working with The T to create the program.

The establishment of this shuttle program shows how much can be accomplished when effective, open communication between students and the administration takes place.

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Put down phone while crossing street



Bailey McGowan

Look both ways. Watch where you're going. Pay attention.

Texting while walking is literally killing people in the streets. Our technology addiction is taking its toll, and we have no one to blame but ourselves. This is bigger than carpal tunnel syndrome or eye strain due to low light. This has the potential to take lives. Students who are using a cell phone are 43 percent more likely to get hit when crossing the street, according to a study by the University of Birmingham.

Take Jason King, a 21-year-old who was killed in December while crossing a street in New York City. He was listening to his iPod and didn't hear the truck coming. Tiffany Briggs, 25, walked into a parked truck while on her cell phone in San Francisco. It isn't

just young people either — a 68-year-old man fell off his porch while on a cell phone in San Francisco.

In 2008, more than 1,000 people went to the emergency room in San Francisco because they tripped, fell or walked into something while distracted on their phones.

There is no reason one of our students should risk increasing the growing number of casualties due to electronic distraction while walking.

In superhero fashion, two state governments have already begun to swoop in with new legislation to try to eradicate the issue.

If passed in Arkansas, it would be illegal to have earphones in both ears while walking on streets, intersections or highways. If passed in New York, it would be illegal to use electronic devices while crossing the street in cities with more than 1 million residents.

At TCU, instances of students running into cars while texting and

walking have occurred. In the past two years, Susan Landon, an administrative assistant with the Physical Plant, wrote in an e-mail that she has had three students walk into her car while stopped at the corner of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive. The students were texting while walking.

No, Fort Worth is not as big as San Francisco or New York City, but this is still a major issue that needs to be solved. Another problem comes when cities try to figure out how to enforce these laws. Will punishments be as light as jaywalking tickets or as severe as running a red light? Will they apply to cyclists and runners? These are key points that deserve consideration before legislation is passed.

Students should be proactive in their efforts to stop the use of electronics while crossing the streets. Look both ways, put your phone down and don't check it before you are safely across.

There is no reason one of our students should risk increasing the growing number of casualties due to electronic distraction while walking.

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PERSPECTIVES

Americans should make better effort to learn about other cultures



Jordan Rubio

We now live in a completely global world. Such traditional American companies, such as Coca-Cola, make the majority of their profits overseas and have the majority of their workforce based overseas.

Yet for all this globalization in terms of economics, the world is still dominated by the United States culturally and politically. American culture and English is spread around the world through various means such as movies, television shows and music.

According to a Dec. 15, 2010 article by Jeff Thredgold for the *Deseret News*, people must become proficient in English to succeed in this world dominated by the United States, at least in business. So in countries as different as Saudi Arabia, China, India and Brazil the only common denominator is

that they are well versed in not only their languages but also the language of the United States.

As Thredgold writes, a person who speaks three languages is multilingual, a person who speaks two is bilingual and a person who speaks one language is an American.

Yet in the United States, all Americans have to do is essentially be born here and never have to bother learning about cultures and languages as different from our own because of our position of power. As Thredgold writes, a person who speaks three languages is multilingual, a person who speaks two is bilingual and a person who speaks one language is an American.

But times are changing, and the rest of the world is catching up to the United States, as evident from the rise of countries such as China, the world's largest exporter, and India, whose economic growth has averaged 7 percent per year since 1997, according to the CIA World Factbook.

To retain our country's primacy in the world, our generation must adjust to the cultures, traditions and languages of our foreign competitors.

In a purely business sense, with economics shifting away from a domestic economy towards a global one and several American companies doing business in other countries, there must be an effort to acclimate to foreign culture, which may be radically different from the American one.

Yet many Americans remain ignorant of any culture or language that is not their own. Even then, according to a Sept. 2003 article from VFW Magazine by Ernest Lefever, a national test used to determine U.S. grants to state school

systems showed that only about 10 percent of high school students were "proficient" in American history.

To correct this, our generation must take the necessary measures to become globally savvy. These measures include learning other languages and customs. Yet the most important and basic measure that must be taken is a general awareness of what is going

on in the world, not just in the American bubble.

This starts with paying more attention to the news and reading more newspapers in general.

Our generation must start paying attention to the events that shape the rest of the world in order to be able to adapt and retain the primacy of the United States. Especially in this time of crisis in

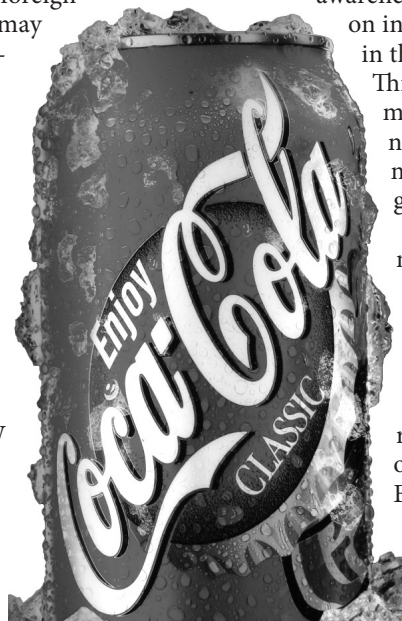
such Middle Eastern countries as Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, and

Jordan as well as the debt crisis in the European Union, we must pay more attention to how the world is shaping up, or we will be left behind.

If we cannot look at the fact that empires and powerful kingdoms have declined because of complacency and a refusal to learn the ways of other cultures and the events of the rest of the world, we are destined to follow. But our generation holds a unique position in that we can change history and prolong the primacy of the United States only through becoming more aware of the world in general.

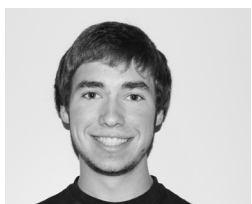
We, as a generation and as a country, must put a heavy emphasis on paying close attention to the news as well as focusing on the intricacies of important events in the world. It is imperative that our generation casts aside the apathy and ignorance of the news and learn all we can about the rest of the world. This is possible, but only through a concerted effort to become more aware by paying attention to the news.

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Giving Vick key to city a poor choice



Pearce Edwards

There are few things more difficult than reconciling opposing views on equality and justice, for consensus on these issues demands agreeing about agreement. These threads weave through the recent awarding of a ceremonial Dallas city key to Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick by Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway.

In awarding the key, Caraway staked a strong claim on the definitions of equality and justice, sending a message of praise in the midst of Vick's penance for a felony dog-fighting conviction and showing assertive racial justice. As a city official, a participant in American society and a capable human being, Caraway fell short of the mark in promoting equality.

A mayor pro tem is a hybrid between a city council member and a vice mayor. Chiefly a legislative council member, Caraway's goals include expectations of discussion, compromise and, ultimately, policymaking. Taking authority into his own hands and awarding the key on

behalf of the City of Dallas without a consensus policy oversteps the boundaries of a legislator.

Caraway's action is equivalent to a member of the U.S. Congress from Florida awarding the Medal of Honor to a soldier from California without going through the proper chain of command, or an SGA member suddenly deciding who should be Mr. and Miss TCU in a given year. Legislators should not be able to speak on behalf of the entire government without consent, which Caraway lacked in his decision.

Awarding the key to Vick becomes complex and controversial when considering race issues. An overtone in the award is a sense, which prevails both in professional athletics and in American society, that the natural response to unequal racial treatment in courts should be to "stick it to the man" and redefine justice by the terms of the minority group.

Caraway's claim to racial justice is misplaced. Regardless of whether Vick faced unfair treatment in trial for his dog-fighting charges, the courts must not be seen as enemies, because how can the struggle for racial equality ever be legitimate if the instrument of law is not trusted? To paraphrase a popular slogan, courts don't or no longer discriminate. People discriminate. Vick does not deserve the key because he became part of Caraway's assertive racial solidarity.

True racial solidarity and a push for a race-blind society must occur constructively. Exemplars of equality ought to judge race issues by how they help a minority in a broad moral sense. Equality cannot come through forcing a conflict with the courts. It comes by determination and cooperation.

Besides overstepping his role as city official and citizen, Caraway treads on dangerous ethical and psychological ground in awarding the key to Vick. Dallas radio figure Richard Hunter revealed Vick's unapologetic attitude when Hunter was insulted by Vick's entourage for asking about the quarterback's thoughts on one of the dogs Vick used for dog-fighting.

Celebrating Vick in the midst of his mandatory probation communicates the wrong idea. People still trying to grasp their own shortcomings will fail more often when praised for their past actions. If Vick's disregard for Hunter is any indication, receiving the key will only reinforce the belief that Vick does not need to finish owning up to his actions.

Caraway laid too great a claim to justice when he took the celebration of Vick into his own hands last week. The true key lies in a measured and sensible sort of equality.

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FINANCIAL AID

Prospective students face increased competition for academic scholarships

By Brett Anderson
Staff Reporter

The increased number of freshman applications to TCU has created greater competition for academic scholarships in the incoming class, a university official said.

Associate Dean of Admission Wes Waggoner said the university had received 17,676 applications as of Feb. 8, about 3,500 more than last year's total. The increased competition for admission also means higher standards for scholarship consideration, he said.

Waggoner said TCU awards scholarships through competition between admission applicants, so no specific guidelines for designating each level of scholarship exist. Other universities, such as Baylor University, use a system that automatically places a student in a specific scholarship tier based on factors such as grade point average and test scores, regardless of how many students meet those requirements.

"If you take a student that last year was at this level and may have gotten a [Dean's Scholarship], it is very possible that this year they would not get a Dean's," Waggoner said. "They might get a smaller scholarship."

The academic scholar-

ships that TCU awards are the Chancellor's Scholarship (full tuition), Dean's (\$14,000 per year), Faculty (\$10,500), TCU (\$7,500) and Founders (\$3,500), Waggoner said.

"I feel like with participation (in extracurricular activities) and as far as GPA goes that I would at least receive some kind of scholarship, but nothing overwhelming."

Ben Prinster
Senior at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, Colo.

The university tries to increase the value of academic scholarships for every freshman class to match the increase in tuition, he said. However, the value of an individual student's scholarship does not increase each year once it is awarded.

Ben Prinster, a senior at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, Colo., said he applied and had been accepted to TCU but was disappointed that he had not received a scholarship notification yet. Prinster said TCU is one of his top options for college, and had received scholarship offers from the

University of Oregon and the University of Colorado.

Prinster said he understood how competitive the process is due to the high number of applicants, but would be disappointed if he did not receive a scholarship from TCU.

"I feel like with participation (in extracurricular activities) and as far as GPA goes that I would at least receive some kind of scholarship, but nothing overwhelming," Prinster said.

Director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid Mike Scott said the competition for academic scholarships would not affect other sources of aid, such as need-based grants and loans.

Despite the increased competition, Scott said he expected the portion of TCU students with academic scholarships to remain the same in the fall. Approximately 40 percent of the freshman class will have an academic scholarship he said.

Scott said dealing with more applications is difficult, but it is a sign that the TCU brand is strong. The Office of Financial Aid recently received approval to hire a new counselor to help with the increased workload, he said.

"It's a problem, but it's a good problem to have," Scott said.

INTERNATIONAL

Students, faculty share impact of Egyptian protests on their lives

By Kayla Travis
Staff Reporter

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Thursday he was transferring power to his vice president, Omar Suleiman, but would not leave the country, according to the Associated Press.

Mubarak said in a nationally televised address Thursday that the demands of protesters calling for his immediate ouster are just and legitimate. He said he had requested six constitutional amendments, answering one of the demands of the protesters. He said he would lift emergency laws when security permitted.

Mubarak also vowed to punish those behind violence over the past two weeks and offered condolences to the families of those killed.

Hanan Hammad, assistant professor in the Department of History and Geography and who was born in Egypt, wrote in an e-mail that Mubarak stepping down was great, but if the military continued to take over, the situation will become problematic.

"I believe people want to get rid of the entire regime, constitutional and civilian democracy," Hammad wrote.

The movement taking place in Egypt currently comes as a surprise to Hammad, she wrote.

"Initially, I did not expect it would continue," she wrote. "The revolution did not only challenge Mubarak and his regime, it succeeded in bringing

all Egyptians, men and women, Muslim and Christians, from all generations, together."

Hammad wrote that her wish was for democracy, social justice, stability and peace to come to all people in Egypt as well as the Middle East.

"I'm very proud of my friends who sacrificed their jobs in the state TV and media and joined the protest."

Hanan Hammad
Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Geography

Another one of Hammad's wishes, safety for her friends and family still in Egypt, has already been granted, she wrote.

Her family lives in a town called al-Mahalla al-Kubra that has been a hotbed for the revolutionary movement. Despite the disruptions going on in the town, Hammad wrote that her family is very safe and has nothing to worry about.

"The news about chaos and looting has been exaggerate[d] by Mubarak's propaganda to scare people inside and outside of Egypt," she wrote. "But I have to say my mom told me my niece is a bit scared and crying because of the unprecedented protests."

Most of Hammad's friends are currently in al-Tahrir, the center of the protests, and she

wrote she was moved by their efforts.

"I'm very proud of my friends who sacrificed their jobs in the state TV and media and joined the protest," she wrote. "As far as I know, they are all fine."

The same is to be said for the family and friends of junior communication studies major Luther Wilson.

Wilson was born in Houston but spent the majority of his middle school and high school years in Egypt, he said. He said he was at ease because he knew his loved ones were safe and out of Egypt for the time being.

"A lot of my Egyptian friends fled to Europe, and my family is in Houston," Wilson said.

Wilson said he was able to get a better understanding of the events from the many stories his family brought back with them before their evacuation.

"When they were going to the airport, they said they saw Uzis and tanks in the neighborhood," he said. "At night-time, they could hear explosions and machine guns going off."

Wilson, a rapper that goes by the alias J.Quest, plans on using the events going on in Egypt to educate his listeners in the future, he said.

"When people look at me, they don't expect me to say I'm from Egypt," he said. "I just want to enlighten people that Egyptian people have the same wants and needs as you and me."



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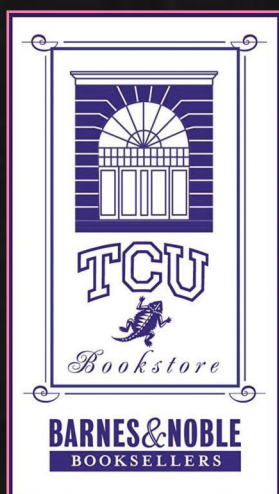


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BASKETBALL

Jazz head coach Sloan retires

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hall of Famer Jerry Sloan stepped down Thursday after 23 seasons and 1,127 wins at the helm of the Utah Jazz, saying he simply ran out of energy to coach anymore.

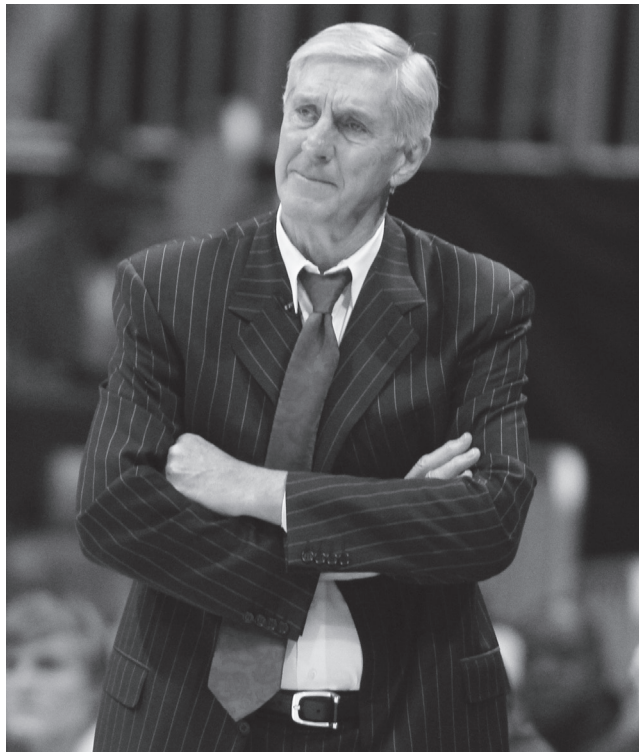
"I had a feeling this time was the time to move on," an emotional Sloan said during a Thursday news conference. "(That's) a long time to be in one organization. Again, I've been blessed. Today is a new day. When I get this over with, I'll feel better. My time is up and it's time to move on."

Sloan ranks third all time in NBA wins (1,221) behind Don Nelson (1,335) and Lenny Wilkens (1,332). He is the only coach in NBA history to win 1,000 games with one team, a feat he accomplished Nov. 7, 2008, against Oklahoma City. Sloan's other wins came with the Chicago Bulls from 1979 to 1982.

Jazz assistant Tyrone Corbin was hired as the new coach, and team officials made it clear there is no "interim" tag next to his name.

O'Connor also called false that reports that star guard Deron Williams told the team it was "me or (Sloan)."

"That's not fair to Deron," O'Connor said. "That puts



JOHN BAZEMORE / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Utah Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan during an NBA basketball game against the Atlanta Hawks in Atlanta Nov. 12, 2010.

him in such a bad light. Whoever started that rumor is either uninformed or a liar. I would say the latter."

Williams told 1320-KFAN radio that he and Sloan clashed at halftime Wednesday, but insisted there is no truth to the rumors that he forced the Hall of Fame coach out.

But he hinted after the game that something was in

the works after delaying his postgame news conference more than 30 minutes.

"I'll be 69 years old next month," Sloan said. "I'm not as lively as I used to be. There's no question losses are very difficult to handle the older you get. When I was younger, I thought I could handle anything, but they were a little more difficult when you get older."

INTERNATIONAL

TCU Abroad goes all out for fair

By Jordan Daigle

Staff Reporter

Even with temperatures expected to be in the 60s, The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad has planned to take extra steps to encourage students to come out to Monday's Study Abroad Fair.

Alexis Branaman, the coordinator for study abroad, said they ordered five gallons of hot chocolate to hand out to students at the fair. Marshmallows and whipped cream will be available too she said.

Branaman said she hoped for a good turn out, similar to last fall's.

"We had close to 300 students come through, and that is exactly what we are looking for (this year), she said."

The Study Abroad Fair is a more convenient way for students to come and get detailed information on any program they may have a question about, Branaman said.

"They can also meet other students and figure out who else might be looking at programs they are interested in," she said.

Study abroad alumni are also going to attend the fair to help prospective students by answering any questions they might have, Branaman said.

Junior Ridge McLeod said he studied abroad in Australia and New Zealand in the summer of 2010.

"I wanted to experience meeting a whole bunch of people who are from an entirely different walk of life," McLeod said.

Although he said he did not attend a study abroad fair before his trip, he felt students interested in studying abroad should.

"It is the best decision they could possibly make," he said.

Senior Taylor Midkiff also studied abroad in Australia and New Zealand last summer.

"I just feel like you have to take the opportunity while you can in college," he said. "After college, it gets hard to just pick up and go at the drop of a hat," he said.

After his experience, Midkiff said he would advise students to do a lot of planning before studying abroad.

"There are a lot of details that go into (a trip like this) and (those) can definitely sneak up on you," he said.

Branaman said her main hope for students studying abroad is that they come back with a more rounded education, more flexibility and more confidence to pursue any goal they might have.

"What we tend to find with students when they

come back, is the phrase you hear all the time, that studying abroad changed (their) life," she said. "And that may sound like a line that you would just use for promotional material, but what it comes down to is it really is how our students feel."

"They come back with a totally different sense of self and a totally different sense of a ability for being able to pursue things that maybe they thought would have been impossible before," she said.

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Campus Events

By Kayla Travis

Staff Reporter

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Who: Keynote speaker Donnie Hodge, president and COO of Alta Gracia and parent company Knights Apparel

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Oregon dog to get stem cells to help heal hip

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — A former Oregon military dog that did two tours of duty sniffing out bombs in Iraq is going to receive stem cell therapy to treat osteoarthritis in his hips. The Mail Tribune reports

the 80-pound German shepherd named Basco was adopted in November by Debbie Richter in Medford after he was discharged by the military. Hip problems such as arthritis can lead to early death for larger dogs, and surgery options such as hip replacement have a limited chance of success for an older dog like Basco, who is 7.

While researching alternatives, Richter says she found MediVet-America, which offers a stem cell treatment for joint problems in dogs and horses using the animal's own stem cells to regenerate damaged tissue. An Oregon State University veterinarian will perform the procedure. Ohio woman wears same dress for 6 mos. for a cause

wearing the same dress every day for six months to help victims of sex trafficking. Amy Seiffert (SY'-furt) of Bowling Green in northwest Ohio began limiting her wardrobe to a simple gray T-shirt dress on Nov. 15. She plans to continue until May 15, wearing different accessories over and under the dress to change her look each day. Seiffert tells WUPW-TV of Toledo she's not buying new clothing and will donate the savings to The Daughter Project, a non-profit or-

ganization that assists girls who've come out of the sex trade. A federal investigation exposed Toledo as a center for the trade in 2005. Nine local girls had been sold as sex slaves as part of a child prostitution ring. Bird guano on NC bridge prompts explosive response

bridge to Wrightsville Beach with their droppings. The StarNews of Wilmington reports that state and federal wildlife officials used small pyrotechnics this week to frighten cormorants trying to perch on power lines over the bridge. Hundreds of the birds have roosted on the bridge each winter, leaving the span caked with acidic, foul-smelling guano. It's a potential health hazard for boaters, residents and city workers who have to clean up the mess.

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59 What loving couples exchange?
63 — à feu: French gun
64 Carnival dance
65 Unite after a break, in a way
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2 Handle for a little shaver?
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4 Unsettled one?

By James Sajdak 2/11/11

5 Head-slapper's cry
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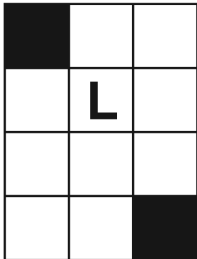
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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"Leonardo Da Vinci"
Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (200pts)

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Wednesday's Solution



"Hieronymus Bosch"
Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (70pts)

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 Tuesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Wednesday's Solution

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NBA

Barea finds role in Butler's absence

By Myka Williams
Staff Writer

With forward Caron Butler inactive, Mavericks guard Juan Jose Barea is proving himself a capable starter when called upon.

The 6-foot, undersized hoopster scored a season-high 25 points in the Mavericks' triumph over the Los Angeles Clippers on Jan. 25 and recorded 20 points in a 102-100 victory over Sacramento Wednesday, extending Dallas' win-streak to 10 games. Serving only his fifth year in the NBA, Barea continues to bring energy to the team.

"I feel good and I just have to be aggressive," Barea said. "I just want to bring energy to the team and do whatever I can do to get us going."

The Northeastern University alumni registered a career-high 29 points off the bench New Year's Day and has scored 20-plus points three times during the Mavs' 10-game win-streak. The Mavericks are 14-3 this sea-

son when Barea scores in double figures.

"He gives us an incredible spark," teammate and starting center Tyson Chandler said. "He's a guy that's found his shot."

Mavericks' veteran and likely Hall of Famer Jason Kidd is the starting point guard, but Barea is willing to bring something to the table when his name is called. The guard has found ways to play tremendously on offensive and defensive.

"He's tough, and I have guys challenging J.J. from family friends to the YMCA," shooting guard Jason Terry said. "They want to come and take his spot, but no one's taking his spot. He's one of the toughest players on the team, and you can see what he does offensively. He's tough to guard, and he finds a way to get the job done."

Barea represented Puerto Rico in five games at the FIBA World Championship in Istanbul in 2010. The

174-pounder has exposed his athletic ability with his skill and practice he's provided for the Mavericks.

Players will always have bad shooting nights during some point in their career, Barea said. Barea, who's averaging 20.5 minutes per game and nine points per game, experienced shooting woes earlier this season. The environment and team spirit has ignited the fifth-year guard to improve.

"Every shot he's taken in the last week or two has looked good," former MVP and 10-time All-Star Dirk Nowitzki said. "It's funny how this league works sometimes."

"He couldn't buy a [3-pointer] earlier in the season. He was shooting 70 percent from [3-point range] a month or so ago. Now, the last couple of weeks he's been fun to watch, staying aggressive, taking off the dribble and looking for the shot. It's great to have him playing well."



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Jose Barea (11) of the Dallas Mavericks drives on Tyreke Evans (13) of the Sacramento Kings in the fourth quarter of their NBA basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011. The Mavericks won the game 102-100.

POLITICS

Rep. resigns after photo scandal

By Andrew Miga
and Laurie Kellman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — He was a rising star in Congress at lunchtime — and out of office by dinner.

Rep. Christopher Lee fell from power this week with a velocity seldom seen in the annals of Washington sex scandals, a blinking red caution sign for those who need one that the speed and reach of the Internet can crash a political career in the time it takes to push a button.

The now-famous photo of a shirtless Lee, R-N.Y., moved across cyberspace at 2:33 p.m. EST Wednesday, for just about anyone who wanted to see it. Three hours later, Lee resigned.

What happened in between on Capitol Hill remains unclear. But Republicans, still scrambling for their footing less than two months after assuming control of the House, insisted that Lee, who is married and has a young son, didn't need to be pushed.

"Congressman Lee made his own decision that he thought was in his own best interest and the interest of his family," said House Speaker John Boehner. He refused to discuss any contact he might have had with Lee, saying only that he became aware of the issue after the photo appeared online Wednesday and then learned of Lee's resignation after 6 p.m. "I think he made the right decision for himself and for his family."

Boehner's 5-week-old Republican majority, of course, benefited from Lee's exit and the distraction that largely departed with him. Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper, reported last summer that the Ohio Republican had warned Lee and other newer members of Congress to knock off their unseemly partying with female lobbyists.

Lee, 46, was moving quickly up the House Republican ranks after winning the seat in 2008 despite a Democratic wave nationwide. A successful businessman, just last month he won a coveted seat on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee after only one term in office. Lee's net worth is estimated between \$8.5 million and \$30.7 million and ranks 19th among House members, according to a tally of 2009 House financial disclosure reports by the Center for



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Rep. Chris Lee, R-N.Y., places his hand on a Bible held by his wife, Michele, during a mock swearing-in ceremony on Capitol Hill in Washington Jan. 5, 2011.

Responsive Politics.

His immolation was swift by any measure, but it began last week, according to Remy Stern, editor-in-chief of the website Gawker.com.

In a phone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Stern said Gawker first became aware of the story late last week when the woman who had the exchange with Lee sent the website an e-mail tip about the encounter — including an attachment photo of a bare-chested Lee flexing an arm muscle. Through data embedded in the photo file, Gawker determined the photo was taken in Washington, D.C.

Gawker was then able to

link Lee's g-mail address to his Facebook account. Stern said Gawker also checked to make sure the woman had no political agenda or grudge against Lee. He also said that the website did not pay the woman and that her only condition was anonymity.

On Tuesday, Gawker e-mailed Lee's press secretary to inform him the story they were pursuing. Minutes later, Lee's Facebook account vanished.

"It was very telling," Stern said.

Associated Press writers Jim Kuhnenn in Washington and Carolyn Thompson in Buffalo contributed to this report.

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SPORTS

Weekend sports preview

Women’s golf

What: Purdue Invitational

When: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Where: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Note: No. 30 TCU last played in the UTSA Invitational after playing in the Mercedes Benz Classic. Purdue last played in the Lady Northern Invitational, finishing first out of 12 teams. Purdue previously played in the Windy City Collegiate Classic, finishing first of 11 teams.

Women’s basketball

What: TCU vs. Wyoming

When: Noon Saturday

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

TV: The Mtn.
GoFrogs.com: Follow GameTracker or listen live.

Note: The Lady Frogs are going for their third straight win after losing their previous two contests. A victory would equal their second-longest winning streak of the season.

Track & field

What: Tyson Invitational

When: Friday and Saturday

Where: Fayetteville, Ark.

Note: This is the second meet in Arkansas for the team this season. TCU Athletics announced the signing of 10 athletes earlier in the week — six women, four men.

Men’s basketball

What: TCU at Wyoming

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Laramie, Wyo.TV: The Mtn.

Radio: KTCU-FM 88.7 and KCLE-AM 1460
GoFrogs.com: Follow GameTracker or listen live.

Note: The basketball team has not won since Jan. 12, and has lost 11 out of its previous 12 games. TCU’s only conference win this season came against the Cowboys in Fort Worth.

RIFLE

TCU to hold NCAA Qualifier

By Kim Burdi
Staff Reporter

The TCU women’s rifle team will host the National Rifle Association Sectionals and NCAA Qualifier at the ROTC Building this Saturday in an all-day event. The Frogs also hosted Air Force Thursday, defeating the Falcons 4,660-4,641. Sophomore Sarah Scherer tied a school record with a 596 in air rifle and junior Mattie Brogdon also set a personal-best with a 592 in air rifle.

In smallbore, the Frogs scratched past the Falcons 2,298-2,296. Brogdon was TCU’s top shooter, finishing in second with a 581 score. Sophomore Sarah Beard finished in third with a 580.

Air Force will stay in Fort Worth over the weekend to compete in the NCAA Qualifier, which is the last match of the season leading into the NCAA Championships.

Head rifle coach Karen Monez said, “It’s always nice to shoot on your own range. With the level most of the team members are at, whether at home or on the road, they’re always going to perform at a very high level.”

In the past four years, TCU has become a perennial championship contender. In 2007 and 2009 rifle finished third overall and finished the season in the top five in 2008. Last season, the team earned its first NCAA National Championship over Alaska, 4,675-4,653.

The Frogs boast a 12-0

record and have built on a 21-match winning streak this season.

“The team has fired some record setting scores this past season,” Monez said. “They just proved to themselves that they are still a national championship team.”

Monez said the team members compete individually as well.

“We shoot the format for the NCAA Qualifier, you shoot five and count four,” she said. “We have to designate before the start of competition the team members that will be our counters.”

The five team members’ scores that will represent TCU are junior Mattie Brogdon, freshman Catherine Green and sophomores Sarah Beard, Morrissey and Scherer.

The sectionals provide the opportunity for individuals and teams to compete with many collegiate shooters across the nation and to compare their marksmanship performance by being nationally ranked, according to the NRA.

Sectional tournaments consist of indoor matches conducted at numerous locations throughout the country, according to the NRA. The top eight schools in the nation will advance to the NCAA Championships March 11-12 in Columbus, Ga.

One team automatically qualifies. The seven other teams will be determined based on an average of the three highest collective air rifle

and smallbore regular season scores. The average score will then be added to the score attained this weekend, according to NCAA rules.

The Frogs will shoot air rifle and smallbore events, which both consist of 60-shot courses of fire. For air rifle, all 60 shots will be fired from the standing position. The course for smallbore will be evenly divided into 20 shots from three different positions: standing, kneeling and prone.

Freshman Jaime Dowd and sophomore Maggie Savage will only be shooting in the air rifle event. The rest of the team will be participating in both the air rifle and smallbore events.

Throughout the season, the rifle team has been working to improve their skill level, Monez said.

Each team member has her strengths in technique and has identified some elements of its machine that it has been focusing on, Monez said. She said the goal for sectionals is the same as every match- each individual is to go out and perform their very best.

“When it’s all said and done, I think we’ll have a score that will be very competitive and that will put us in the top eight,” Monez said.

What: National Rifle Association Sectionals and NCAA Qualifier
When: All day Saturday
Where: TCU ROTC Building
Check dailyskiff.com for rifle updates.

BASKETBALL

BYU game already a sell-out

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

The Horned Frogs basketball team (11-15, 1-9 MWC) is on a seven-game losing streak and have a conference game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Wyoming, but TCU’s second-to-last home game at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is already a sellout.

No, your eyes didn’t fool you — the Frogs’ home matchup against No. 7 BYU (25-2, 9-1 MWC) at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 19 is already a sell-out. With a top 10 team and the nation’s leading scorer, Jimmer Fredde, scoring

27.5 points per game, there is reason to pack the DMC, regardless of how the Frogs fare in their games between the Cowboys and the Colorado State Rams before the Feb. 19 matchup with the Cougars.

Because of the sellout, TCU students will not be admitted at the gates with their TCU IDs. Students may redeem tickets with their student IDs at 10 a.m. Monday at the TCU Athletics Ticket Office. Only one ticket will be provided per student.

With TCU’s 2012 switch to the Big East approach-

ing, top 10 opponents will be the norm rather than the exception, which could mean DMC sell-outs will be a regular feat. TCU athletics director Chris Del Conte has already stated that renovations to the DMC will likely be next on the agenda in preparation for the conference switch.

The Frogs’ last home sell-out was against Texas Tech on Nov. 23, 2004. The Frogs defeated the Red Raiders 83-64. A school-record 7,267 fans filled the DMC on Dec. 1, 2003 to see then-No. 2 Kansas defeat the Frogs 85-66.

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TODAY

Get updated on
TCU's weekend
sports events.

SPORTS

TUESDAY

Football and faith
connect under the
helmet.

TENNIS

Men's tennis to play 'Bama on campus

By Natalie Smith
Staff Reporter

With the ice finally thawing from last week's winter storms, the No. 52 TCU men's tennis team will go into battle against No. 31 Alabama on Friday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

It will be the team's fourth match of the season after a 4-3 loss against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Jan. 29 and two 6-1 victories against UT-Arlington and UT-Pan American on Jan. 23.

"I am going to come out and play my own style of tennis, and if I can be focused on working on myself, that will give me the best chance of winning."

Cameron Nash
Senior

Head coach David Roditi said that even though the team has had the past couple of matches canceled against Wichita State and Tulsa, it has been working hard in preparation for the upcoming match.

"Despite the weather, we have done a good job of getting indoors and getting some good practices in," Roditi said.

In preparing for the upcoming match, senior Cameron Nash said he expected the team to be very focused while playing its own brand of tennis.

"I am going to come out and play my own style of tennis, and if I can be focused on working on myself, that will give me the best chance of winning," Nash said.

In addition to working hard on its tennis game,

Nash said the team was working to get more involved with the Fort Worth and TCU communities by getting more people to come support the team in its matches. There will be prizes, free pizza and Salsa Limon tacos given away between the doubles and singles matches.

"Our goal is to not just represent TCU but represent Fort Worth," Cameron said. "We hope that the people around the community recognize that and support us as much as we want to support them."

Alabama comes to Fort Worth riding a three-match winning streak. The Crimson Tide picked up a 5-1 win over Troy and a 7-0 sweep over Furman in its last doubleheader match. The Tide will travel down I-30 to SMU to play the 72nd-ranked Mustangs after their match with the Frogs.

"It is very early in the season, but we see this road trip as an important weekend for what we'd like to accomplish," Alabama tennis coach Billy Pate said in an Alabama Athletics release.

"We're entering a challenging stretch the next few weeks, and we'll find out a lot about our team. Both TCU and SMU are teams that have a rich history of success with their respective tennis programs, and we'll need to be at our best."

TCU vs. Alabama

When: 2 p.m. today

Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

Free pizza, Salsa Limon tacos and prizes will be given away between doubles and singles matches.



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Sophomore Soren Goritzka serves the ball against Texas A&M Corpus Christi. TCU faces Alabama next at home today at 2 p.m.