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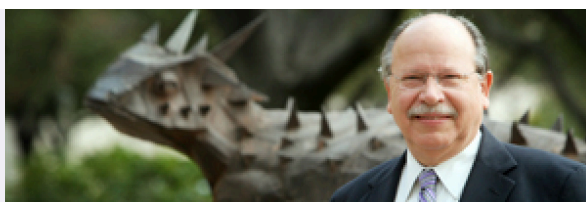
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From left, Texas Christian's Matt Curry and Jason Coats celebrate Taylor Featherston's three-run home run against Arizona in a Fort Worth Regional baseball game at Lupton Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday, June 5, 2010.

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FACULTY 2

Search for new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs narrows number of candidates.



ADMISSION 6

Selections get more difficult as freshman applications top an unprecedented 18,000.



ADMINISTRATION

Search for Mills' replacement narrows to 5 or 6 candidates

By Crystal Galvan
Staff Reporter

A total of 111 candidates applied to replace Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills after he announced he would step down to join the faculty of the College of Education May 31.



Mills

A committee has now narrowed that field down to five or six candidates, Provost Nowell Donovan said.

William Spelman Executive Search, the company who conducted the initial search for a replacement, advertised the position and then narrowed the candidates down to 15 based on criteria such as salary and job duties, Donovan said.

Donovan said he and the search committee met Feb. 10 to pick five or six candidates and that the committee aims to reach a final decision in March. Donovan could not reveal the names or other details of any of the candidates, he said.

The search committee has served to make recom-

mendations for the position, and Chancellor Victor Boschini will make the final decision, Donovan said.

According to the university website, the vice chancellor for student affairs is responsible for forming and planning policies relating to student life and services. The office also works with campus security, crime prevention, and parking.

"TCU students are smart. They're great to work with. Keep your office door open so that you can be engaged with as many students as possible."

Don Mills
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Mills said he was not involved in the process to pick his successor but that he did have an idea of what type of person he would like to see take his place. The fi-

nal candidate should be not be afraid to take risks and step outside of the box, he said.

"It needs to be someone who is creative [and] who's innovative," he said.

He said his goal had always been to provide the best campus experience to the most students as possible. After almost two decades as vice chancellor for student affairs, Mills gave a little advice for his successor.

"TCU students are smart," he said. "They're great to work with. Keep your office door open so that you can be engaged with as many students as possible."

Mills said that although he will leave some matters he has worked on open-ended to allow his successor's input, he did want to tie up a few loose ends before the end of May.

After moving to the College of Education, Mills will teach and will work to develop a doctoral program for people who want to be administrators in higher education, he said. The program will focus on secondary and higher education leadership, he said.

TECHNOLOGY

Shortage of IP addresses will not affect university

By Emily Sears
Staff Reporter

The World Wide Web is running out of Web, but TCU should be spared from any future problems the change might bring.

Currently, every device connected to the Internet has its own unique code called an IP version 4 number, according to encyclopedia.com. The IPv4 numbers are scheduled to run out in the near future — similar to a situation where a city would run out of phone numbers, according to a wallstreetjournal.com article.

Some news sources reported IPv4 addresses will run out in as little as six months, and others say it could be as long as 18 months.

Executive Director of Technology Resources Bryan Lucas said TCU students do not have to worry about the switch. The university has prepared for this issue by purchasing equipment that is compatible with IPv4 and IPv6, he said.

"For our current material, it's just a matter of configuring and testing it," Lucas said.

Associate Professor of Computer Science Liran Ma said the IPv4 addresses were not expected to run out because the Internet was

initially meant to be just for America.

"It was designed for America, but now everyone worldwide wants the Internet. China, Japan, and Korea are driving things," Ma said.

"Each IPv4 number has 32 bits of usage, but each IPv6 number has 64 bits. There are so many IPv6 addresses that every piece of sand in the world could have one if it wanted."

Liran Ma
Associate Professor of Computer Science

Once the IPv4 numbers run out, all new devices connected to the Internet will be on a new type of IP address called IPv6.

"Each IPv4 number has 32 bits of usage, but each IPv6 number has 64 bits. There are so many IPv6 addresses that every piece of sand in the world could have one if it wanted," Ma said.

IPv6 contains more numbers in the address, and each address contains more information for potential storage than IPv4.

The change from IPv4 to

IPv6 will not present a problem, Ma said.

"The transition will be like the post office. When you get a new address, you still get of all your mail delivered to your new house," Ma said.

TCU has been allocated an adequate number of IPv4 addresses, so the transition from IPv4 to IPv6 will not be difficult or sudden, Lucas said.

"All of our equipment that was purchased in the last four or five years supports IPv6," Lucas said.

Ma said the switch will not affect future buildings on campus either as both IPv4 and IPv6 use the same cables.

Senior supply chain, accounting and finance major Mark Tylenda said he didn't think the switch would have any immediate effect on Internet users but that the switch to IPv6 was something that has to happen. He said it was important for people to make sure any computer hardware they purchased was compatible with IPv6.

Ma said that just like TCU, the worldwide Internet community had been preparing for the coming transition for a while.

"They were aware that a transition would happen, but they didn't know exactly when," Ma said.

BUSINESS

Neeley begins interviews for largest applying class

By Natalie Smith
Staff Reporter

The largest applying class to date of 310 students will begin interviews for entrance into the Neeley School of Business on Saturday, Lynn Cole, assistant dean of undergraduate academics, said.

Cole said the school will look for well-rounded stu-

dents with great academic qualities. Students usually apply as a sophomore to declare a business major and take upper level courses, according to the Neeley School website.

Entrance applications, résumés and cover letters were due at the end of January, and students typically receive notification of their acceptance by the end of

spring break in March.

To be eligible, students must complete 12 classes for lower division requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.5, Cole said. In addition to completing the interview with a local business professional, applicants also must complete Microsoft Office certification in Word, Excel and PowerPoint, she said.

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POLITICS

Wisconsin lawmakers flee state to block anti-union bill

By Scott Bauer

Associated Press

A group of Democratic Wisconsin lawmakers blocked passage of a sweeping anti-union bill Thursday, refusing to show up for a vote and then abruptly leaving the state in an effort to force Republicans to the negotiating table.

As ever-growing throngs of protesters filled the Capitol for a third day, the 14 Democrats disappeared around noon, just as the Senate was about to begin debating the measure, which would end a half-century of collective bargaining rights for most public employees.

Hours later, one member of the group told The Associated Press that they had left Wisconsin.

"The plan is to try and slow this down because it's an extreme piece of legislation that's tearing this state apart," Sen. Jon Erpenbach said in a telephone interview.

Democrats hoped Republican Gov. Scott Walker and GOP lawmakers would consider revisions to the bill.

Walker, who took office just last month, urged the group to return and called the boycott a "stunt."

"It's more about theatrics than anything else," he said. The governor predicted the group would come back in a day or two, after realizing "they're

elected to do a job."

Walker said Democrats could still offer amendments to change the bill, but he vowed not to concede on his plan to end most collective bargaining rights.

"I am glad to see some Democrats, for a change, with a backbone. I'm really proud to hear that they did that."

Judy Eason-McIntyre
Oklahoma Democratic State Senator

With 19 seats, Republicans hold a majority in the 33-member Senate, but they are one vote short of the number needed to conduct business. So the GOP needs at least one Democrat to be present before any voting can take place. Once the measure is brought to the floor, it needs 17 votes to pass.

Other lawmakers who fled sent messages over Twitter and issued written statements but did not disclose their location.

Erpenbach said the group had been in Rockford, Ill., but they dispersed by late afternoon and were all still outside Wisconsin.

In response to a question of

where she was, Sen. Lena Taylor sent a tweet saying she was "doing the people's business. Power to the PEOPLE."

As Republicans tried to begin Senate business Thursday, observers in the gallery screamed "Freedom! Democracy! Unions!" Opponents cheered when a legislative leader announced there were not enough senators present to proceed.

The sergeant-at-arms immediately began looking for the missing lawmakers. If he cannot find them, he's authorized to seek help, including potentially contacting police.

Senate rules and the state constitution say absent members can be compelled to appear, but it does not say how.

"Today they checked out, and I'm not sure where they're at," Republican Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said. "This is the ultimate shutdown, what we're seeing today."

Elsewhere, some Democrats applauded the developments in Wisconsin as a long-awaited sign that their party was fighting back against the Republican wave created by November's midterm election.

"I am glad to see some Democrats, for a change, with a backbone. I'm really proud to hear that they did that," said Democratic state Sen. Judy Eason-McIntyre of Oklahoma, another state where Republi-

cans won the governorship in November and also control both legislative chambers.

Across the Wisconsin Statehouse, Democrats showed up in the Assembly chamber wearing orange T-shirts that proclaimed their support for working families.

After a routine roll call, they exchanged high-fives with protesters, who cried "thank you" as the Democrats walked by. Protesters unleashed venomous boos and screams at Republicans.

Thursday's events were reminiscent of a 2003 dispute in Texas, where Democrats

twice fled the state to prevent adoption of a redistricting bill designed to give Republicans more seats in Congress. The bill passed a few months later.

The drama in Wisconsin unfolded in a jam-packed Capitol. Madison police and the State Department of Administration estimated the crowd at 25,000 protesters, the largest number yet.

Demonstrators stood shoulder-to-shoulder in the building's hallways, sat cross-legged across the floor and made it difficult to move from room to room.

Protesters clogged the hall-

way outside the Senate chamber, beating on drums, holding signs deriding Walker and pleading for lawmakers to kill the bill. Some others even demonstrated outside lawmakers' homes.

Hundreds of teachers joined the protest by calling in sick, forcing a number of school districts to cancel classes. Madison schools, the state's second-largest district, with 24,000 students, closed for a second day.

Thousands more people, many of them students from the nearby University of Wisconsin, slept in the rotunda for a second night.



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Appleton West High School students protest in support of their teachers on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011. Teachers and labor supporters swarmed entrances to the Senate chambers at the Wisconsin Capitol Thursday in an attempt to stop lawmakers from passing a bill that would strip most public employees of nearly all collective bargaining rights.

CRIME

Man arrested for poisoning Auburn's historic oaks

By John Zenor

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — The man allegedly responsible for poisoning the live oaks at Toomers Corner where Auburn fans have long celebrated big wins has been arrested and charged.

Auburn Police Chief Tommy Dawson said Harvey Almorn Updyke Jr., 62 of Dadeville, was arrested at the police station at 1:26 a.m. Thursday and was charged with one count of first-degree criminal mischief. He said Updyke arrived at the jail without an attorney and could face other charges.

"This person obviously has problems to do something like this," Dawson said at a news conference outside the administration building. Dozens of students and fans

attended the news conference as the Auburn community mourns the apparently imminent demise of the trees.

Bond was set at \$50,000. If convicted, Updyke could face one to 10 years in prison. A message left with his court-appointed attorney was not immediately returned.

A man calling himself "Al from Dadeville" phoned a radio show late last month, claiming he poured herbicide around the 130-year-old oaks that are the scene of celebrations after Auburn's sports victories. The caller signed off by saying, "Roll Damn Tide."

Alabama athletic director Mal Moore decried the poisoning as "a terrible thing to do."

Dawson would not confirm that Updyke was the person who called the radio show. Dadeville is a rural town of

about 30 minutes from Auburn with a population of just over 3,000 in the 2000 census.

"I have celebrated many times with friends, family, with the undergraduates after Auburn victories."

Stephen Enloe
Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Soil

The two nearby oaks still had remnants of toilet paper from groups of fans who gathered at Toomer's Corner Wednesday night after hearing of the poisoning.

Orange and blue pompoms were laid at the base of the cordoned-off trees along with

flowers and signs with messages like "Get well soon" and "PLEASE GOD SAVE THESE TREES."

"It's shocking that somebody would destroy a tree just over a football game," said Steven Davis, who drove with his wife, Janelle and 2-year-old Kayla to see the trees. The family, all sporting Auburn shirts, said they were among those celebrating the recent national championship at Toomers Corner.

Stephen Enloe, an assistant professor of agronomy and soil, said consultation with experts around the country indicated that there was "a very low probability" that the trees will survive because of the concentration of the herbicide found in the soil.

"I have celebrated many times with friends, family, with the undergraduates af-

ter Auburn victories," Enloe said. "And it's just an incredible travesty to see this kind of malicious act occur and it breaks my heart to see somebody so willfully destroy such an incredible cultural landmark for the city of Auburn, for Auburn University."

The trees were poisoned with a herbicide Spike 80DF, that is used to kill trees.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

IP switch won't be problem for university

The Internet Protocol version 4 is a code that each device connected to the Internet possesses, but the numbers to be assigned for that particular version could run out as soon as six months from now.

Considering this fear has been present since the 1980s, there has been sufficient time to prepare. Fortunately, the university has equipped itself for the change.

The switch to an updated Internet Protocol version 6 means little to nothing to the university because the university's Information Technology professionals have been prepared for the change for years. By purchasing equipment compatible with IPv6, the only thing left to do is configure and test it.

In addition to having the proper equipment to prepare for the switch, the university said it has enough IPv4 addresses allocated to it to make a smooth switch to using IPv6.

Technology Resources did well by paying attention to the fact that IPv4 addresses would run out and taking appropriate steps to prepare the university for such an eventuality.

Because Technology Resources was prepared, it means the university will have one less headache to deal with when the change to IPv6 is necessary, which will leave the university more time to worry about other, more significant matters.

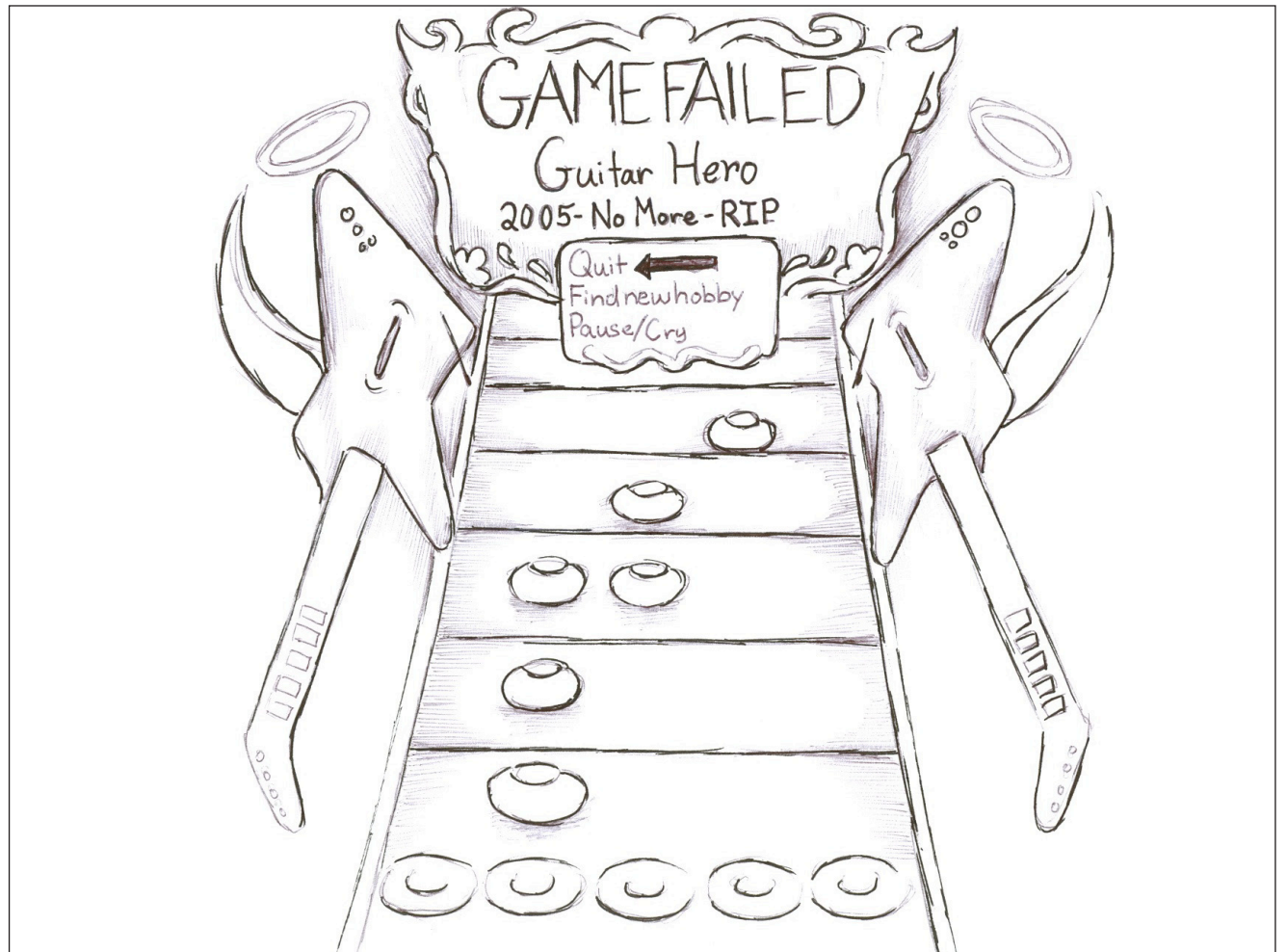
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'Guitar Hero' had good run while it lasted



Chancey Herbolsheimer

"Guitar Hero" will be no more, according to an announcement by Activision Blizzard on Feb. 9. It came following Viacom's decision to sell its own unit that created the "Rock Band" video games.

The game, created by Red-Octane in collaboration with Harmonix Music Systems, Inc. studio, made its world debut in 2005.

It quickly gained popularity, and it's not hard to guess why. Ordinary people could feel like they were masters of guitar. Those of us who are tone deaf

could actually play music that sounded like music.

For those unfamiliar with the video game world, "Guitar Hero" is played with controllers shaped like guitars. Players stay with the music by strumming the appropriate notes in time with the song. You can play on levels ranging from easy to expert.

Activision published the "Guitar Hero" titles for five years. After the sixth game, "Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock," didn't get much interest, the company showed a loss of \$233 million in the fourth quarter of 2010. This year, the company will discontinue development.

No worries — you'll still be able to buy the games. Activision won't stop selling them anytime soon.

"Guitar Hero" was the big thing during the good ol' days of our junior high and high school years. Then

"Rock Band" came along, and everything changed. It was newer and cooler. Instead of just playing guitar, participants could also play drums and sing.

Now, people are bored. "Guitar Hero" is the old thing. Will it completely disappear or become an "old school" game for the next generation? Trends often come back around. Is it too much to hope that we can hold on to it for a little while longer?

It is quite possible that "Guitar Hero" will end up being the classic game that becomes popular again down the road, or it could become lame and outdated. When we're grandparents, it either will be cool that we play it with our grandkids or another part of a generational gap that we struggle to get across.

It's sad to see it go. The game started an entirely new trend — without "Guitar Hero,"

"Rock Band" might not have come along.

In a few years there might not even be a game in which musician wannabes wield a plastic guitar and rock out, but there could be something better. Perhaps in the future we will have virtual reality games in which the gamer can actually perform. People would feel what it is like to be an actual celebrity.

It's hard to predict for sure what will happen. "Guitar Hero" could make a comeback. It could completely disappear. Or it could develop into something better.

At any rate, it's time to say goodbye to the game that was such a big part of the industry. It was a good run while it lasted. So long, "Guitar Hero." You will not be forgotten.

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PERSPECTIVES

Switch to online-only courses at UNC misguided



Wyatt Kanyer

The brain is a curious thing. Different brain regions perform different functions. It's small, yet complex. It's sensitive in certain situations and hardy in others.

And although the brain is versatile and complex, when it faces a new obstacle, it is not always successful.

Such a scenario played out recently when University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students were required to take introductory Spanish classes — strictly online. According to *Inside Higher Ed*, UNC-CH is just over two semesters into the language experiment.

The report demonstrated that students who had previously taken Spanish classes encountered few obstacles from the online model, while those who were first-time learners encountered significant barriers in retaining and understanding the language.

This experiment was likely put

to use before considering easier alternatives. The experiment's initial program has since been canceled out due to this faulty approach.

Additionally, when learning a language, face-to-face interaction is vital. Students must be able to hear the language spoken to accurately understand its function.

According to the report, the Spanish department had to initiate strictly online classes because of a \$150,000 department budget cut. While the department could not control such a cut, the solution to this budget cut could have been to lower class sizes and limit class availability as opposed to create strictly online courses. That way, the students would have had to determine their own academic fate.

Additionally, when learning a language, face-to-face interaction is vital. Students must be able to hear the language spoken to accurately understand its function.

Conversational competencies are often the most difficult to

grasp when studying a language because those competencies indicate how an individual is progressing toward fluency or bilingualism.

Writing and reading a language is important. It allows an individual to relate to a language's writings and to recognize the language written in public places. But the key to understanding a language is interacting with those who speak it day in and day out. The only way to become proficient in another language is to hear it spoken either natively or fluently.

All of this relates to the brain because some people do not have "language brains." Much like a math major could be considered a "numbers person" and an English major could be considered a "words person," one's brain must first be capable to understand language before he or she takes a language class. That means some people who are trying to learn another language are not actually learning; rather, forcing their brains to learn that which they are not readily willing to learn.

According to a 2008 report from *Science Daily*, the brain must first be conditioned to learn language before doing so. Otherwise, the only way a monolingual brain can become bilingual is if it is raised in



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a bilingual environment. According to the report, those who hear two languages during early childhood development have brains that are conditioned to learn language. On the other hand, those who pick up language in early adulthood find themselves stumped because their brains simply do not function that way.

Long story short, the UNC-CH Spanish department did not consider these research findings in moving its classes to strictly online. Such research must be the foundation for these types of shifts in the future.

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your view

What do you have to say?

Views on creationism misinformed

I'm a student here at TCU and read the *Skiff* on an almost daily basis. Wednesday morning I was surprised, however, as I read through Jack Enright's article "Science behind evolution should be priority." I am a Christian, and while I see some valid points made by Enright, I also had some serious issues with his argument.

To say that teaching creationism is unconstitutional is accurate enough, even though that law is a whole separate issue of itself. Regardless, that was a reasonable excuse for promoting creationism as the only option for high schools.

However, it was the flippant if not completely ignorant and broad based statements that he made about the beliefs of Christians that really bothered me. His word usage and choice of phrasing such as "clearly" they can't be true, and "of course, it's more than probable [that] neither are" implied that

fundamental Christian beliefs are not only impractical, but on the same level as a fairy tale or the boogie man, clearly not meant to be taken seriously by anyone of intelligence.

His assessment that these stories are widely accepted as metaphorical only is based on mainstream Christian beliefs that I have apparently missed in 20 years of church attendance. His closing statement about what anyone can clearly tell about the Bible is so far from the mark that it's almost laughable.

Creationism is a widely and firmly held belief about the origins of the earth and to excuse it as a mere metaphor is to be naive. There are many respected scientists worldwide who will argue with scientific data for the creationist theory; to dismiss it on a whim as an ignorant reader's misinterpretation is just unrealistic.

I don't claim to be an expert

on the Bible by any means, and I wouldn't consider myself radical or even particularly outspoken in most cases, but to have someone make statements that are implied to be commonly accepted as fact that are, in reality, not even close to the beliefs of the people he is describing is extremely frustrating.

If evolution is to be pushed in the schools of this nation, then fine, push away by government mandate. But don't push your misinformed interpretations of the creationist beliefs on the readers of this campus. Have your opinion, but at least get the basic facts right about the Christian faith if you're going to write for Texas Christian University.

Emily Kirby, sophomore English major from Sherman.

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Bahrain locked down after 5 protesters killed Thursday

By Barbara Surk and Hadeel Al-Shalchi
Associated Press

Bahrain's leaders banned public gatherings and sent tanks into the streets Thursday, intensifying a crackdown that killed five anti-government protesters, wounded more than 200 and turned a hospital into a cauldron of anguish and rage against the monarchy.

Bahrain's streets were mostly empty after the bloody clampdown, but thousands defied authorities by marching in cities in Libya and Yemen as the wave of political unrest continued in the wake of uprisings that toppled leaders in Egypt and Tunisia.

The tiny kingdom of Bahrain is a key part of Washington's military counterbalance to Iran by hosting the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Bahrain's rulers and their Arab allies depict any sign of unrest among their Shiite populations as a move by neighboring Shiite-majority Iran to

expand its clout in the region. While part of the recent revolt in the Arab world, the underlying tensions in Bahrain are decades old and pit the majority Shiites against the Sunni elite. After allowing several days of

"It was one thing when it was happening in Tunisia and Egypt and another when it arrives on their doorstep."

Toby Jones
Expert on Bahrain at Rutgers University

rallies in the capital of Manama by disaffected Shiites, the island nation's Sunni rulers unleashed riot police who stormed a protest encampment in Pearl Square before dawn, firing tear gas, beating demonstrators or blasting them with shotgun sprays of birdshot. Along with two who died in clashes with police Monday, the new killings

brought the death toll this week in Bahrain to seven.

The willingness to resort to violence against largely peaceful demonstrators was a sign of how deeply the monarchy fears the repercussions of a prolonged wave of protests.

In the government's first public comment on the crackdown, Foreign Minister Khalid Al Khalifa said it was necessary because the demonstrators were "polarizing the country" and pushing it to the "brink of the sectarian abyss."

Speaking to reporters after an emergency meeting with his Gulf counterparts in Manama to discuss the unrest, he called the violence "regrettable," said the deaths would be investigated and added that authorities chose to clear the square by force at 3 a.m. — when the fewest number of people would be in the square — "to minimize any possibility of casualties."

Many of the protesters were sleeping and said they received little warning of the assault.

In the wake of the bloodshed, angry demonstrators who milled around one hospital for treatment or to transport wounded friends and relatives chanted: "The regime must go!"

They stomped on and burned pictures of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa outside the emergency ward at Salmaniya Medical Complex, the main hospital where most of the casualties were taken.

"We are even angrier now," shouted Makki Abu Taki, after viewing the birdshot-riddled body of his son in the hospital morgue. "They think they can clamp down on us, but they have made us angrier. We will take to the streets in larger numbers and honor our martyrs. The time for Al Khalifa has ended."

The Obama administration expressed alarm over the violent crackdown. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called the foreign minister to register Washington's "deep concern" and urge restraint.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the U.S. has been encouraging reforms in the region for some time.



Bahraini soldiers in tanks and armored vehicles stand ready Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, near a main highway west of the capital of Manama, Bahrain.

Similar criticism came from Britain and the European Union, and Human Rights Watch urged Bahraini authorities to order security forces to stop attacks on peaceful protesters.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the U.S. has been encouraging reforms in the region for some time.

"The truth is I think the U.S. has consistently — primarily privately, but also publicly — encouraged these regimes for years to undertake political and economic reforms because the pressures were building," Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "And now they need to move on with it and there is an urgency to this."

Baseball stadium vandalized, should be cleaned by opener

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

Lupton Baseball Stadium was vandalized Wednesday night, but the damage should be cleaned up by the season opener Friday because it was not extensive, a TCU Police Officer said.

"Basically, just sometime overnight they went in there and played on the field."

Lt. Ramiro Abad
TCU Police

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"Basically, just sometime overnight they went in there and played on the field," he

said.

Abad said no exact monetary amount for the damage was known, but the only items of value that were damaged were the cameras and fire extinguisher. Phone calls to the ath-

letics administration were not returned by the time of the publication Wednesday night.

For the latest information, check dailyskiff.com.



Vandals knocked out the cameras in the Lupton Baseball stadium on Wednesday night. The picture shows where a camera was torn down over the third-baseline dugout.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

Record freshmen applications received

By Chris Blake
News Now Executive Producer

More Horned Frog hopefuls than ever applied for admission next fall as the Feb. 15 deadline came and went. And it was not even close — the Office of Admission received more than 18,000 applications for an estimated 1,820 spots in next year's freshman class, which means just more than 10 percent of applicants will make up the class.

Jim Atwood, who has been the chair of the committee on student selection for more than two decades, said making the selections has never been harder.

"It's always been the case that there have been more [applicants] than we can accommodate," he said. "But this year, the challenge of accommodating people is much more pronounced."

According to data provided by the Office of Admission, in 2006, TCU accepted 62.7 percent of applicants. In 2010, the university accepted 52.9 percent of applicants.

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He said that even though applications have increased, he did not think it was completely due to the success of the football and baseball teams, which

brought TCU increased national exposure.

"I think the decisive factor is having students come to campus and see what's here," Atwood said.

One problem that residential services encountered in 2009 was that more students accepted admission than they anticipated, Allen and Atwood said. A class size of 1,821 instead of the expected approximation of 1,600 unexpectedly forced students to live in lounges.

"What we've gotten better at is, because we know we're going to need those bed spaces, we do a much better job planning for it," Allen said.

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NATIONAL

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By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

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Her doctor said patients with injuries similar to Giffords have good and bad days. Sometimes, they will make progress and improve for several days and then encounter a day when their muscles are

not as strong as expected or they are tired.

"It happens quite frequently. We don't even panic anymore, because that happens," said Dr. Gerard Francisco, who heads the team of specialists treating Giffords.

Those who have spent time with Giffords said she has reached several impressive milestones. She is able to mouth the words to songs such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." She is eating meals on a consistent basis, whether it's hospital food or sushi or matzo ball soup brought to her bedside by her rabbi.

Her top aide has said Giffords knows she was shot, but doesn't know about the deaths and injuries to those around her. A close family friend said one of her first words was "better" after her husband asked her, "How are you?"

"There's lots of excitement as she continues to speak more and improve," said family friend Tilman Fertitta,



In this photo provided by the office of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords' husband, Mark Kelly, stands with his wife as she looks from her bed at the Santa Catalina.

who has spent time with her family and friends and visited the congresswoman. "She's in a great mood and working hard."

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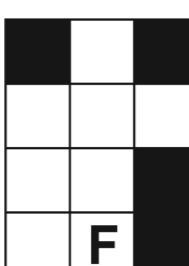
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- T in a sandwich
- Typewriter feature
- Queue after Q
- Opposite of bueno
- Psychic couple?
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- Hoodwink
- Ruling family name in 19th-century Europe
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- M.D.'s specialty
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Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (220pts)

How to play:

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"Freeze"

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"Certified Organic" Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (100pts)

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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.

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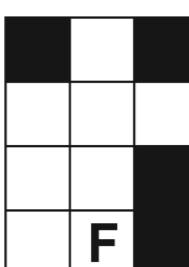
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"Farmers' Markets"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (220pts)

How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once.

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

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"Certified Organic" Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (100pts)



"Freeze"

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.

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OPINION

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Does the 10-17 TCU team, with only a single win in conference play (11 losses) really have a shot to prevail against 24-2 BYU, who conversely has a single loss in conference play? Anything can happen any given night, but the Frogs are the underdogs in this matchup.

Why? If you haven't followed TCU basketball this season, the team is unranked and did not fare well against the Cougars with a 67-83 dismal loss earlier on the road this season.

BYU brings in a talented ball club featuring gifted NCAA scoring leader and future NBA first-round draft pick Jimmer Fredette, who is the Cougars' star point guard. Fredette averages over 27 points per game. The 6-foot-2 senior has captured three 40-plus point perfor-

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On the other hand, TCU has an asset in one of the nation's top guards, Hank Thorns. The junior transfer from Virginia Tech is averaging 10.3 points per game and 6.5 assists per game.

The Associated Press Top 25 ranks BYU No. 7 in the country. And if the Frogs can upset the Cougars, it would be a great achievement for TCU and its basketball tradition.

TCU's last home sellout was in November 2004, when it hosted Texas Tech. Bobby Knight and his Red Raiders exited the DMC with their first loss of the season as the Frogs rolled to their third-straight win, 83-68. It was also the next season TCU shocked No. 10 Louisville at the DMC, pummeling Rick Pitino's Cardinals 71-46.

With that being said, the TCU basketball team knows an upset is more than plausible. TCU is not the same team they were in 2004: Former Frogs' coach Neil Dougherty has exited the program and current head coach Jim Christian is trying to steer the team in the right direction after the Frogs extended their losing

streak to nine games after a home loss to Colorado State Wednesday. But it would behoove the team to stay optimistic.

How much it would mean for TCU if it defeats a Mountain West Conference powerhouse like BYU?

Jon Sublett, a student, said it would simply show that TCU can play top teams.

You can bet the DMC will be a hostile environment when both teams duel on the hardwood. If TCU can solely prohibit Fredette from attacking the cylinder and limit his excellent shooting ability, the Horned Frogs' upset feat is achievable. What's more exciting than rushing the court?

The team's ultimate goal is to win, to upset BYU and to prove they can compete with a nationally ranked team. Can the Horned Frogs pull off the glorious upset? Only time will tell, and that time is the 3:30 p.m. tip-off Saturday.

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The Frogs had a record of 26-4 at Lupton Stadium in the 2010 campaign. Purke will toss the first pitch of the 2011 season at 6:30 p.m.

What: No. 1 TCU vs. Kansas

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When: Saturday at 2 p.m.
Where: Lupton Stadium

TV: The Mtn. (tape delay: will air at 5:30 p.m.)
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Game 3:
When: Sunday at 1 p.m.
Where: Lupton Stadium
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OPINION

Students could witness historic upset

Myka Williams

TCU's Saturday home matchup against nationally ranked Brigham Young University has officially been declared a sellout.

As fans and students wait to fill the stands in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, the Horned Frogs will have to accept the competition the Cougars have to offer.

Does the 10-17 TCU team, with only a single win in conference play (11 losses) really have a shot to prevail against 24-2 BYU, who conversely has a single loss in conference play? Anything can happen any given night, but the Frogs are the underdogs in this matchup.

Why? If you haven't followed TCU basketball this season, the team is unranked and did not fare well against the Cougars with a 67-83 dismal loss earlier on the road this season.

BYU brings in a talented ball club featuring gifted NCAA scoring leader and future NBA first-round draft pick Jimmer Fredette, who is the Cougars' star point guard. Fredette averages over 27 points per game. The 6-foot-2 senior has captured three 40-plus point perfor-

mances this season. Fredette is well on his way to the next level of basketball.

On the other hand, TCU has an asset in one of the nation's top guards, Hank Thorns. The junior transfer from Virginia Tech is averaging 10.3 points per game and 6.5 assists per game.

The Associated Press Top 25 ranks BYU No. 7 in the country. And if the Frogs can upset the Cougars, it would be a great achievement for TCU and its basketball tradition.

TCU's last home sellout was in November 2004, when it hosted Texas Tech. Bobby Knight and his Red Raiders exited the DMC with their first loss of the season as the Frogs rolled to their third-straight win, 83-68. It was also the next season TCU shocked No. 10 Louisville at the DMC, pummeling Rick Pitino's Cardinals 71-46.

With that being said, the TCU basketball team knows an upset is more than plausible. TCU is not the same team they were in 2004: Former Frogs' coach Neil Dougherty has exited the program and current head coach Jim Christian is trying to steer the team in the right direction after the Frogs extended their losing

streak to nine games after a home loss to Colorado State Wednesday. But it would behoove the team to stay optimistic.

How much it would mean for TCU if it defeats a Mountain West Conference powerhouse like BYU?

Jon Sublett, a student, said it would simply show that TCU can play top teams.

You can bet the DMC will be a hostile environment when both teams duel on the hardwood. If TCU can solely prohibit Fredette from attacking the cylinder and limit his excellent shooting ability, the Horned Frogs' upset feat is achievable. What's more exciting than rushing the court?

The team's ultimate goal is to win, to upset BYU and to prove they can compete with a nationally ranked team. Can the Horned Frogs pull off the glorious upset? Only time will tell, and that time is the 3:30 p.m. tip-off Saturday.

Myka Williams is a sophomore journalism major from Lewisville.

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OPINION

Students have chance to witness historic upset against BYU.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Women's basketball travels to BYU in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 MWC showdown.



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Junior guard Hank Thorns goes to pass the ball during the game against CSU on Wednesday night. Their next game is a sold-out home matchup against BYU.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Frogs take on No. 7 BYU Saturday in sold-out game

By Ryan Osborne

Staff Writer

TCU (10-17, 1-11 MWC) will face No. 7 Brigham Young (24-2, 10-1 MWC) 3:30 p.m. on Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in front of what is expected to be a capacity crowd.

The game will be a rematch of a Jan. 18 matchup when BYU beat the Horned Frogs 83-67 at the Marriott Center in Provo, Utah.

All tickets to Saturday's game have been sold out and according to an e-mail sent out by the TCU Athletic Department Wednesday morning, the deadline for students to redeem a ticket with their student IDs was 5 p.m. Thursday.

The Cougars will come into the game a half game behind No. 6 San Diego State in the Mountain West Conference standings. BYU senior guard Jimmer Fredette (27.3 ppg) leads the nation in scoring. BYU has won 14 of its past 15 games, while the Frogs will enter the game in the middle of a nine-game losing streak, having lost 13 of their past 14.

The Frogs have struggled to find consistency both on offense and defense after guard Sammy Yeager was dismissed from the team in January and leading scorer Ronnie Moss (15.7 ppg) was suspended indefinitely three weeks ago.

Junior point guard Hank Thorns has led the Frogs with 12.6 points per game and 7.8 assists per game in Moss' absence.

Despite TCU's recent struggles, head coach Jim Christian said his team is excited for the opportunity to host a team like BYU and thinks they'll thrive in the big-time atmosphere.

"It's going to be interesting to see," Christian said. "Obviously, our kids are going to be excited to play."

"For whatever reason, we have played better in tougher environments," he said. "We played well at San Diego State and we played well at BYU. Hopefully we'll take advantage of it."

BYU will also be ready for the raucous atmosphere.

Cougars head coach Dave Rose explained via teleconference how his team should be ready for any crowd, since attendance in away venues has been well above average since in almost all 18 of BYU's road games.

"I think it's a good thing for our

team because that atmosphere is one of the reasons people come to BYU, to be able to play in those kinds of atmospheres everywhere we go," Rose said.

But if TCU wants to have a chance Saturday, it will have to stop a shot-happy Cougar offense that ranks eighth in the country with 83.1 points per game.

"All my players know if they have an open shot they need to shoot it," Rose said. "We have to make shots. We're not a driving team that gets to the rim and we're not an unbelievable offensive rebounding team."

The entire BYU show is led by Fredette, who shoots 47 percent from the field and 42 percent from behind the arc.

With a TCU defense that allows opponents to shoot 46.6 percent from the field, the Frogs may need more than a crowd boost to knock off the Cougars.

Frogs Flashback

It's been over six years since Daniel-Meyer Coliseum sold out — 7,218 fans packed in to watch the Frogs defeat the Red Raiders, 83-68, on Nov. 24, 2004.

The win put the Frogs at 3-0 for the season and TCU led by as many as 22 points. Former Red Raider Marcus Shropshire transferred to TCU after playing a season under then-Red Raiders' coach Bob Knight. Shropshire drained a 3-pointer while falling down with 1:51 left in the first half, spurring a 10-0 run for the Frogs.

Notes on Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Year opened: Dec. 14, 1961
Largest crowd (Men): 7,267 vs. Kansas (Dec. 1, 2003)
All-time home record (Men): 428-256

Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this article.

TCU vs. No. 7 Brigham Young

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