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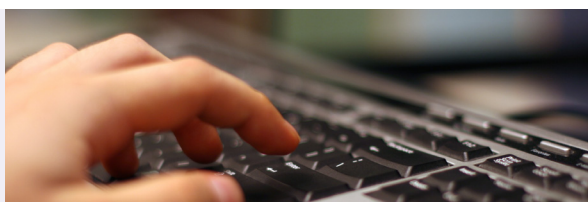


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FINE ARTS

TCU music ensembles perform in Carnegie Hall this week

By Chelsea Katz

Staff Reporter

The TCU Horned Frog football team was in the national spotlight in January, and now two award-winning TCU music ensembles will take center stage in what was described to be their own Rose Bowl experience.

Two award-winning TCU music ensembles will perform brand new compositions in New York City this week at the prestigious Carnegie Hall.

Director of Bands, Bobby R. Francis, said the TCU Wind Symphony will perform three pieces that will have their New York premieres and that the TCU Percussion Ensemble will perform at least one world premiere.

Richard Gipson, director of the School of Music, said the wind symphony will perform at Carnegie Hall on Thursday and that the TCU Jazz Ensemble would join the wind symphony on one piece. He said the percussion ensemble will perform at Merkin Hall in Manhattan on Wednesday. Merkin Hall is a smaller venue that Gipson said was more appropriate for the group's size.

"It's kind of like the musical equivalent of the football team playing in the Rose Bowl," he said. "These are concert ven-

ues that represent the pinnacle of performance."

The wind symphony and the percussion ensemble left for New York on Monday and will return Saturday, Gipson said. He expected about 80 students to make the trip.

Francis, who is also the conductor of the TCU Wind Symphony, said it was a great opportunity for students. He said students will leave the performance with memories and a feeling of musical history.

"This is a unique opportunity to get to perform at probably the one performance venue in the entire world that you can say [the name] anywhere and they know what it is," Francis said. "They know the history, and they know the prestige of that, just by hearing the name Carnegie Hall."

Francis said the trip to New York was in the planning stages for the past three years. The wind symphony performed at Carnegie Hall in the past, but Francis said the other time was as part of a shared concert 15 or 20 years ago. This will be the first time the wind symphony will perform in Carnegie Hall by itself.

Brian Youngblood, associate director of bands at TCU and guest conductor, said the performance will serve as a way to recruit and develop

the band program. He said students from high schools and universities will be in attendance, and it will be a good way to get those students interested in TCU.

Tonya Bell-Green, associate manager for public relations at Carnegie Hall, said Carnegie Hall is not producing the Wind Symphony's performance. Coordinators or producers have the option of renting the hall. TCU reserved the hall and will produce the performance.

Michelle Strickland, a junior music education major and member of the wind symphony, said the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall was a dream come true.

"Every music person grows up knowing that Carnegie [Hall] is the epitome of concert halls," Strickland said. "The fact that we're actually going to have the opportunity to play there is mind-boggling."

She said it will be worth the intensive rehearsals and early mornings. She said the group had 10 hours of rehearsal during the first half of last week.

Francis said the selected music had to be appropriate for the performance. For this concert, he said a program that was both entertaining and a substantial fit because

the symphony expected a diverse crowd that would include tourists, alumni, family, friends and administrators. He said many of the composers of the music that the group will be playing will also be in attendance.

Gipson said he expected a very large crowd at Carnegie Hall and for Merkin Hall to be sold out.

Carnegie Hall seats 2,804 in the main Isaac Stern Auditorium, and Merkin Hall seats 450 people.

By being in New York, Gipson said it allowed the groups to essentially perform for the world and that it provided the opportunity to show what the School of Music can do.

Francis said the wind symphony's program will include music by composers Anthony Plog, David Maslanka, John Mackey, Joseph Turrin and Grammy Award-winning composer Patrick Williams.

According to a press release, the percussion ensemble's program will include music by Raymond Helble, Ricardo Souza, Eric Ewazen, Dave Hall, David Maslanka and Dwayne Rice.

Francis said the group will rehearse in New York prior to the concert and said Williams, Turrin and Plog would be at the rehearsals.

"[The composers] will be there to make any final comments that they might want to make about what we've done with their music," Francis said.

Gipson said the School of Music was funding the trip,

but declined to discuss how much the trip would cost.

Strickland said, "With what the band has experienced this year with the Rose Bowl and the Super Bowl, it's like the perfect ending to our year."



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A photo of Riverside Church in New York where the TCU Band rehearsed with the American Brass Quintet.

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TECHNOLOGY

Wireless upgrade to finish in August

By Christa Acuna
and Emily Agee

News Now Reporter and Staff Reporter

Olivia Forkenbrock would spend hours using the wireless Internet in the library and the University Recreation Center instead of in her room in the Zeta house. Unlike other students, though, the relocation was involuntary because the wireless connection in the house was unreliable.

Forkenbrock, a sophomore strategic communication major, said she chose the library because she found the wireless Internet to be the most consistent on campus in comparison to other locations.

"For a while, at the beginning of the semester, we didn't have Internet for about a week and a half," she said.

However, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills

said the university has made strides to address the connectivity issues.

Mills said the networking system was originally expanded three years ago. He said the amount of usage has doubled since the expansion, which has caused the current problems with the network.

The university began upgrading its wireless Internet system in January, Mills said. The upgrade will be completed by August and will improve the signal strength on campus by 60 to 75 percent, he said.

Multiple calls to Technology Resources were not returned Tuesday.

Student Government Association Vice President Brett Anderson said SGA had been addressing the issue of inconsistent wireless Internet since last November. The House Student of

Representatives recognized

Internet accessibility as a concern among students and adopted a resolution to improve the wireless connection by doubling the Internet access points on campus.

"We've come to expect a lot from the services we receive at TCU, and the Internet wasn't really up to par," he said.

Although the student wireless connection in the Worth Hills area was not satisfying the students, freshman graphic design major Ashley Moon said the university acted on student complaints about the Internet in Brachman Hall this semester.

She said there were only a couple of routers throughout the dormitory at the beginning of the semester, but several were added a few weeks ago. The routers were placed approximately 20 feet away from one another to increase coverage in the building.

ECONOMICS

Oil prices jump \$4 a barrel as tensions rise in the Middle East

By Pablo Gorondi
Associated Press

Oil prices jumped by over \$4 a barrel on Monday amid investor concerns that violent protests spreading in Libya could disrupt crude supplies from the OPEC nation and affect other oil-rich countries in the region.

By late afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for March delivery was up \$4.03 to \$90.23 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 16 cents to settle at \$86.20 on Friday.

U.S. markets, including Nymex floor trading, were closed Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday and the thin trading volumes had the potential to amplify price fluctuations.

In London, Brent crude for April delivery gained \$2.37 to \$104.89 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

The spread between the Nymex and Brent contracts has narrowed slightly but still remains far above usual levels of a few dollars per barrel. Brent is considered to be more sensitive to possible disruptions of Middle East oil supplies, while large U.S. stockpiles of crude are one of the reasons for the lower Nymex quotes.

On Sunday, Seif al-Islam Gadhafi, son of Libyan leader

Moammar Gadhafi, warned protesters that they risked igniting a civil war in which Libya's oil wealth "will be burned."

While Libya is among the one of the world's biggest oil producers and has the largest proven oil reserves in the whole of Africa. It produces around 1.6 million barrels of crude a day and exports 1.1 million barrels.

"The concerns in the market go beyond Libya. It's unlikely we're going to see any meaningful disruption of oil from the Middle East or North Africa, but the spread of this unrest has raised anxieties."

Victor Shum

Energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore

Oil companies like U.K.-based BP and Germany's Wintershall said they were temporarily suspending operations in Libya, while Italy's Eni said production continued normally. Some of the firms also began evacuating their foreign employees there.

"Compared to Tunisia (a minor crude exporter) or Egypt (not an exporter but a transit

country), instability in Libya is a major concern to the oil industry," said analysts at JBC Energy in Vienna.

Earlier Sunday, anti-government demonstrations spread to the Libyan capital of Tripoli and protesters seized military bases and weapons. In the eastern city of Benghazi, about 60 people were killed, while more than 200 have died since the unrest began seven days ago.

Oil traders are also closely watching recent protests in Iran, which is the second-largest crude exporter in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries behind Saudi Arabia.

"The concerns in the market go beyond Libya," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "It's unlikely we're going to see any meaningful disruption of oil from the Middle East or North Africa, but the spread of this unrest has raised anxieties."

Experts also mentioned the possible spread of the political upheaval to Saudi Arabia as a possible threat to oil supplies and a bullish factor for oil prices. The kingdom which sits atop the world's largest proven reserves of conventional crude oil.

"The 'elephant in the room' that has the potential to really ignite the markets is Saudi Arabia," said senior commod-



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Traders of crude oil and natural gas react during early trading at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Monday, Jan. 31, 2011. The tense stand-off in Egypt dominated market concern as investors worried about the impact on oil supplies and the stability of other governments in the region.

ity analyst Edward Meir at MF Global in New York. "We have to suspect that the government is watching the situation in Bahrain with some trepidation, as the Saudi leadership mirrors the Bahraini one in that most of its governing class are Sunnis, while the governed are Shiites."

The Shiite minority is pri-

marily located in Saudi Arabia's eastern province, where the bulk of its oil is located.

Bahrain, where protesters are calling for the ouster of the ruling monarchy, on Monday suspended its Grand Prix, the first race of the Formula One season and the country's biggest international event.

In other Nymex trading in March contracts, heating oil rose 6.6 cents to \$2.7789 a gallon and gasoline gained 5.87 cents to \$2.61 a gallon. Natural gas futures advanced 5.6 cent to \$3.932 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Alex Kennedy in Singapore contributed to this report.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Guns on campus would hurt more than help

A bill in the Texas House would allow students with a concealed carry license to carry guns on public college campuses.

While gun carriers must be 21 or older and undergo training on the proper handling of a gun, allowing students carrying concealed handguns to wander public campuses is a dangerous idea.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said he didn't support the bill because it could create confusion for police reacting to a violent situation.

In a hypothetical standoff, a poorly trained student pulling a gun to stop a rogue gunman could be shot either by police or by the gunman.

This bill assumes that anyone carrying a handgun is a collected, rational person who wouldn't hesitate to get between a hostage and a gunman. In reality, without extensive training, most people would react poorly in that situation.

More guns won't increase safety, something that Texans can't seem to accept. If this passes, the next round of media coverage could be on the death of an innocent student who tried to save the day.

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Creationism doesn't stack up against evidence



Patrick Burns

While it is always great to have civil dialogue on the issue of religion, I took some objection to the recent letter to the editor about the merits of creationism as a field of study. The letter said many respected scientists worldwide have argued with scientific data for the creationist theory.

Those three main points — that many scientists believe in creationism, that scientists use scientific data to defend creationism, and that creationism is a theory — are all wrong.

First, a study conducted back in 1998 by Edward J. Larson and Larry Witham regarding scientists' faith found that only 3.3 percent of scientists believed in a god, while 77 percent did not. Three

percent is not "many." That is just a select few.

Secondly, outside of the Bible and biased sources, no publication has shown that creationism is accepted scientifically in any way.

In writing his decision on the *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*, which found the teachings of Intelligent Design, a spin-off of creationism, to be unconstitutional, Judge James E. Jones III wrote, "...evolution, including common descent and natural selection, is 'overwhelmingly accepted' by the scientific community and that every major scientific association agrees."

Also, using the science that we can properly test, scientists have found through the study of DNA that sharks and dolphins share very similar traits, despite thriving in different environments, and that chimpanzees and humans have a DNA structure that is almost 98 percent identical, according to the University of California at Berkeley website on evolution.

Finally, creationism is not a theory.

Webster's Dictionary defines a theory as a "scientifically acceptable general principle or body of principles offered to explain phenomena."

For instance, scientists, through centuries of study and testing and with the help of Darwin, have come up with the theory of evolution. It as close to a fact as possible, in terms of science.

In fact, the use of science to prove creationism is literally impossible because it requires the existence of supernatural powers that simply do not exist.

There is no way to test whether Moses could part a sea or whether God created humans because there is no proper independent or dependent variable that we can use to test those claims.

If people want to believe in creationism, they have every right to do so. But they should know that creationism is not something accepted by science whatsoever.

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PERSPECTIVES

Technology advances can't replace humans



Bailey McGowan

Technology is taking over — at least, it appears to be that way at Stacked, a California restaurant.

According to a Feb. 16 article in *USA Today*, Stacked's customers will order from iPads. Essentially, they will be able to build their burgers, salads, and pizzas however they want and can even opt to pay through the iPad, which sounds an alarm if taken outside the restaurant.

The idea for ordering from the iPad at restaurants is not new. Delta Airlines uses iPads at New York's John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia airports to let customers order custom meals. At Bone's Restaurant in Atlanta, wine sales have increased 20 percent since the iPads were added in August, according to the *USA Today* article.

Technology will continue to advance, but that does not mean that humans will become irrelevant. Jobs are not generating as rapidly because of technology, but they are still being generated.

Over the holidays, customers' spending increased 6 percent, according to a Dec. 17, 2010 article in the *Los Angeles Times*. The increase in spending correlated to only 26,000 California jobs added in November. In contrast, in November 2006, California added 62,000 jobs. In an article published by *Texas Ahead* updated Friday, Texas added 230,800 jobs between 2009 and 2010 and only 20,000 jobs between November and December.

Even with that information, one should still be confident knowing that there is a delicate aspect of any job that cannot be generated by any machine.

Technology has taken giant leaps in every area of knowledge. Take Watson, the IBM supercomputer which beat Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter at "Jeopardy!" Watson had the ability to understand and

process everyday English.

This is beyond what the typical human brain can do, but with another factor: it is completely impersonal. There is no way for a computer to portray confidence, discouragement or cockiness.

While this may be a great treat for a game show win, it does not help whatsoever with customer service. A machine cannot understand the frustration of a customer if a cook gets an order wrong, nor can it sympathize about someone's day or catch someone trying to swindle their way out of paying for their meal. It cannot slow down for someone who is not tech savvy.

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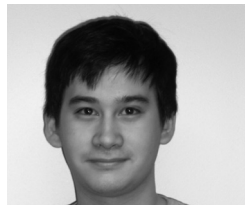
Yes, technology is now capable of doing something far beyond the capacity of the human brain. We do not have the same 15-terabyte databank Watson does, or the ability to instantaneously cross-reference buzzwords. However, there will always be a need for someone to maintain the machine and step in when it glitches.

Technology is not perfect, but neither are humans. Instead of dreading the oncoming takeover of technology at every turn, one should embrace the idea. Restaurants will be able to cut down on mistakes during ordering as long as the programs are working properly. Military intelligence can hone in on any piece of information it would want in a matter of minutes, making decisions quicker and easier.

There is an opportunity to expand on our horizons as long as one can embrace the changes coming. They will not be easy changes, but they are necessary with the advances of technology, and one cannot afford to be left behind.

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Houston school keeps up with times by removing books



Jason Lam

I have a unique appreciation for the value of books. As long as I can remember, my family has collected them. Bookshelves are present in every room in my house. When we last attempted a count, we gave up in the neighborhood of 5,000.

It may be slightly surprising, then, that I do not condemn the transformation of Houston's Lamar High School's library to get rid of books in order to add a coffee shop and e-books. Needless to say, this was not the most popular move. One of the more critical articles in the *Houston Press* used words such as "appalling," "stupid" and "terrible."

However, it is easy to miss the larger picture in a kneejerk reaction. Books were reduced by slightly more than 50 percent, not eliminated. The books removed were ones that had not been checked out recently — one in more

than 30 years — books in poor condition and books that could be found easily online. How many books were realistically lost to students?

Laptops and access to Questia, a research database, were added to the library's resources for students. Library hours were extended. And, do not forget the original point: the books were replaced with electronic versions.

Much of this simply comes down to a change in the way students are learning now. When we want information, we often do not reference books. We Google.

The Internet has changed the way we conduct research and acquire information. Traditional libraries are becoming increasingly irrelevant. Lamar High's change reflects this. Increased access to electronic resources and to the Internet are what students increasingly prefer.

Of course, this neglects the whole issue of the coffee shop. On its face, a trade of books for a coffee shop makes little sense. But this coffee shop is designed to be student-run at a school that has a magnet program in business management and will be staffed by students in the culinary division. Books may or may not be read, but the students involved in the coffee shop's

operation seem sure to learn something practical.

There are certainly issues with this change. Students who do not have Internet access at home obviously cannot access these resources at home. Not all computers will be used for learning and e-books may not all be read. Studiousness may decrease in the library area. Who knows how this will play out in the long-term in the school's budget?

That being said, books can still be requested from other libraries. Internet access has been effectively increased for students who do not have it at home, and access to resources has greatly been increased for those who do. The coffee shop may even turn a profit for the school. On balance, it seems hard to reasonably condemn what the school has done.

I love books, and I rarely get rid of one. However, the books in our library at home have been more or less useless to me. What I find most helpful are the databases and articles that the library gives me Internet access to. Times have changed, and more schools should adapt to that.

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BUSINESS

Neeley School's Erektion to speak at Phi Beta Kappa anniversary

By Cathy Pham
Staff Reporter

Homer Erektion, the dean of the Neeley School of Business, will speak about the value of a liberal arts education on Wednesday at an event celebrating the TCU chapter's 40th anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa.

According to the Neeley School of Business website, Erektion graduated from TCU in 1974 and was a member of the honor society when he was an undergraduate.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest academic honor society in America and was established in 1776.

Erektion said he was excited about speaking Wednesday and that he worked hard on his presentation, titled, "Learning the Price of Everything, and the Value of Nothing."

"There's something more than just measuring what we do and care about in life by dollar signs," Erektion said. "Liberal education is fundamentally built on relationships."

He also mentioned the importance of not measuring success in life based on financial achievement, but on the acquisition of knowledge.

Phi Beta Kappa President Linda Hughes said the society was founded at the College of William and Mary. She said the honor society was devoted to the liberal arts and the thoughtful reflection of knowledge and the contemporary world.

"There's something more than just measuring what we do and care about in life by dollar signs."

Homer Erektion
Dean of the Neeley School of Business

The historical society honors excellence, academic performance and scholarship, and its function is to provide an occasion and a means to pay tribute to those who value those ideas, Hughes said.

"It is testimony to what is perceived to be the academic quality of TCU," she said.

Hughes said undergraduate qualifications for the honor society included majoring in the liberal arts or sciences and completing several rigorous courses.

Senior religion major Caroline Hamilton said she

was surprised when she got invited as a junior because only seniors usually were inducted.

"I was kind of in shock, and it took a while to sink in," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said she was one of two current students at TCU who were in Phi Beta Kappa.

Hughes said students received scholarship opportunities and that the honor society also gave out humanities and fellows awards to those who displayed outstanding social work.

Hamilton said it was an honor to be selected to join the society and that she was looking forward to the anniversary.

"I will be attending, which will probably be a little strange 'cause I will be the youngest person in the room," she said. "But it's always an honor to be in a room with other people who have been recognized as great people in their field."

Phi Beta Kappa 40th anniversary at TCU

When: 6 p.m. today

Where: Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom

CAMPUS



ALYSON MORALES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Fort Worth Zoo representative shows an alligator to onlooking students on Tuesday in the Brown-Lupton University Union in coordination with the TheCrew. There were several different animals shown including a penguin, hawk and snake.

Health & Beauty

Check out the Skiff's Health & Beauty special edition Friday.



POLITICS

Rahm Emanuel elected next mayor of Chicago

By Deanna Bellandi and Don Babwin

Associated Press

Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor of Chicago on Tuesday, easily overwhelming five rivals to take the helm of the nation's third-largest city as it prepares to chart a new course without the retiring Richard M. Daley.

With 86 percent of the precincts reporting, Emanuel was trouncing five opponents with 55 percent of the vote to avoid an April runoff. Emanuel needed more than 50 percent of the vote to win.

The other major candidates — former Chicago schools president Gery Chico, former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and City Clerk Miguel del Valle — had hoped to force a runoff but were no match for Emanuel.

It was the city's first mayoral race in more than 60 years without an incumbent on the



PAUL BEATY / ASSOCIATED PRESS
Chicago mayoral candidate Rahm Emanuel left, poses with a person at the 69th St. C.T.A.

ballot and the first in more than two decades without Daley among the candidates.

Daley and his father have led Chicago for more than 43 out of the last 56 years.

Chico had 24 percent of the vote compared to 9 percent for both del Valle and Braun. Two other lesser-known candidates each got about 1 percent.

NATURAL GAS

Mayor to fight natural gas drilling despite move

By Angela K. Brown

Associated Press

This tiny rural town at the heart of the state's natural gas drilling controversy is losing its most high-profile crusader: Mayor Calvin Tillman, who has sold his house over concerns about his children's escalating health problems.

After he moves to a town that so far has avoided drilling activity, Tillman plans to keep fighting — although not as a politician — to make sure energy companies follow state and federal air quality regulations.

"In some ways it's a loss because our home in Dish is exactly what we wanted, but on the other hand the war isn't over. I'll keep working toward reform," Tillman said Tuesday. "If we don't get the companies to do this more responsibly, you're going to have to put a chain-link fence around the entire Barnett Shale because it's going to be uninhabitable."

Tillman, elected to his first

mayoral term in 2007, said he's losing money in the sale of his home that is to be finalized this week. Town commissioners can remove Tillman if he moves away from Dish before the May election, when his term expires.

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Calvin Tillman
Mayor of Dish, Texas

Tillman said he has no plans to run for another public office but will stay involved in the issue by talking to state lawmakers, environmental agency and work through his nonprofit organization Shale

Test, which provides air and water testing in low-income communities concerned about drilling.

The Barnett Shale, a 5,000-square-mile underground rock formation packed with natural gas, now has more than 12,000 wells since the massive boom in recent years. The shale spans about two dozen North Texas counties.

Dish is a rural community with only 200 residents some 35 miles northwest of Dallas. But the community has about 60 wells and a dozen compressor stations, which are used to regulate the pressure as the gas moves through pipelines. Since the first compressor station was built there in 2005 and drilling escalated, residents have complained about noise, putrid odors and health problems from nosebleeds to pain and circulation loss — but they acknowledge there's no proof linking the drilling to the health issues.

Energy companies say

they are operating in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

More than a year ago environmental regulators who tested the air over the Barnett Shale reported extremely high levels of cancer-causing benzene at gas wells near Dish and elevated levels at 19 more sites in North Texas. But the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said the Dish readings were caused by mechanical problems that the companies fixed quickly.

The town's website has a link to the 24-hour monitors' results and other reports and studies. It also has documents that residents can print and fill out — including a detailed "odor log" and a "nuisance" affidavit that can be used in any proceedings of the state's environmental agency.

Associated Press writer Ramit Plushnick-Masti in Houston contributed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL

Gadhafi refuses to step down, will fight to 'last drop of blood'

By Maggie Michael and Sarah El Deeb

Associated Press

A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" and roared at supporters to strike back against Libyan protesters to defend his embattled regime Tuesday, signaling an escalation of the a crackdown that has thrown the capital into scenes of mayhem, wild shooting and bodies in the streets.

The speech by the Libyan leader — who shouted and pounded his fists on the podium — was an all-out call for his backers to impose control over the capital and take back other cities. After a week of upheaval, protesters backed by defecting army units have claimed control over almost the entire eastern half of Libya's 1,000-mile Mediterranean coast, including several oil-producing areas.

"You men and women who love Gadhafi ... get out of your homes and fill the streets," he said. "Leave your homes and

attack them in their lairs."

Celebratory gunfire by Gadhafi supporters rang out in the capital of Tripoli after the leader's speech, while in protester-held Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, people threw shoes at a screen showing his address, venting their contempt.

State TV showed a crowd of Gadhafi supporters in Tripoli's Green Square, raising his portrait and waving flags as they swayed to music after the address. Residents contacted by The Associated Press said no anti-government protesters ventured out of their homes after dark, and gun-toting guards manned checkpoints with occasional bursts of gunfire heard throughout the city.

International alarm rose over the crisis, which sent oil prices soaring to the highest level in more than two years on Tuesday and sparked a scramble by European and other countries to get their citizens out of the North African nation. The U.N. Security Council held an emer-

gency meeting that ended with a statement condemning the crackdown, expressing "grave concern" and calling for an "immediate end to the violence" and steps to address the legitimate demands of the Libyan people.

Germany Chancellor Angela Merkel called Gadhafi's speech "very, very appalling," saying it "amounted to him declaring war on his own people." Libya's own deputy ambassador at the U.N., who now calls for Gadhafi's ouster, has urged the world body to enforce a no-fly zone over the country to protect protesters.

Gadhafi's retaliation has already been the harshest in the Arab world to the wave of anti-government protests sweeping the Middle East. Nearly 300 people have been killed, according to a partial count by the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

In two nights of bloodshed, Tripoli residents described a rampage by pro-Gadhafi militiamen — a mix of Libyans and foreign mercenaries — who shot on sight any-



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Libyans stand on an army tank at the state security camp in Benghazi, Libya, Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight on and die a "martyr," calling on his supporters to take back the streets from protesters demanding his ouster, shouting and pounding his fist in a furious speech Tuesday on state TV.

one found in the streets and opened fire from speeding vehicles at people watching from windows of their homes.

In a sign of the extent of the breakdown in Gadhafi's regime, one of his closest associates, Abdel Fattah Yunis, his interior minister and commander of the powerful Thunderbolt commando brigade, announced in Benghazi that he was defecting and

other armed forces should join the revolt.

The performance by Gadhafi on state TV Tuesday night went far beyond even the bizarre, volatile style he has been notorious for during nearly 42 years in power. Swathed in brown robes and a turban, wearing reflective sunglasses, he at times screamed, his voice breaking, and shook his fists — then switched to reading glasses

to read from a green-covered law book, losing his train of thought before launching into a new round of shouting.

Associated Press writers Hamza Hendawi in Cairo; Edith M. Lederer at the United Nations; Colleen Barry in Milan, Italy; Matthew Lee in Washington; John Heilprin in Geneva; and Barbara Whitaker in New York contributed to this report.

WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Ind. eatery pulls billboards with cult references

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A northern Indiana restaurant that erected billboards referring to the 1978 Jonestown cult massacre in which more than 900 people died has removed the signs following complaints that the

signs were offensive.

Jeff Leslie, vice president of sales and marketing at Hacienda, acknowledged that the billboards were a mistake. He said the South Bend-based company ordered the signs removed less than two weeks into Hacienda's new advertising campaign.

"Our role is not to be controversial or even edgy. We want to be noticed — and

there's a difference," Leslie told the South Bend Tribune. "We have a responsibility to (advertise) with care, and that's why we're pulling this ad. We made a mistake and don't want to have a negative image in the community."

The billboards included the statement, "We're like a cult with better Kool-Aid," over a glass containing a mixed drink, as well as the phrase "To die for!"

In November 1978, more than 900 members of Jim Jones' People's Temple drank cyanide-laced, grape-flavored

punch in a mass murder and suicide in the group's compound in Guyana.

Patricia Barbera-Brown of South Bend, who lives a few blocks away from one of the billboards, said she was so shocked when she initially read the message that she drove around the block.

Mob Experience to open at Tropicana hotel in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A new attraction on the Las Vegas Strip gives visitors a glimpse into the origin and

rise of mobs in Sin City.

It features possessions and home movies from some of organized crime's most famous figures, including Meyer Lansky's diary and cars belonging to Bugsy Siegel.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports the Las Vegas Mob Experience at the Tropicana hotel and casino will open to the public March 1.

Video displays throughout will provide commentary from James Caan, Mickey Rourke and Frank Vincent, actors with famous Mob-related roles.

Stop or we'll schuss: Wyoming uphill skier busted

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A 78-year-old retired doctor was handcuffed and hauled away on a toboggan for skiing uphill in Wyoming, but he won't face charges.

Roland Fleck of Jackson was arrested the morning of Feb. 5 after refusing ski patrollers' orders to stop. Jackson Hole Resort officials say avalanche danger and the presence of grooming machines made it unsafe.

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By Jerome Gunderson 2/23/11

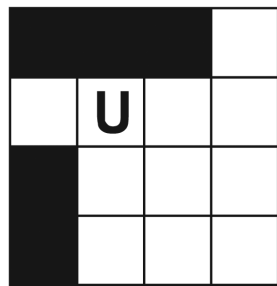
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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32 Sharp ridge
33 With 45-Down, Middle Ages quarantine area
35 Put through a sieve
38 "The Flying ___": Wagner opera
42 Explode
44 Padre's hermana
45 See 33-Down
47 Memento
48 Pre-Easter period
49 Hodgepodge
50 "Uh-oh, I dropped it!"
51 Big smile
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54 First-year law student
57 Ring icon
58 Sylvester, e.g.



"Coen Bros, True Grit"

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.

Tuesday's Solution

F	N	G	
K	I	P	S
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"Colin Firth, The King's Speech"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (390pts)

Sample



"Freeze"

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Directions

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

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solution

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6	9	1	3	5	4	8	2	7
4	3	8	2	6	7	5	1	9

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NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Friends mourn 4 US yachters killed by pirates

SANTA MONICA, California (AP) — An adventurous quartet of yacht enthusiasts from California and Washington state were living their dreams, friends say, retiring and sailing around the world until they were shot and killed by Somali pirates on Tuesday.

The yacht's owners, Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey near Los Angeles, along with Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle were taken hostage on Friday several hundred miles (kilometers) south of Oman. U.S. naval forces trailing the captured yacht with four warships quickly boarded the vessel after hearing the gunfire Tuesday, but the Americans died of their wounds. Two pirates were killed and 13 captured.

"We are heartbroken. They were an extraordinary couple," Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson said of the Adams during morning Mass at St. Monica Catholic

Church in Santa Monica.

Friends, family and fellow sailors said that despite an adventurous spirit, the four were meticulous planners who knew the dangers they faced. The Adams had been sailing around the world since December 2004 with a yacht full of Bibles to distribute to remote regions, and were joined by Riggle and Macay, who left Seattle nine or 10 months ago.

The four had traveled with a large flotilla to stay safe from pirates earlier in the trip, but had left the group when the attack occurred, McCay's niece, Nina Crossland, told reporters in San Francisco.

Visibly shaken and holding back tears, Crossland said her 59-year-old aunt was shot but alive when Navy Seals boarded the Quest. She died later.

Census: Near-record level of US counties dying

WELCH, W.Va. (AP) — Nestled within America's once-thriving coal country, 87-year-old Ed Shepard la-

ments a prosperous era gone by, when shoppers lined the streets and government lent a helping hand. Now, here as in one-fourth of all U.S. counties, West Virginia's graying residents are slowly dying off.

Hit by an aging population and a poor economy, a near-record number of U.S. counties are experiencing more deaths than births in their communities, a phenomenon demographers call "natural decrease."

Years in the making, the problem is spreading amid a prolonged job slump and a push by Republicans in Congress to downsize government and federal spending.

"You're the anchors of our Main Streets," President Barack Obama told small business leaders in Cleveland on Tuesday. "We want your stories — your successes, your failures, what barriers you're seeing out there to expand. How can America help you succeed so that you can help America succeed?"

Local businesses in Welch began to shutter after U.S. Steel



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A coal truck drives out of downtown Welch, W.Va. Coal brought a large population to the McDowell County in the 1940s. Now the population is shrinking and the county suffers from unemployment and poverty.

departed McDowell County, which sits near Interstate 77, once referred to as the "Hillbilly Highway" because it promised a way to jobs in the South. Young adults who manage to attend college — the high-school dropout rate is 28 percent, compared with about 8 percent nationwide — can't wait to leave.

For some reason, the fish in nearby Elkhorn Creek left too. "There's no reason for you to come to Welch," says Shepard, wearing a Union 76 cap at a makeshift auto shop he still runs after six decades. "This is nothing but a damn ghost town in a welfare county."

In all, roughly 760 of the na-

tion's 3,142 counties are fading away, stretching from industrial areas near Pittsburgh and Cleveland to the vineyards outside San Francisco to the rural areas of east Texas and the Great Plains. Once-booming housing areas, such as retirement communities in Florida, have not been immune.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

American Red Cross doing statewide drill Saturday

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It's a drill.

The American Red Cross will be doing a statewide simulated tornado disaster response test on Saturday.

A statement Tuesday from the emergency response organization says 22 Texas Red Cross chapters will take part. The effort is described as the group's first statewide disaster drill.

The devastating weather scenario will involve more than 600 disaster assessment volunteers. They'll be dealing with mock conditions after reports of dangerous storms.

Spokesman Neil McGurk says the 22 chapters are in Beaumont, Austin, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Dallas, Pampa, El Paso, Houston, Waco, Kerrville, Wichita Falls, Orange, Brownwood, Bay City, San Antonio, Tyler, Harlingen, Midland, Amarillo, Denison and Texarkana.

Nobody hurt in Texas A&M engineering building fire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Nobody has been injured in a fire that damaged part of the third floor and the roof of a building on the Texas A&M flagship campus.

The Zachry Engineering Center reopened Tuesday morning.

Building proctor Troy Stepan told The Associated Press that damage was mostly contained to a men's restroom. No damage estimate was immediately available.

College Station Fire Department spokesman Bart Humphreys says the cause of Monday afternoon's blaze is under investigation.

More than 2,000 students, staff and faculty safely evacuated. Classes were canceled Monday night.

Big airlines try to raise fares again

DALLAS (AP) — Some major U.S. airlines are trying to revive fare increases for high-end tickets after failing

to impose bigger price increases last week.

The move comes as airlines are worried about the prospect of higher jet fuel prices. Oil prices surged to their highest levels in more than two years Tuesday as violence in Libya raised fears that oil production could be threatened there or in other OPEC countries.

Fare watchers say American, United, Continental and US Airways raised prices Monday by \$20 to \$60 per round trip on some tickets favored by business travelers.

The increases are half the size of some that were briefly imposed last week, then rolled back after US Airways decided not to raise prices.

The airlines are dealing with roughly a 50 percent increase in prices for jet fuel in the past year.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith confirmed that his airline raised prices at midday Monday, adding that he believed American was the first carrier to do so. US Airways confirmed matching the increase. Representatives of United Continental Holdings

Inc. did not comment immediately.

Delta Air Lines remained a key holdout Tuesday morning. If even one major airline refuses to go along, fare increases can collapse. That's what happened last week to a Delta-led effort to boost high-end tickets by \$40 to \$120 per round trip — US Airways first matched that increase and then abandoned it.

JPMorgan Chase analyst Jamie Baker predicted Delta would match the latest increase. Delta did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

This week's increases cover first-class seats, economy seats that can instantly be upgraded to first-class, and so-called walk-up fares — tickets bought the day of travel. Such seats are believed to be a small portion of tickets sold by airlines, but they command very high prices.

Baker said demand for such tickets is less sensitive to price increases because the pricey fares are typically favored by corporate travelers.

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team heads to SMU for rivalry match

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

It isn't quite the Battle for the Iron Skillet, but it could be called the Iron Skillet Match: The No. 52 TCU women's tennis team will make the trip down Interstate 30 to face the university's private school rival, No. 29 Southern Methodist University.

TCU (1-2) dropped its last match to Texas A&M, 6-1, Feb. 12 at College Station.

"We had a lot of opportunities early in the match," TCU head tennis coach Dave Borelli said in a TCU Athletics release after the loss to the Aggies. "It's going to be tough all year. We've got a tough schedule and we're going to keep playing good teams."

The Frogs were slated to play North Texas in a consolation match at the ITA Kickoff Invitational in Berkeley, Calif. on Jan. 29, but the match was canceled due to weather. TCU lost to Saint Mary's the day before to kick off the tournament. The Frogs lone win for the season came in a 7-0 shut-out of University of Texas-Pan American Jan. 22. The

win was TCU's only home match of the season.

The Frogs' No. 1 doubles tandem, sophomore Federica Denti and senior Katariina Tuohimaa, are undefeated in spring play (3-0) and 8-2 overall since becoming partners in October.

"It's going to be tough all year. We've got a tough schedule and we're going to keep playing good teams."

Dave Borelli
Head Tennis Coach

SMU (8-2) won its third match in a row Saturday in Dallas, defeating Louisiana State, 5-2.

Mustangs' juniors Marta Lesniak and Aleksandra Malyarchikova defeated LSU's Whitney Wolf and Keri Frankenberger — the 39th-ranked doubles team in the nation.

SMU has won eight of its last 10 doubles matches this spring and is also undefeated at SMU's Turpin Tennis Center in 2011.

"I was glad that we kept

our momentum from doubles and took care of business in singles," said SMU head women's coach Lauren Longbotham Meisner in a SMU Athletics release. "With the way the wind was whipping around, I thought we handled the conditions a little better and kept our focus. LSU is a very scrappy team and I knew we would get their best effort. Now we have to get some rest before we play another tough opponent in TCU [today]."

TCU junior Gaby Mastro-marino is 3-0 this season for the Frogs in singles. Mastro-marino picked up TCU's only point in the Texas A&M loss.

Lesniak is also the fifth-ranked singles player in the for SMU, with a 7-2 record this spring.

The Frogs lead the all-time series against the Mustangs 26-18. SMU, however, shut out the Frogs 7-0 in Fort Worth last season.

Who: No. 52 TCU at No. 29 SMU
When: Today at 6 p.m.
Where: Turpin Tennis Center — Dallas
Go to Dailyskiff.com for scores and updates.

MEN'S TENNIS

Frogs face No. 14 Aggies at home



CAROLINE HARDWICK / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Christopher Price serves the ball against Alabama earlier in the season. The team faces Texas A&M at home today at 6 p.m.

By Mandy Naglich
Staff Reporter

The No. 47 TCU men's tennis team will face No. 14 Texas A&M today at 6 p.m.

Men's tennis coach David Roditi said, "(Texas) A&M is our highest ranked team we play at home, it was a match we've had circled on our calendar all season."

The match is also TCU's first home tennis match played at night this season.

The Frogs are coming off of a loss to Baylor 10 days ago, which means the team had an extra weekend to focus on their academics and catch up on rest before the challenging match, Roditi said.

"(Texas) A&M has one of the best players in college tennis in Austin Krajicek," Roditi said, "It is going to be a tough team."

TCU senior Emanuel Brighiu has a personal past with A&M's Krajicek.

"I've played him (Krajicek) every year since I came to TCU, I beat him my freshman year, and he beat me the two years after that," Brighiu said. The players are both seniors this year, so this will be their last match in a TCU versus A&M setting.

"I've played him in doubles too," Brighiu said.

Last year, Brighiu and his doubles partner, senior Chris Price, were able to defeat Krajicek and his partner Jeff Dadamo. That win against a ranked doubles team qualified Brighiu and Price to play in the NCAA Tournament last season.

"We play them every year, we always have close matches with them, it's kind of a Texas rivalry," Brighiu said.

Overall, TCU has a home record of 12-5 over A&M.

The Aggies are a top-10 team coming off two losses and a win in an indoor tournament played Sunday.

"We are charged up," Roditi, "If tomorrow we can get that doubles point and stay with (Texas) A&M in the singles match, close enough to where the crowd and the home turf becomes a factor, that's how we will come out with a win."

"We need the crowd to come out and support us, get some free Mama's Pizza... and see our new Ball Kids," he said.

TCU "Ball Kids"

Aside from being the first home night game, it will also

be the first game with the TCU "Ball Kids", said TCU Athletics Media Relations Assistant Director Jamie Handy.

"There will be about 27 middle school kids at the (Texas) A&M game," Handy said, "We had a training session with them on Monday so they are ready to go."

The "Ball Kids" will be at all of the 6 p.m. home games TCU tennis plays, including matches against Texas A&M, New Mexico State, New Mexico and SMU.

TCU is the only NCAA tennis in the state other than the University of Texas that has a "Ball Kids" program, Handy said.

For more information and how to become involved with the "Ball Kids" program, contact TCU assistant coach Mark Tjia by e-mail (mark.tjia@tcu.edu) or phone (817-343-5188).

Who: TCU vs. Texas A&M

When: Today at 6 p.m.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Freshmen pitchers lead Frogs to 2-0 victory over Baylor

Staff Report

Frogs' freshmen Andrew Mitchell and Stefan Crichton led No. 4 TCU to a 2-0 victory over Baylor Tuesday afternoon in Waco.

Mitchell threw 6 2/3 innings for his first collegiate win and Crichton closed out the victory for his first career save. Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston provided the offense for the Frogs with two RBIs.

Mitchell (1-0) held the Bears in check for much of the contest, facing the minimum number of batters through six innings. Mitchell didn't allow a run and surrendered two hits in 6 2/3 innings. He walked three and struck out four. Crichton pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings without allowing a hit and striking out two.

"I've been in baseball for 21 years and that was as good of a performance and mound presence as I've ever been a part of," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

"It's awesome," Mitchell said. "The defense played great behind me and I just threw strikes. It's good to get the first one out of the way."

TCU had runners on in two of the first three innings but couldn't get the big hit. A lead-off single in the first was erased by a double play ball and a lead-off error in the third was erased on a pick-off play.

The Frogs finally cashed in on a golden opportunity in the



PAIGE MCDARLE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston makes contact with the ball during the game against Kansas on Saturday afternoon. The Frogs finished the series 2-1.

fourth inning. Senior second baseman Jerome Pena opened the inning with a base knock to left field. Junior left fielder Jason Coats worked a walk to put two on with nobody out. Senior first baseman Joe Weik executed a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance the runners 90 feet. Featherston battled to a 2-2 count before lining a single up the middle to plate the go-ahead runs and after four, the Frogs led 2-0.

In the second inning, Mitchell picked off Baylor right fielder Cal Towey to end the inning and in the fourth, he got Bears' catcher Josh Ludy to ground into the inning-ending double play.

Twice the Bears lined into a double play to end a potential threat. In the sixth, the Bears had a runner reach on a one-out single, but BU's Steve Dal-

Porto lined out to Featherston, who threw behind the runner at first to end the frame. In the seventh, Baylor's Brooks Pinckard doubled to open the inning, but was hung out to dry as he tried to steal third. Logan Vick hit the ball sharply to Weik at first, who corralled the ball and threw to Featherston to get Pinckard out.

The seventh inning proved to be adventuresome after the line out as Mitchell walked Ludy. The Frogs went to the bullpen and Crichton looked like he was out of the inning, but an error allowed Baylor's Max Muncy to reach, putting the tying runs on base. He rebounded from the error getting Joey Hainsfurther to pop out to short to end the inning. After the error, Crichton retired the remaining seven batters that came to the plate.

TCU improves to 3-1 on the season. The Frogs return home for a weekend series against nationally-ranked Cal State Fullerton beginning Friday night. First pitch is slated for 6:30 p.m. at Lupton Stadium.

Game notes

The Frogs won for the first time in Waco since April 8, 2008 when they took a 4-3 decision over the Bears.

Baylor has not scored on TCU in the last 18 innings pitched. The Frogs handed Baylor a 9-0 defeat in the NCAA Fort Worth Regional Championship on June 6.

Jantzen Witte, Brance Rivera and Jimmie Pharr have all hit safely in each of the four games of this season.

TCU has limited opponents to seven runs this season.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Team finishes fourth

Staff Report

Up Next

TCU junior Brooke Beeler was the individual runner-up, just one stroke off the pace, to lead No. 30 TCU to a fourth-place finish after Tuesday's final round of the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla.

Beeler, who shot a TCU record 65 in Monday's opening round, finished with a 2-under-par 214, one stroke behind LSU freshman Austin Ernst.

Beeler won the Alamo Invitational in November and was seeking her second tournament title of the year. She also tied for second at October's Windy City Collegiate Classic in her home state of Illinois.

TCU's 887 placed it 19 strokes behind winner and No. 27 Iowa State. The Frogs finished ahead of No. 12 Arkansas, No. 19 Michigan State, No. 20 Notre Dame and No. 25 Ohio State.

TCU recorded its eighth top-five finish and 16th top-10 result in its last 17 tournaments.

Frogs' freshman Sanna Nuutinen, who tied for 25th, and sophomore Katy Cardno both carded final round 74s. Nuutinen's second 74 of the tournament featured two birdies, including her opening hole of the day. Cardno's 74 equaled a career-best round.

TCU will return to action March 11 when it begins play at the LSU Classic in Baton Rouge, La.

Team Scores

1. Iowa State - 289-296-283=868
2. LSU - 293-290-294=877
3. Texas A&M - 290-294-297=881
4. TCU - 290-297-300=887
5. Michigan State - 300-303-285=888
6. Northwestern - 294-304-295=893
7. Ohio State - 303-302-290=895
8. Kent State - 303-293-301=897
9. Michigan - 301-302-298=901
10. Notre Dame - 303-308-293=904
11. Arkansas - 302-309-298=909
12. Minnesota - 307-300-303=910
13. Indiana - 304-312-299=915
14. Baylor - 303-314-305=922
15. Missouri - 313-321-305=939

TCU Scores

2. Brooke Beeler - 65-73-76=214
- T25. Sanna Nuutinen - 74-77-74=225
- T35. Melissa Loh - 78-73-76=227
- T45. Rachel Raastad - 76-74-79=229
- T50. Katy Cardno - 75-81-74=230

SWIMMING & DIVING

Frogs begin last MWC swimming & diving championship Wednesday

By Ryan Osborne

Staff Writer

The TCU men's and women's swimming & diving teams will begin action today in the Mountain West Conference Championships, which runs through Saturday at the Oklahoma City Community College Aquatic Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

It not only will be the last MWC Championship for TCU, which switches to the Big East in 2012, but the final MWC Championship, period. The league will not sponsor men's swimming after the 2011 season.

Head coach Richard Sybesma is looking forward to competing against TCU's confer-

ence opponents the last time this season and is confident in his both of his teams.

He expects a top three or better finish from the TCU men and at least a top-four finish from the Horned Frog women.

"It's kind of like our last stand. We feel strongly we are really ready to bust open," Sybesma said. "Our men have a legitimate shot to win and our women have a legitimate shot to finish in the top four."

Due to the cancellations of a women's meet at North Texas on Feb. 2 and a men and women's match at home against Centenary College on Feb. 4, both teams have been off since Jan. 28.

But Sybesma doesn't think

the extended layoff should affect his teams as they head into today's meet.

"I don't think that hurt us a bit," Sybesma said. "We did a little intra-squad last week, so I think we'll be good to go."

This week's meet will also be TCU's final preparation before the NCAA qualifier meet on March 6th. Sybesma said making it to the NCAA tournament, and eventually the NCAA National Championships March 17-19 in Austin for the women, and March 24-26 in Minneapolis for the men, is the ultimate goal for his squad.

"We have a chance to get a few to the big dance [NCAA Championships] and that's our ultimate goal," Sybesma said.

Men's swimming & diving

The men's team will enter the meet with a 5-1 overall record and a 5-1 conference record and will be looking to win their first Mountain West Conference team championship. They are led by junior Edgar Crespo, who was TCU's lone NCAA qualifier in the 2009-10 season. Crespo is the defending MWC champion in the 100-breaststroke and is currently third in the 100-breast and second in the 200-breast entering the MWC Championships. Crespo has won nine events during the dual season.

Fellow Frogs' junior Laszlo Gyurko is currently ranked No. 1 in the MWC for 100-backstroke and 200-backstroke. Gy-

urko has tallied eight wins this season.

On the men's diving side, senior Kyle Callens is No. 1 on the platform diving list, as well as in the top five on the 3-meter diving and 1-meter diving list.

Women's swimming & diving

The TCU women will enter the meet with a 4-4 overall record and 4-4 conference record and they, too, will be looking for their first Mountain West Conference team championship.

Frogs' sophomore Sabine Rasch, who holds TCU records in three events, is second on the MWC list for the 50-freestyle and the 100-freestyle. Rasch clocked a TCU record 50.12

100-freestyle at the Chesapeake Pro-Am Elite Swim Meet on Dec. 19.

Senior Maria Paula Alvarez is fifth on the MWC list in the 500-freestyle and 1000-freestyle while freshman Michelle Fleming and Amanda Vincent are both ranked fifth in the MWC in the 200-breaststroke and 200-butterfly, respectively.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs bounce back against Utes

By **Tori Cummings**

Staff Writer

TCU finished a season sweep of Utah with a 71-60 victory, while shooting 50.9 percent from the field and 53.3 percent from the three-point line. Senior guard/forward Helena Sverrisdottir led all scorers with 23 points and added six assists while Utes' sophomore guard Iwalani Rodrigues led Utah with 19 points.

Lady Frogs' senior guard Emily Carter chipped in 19 points while sophomore forward Starr Crawford had 13 points and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds. Utes' freshman forward Michelle Plouffe and junior guard Janita Badon each scored in double digits for the Utes with 19 and 14, respectively.

With the win the Frogs improve to 19-9 overall and 11-3 in the Mountain West. Utah falls to 13-15 and 6-8 in conference.

Utah jumped out to an early 7-4 lead, but TCU quickly erased the deficit. Sverrisdottir led the charge, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers, a lay-up and another three to take the lead for TCU.

Plouffe hit a pair of baskets and a couple free throws to keep the Utes in the game. Utah tied the game mid-way through the half at 23-23.

Crawford completed a three-point play to take back the lead for TCU at the eight minute mark. The Lady Frogs then went on a 10-0 run to take a 35-25 lead. Five Lady Frogs scored during the run, led by four points from senior center Micah Garoutte. Utah missed a transition lay-up but scored on the ensuing rebound to end the TCU run.

Plouffe picked up an offensive foul, giving Crawford time to tack on an additional two points right before the half to give the Lady Frogs a 39-27 halftime lead.

"That was the best half of offensive basketball since the Oklahoma game," head basketball coach Jeff Mittie said.

Utah tried to chip away TCU's lead, but the Frogs answered every basket put up

by the Utes. Both teams went on a scoring drought at the 15:38 mark but Sverrisdottir's 3-pointer at the 13 minute mark broke the drought and extended the Frogs lead to 16 points.

TCU kept the lead with contributions off the bench, including baskets from senior forward Rachel Rentschler and freshman center Latricia Lovings.

But the Utes didn't go away. Rodrigues hit a trio of threes to keep the Utes in the game, cutting the TCU lead to 62-55 at the 2:46 mark.

The Frogs defense was tested down the stretch, but Mittie said he knew TCU would be able to overcome the comeback by Utah.

"We are gonna have a few breakdowns here and there... but we are also gonna get the advantage of playing mixed defenses as well," Mittie said. "I think the difference is we were able to go to multiple defenses at different times where they pretty much just played one."

Carter extended the Frogs lead to 65-58 with a shot from beyond the arc, but Rodrigues kept attacking the Frogs as she turned a steal into two points for the Utes.

Utah started to foul the frogs with 1:30 left to try to lengthen the game. Sverrisdottir stepped up to hit free throws to seal the game.

The Frogs showed their versatility as a team and their ability to move the ball around which is something they have been working on, Mittie said. Yesterday in practice, six different TCU players touched the ball in the paint offensively in a six minute span.

"That is what we need to become," Mittie said. "You saw us tonight. We were able to get those types of touches."

Added Sverrisdottir: "We know we can be a good team. It's almost March and we should know for sure."

Up next

The Frogs will play their last conference road game of the 2010-11 season at New Mexico Saturday. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m.



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Senior Helena Sverrisdottir passes the ball to sophomore Delisa Gross against Utah on Tuesday night. The Lady Frogs face New Mexico Saturday in Albuquerque.