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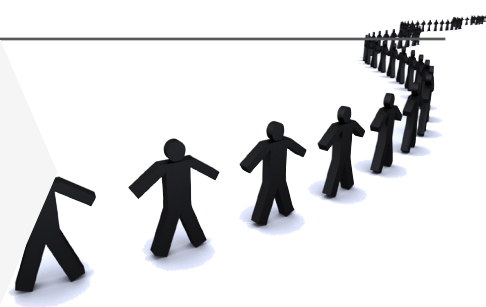
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Nontraditional students may soon have their own support group on campus. Tomorrow

NEWS

Local authorities report low turnout for early voting on gubernatorial race primaries. Tomorrow



FINE ARTS

STROKE OF GENIUS



Senior studio art major DJ Perera puts the finishing touches on his latest painting in his studio on the second floor of the J.M. Moody North Building on Thursday.

Student grows into prolific artist

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Writer

In a sun-bright studio, surrounded by paintings saturated in vibrant colors, a lone artist stoops to pour acrylic paint into opaque blobs on a white canvas. Hours later, when the acrylic has dried, he dips his brush into oil paint and whooshes it across a canvas — the first abstract forms of an interpretive figure.

The process is a messy one, DJ Perera explained as his wide eyes, held inches away from the canvas, followed the brush as it traced a green line across the artwork.

“Even the studio floor itself is a work of art,” he said.

Perera’s colorful paint speckled the floor, ran off canvasses where he’d poured too much, coalesced and amalgamated into a collage

of its own — a work of art indeed. But the method, messy or otherwise, was the point of it all, he said.

“It’s not the subject matter; it’s the process,” Perera said. “It’s getting as much out of the paint as you can.”

Perera, a senior studio art major, left his friends and family in his homeland of Qatar four years ago when he was admitted to the university and has plunged not only into the culture of Texas, but also into his dream of being an artist.

Although born and raised in Qatar, a member country of the United Arab Emirates, Perera is a citizen of Sri Lanka because he is a Christian and is considered an expatriate in the Middle East.

Perera’s parents moved to Qatar from Sri Lanka before he was

born for better work opportunities.

“I’m not permitted citizenship in Qatar because, primarily, I’m not a Muslim and furthermore, my parents, being expatriates, cannot by law acquire the same civil rights as an Arab citizen,” he said.

In many countries of the Middle East— Qatar included — the law of the state requires citizens be of the Islamic faith to gain citizenship, Perera said.

“In the Middle Eastern culture, you don’t have to sit for an exam to gain citizenship,” he said. “It’s not that institutionalized. You have to be of the faith to be accepted.”

Perera seldom returned to Qatar since arriving at the university

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CIVICS

Group to host census ‘party’

By Rachel Wilson
and Marshall Doig
Staff Reporters

Members of the university’s Public Relations Student Society of America chapter are hosting a block party today to encourage participation in the 2010 Census among their college peers, a demographic that government officials argue is difficult to count.

The event is part of the chapter’s participation in PRSSA’s national Bateman Case Study Competition. According to the PRSSA Web site, the goal of the competition is to exercise students’ analytical skills and judgment, which are necessary for real life public relations problem solving.

Megan McGuire, a senior strategic communication major and member of the chapter’s competition team, said college students are the most difficult demographic to count because they are the least likely to participate in the census survey. Members of the team will distribute handouts and questionnaires about the census at the block party, she said.

James Riddlesperger, a political science professor, said college students do not participate in the census as much as people in other age groups because they are generally less attuned to government activities. He said this results in the government seeing fewer demographics on college students and the allocation of fewer federal dollars to college students.

One of the functions of the census

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CORRECTION

Because of an editorial error, an article in Tuesday’s issue misidentified Eric Marshall, Matt Curry and Bryan Holaday as sophomores. All are seniors.

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Students voiced concerns at Tuesday night’s town hall meeting. Go to dailykiff.com for the story.

PECULIAR FACT

HANOI, Vietnam — Thousands of Vietnamese fishermen are giving a royal send-off to a 15-ton dead whale, gathering at a southern Vietnamese village to pay homage at a funeral for the creature they call “Your Excellency.”

— The Associated Press

FROST SERIES

Kennedy visit highlights environment

By Becky Schiffer
Staff Writer

Environmental stewardship and preservation of natural habitats will likely be topics covered by visiting speaker Robert F. Kennedy Jr. during his keynote address for the Frost Foundation Lectureship Series for Global Issues presented by the Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad.



Kennedy

Jane Kucko, director for the Center For International Studies: TCU Abroad, wrote in an e-mail that the Frost Foundation Lectureship on Global Issues provides the university with the opportunity to invite speakers like Kennedy, adding that his topic has been a focus of the university.

“The Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad, like the rest of the university, has been exploring ways we can foster meaningful experiences for the TCU community that focus upon sustainability,” Kucko wrote.

According to Kennedy’s Web site,

his legal expertise and education have allowed him to enact legislation in many other environmental efforts. Such efforts have led to protection

Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad Frost Lectureship Series

When: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. tonight
Where: Brown-Lupton University Union

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ADMISSIONS

Official: Application fee waiver unnecessary

By Sarah Fleischer
and Nathan Wall
Staff Reporters

While some colleges and universities across the nation are waiving or reducing application fees to boost enrollment numbers, one admissions official said such measures would not be necessary at the university.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the university does not need to lower its application fees. Instead, by keeping the admissions fees steady over the last 10 years, it has already helped out applicants.

The last increase in application fees came in 2002, Brown said.

“In the last 10 years we have gone up from \$35 to \$40, and that was the last increase,” he said. “In the last eight years, by not going up...we’ve done something about it.”

Brown said schools that were eliminating the fees were generally ones that need to boost enrollment. Those schools were often eliminating the fees for only certain groups of students, such as minority groups or students of a certain major.

There was a sizable increase in enrollment over the past year, Brown said. However, that number was not as large as the increase in application numbers.

In 2000, the university had roughly 4,500 applications, he said. Appli-

cations for next year’s class are the highest in school’s history at more than 13,000, Brown said.

“Ten years ago I think we had about 1,400 freshmen (enrolled), this past fall we had 1,821,” Brown said. “That’s a sizeable increase. But for the past four years we’ve been roughly 1,650.”

According to an e-mail from Brown, the freshman class has grown 22 percent from 2000 to 2010.

Brown said the economic crisis led to many universities offering admissions to a wider group of students. A drop in enrollment was expected, but the university’s yield — the num-

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SGA

Students explore service initiative

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

The House of Student Representatives is looking into cleaning up the kitchen and the campus.

Student representatives Tuesday night voted to research a plan for recycling food at Market Square and postponed voting on a proposal aimed at reducing the mess caused by election materials.

Abbey Brokos, chair of the Dining Services Committee, presented legislation for her committee to begin research on the Campus Kitchens Project, a program that allows college students to donate food from their campus dining services to local food banks. The university’s dining services provider, Sodexo, currently supports six participating campuses through its charitable organization, The Sodexo Foundation.

Brokos said she had discussed the program with administration and the TCU Center for Community Involvement & Service Learning. She said the administration’s greatest concern was whether enough students would participate.

“We want to find out if there is student support,” Brokos said.

The program requires student volun-

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TODAY’S WEATHER

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Tomorrow: Mostly Sunny
60 / 40

Friday: Chance of Showers
51 / 34



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NEWS

CENSUS

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is to help Congress allocate money to local governments, McGuire said. Census counts affect how much money is distributed to specific regions for areas like education, public services and emergency services. The count also determines the number of representatives each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives for the following 10 years.

McGuire said the event, which will take place in front of the library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be visited by Super-Frog and the Chick-fil-A cow, who will bring coupons. The event will also include raffles, prizes and food.

Students from other cities or states who participate in the census but live in Fort Worth to attend the university count as part of the Fort Worth population and cannot be counted as part of their parents' household, McGuire said.

According to the census Web site, census administrators from the U.S. Census

Bureau work with housing staff on college campuses to distribute and collect the survey forms.

David Cooper, associate director of residential living for Housing and Residence Life, said his office will try to make the process of filling out the census forms as easy as possible for students. Cooper said he was scheduled to meet with census representatives to plan a census information session on campus, but the meeting did not take place because of the university snow days Feb. 11 and Feb. 12.

Kimberly Dena, a junior strategic communication major and member of the competition team, said she hopes students will become more aware of the census after the event.

"We want students to understand what (the census) is," Dena said. "Secondly, how to participate, and then third, we want them to actually commit to being counted."

McGuire said planning and promotional initiatives prior to the event included a Facebook fan page, YouTube video

and Twitter account in addition to the team's event Web site. The number of people who join the pages and see the video will help determine the chapter's success in the competition.

Strategic communication professor Amiso George said the campaign should be both informational and persuasive.

"Everything depends on our numbers," George said. "So it is really, really important that we educate our students to recognize the importance of participating."

George, who taught the campaign as a class and is the group's faculty adviser, said the students working on the campaign planned and executed everything themselves.

"I teach them what they are supposed to do and guide them, but they actually do all the work," George said.

The top three teams from across the country will be selected April 10-11. Final judging for the top three teams will take place May 13-14 in Washington, D.C..

U.S. Census 2010

- 10-question survey mailed to U.S. residences
- Allocates money to local governments to be used in the next 10 years
- Determines the number of representatives each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Uses age information to predetermine the number of people eligible for Social Security or Medicare benefits
- Does not ask information concerning legal status or Social Security numbers

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

KENNEDY

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of the New York City water supply and provided assistance to indigenous tribes in Canada and Latin America in establishing protection of their homeland. A well-known environmentalist, Kennedy has also played a major role in restoration of the Hudson River.

Time magazine named Kennedy one of its "Heroes of the Planet," for his work to restore the Hudson River, and Rolling Stone named him one of its "100 Agents of Change" in 2009.

Warren Lord, a senior environmental science major, said he is required to attend the lecture as a part of his environmental stewardship class.

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Kennedy is the son of civil rights activist and former U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and his wife, Ethel Kennedy. He is the nephew of former

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President John F. Kennedy.

According to the Center for International Studies Web site, the Frost Lectureship for Global Issues series began in the mid 1990s, after a donation from the Frost Foundation. The foundation was named in honor of Edwin Ambrose Frost and Virginia Chapelle Frost and supports education and charitable and religious activities.

Past speakers at the event include Dayna Baumeister, co-founder of the Biomimicry Guild, and Erik Peterson, senior vice president at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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RACHEL WILSON / Staff Photographer
Senior electrical engineering major Ido Farhi talks to SGA representatives about how students need another bus from the Sandage commuter parking lot at the SGA town hall meeting Tuesday night. For details on the meeting, go to dailyskiff.com.

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teers to receive training in order to handle the food. They then commit to helping prepare and transport the food to the Tarrant County Food Bank each night. Brokos said the purpose of the resolution is to begin gathering information about student interest before the university makes a commitment.

Dalton Goodier, sophomore English major and AddRan College representative, spoke in favor of the resolution.

"Given the specific diction of the bill, I think that we have the opportunity only to gain something from this, and no opportunity to lose anything," he said.

The resolution passed with 30 out of 36 votes.

Also on Tuesday, the House's Elections and Regulations Committee presented a proposal to change the regulations for student government campaign materials. The committee cited reasons like the mess caused by small fliers in the library, as well as the university's frustration with overwhelming student campaign materials.

Garyn Goldston, committee

chair and a sophomore strategic communication major, said the current rules lacked clarity.

"We're going through the rules, seeing the exploited loopholes and looking for possible solutions," Goldston said.

He said the legislation would help prevent buildings from being run over with campaign materials.

The proposal would amend the Student Body Code regarding campaign materials by regulating specific sizes, quantities and locations for posters and fliers. Voting on the legislation was postponed for further review by the committee to consider adjustments and clarifications suggested by the representatives, who wanted further definition of what poster sizes would be allowed and what criteria differentiated a poster from a flier.

Sophomore Annie Cummins, member of the committee and Neeley School representative, said that as a whole, the committee was loosening the rules for campaign materials. The proposition is simply the first step in reviewing the regulations to make them more clear, she said.

APPLICATIONS

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ber of students who enrolled proportional to the number of students offered admission — remained strong, leading to the perceived jump in students, he said.

The university will be offering up to 500 fewer offers of admission to students next year, resulting in 100 to 150 fewer students. Brown said a small growth for the university is acceptable, but a growth of 200 students is too much.

"We don't want to grow; the university has made that pretty clear," Brown said.

Steve Neitz, assistant dean for enrollment management at York College of Pennsylvania, said the college charges an application fee for mailed applications but

not for online applications.

"It's simpler, and we're trying to encourage students to apply online," Neitz said. "It works better for us, and our data management in turning around the application."

Since making the online application free, the school has seen an increase in applications because of the ease for students who applied, Neitz said.

According to the York College of Pennsylvania Web site, the cost for mailed applications is \$30.

Staci Fowler, a counselor at Paschal High School, said she has not seen any students this year who have had problems with application fees for college. She said she has seen fewer students who have requested an application fee waiver.

High school students are

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dean of admissions

eligible for a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT if they qualified for free or reduced lunches, or if they qualified because of other circumstances, Fowler said. If a student used a fee waiver to take the SAT or ACT for free, then they became eligible for up to four fee waivers for college admission fees.

Fowler said the cost of an application fee could cause a student to narrow the number of schools he or she applies to because of the cost of application fees.

"I've had students come

in before that have lists of 15 and 20 schools, and then when I remind them...

'You're going to have to pay a fee...that can range anywhere from \$30 to \$70; all of a sudden they start doing the math, and they realize that (fees) could add up to be a significant amount of money,' Fowler said. "I think it has always been a consideration for students."

Brendon Riley, a senior at Joshua High School about 22 miles south of Fort Worth, said he has heard some high school students say it is too expensive to apply to college because of the admission fee.

Riley said he planned to attend an automotive industry school. He said that although there was a \$27 application fee, paying it was not a problem for him.

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The Skiff View

Participation in census benefits students

Other than voting, it's difficult to think of an easier way to make a difference than to participate in the census. Federal law mandating participation in the census gives significant power to citizens and non-citizens, who are also counted in the census. To put it in context, students' decision whether to take the 10 minutes it takes to fill out the 10-item questionnaire may result in the gain or loss of thousands, if not, millions of dollars of federal funding for Fort Worth – funding destined to key services such as public safety, medical care, transportation and road repairs. Further, underrepresentation in the city will also translate to underrepresentation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Why should you care? If you're a freshman, you will be spending the next three or four years in Fort Worth, and chances are you want access to services that are on par or better than those currently offered in the city. If you're a graduating senior, job or family prospects may keep you in Fort Worth. If your bags are packed for another destination, then consider how your participation in the census constitutes a legacy for future generations of TCU students, so they may enjoy the same benefits you did.

You don't need a multimillion-dollar building named after your family or an engraved brick to leave a mark on campus.

Editor-in-chief Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.

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

Media coverage of luger's death exploitative, tactless



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

The 2010 Winter Olympic games got off to a sad start. A 21-year-old luger from the Republic of Georgia, Nodar Kumaritashvili, died after a tragic accident during a practice run. As if the accident itself wasn't awful enough, footage of the young man's last run played and replayed on major networks, and was even aired before the opening ceremony. It has now spread all over the Internet, which is a sad commentary on the desensitization of our society.

Why was this footage shown at all? Once would have been bad; several times is just tasteless and disrespectful. This man has a grieving family, saddened friends and a horrified hometown. He was a hero there and much more than that to his family. Yet they are all being subjected to this horrible footage. No, the footage isn't gory or extremely graphic, but it does show the young Olympian hit the metal railing, which would result in his death, followed by others' futile attempts at resuscitation.

People were excited about the opening ceremonies, but after watching that, excitement was replaced with sadness and disgust at the media for being so graphic, so disrespectful and so tabloid-like. Some stations even showed the footage in slow motion.

The real issue here, which was overshadowed with the constant

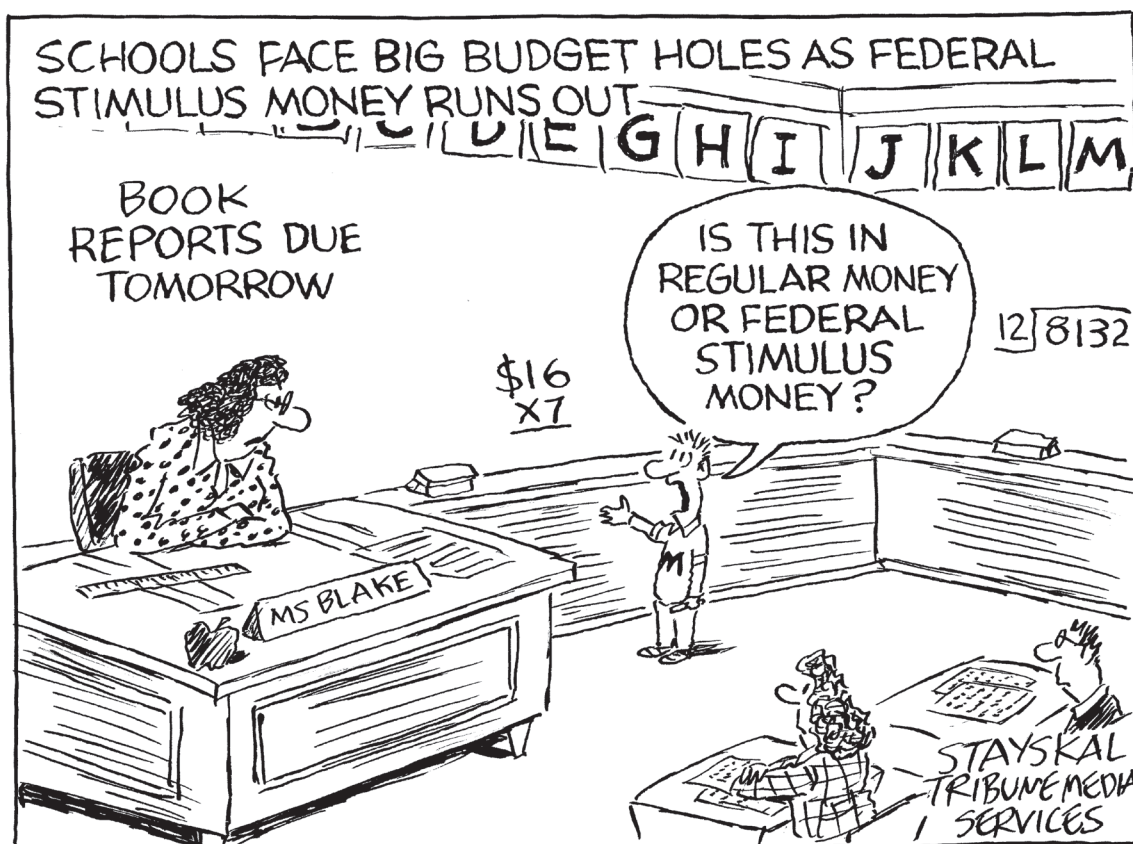
video of that poor man's death, was that the track was not safe. According to NBC, the starting line was moved down, the sides of the track were raised and the metal rails were padded to ensure another accident wouldn't happen.

It seems to me that just hearing or reading about would have been just as powerful as the video we were shown. I think it is easy to become desensitized in a time when we have access to footage of everything on YouTube and can pull up the most horrifying stories and videos, but there is a time and place for these things. Journalism shouldn't be about exploiting others.

I was reminded of the footage shown during 9/11 of the people jumping from the Twin Towers. I wish I could go back and not watch it. Reading about it would have been enough for me, and it seems grisly and macabre that we were shown those videos. Of course, some stations did decline to run them. No station made that decision with the luger's death. It was shown on all the major networks. I don't think it will be shown again because of public outrage, but it has already been seen, so it is too little, too late.

I took a media ethics course last semester, and we talked about journalists drawing the line when it comes to videos and photos that are disturbing. It does seem to be subjective, but I think most know what is necessary and what is not. Sensationalism isn't news. While being shown some of the questionable pictures in ethics class, I had to leave the room. If the line isn't drawn for you, you have to draw one yourself.

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Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

'South Park' smartest show on TV



RYNE SULIER

Entering into its 14th season (195 episodes and a full-length Oscar nominated film), "South Park" has become the unequivocal national forum for unabated political cynicism and social commentary for just about anyone who isn't a member of the AARP.

Where other shows stop short, "South Park" will go. Its ability to spew real and formulated commentary on any subject or event is why it is the smartest show on television. AIDS is not off limits. Neither is pedophilia or the Catholic Church. Global warming? LOL.

And, of course, "South Park" is also the hottest basic cable time slot for, as co-creator Matt Stone described to Britain's *The Independent*, "complete little raging bastards" (i.e. children) to get the scoop on the latest foul and sadistic vernacular and dark comedic one-liners floating around grungy bars and college dormitories.

That is the beauty of this animated show: layers. The show's most basic elements consist of the daily fantastical occurrences of four 9-year-old boys (Stan, Kyle, Cartman and Kenny) in the fictional small mountain town of South Park, Colo.

Often lambasting the muddled rationale and ethics of the boys' parents and teachers, co-creators/producers/directors Trey Parker and Matt Stone shed social criticism on society's basic reasoning and opinions through the often far more sensible and ethical stances of the children attending South Park Elementary.

At the same time, while social commentary by means of cynicism, satire and hyperbole may go right

over the heads of less informed or younger viewers, the slap stick antics and random jokes that shows such as "Family Guy" (to which "South Park" devotes a two-part criticism called "Cartoon Wars") rely on is also incorporated.

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The layered approach, intended or not, is probably why "South Park" has remained Comedy Central's highest rated show and has periodically been basic cable's highest rated prime time show.

It is widely assumed that Parker and Stone use the children to voice their own stances on current issues. In interviews with CNN and *People* magazine, Parker and Stone divulged that they set one-week deadlines so they may rely on the spontaneity of current events that keeps the show one of the most up-to-date critical forums on American television.

"South Park" was able to air an episode that lampooned conservatives and liberals alike on Obama's 2008 presidential victory within a day after he was announced the victor.

The show's true intelligence, however, lies in its ability to use a children's plot line to shed an outside perspective and social commentary on ongoing world issues.

During season 13, Parker and Stone created a plotline where a number of

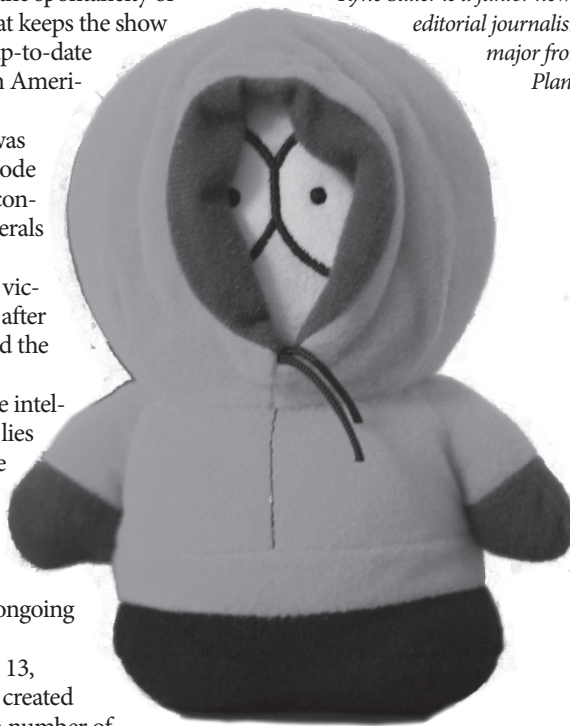
the children want to become pirates because of news reports they picked up on about the pirating crisis off the coast of Somalia. The children actually managed to get airline tickets to Africa by means of credit card fraud (further commentary on how easy it actually is to steal money using online purchases), and Somali pirates eventually hold them hostage without the children even realizing it.

Parker and Stone have the guts to evoke empathy for the ongoing and violently complex socio-economic situation that has ravaged the people of Somalia for decades — something few Americans have any knowledge about outside of references to "Black Hawk Down."

What is remarkable is the depth of commentary given to the somewhat obscure international crisis of Somali pirating can be found in nearly every "South Park" episode. That is why "South Park" is the smartest show on television.

Season 14 debuts March 17. Decide for yourself.

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QUICK NEWS

Consumer confidence falls sharply

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans' outlook on the economy went into relapse in February. Rising job worries sent a key barometer of confidence to its lowest point in 10 months, raising concerns about the economic recovery.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index fell almost 11 points to 46 in February, down from a revised 56.5 in January. Analysts were expecting only a slight decrease to 55. It was the lowest level since the index recorded a 40.8 reading in April 2009.

Economists watch the confidence numbers closely because consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

The February reading is a long way from what's considered healthy: A reading above 90 means the economy is on solid footing.

Democrats: Comprehensive health bill may be no go

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic congressional leaders confronted the reality Tuesday that they may not be able to pass the comprehensive health care overhaul sought by President Barack Obama. Republican leaders prepared to do everything in their power to make sure they can't.

Democrats saw the sweeping health bill that Obama unveiled ahead of a bipartisan health care summit Thursday as their last, best chance at a top-to-bottom remake of the nation's health care system that would usher in near-universal health coverage.

Senate Republicans on Tuesday rejected the White House plea for a simple up-or-down vote on Obama's health care plan, indicating they would offer hundreds of amendments to stop the legislation.

Afghan leader takes control of vote fraud panel

KABUL (AP) — Afghanistan's president has taken control of a formerly independent body that monitors election fraud, raising concern Tuesday that he's reneging on promises to clean up corruption and cronyism — a pillar of the Obama administration's plan to erode support for the Taliban.

President Hamid Karzai signed a decree last week giving him the power to appoint all members of the Electoral Complaints Commission, a group previously dominated by U.N. appointees that uncovered massive fraud on behalf of Karzai in last year's presidential election. The decree, which was made public Monday, suggests that Karzai wants to tighten control of the electoral process ahead of parliamentary balloting next September.

Report: Woods apologizes to school parents

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods has offered another apology, this time to parents of children at the preschool that his 2-year-old daughter attends, an Orlando television station reported Tuesday.

WFTV reported on its Web site that it has obtained a letter that Woods and his wife, Elin, wrote to parents of children attending Premier Academy to apologize for increased media scrutiny around the school.

"We hope that the paparazzi will find something better to do with their time in the near future," the letter said.

Media coverage around Woods and his family has been intense since the Nov. 27 accident outside his home led to revelations that the world's No. 1 golfer had been cheating on his wife.

2 teens injured in Colorado middle school shooting

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — A teacher tackled a man armed with a high-powered rifle just after two teenage students were shot Tuesday at a suburban Denver middle school that's just miles from Columbine High School, the site of one of the nation's deadliest school shootings, authorities said.

One male and one female were shot at about 3:30 p.m. outside Deer Creek Middle School in Littleton, Jefferson County Sheriff's office spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said. Both students were taken to a nearby hospital and were expected to survive.

Student Steven Seagraves said he was about 10 feet away when an adult approached students and asked them: "Do you guys go to this school?"

When the students said they did, he shot them, Seagraves said.

SPORTS



In a male dominated sport, Meredith Montgomery makes a name for herself as director of baseball operations. Tomorrow

SWIMMING & DIVING

UNDEFEATED



The TCU Swimming and Diving men's team celebrates after a game against UNLV in the TCU Recreation Center on Feb. 6. MICHAEL CLEMENTS / Staff Photographer

H2O Frogs head to final tournament

By Lawrence Embry
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams will look to carry their success from in-season competition into the Mountain West Championships on Wednesday in Oklahoma City.

The undefeated men's team won the Dual Meet Season Championship after defeating the University of Nevada-Las Vegas at home 177-117. The women's team lost the meet against UNLV, but both teams will have the chance to become champions when the conference

tournament starts and all the teams competing for the championship have records of 0-0.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said he expects his teams to do well.

"I'm expecting everybody to peak — that's a keyword — peak at the right time, and if we can get them all peaking on the same weekend then we should have a pretty good meet," Sybesma said.

Sybesma said Brigham Young University, San Diego State and Wyoming will be tough competition for the women's team, while the men's team will face a challenge with the UNLV, Air

Force and Wyoming teams.

Sybesma said UNLV has won the championship the past five years, and it will be the favorite this year, but he is not counting the H2O Frogs out.

Jeff Gettel, a junior backstroke/individual medley swimmer, said the team is prepared for what's ahead. Gettel said taper time and time off to rest before the championships has helped the team. He said he feels confident in the water and thinks the team feels prepared as well.

"We've been putting in work all season for this, so I think we're all pretty mo-

tivated and ready," Gettel said.

Josh Bagby is one of two seniors and co-captains on the team for whom this year's MWC Championships will be the last. He said winning against all the teams during in-season was a big milestone, but the team members have "reset and re-challenged" themselves to have the same type of success in the championships.

The tournament will consist of all-day meets from today to Sunday with the MWC Long Course Time Trials taking place at the end.

OPINION

LT has some good days left



ASHLEY IOVINE

Running back LaDainian Tomlinson was released from the San Diego Chargers on Monday after nine years of playing for them. While this was inevitable, it still upsets me to see that the former Horned Frog never got a Super Bowl ring.

He was the fifth overall selection in the 2001 NFL draft and since then has rushed for a total of 12,490 yards, was MVP of the league in 2006 and earned Pro Bowl honors five times. The fact that he has yet to wear a ring for these accomplishments is both shocking and saddening. And while critics say that his time as a star running back and franchise player may be over, I beg to differ.

His stats have gradually dropped since his 2001 rookie year, but that is understandable considering his age. He's been playing pro for nine years. People also have to realize that the reason his stats have gotten lower, especially in the 2009 season, is because the Chargers have been playing more of a passing game. Tomlinson will likely be the star running back no matter where he goes. He still has around four or five good years of playing time, assuming he goes without injury.

He has already done everything an individual player can do, so now he just wants a championship. He reminds me a lot of Kevin Garnett, except Tomlinson plays on the field rather than the court. Garnett did everything he

could individually with the Timberwolves, but he was unable to get an NBA championship. So the Celtics picked him up in 2007, and they won their 17th title that same season. Tomlinson needs to go to a team that has other tricks up its sleeves in order to get a ring, in the Celtics case a Ray Allen, a Paul Pierce and a Rajon Rondo. It is impossible to win a championship with a one-man team.

Rumor is, the Houston Texans want Tomlinson, and that could be exactly what he needs to achieve his dream of Super Bowl stardom. With Tomlinson as a running back and Andre Johnson as wide receiver (named the best receiver in the league with 1,569 yards), the Texans would be unstoppable in both rushing and passing.

Even the Chargers admit their disappointment in Tomlinson leaving without receiving a Super Bowl title.

"He's a future Hall of Famer," Chargers General Manager A.J. Smith said, according to Los Angeles Times. "My only regret is that he leaves San Diego without a Super Bowl ring."

Even without a ring, Tomlinson will go down as one of the football greats, with 28 titles for the Chargers in his nine seasons as their star player. His proven versatility could be attractive to many NFL teams. Remember the 2005 victory over the Raiders when Tomlinson became the seventh player in NFL history to run, catch and throw for a touchdown in the same game?

Tomlinson deserves a Super Bowl win, and he will hopefully achieve it in the next phase of his already stellar career.

Ashley Iovine is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Katy.



Olympics Update

Still in the lead for overall medals, the U.S. added another today in the men's nordic combined 4x5 km relay. Consisting of Brett Camerota, Todd Lodwick, Johnny Spillane and Bill Demong, the team brought home the silver. This is Spillane's second silver medal of the 2010 Winter Games.

The U.S. raked in another silver last night in the pairs

ice dancing category in the free skate event. Meryl Davis and Charlie White scored a total of 215.74, putting them at No. 2 behind the Canadian team of Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

The U.S. athletes have plenty more opportunities to dawn the podium with six medal events today.

—Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf

Medals



Gold



Silver



Bronze

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL • TCU 79, UNLV 64

Frogs continue streak

By Jason Pan
Staff Writer

The Lady Frogs basketball team continued its dominance Tuesday, charging through its 20th straight win at Daniel Meyer Coliseum with a 79-64 victory over UNLV, breaking the previous school record for consecutive home victories set three years ago.

TCU improved to 19-6 overall and boosted itself into the No. 1 spot in the Mountain West Conference standings by running its league record to 9-3.

The Frogs put together another top-notch offensive performance for the season, finishing the game shooting 53.3 percent from the field. The defense was strong, holding UNLV to less than 40 percent shooting and forcing 24 turnovers that led to 18 points for the Frogs.

Junior guard Helena Sverrisdottir put up the expected outstanding performance, putting up 13 points and matching a career-best 9 assists.

Junior forward Emily Carter beat Sverrisdottir's scoring total with a career-high 25 points, marking the first game she reached double figures. Carter also pulled down one rebound, two assists and one steal.

Senior guards TK LaFleur and freshman forward Starr Crawford also made major statements in the victory. LaFleur dished out eight rebounds, four assists and three steals while Crawford totaled 16 points and eight rebounds.

Two key players led the



Senior forward Chantelle John battles to score from the paint in a 79-64 victory over UNLV on Tuesday night. JASON PAN / Staff Photographer

Rebels in scoring, with guard Mia Bell scoring 13 points and forward Erica Helms adding 12.

TCU regrouped and never released its lead on the strength of Sverrisdottir and LaFleur, and UNLV was never able to close the gap to less than nine. A Crawford steal just before the break ensured TCU's continued dominance.

The margin opened up to 15 points early in the second

half before TCU put the game away for good with a 24-0 run. The Frogs held the Rebels scoreless for nearly four minutes, while themselves hitting 9-of-10 from the paint. TCU led by as many as 25 points late in the second half.

The Lady Frogs will return to the road Saturday, when they travel to Fort Collins to take on Colorado State at 3 p.m. The game will be televised live on the Mtn.

OPINION

Texans should love hockey

ALEXIS MLADENOFF

If you combine the toughness of football, the jabs of boxing and about a fourth of the elegance of figure skating, what do you get? Hockey.

Do Texans not like hockey because it makes you think about cold weather?

Who doesn't love hockey? People who don't like fast-paced skating, incredible stick handling skills and fights. Apparently, lots of people from the South.

Hockey is most popular in the northern states and Canada, some say because of the cold weather. Others say because there is nothing else for people to do with their time in those areas. Whatever the reason these northerners like hockey, people not from such areas are missing out on a spectacular sport.

If you've never been to a game, try to make it out to see the Dallas Stars sometime. Buy-

ing tickets with your student ID can cost as little as \$10. While the Stars aren't having the best season, they are a talented team with good chemistry and are a lot of fun to watch. Dallas is also stacked with studs, four of which are on different Olympic teams. How many football teams can say they are representing four different countries in the Olympics with one roster? Pretty sure none, considering football isn't even an Olympic sport.

That is another aspect that makes hockey so great. It's such a universal sport. More than half of NHL players are from Canada and Europe. They come here because of their talent. Likewise, many young hockey players go to play in countries like Austria, Italy, Sweden and Russia after college or junior hockey.

And why don't people like going to minor league hockey games? The skill isn't on par with the NHL, but it is still

something to experience and be a part of. In cities like Amarillo, Corpus Christi or even a bigger city like Kansas City that has professional teams (that are not so talented), people still seem allergic to supporting their hockey teams.

And how about TCU's hockey team? How many of you even know we have one? Well, we do. People complain about the basketball team and say they don't want to go to their games because the team isn't doing too well right now. Well, what about hockey? How do you know if the team is good or not if you don't even go to the games?

All I'm trying to say is give hockey a chance. When I force people to come to games with me, they typically have fun and want seconds. Just try it. You might like it.

Alexis Mladenoff is a senior broadcast journalism major from Leawood, Kan.

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Today in History
 On this day in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict, outlining his calendar reforms. The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.
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See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

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By Scott Atkinson 2/24/10

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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NEWS



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Perera paints on a busy schedule. "There's no off-day," Perera said. "I didn't go home for Christmas. I didn't go home for New Year's. I told my parents I needed to stay over the summer to paint."



CHILTON TIPPIN / Staff Photographer
Perera's paintings have been sold for as much as \$500, mostly to students interested in his work. "As the years have gone by, I have gotten better as an artist, and as a student that's good," Perera said. "If you're able to attract that kind of money from students, that's a step forward."

PERERA

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and has continually busied himself with a regimented painting schedule.

"There's no off day," he said. "I didn't go home for Christmas. I didn't go home for New Year's. I told my parents I needed to stay over the summer to paint. I'm always painting."

Perera's meticulous mentality shows. His studio on the second floor of the J.M. Moudy Building, one of two that are reserved for the most promising and prolific undergraduate painters, brims with dozens of bright, abstract paintings, some of which Perera sells for as much as \$500.

"As the years have gone by, I have gotten better as an artist, and as a student that's good," he said. "If you're able to attract

that type of money from students, that's a step forward."

Mariana Davies, an alumna who has three of Perera's pieces, said she has enjoyed his work since his freshman year.

"I love the way that he was able to use all the different colors and blend them so intricately," she said.

Jim Woodson, one of Perera's painting professors, said he has watched Perera progress into a talented painter over the years.

"It always seemed like DJ had a kind of direction," Woodson said. "And that direction got more and more refined."

Perera has gradually come to accept the process of making a painting — pouring the paint, working with the brushes, allowing the shapes

and blobs to form on the canvas — rather than paying as much attention to painting actual figures, he said.

"The 'what' of the painting has given way to the 'how' of the painting," Woodson said.

Perera said one of his greatest achievements came when the university's literary magazine, *eleven40seven*, chose his work to feature on the cover of its fall 2009 edition.

Ashley Tambunga, president of the Bryson Literary Society, the group that publishes *eleven40seven*, said all of the editors involved in selecting the artwork found his piece interesting.

"When we got to DJ's piece it was pretty much across the board — this was the most unusual piece we had seen,"

she said. "Everybody felt that it had this appeal to identity and edginess that we hadn't seen in previous issues."

Perera said achievements such as these are important steps in building his portfolio and displaying his ability as a painter.

"Whatever I accomplish now will better prepare me — knowing how to adapt, and change and how to deal with patrons," he said.

He plans to continue his education in graduate school and has applied to the Art Institute of Chicago, Rhode Island School of Design and the Pratt Institute.

"In the meantime," he said, "It's just me painting and creating. It's a talent. No textbook can teach you how to invent talent."

PLANE CRASH

Austin pilot gains support online

By Ian MacDougall and Jeff Carlton
Associated Press Writers

DALLAS (AP) — Flames were still shooting from the building when the suicide pilot who crashed his plane into the IRS office in Austin was being hailed in some corners as a hero who struck a courageous blow against the tyranny of the U.S. tax code.

While most Americans surely see Joseph Stack as an angry, misguided man whose final act was repugnant, his suicide mission has clearly tapped a vein of rage among anti-tax, anti-government extremists.

The way they see it, "he did the ultimate flipping of the bird to the man," said JJ MacNab, a Maryland-based insurance analyst who is writing a book about tax protesters. "He stuck it to the man, and they love that."

It is not surprising Stack would be portrayed as a hero on fringe Web sites such as stormfront.org, a forum for white supremacists. But admirers also are expressing their appreciation on mainstream sites such as Facebook, where a fan page sup-

porting some of the things he said in his six-page manifesto had more than 2,000 members Monday.

Stack, 53, left behind a rambling, 3,000-word screed in which he ranted about his financial reverses, his difficulty finding work in Austin and his hatred of big business. Mostly, though, he focused on his clashes with the IRS, including one after he failed to file a tax return because he said he had no income. Stack traced his problems to a 1986 change in the tax code affecting software contractors like him.

In Texas, Republican gubernatorial candidate Debra Medina told a San Antonio radio station last week she did not sympathize with Stack, but that his act reflected "the hopelessness many in our society feel."

"There is a sense in all of our country that we are not on the right path," she said.

Asked whether she considered her father a hero, Stack's adult daughter, Samantha Dawn Bell, said during a telephone interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America": "Yes. Because now maybe people will listen." But she

"There is a sense in all of our country that we are not on the right path."

Debra Medina
Republican gubernatorial candidate

stressed that his actions were "inappropriate."

Later, though, in an interview with The Associated Press in Norway, where she lives, she said she does not consider her father a hero. She said she understands her father's animosity toward a "faulty" and "unbalanced" American tax system. But she said he should have found "a completely different way" to address it.

"Write letters — that's what he should have done, rather than actually doing what he did," she said.

Mark Potok, a director at the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks white supremacists and other hate groups, said the attack on the IRS has been endorsed by extremists even more enthusiastically than the shooting rampage last June at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington that left

a security guard dead.

"I think Joseph Stack has tapped into a very deep vein of rage against the government," he said.

On one Internet thread full of praise for Stack, one person wrote that he must "suppress the urge to take flying lessons."

Pensacola, Fla., pastor and radio host Chuck Baldwin wrote on his Web site that he wished Stack had not died "because we need each other." He added: "My heart goes out to Joe Stack! The sentiments expressed above are shared by millions of Americans who are also fed up with Big Brother."

Larken Rose, a 41-year-old Pennsylvania man who served a year in prison for willful failure to file an income tax return, said he does not consider the IRS employee killed in the attack and the man's injured co-workers to be innocent victims.

"I don't know how many people they harassed or how many houses they had stolen or how many bank accounts they had swiped," he told the AP. Stack's letter "shows quite obviously he was not crazy. He was frustrated. He had been wronged over and over."

EDUCATION



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / Associated Press
Univision Networks President Cesar Conde, right, speaks at the National Press Club in Washington on Tuesday to announce a national education initiative to boost academic achievement among Hispanic students.

Univision launches higher ed initiative

By Laura Wides-Munoz
AP Hispanic Affairs Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Univision on Tuesday kicked off a multiyear campaign to boost academic achievement among Hispanics in the U.S. by teaching parents about what it takes to ensure their children finish high school and graduate from college.

The campaign, titled in Spanish "The Moment is Now," comes as Hispanic high school and college graduation rates are far below the national average and Hispanic unemployment rate is among the nation's highest at 12.6 percent.

With Hispanics making up about a fifth of the nation's kindergarten through 12th graders, that's a major concern for the entire nation, said Univision Networks President Cesar Conde. The nation's largest Spanish-language network is teaming with the U.S. Department of Education, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and nonprofits to highlight best practices from communities nationwide.

Conde said Hispanic parents, like most Americans, value education. And many came to the U.S. to provide better educational opportunities for their children. But once here, they often don't know how to navigate the system.

"We want to raise the standards and the expectations that we in the Hispanic community have for the youth," Conde said. "And we want to educate parents who may not think some opportunities are within their children's grasp."

Univision will use its television and radio networks and

its mobile and Internet platforms to provide information to parents about how to make sure their kids are ready for college, as well as where to turn for student loans and scholarships — a key component that can be daunting even for those familiar with U.S. financial and academic systems.

According to federal data, about 13 percent of Hispanics in the U.S. have a college degree, compared to about a quarter of the population as a whole. Less than half of Hispanics who attend college graduate, compared to a national average of 54 percent.

An exact cost of the program hasn't been determined but is expected to be several million dollars in cash and donations.

Among Univision's first programs will be a March 6 special hosted by top Univision news anchor Jorge Ramos that brings together children and their families to talk about the obstacles they face in continuing their education.

Juan Sepulveda, head of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, said the government will help "on the content side" providing experts such as federal officials, educators and grass-roots groups. He said it was important to dispel the notion that Hispanic youths aren't succeeding because they don't speak English, or that such campaigns mainly target those in the country illegally.

Sepulveda said the administration chose to work with Univision because of the success it has had in previous campaigns, including its citizenship and voter-registration efforts in the run-up to the 2008 election.