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Fraternities alter regulations for bus loading procedures.

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TCU alumnus Tim Halperin sings on "American Idol" while students in Market Square watch and eat. Halperin is fighting to continue on to the next round after having made it into the top 24.

Halperin competes for spot in 'Idol' top 10

By Mandy Naglich
 Staff Reporter

After performing as one of the top 12 male contestants on "American Idol" Tuesday night, TCU alumnus Tim Halperin's future on the popular reality program will depend on Amer-

ica's vote.

Halperin sang his own version of Rob Thomas' "Street Corner Symphony," receiving mixed remarks from the judges.

Randy Jackson said he remembered Halperin's outstanding talent on the piano during "Hollywood Week"

but that talent did not shine through in Tuesday's performance. The other judges said that the song choice was not exactly right for Halperin. They added that he is capable of more and he needs to show America his talents.

Before his performance,

Halperin remarked that he was having a great time on Idol and that he was close friends with all the guys on the show. He said he was especially close with his roommate Jacob Lusk.

Voting was open for two hours after the show, with voters able to vote through

phone calls, texting and on-line voting. The results will not be revealed until the results show Thursday at 7 p.m.

Halperin also has had the backing of TCU campus organizations and former employers.

Jacqueline Lambiase, an advertising and public rela-

tions professor, said "Team Tim" is a group of TCU students and faculty that are raising awareness about Halperin and his story. The group includes two classes of advertising and public relations students as well as

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Recycling machine may come to the university.



SGA

Hopefuls speak about their merits for upcoming election.



SUSTAINABILITY

Dream Machine would offer prizes in exchange for recycling

By Chelsea Katz
Staff Reporter

About 45 students, faculty and staff members met Friday with representatives from PepsiCo and Waste Management about the benefits of recycling and how it can be rewarding with the Greenopolis Dream Machine.

Jordan Mazurek, a sophomore political science and sociology double major, said representatives discussed the concept of the machine, its purpose and how it works. The machine is a state-of-the-art recycling kiosk that provides recycling incentives in the form of coupons and gift certificates for local businesses, according to an article from greenbiz.com

Mazurek said he hoped local businesses would participate in the project by giving coupons, such as 50 percent off a taco. He said the University of Texas at Arlington currently has four Dream Machines on campus and Fuzzy's has placed its coupons in those kiosks.

The main goals of the meeting were to tell students more about the machines and show faculty and staff that there was student support, Mazurek said.

Keith Whitworth, a sociology professor, said the meeting was the first step in getting the machines on campus, but now the project must be approved by university officials.

He said Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation, and Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, were willing to have a machine in the University Recreation Center and in one of the dorms on campus. The ideal third location would be the TCU Library, he said, but the library had not been contacted yet.

In addition to Kintigh and Allen, he said other officials involved with approval would be Will Stallworth, vice chancellor of Physical Plant and Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

Mazurek said the Dream Machine kiosks would not

take up much space on campus and do not require much energy. The recycling goes through the Waste Management recycling system, which is the current system TCU has used to recycle products.

Whitworth said the only cost the university would incur from the machines would be providing electricity, cash register paper for coupons, and the plastic bags used in the machine.

"Basically it's at no cost to us," he said. "The machines cost \$35-40,000 each, so those are just given to us."

Mazurek said the kiosks would be beneficial because they would encourage recycling, give rewards for recycling and help others by donating all proceeds to Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities, a non-profit organization that offers business training to post-9/11 veterans.

"You're helping other people, you're helping yourself and you're helping the university," he said.

Whitworth said the ma-

chines would demonstrate the university's commitment to sustainability, educate students about the need to recycle and condition students to recycle. He said he is confident that the Dream Machine will make it to campus.

"The Dream Machine is just another example of how TCU is committed to sustainability and moving forward," he said.

The university had talked with PepsiCo representatives about bringing two or three Dream Machines to campus as a pilot project to determine if the program will work for TCU, Whitworth said. The pilot project will be used to find how much maintenance the machines require, whether or not the university can support that maintenance, how emptying the machines will work, who will empty the machines when they are full, if they are placed in proper locations on campus and if any machines need to be moved, he said.

Whitworth said the pilot project would take about three months to gather enough information and work out any



CHELSEA KATZ / STAFF REPORTER

Students and staff met with PepsiCo and Waste Management to discuss the possibility of bringing a Dream Machine to TCU campus. The machine pictured is one of the four on UT Arlington's campus.

problems.

He said this project would be used to gauge the success of the machines and determine the amount recycled when placed in high-traffic

areas.

Also, the project would allow the university to publicize the machines and get more recyclable materials, Whitworth said.

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other TCU students who are passionate about Halperin's cause.

Lambiase said a group of about 15 TCU students, faculty and alumni created a website over the weekend called TimHalperinOnline.com.

Lambiase, an advertising and public relations professor, said she is heading the "Team Tim" project.

She said a huge reason for all of their help with Halperin was the work he did last year with Frogs for the Cure, when Halperin recorded the song and music video, "We Fight Back," which was about breast cancer awareness.

"He did so much for us then, he put in countless hours of work," Lambiase said. "And now we have a chance to really give back and help him."

She said "Team Tim" is using social media such as Facebook to spread the word about Halperin and expand his voting base.

Halperin's former employer, Range Online Media, is helping to get the

word out about his Idol journey too.

Pam Buyers, the director of human resources at Range Online Media, hired Halperin for his first job after college, she said. He was an account coordinator at Range until the end of January.

"He did so much for us then, he put in countless hours of work, and now we have a chance to really give back and help him."

Jacqueline Lambiase
Advertising and Public Relations Professor

"He resigned [from his position at Range] and said he couldn't tell us why, but now we know why," Buyers said.

When Halperin worked at Range he was allowed to work part time so he could pursue his music career, she said. This allowed Halperin time for extra projects and travelling while he established himself as an artist.

The company has also created a blog, therangeblog.com.

com, to publicize Halperin's journey on "American Idol" and to hopefully get him extra votes, she said. The company has touched base with Halperin a few times since he began competing on Idol and plans to keep the public updated on recent news, Buyers said.

If Halperin makes it to the next round after voting results are announced Thursday night, he will perform with this season's top 10 finalists next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

To learn more about Tim Halperin visit:

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facebook.com/TimHalperinOfficial

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Top 10 Contestants Revealed on American Idol
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SGA

Candidates discuss position platforms

By Bryn Zimmermann
Staff Reporter

No new business was discussed at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting because of the absence of several executive members. Some SGA members traveled to Austin to lobby on behalf of TCU for the continuation of the Texas Equalization Grant.

The main matter discussed at the meeting was the candidacy for Vice President of External Affairs. The three candidates explained why they should be elected for the recently-established position. The duties of the new position will include building relationships with student organizations, promoting SGA and developing relations with TCU alumni. Voting for the position will take place next Tuesday.

Macy Pulliam, one of the candidates for the position, said some of her qualifications included ad hoc committee chair

and leadership in the Crew programming council. Her ideas for the position included a spring comedy show and a drink jug that students could use to receive refills at local restaurants for no charge.

The second candidate, Caroline Wiersgalla, stated her qualifications included involvement in the business leadership program and her position as a resident assistant in King/Wright Hall. Her ideas included strengthening alumni bonds and an outdoor fitness center.

The final candidate, Hunter Sprague, said he was a representative for the class of 2013 and that he wished to better SGA as a whole through this position. Some of his ideas included installation of bike paths around campus and a TCU night where students could get special discounts on tickets and food in the DFW community.

Students can vote by going to my.tcu.edu.

ARTS

Schieffer honored for work in journalism

Staff Report

TCU alumnus and "Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer was one of the recipients of the 2011 Texas Medal of Arts award Tuesday night in Austin for his accomplishments in the field of journalism, according to the award's website. Schieffer, who graduated from TCU in 1959, has been with CBS News since 1969, and has hosted "Face the Nation," a Sunday morning political talk show, since 1991.

The Texas Medal of Arts award spotlights and celebrates the creative excellence, exemplary talents and contributions by Texans, according to the website. Some of the other honorees included the rock band ZZ Top as well as actors Bill Paxton and Marcia Gay Harden. The honorary chairs of the event were Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus. The award show began at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Long Center.



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Bob Schieffer visits with members of the audience before performing with his band at The National Press Club in Washington, DC, on May 14, 2007.



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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Campus should use machines to go greener

With global efforts toward sustainability increasing drastically, the university should do all it can to help promote green efforts on campus.

The Dream Machines would be a convenient way for students to recycle on campus, and providing incentives in the form of gift certificates and coupons makes that opportunity even better.

Furthermore, the machines come at an extremely low cost to the university, leaving administrators little excuse for not allowing the machines to be installed.

Other universities, such as the University of Texas at Arlington, have added the kiosks, and it is time TCU caught up.

The recent meeting between PepsiCo, Waste Management and the university should serve as one of the final steps to getting these machines on campus. And the sooner, the better.

In the University Recreation Center and possibly the library, places where bottled drinks are extremely prevalent, many bottles just go in the trash every day that could be recycled with the use of the Dream Machine kiosks.

However, the university should do more than install these machines. Recycling efforts should be increased so students, faculty and staff always have a clear choice of recycling anywhere on the TCU campus.

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Health care reform exactly what US needs



Drew Curd

Without President Barack Obama's health care reform last year, I would be removed from my parents' health care in four years. With the current system, I would be denied coverage by the majority of insurance companies because of a pre-existing condition I have.

So when I heard how Congressional Republicans sent their plan in January to slash the federal deficit by cutting funds to such things as health care reform, I was angered and shocked by these actions. Our health care system needs desperate reform, and the only way to do it is to keep the bill signed into law last year and begin the actions that it has set in place.

More than 45,000 Americans die yearly from lack of health insurance, according to a September 2009 CBS News article.

These people die because they cannot get basic treatments for diseases like diabetes, and they can't get these treatments if they cannot afford to go to the doctor.

Health insurance is not inexpensive, as the average cost of health care per person was \$7,681 in 2008. One must remember the median household income is \$52,000 per year for the average American family, and then it is clear how health insurance can quickly become unaffordable. The health care reform will allow for tax cuts for these middle class Americans to help make health care affordable.

Also, there is something desperately wrong with our current health care system when we have the second worst infant mortality rate among developed countries, according to a 2006 CNN article. This basically means our mothers are not getting the care they need, because it certainly does not reflect the quality of the country's doctors, as the U.S. has some of the top doctors in the world.

The World Health Organization ranks the U.S. health care system at No. 37. Besides being behind such countries as Colombia and Chile, America also is behind most Western European countries with national health care systems. These systems that are much more nationalized than what Obama's reform enacts.

One of these countries that has a nationalized health care system is Great Britain. Many opponents of the current reform bring up how awful the British health care system is and how the U.S. re-

form is a stepping stone to such a system.

They will say how the system is inferior to our current one, but this is untrue. The British health care system is ranked No. 18 in the world by WHO. Its health care system has the government pay for all prescriptions, treatments and physician visits. According to an August 2009 *Time* article, British citizens "have a longer life expectancy and lower infant mortality, and the country has more acute-care hospital beds per capita and fewer deaths related to surgical or medical mishaps" as compared to the U.S. health care system.

The British also spend significantly less per citizen on health care, according to the *Time* article. Spending per British citizen for health care is \$2,500 while American citizens spend \$6,000 per citizen.

Does the British system have its problems? Yes. They do have high cancer mortality rates compared to the United States. However, this is more of an issue with early detection than of the health care system as a whole.

For such a highly industrialized country such as America, it is a travesty to have a health care system such as ours. We must be first when it comes to care, and that must come through change.

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PERSPECTIVES

Computers shouldn't grade essays



Pearce Edwards

The Educational Testing Service presented evidence on Feb. 19 that found electronic grading services for college placement exams to be just as reliable as human graders, and the reverberations sparked debate in the education world.

Controversy flared between the technological-progressive side of academics and the more classically-oriented camp, according to a Feb. 21 article from *Inside Higher Ed*. Should computers be responsible for grading students if the reliability is the same and resources saved?

For four important reasons, the logic and impacts of computer grading at the college level make it harmful and undesirable to knowledge, democracy and socialization. TCU students would do well to consider the importance of university relationships and stand against outsourcing of education practices to computers.

First, the logic behind e-grading supporters who claim it "[correlates] highly with human grading" is flawed. If both e-grading and human grading are equally reliable, why default to e-grading?

Furthermore, if improvements are to occur in grading systems, the choice between two equals must tip toward the human side because human research is the propellant behind better education practice. Routing this process through computer programming is unnecessary.

The value of human grading becomes more apparent when considering the series of relationships that are important in a college environment: faculty-to-faculty, student-to-faculty and student-to-student.

As those familiar with the Advanced Placement program attest, the essence of human grading of standardized testing is that thousands of teachers and professors assemble around a common purpose.

While not groundbreaking by itself, the intermixing of professors in college grading environments is a critical step

toward interdisciplinary cooperation.

Both at TCU and around the country, interdisciplinary work, or collaboration between departments, is gaining recognition.

The Computing Research Association describes many "great research triumphs," such as space flight and the green revolution, as results of this type of work. Eroding professor-to-professor interaction harms the academic community and global advancement.

Between students and faculty, the cycle of learning and evaluating learned material is always central.

For four important reasons, the logic and impacts of computer grading at the college level make it harmful and undesirable to knowledge, democracy and socialization.

While standardized tests are important in an interconnected and competitive world, the exams should never distort student work toward "teaching to the test." E-grading does just this through making students work toward a known formula. Professors are the key variable in changing this process.

If education becomes a formula, not just something evaluated by a formula, the harm goes beyond a less enjoyable time in class.

Author Martha Nussbaum argues that the great American democracy relies on the critical inquiry of students

willing to challenge and evaluate the world in which they live.

A "flexible, open and creative" conversation between student and material is of paramount importance. Professors dissatisfied with grading hoards of entry-level exams should consider the key relevance of these exams to their mission of nurturing students to careers and livelihoods from the start to the end of college.

Student-to-student relationships are the final piece of the human grading puzzle. E-grading systems encourage students to check their writing against the computer formula.

While the ETS sees this as a positive, it does not assess the opportunity costs. The more students use a computer to edit, the less they will use the peer review method.

Students who have worked with classmates on essays have probably seen the benefits of the peer review system. Technology must only help connect and enlighten, not substitute for activities people most effectively accomplish together.

Through e-grading systems as studied by the ETS, the American education system stands on a wave pushing forward toward the erosion of knowledge sharing, democracy and collective student inquiry. Upholding the three classic relationships in education will preserve and progress the college environment known and loved by so many for so long.

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Make use of online 'Idol' voting



Katie Terhune

I'll admit I'm a little obsessed with Facebook. I check it when I get up. I check it when I'm doing homework. I check it — sneakily — in class. The only time I feel bad about having a window open to the site is when I'm in the library when the campus tours are walking through, and I get judged by 30 high school seniors and their parents for not appearing studious.

Maybe it's because of my addiction to social networking that I am excited about Facebook's recent partnership with "American Idol." The popular show began accepting electronic votes for fans' favorite singers on Tuesday, according to a Feb. 24 article in *The New York Times*. Facebook users will log into their account to vote and are eligible to cast their ballot up to 50 times. This new alliance between Facebook and "American Idol" will provide TCU students with a new platform from which to support for Horned Frog

alumnus Tim Halperin, who is currently in the top 24.

The massive popularity of Facebook will undoubtedly boost the number of votes received and interest generated higher than ever before.

The online voting process has the potential to significantly increase the amount of viewer participation for "American Idol." Even the most anti-social media, anti-technology dissidents among us probably check Facebook at least every other day, if only to write condescending comments or join groups about trees. How easy would it be to just take a second out of all the time we spend online to vote for Tim Halperin? Honestly, "American Idol" couldn't have made the voting process any easier if they told fans to release balloons marked with the name of our favorite singer into the sky and then handed us balloons.

This is a great opportunity, not just for Tim Halperin fans, but also for TCU students who have never even watched the show. The massive popularity

of Facebook will undoubtedly boost the number of votes received and interest generated higher than ever before. In turn, the show's increased viewership will help propel TCU into the national spotlight. It is up to us to take advantage of this new system, by voting as compulsively as we check Facebook every day.

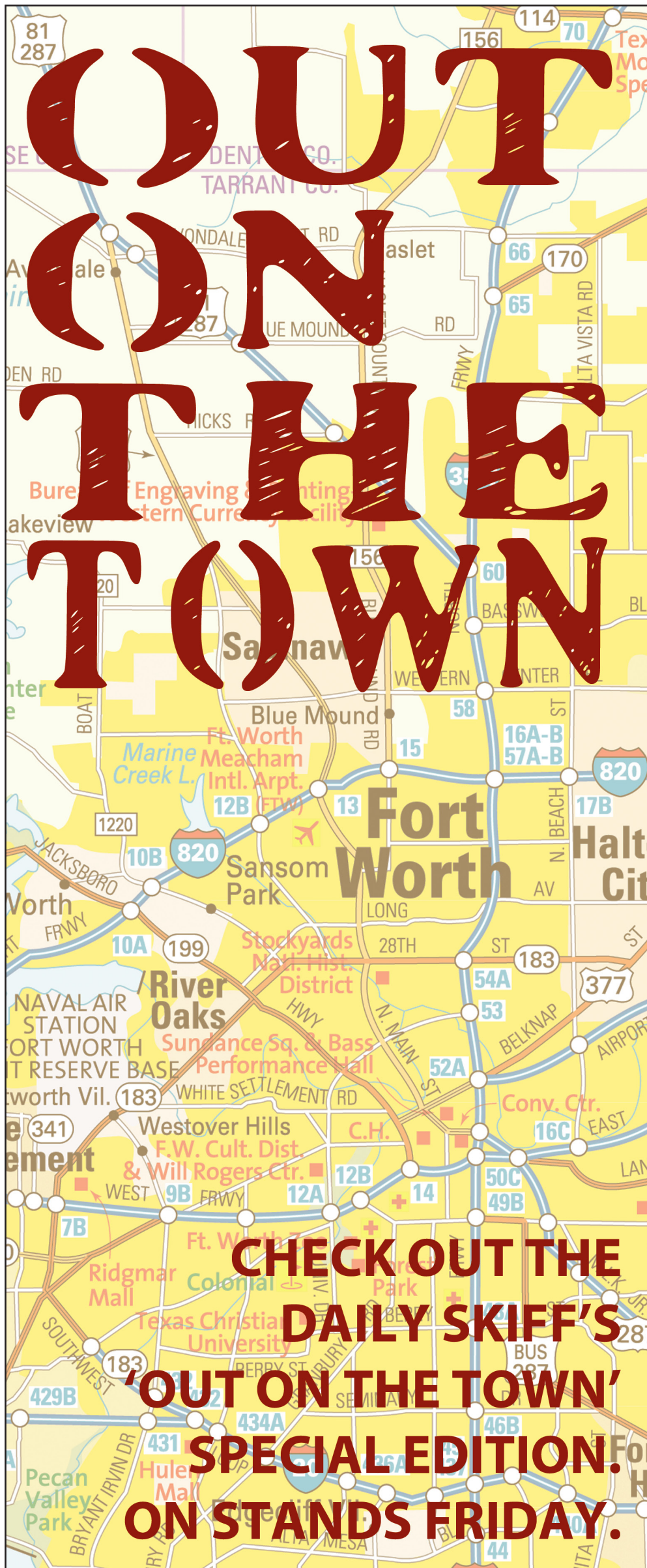
In the past, I have gotten irritated by the constant notifications and supplications from my friends, who send me Farmville, Pet Store and Mafia Wars requests with an eerie regularity. It seems that every time I open up my computer, I am overwhelmed with people asking me for a board or a basket or telling me about this sad cow they found. But the new "American Idol" system is different. Instead of baiting me with bogus e-livestock, my friends and acquaintances will instead serve to remind me that I have a rare opportunity to promote our school, our city and our talented alumni. Students should take advantage of how well this new voting procedure meshes with our college lives, and use it to cast a vote — or fifty — for our very own singing Horned Frog.

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CAMPUS

Nurse will speak on health care

By Emily Agee
Staff Reporter

Registered nurse Rhonda Hughes will give a free lecture regarding health care issues titled, "Proactive Approaches to the Changing Landscape of Healthcare," on Wednesday in the Kelly Alumni Center. Hughes was brought to the university through an endowment from the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences provided by W.F. "Tex" and Pauline Rankin, according to an e-mail from Holly Ellman, a specialist in the Office of Communications.

Hughes is a published author who writes on patient safety and quality improve-

ment, according to the e-mail.

According to her biography, she works with financially troubled hospitals to address staffing concerns and avoid readmissions.

Barbara Patten, chair of the committee that brought Hughes to campus, said Hughes' lecture would include discussions about the need for change in health care, ways to improve quality of care in hospitals, and other issues involving patient care.

According to Hughes' outline, she will highlight Agency for Healthcare Research Quality's focus and strategic goals.

Hughes will discuss the importance of quality and delivering the appropriate care to

the right patient. She also will discuss the importance of safety and how to reduce the risk of harm by promoting the best health care available as well as talk about the importance of efficiency and effectiveness in the health care system.

Registration for the event ended Feb. 24. The lecture is from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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GREEK LIFE

Greeks face tougher bus loading regulations

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is one of the fraternities that is instituting changes to its bus loading policies to stem the numbers of uninvited guests and the amount of disorderly conduct for students going to off-campus parties and events, SAE President Scott Miller said.

The changes are being enacted after an e-mail was sent to TCU fraternities Feb. 14 from Interfraternity Council adviser Keith Becklin. Complaints included public urination, disorderly conduct, public intoxication and open containers of alcohol, according to Becklin's e-mail.

"There were some individuals who show up to events that act in an unruly manner," Becklin said, adding that problems were sometimes caused by guests of chapter members, rather than the members themselves.

Miller said that one change SAE is implementing is having an officer within the fraternity present at each bus to help security officers ensure that loading runs smoothly.

"That way, the TCU Police aren't immediately having to deal with the situation and maybe we can, so we're preventing someone from getting an alcohol violation or getting in other trouble," Miller said.

Miller said SAE had also committed to improving its guest list policy in an attempt

to stem the influx of unwelcome guests.

"It's very difficult to prevent people who are not invited from showing up to the bus loading," Miller said. The problem of uninvited attendees had been tackled in the past by loading the buses at an off-campus location, but Miller said he did not see that as a safe alternative, as it might cause intoxicated people to drive to the location. Becklin said TCU fraternities have been working toward improving risk management at bus loading for about 16 months.

"It's very difficult to prevent people who are not invited from showing up to the bus loading."

Scott Miller
Sigma Alpha Epsilon President

Becklin said Greek organizations are responding well to the new procedures, and he said he received no complaints about a fraternity event last weekend that adhered to the new policies.

"Obviously change is difficult for anybody or any group," Becklin said. "But overall they've been receptive."

Miller said members of SAE were supportive of the new changes, and he did not

foresee any major complaints from his chapter.

"The chapter is pretty on board because they're essentially tired of people who don't pay dues deciding they're going to go anyway," Miller said. He said uninvited guests often follow the bus to the event location in cabs or personal cars.

Miller said he would like his chapter to become a leader in managing bus loading policies and reducing the need for outside security.

"We would like to maybe start setting an example for how it can be done really well," Miller said. "Because, all it takes is a little bit more initiative, a little bit more conversation with the TCU Police and with TCU to have things run really smoothly," Miller said.

Becklin said that IFC's goal was for TCU fraternities to police themselves.

"It's to reduce the need and eliminate the need for staff and police and other folks to be there," Becklin said. "If the organizations can manage to process themselves, then there's no need for additional support."

"When they get to the point where they're governing themselves, we have a much more successful community."

Calls to the IFC president and executive vice president about how the new system would affect Greek events were not immediately returned as of Tuesday night.

INTERNATIONAL

Gadhafi forces retake towns near capital

By Maggie Michael
and Sarah El Deeb

Associated Press

Moammar Gadhafi's forces battled poorly armed rebels Tuesday for control of towns near the capital trying to create a buffer zone around his seat of power. The increasingly violent clashes threatened to transform the 15-day popular rebellion in Libya into a drawn-out civil war.

Amid the intensified fighting, the international community stepped up moves to isolate the longtime Libyan leader.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he ordered two ships into the Mediterranean, including the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge, and he is sending 400 Marines to the vessel to replace some troops that left recently for Afghanistan.

Military leaders weighing a no-fly zone over Libya said it would be a complex task that would require taking out Gadhafi's air defenses, and Russia's top diplomat dismissed the idea as "superfluous" and said world powers should focus on sanctions.

Gadhafi's son, Seif al-Islam, warned Western forces not to take military action against Libya and said the country is prepared to defend itself against foreign intervention.

"If they attack us, we are ready," he told Sky News, adding that the Gadhafis are ready to implement reforms.

Facing an unprecedented challenge to his 41-year rule, Gadhafi's regime has launched the bloodiest crackdown in a wave of uprising against authoritarian rulers in the Middle East. Gadhafi has already lost control of the eastern half of the country but still holds Tripoli and other nearby cities.

An exact death toll has been difficult to obtain in the chaos, but a medical committee in the eastern city of Benghazi, where the uprising began on Feb. 15, said at least 228 people had been killed, including 30 unidentified bodies, and 1,932 wounded.

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has cited reports that perhaps 1,000 have died in Libya.

"In the years ahead, Libya could become a peaceful democracy, or it could face protracted civil war. The stakes are high."

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told Congress that the U.S. must lead an international response to the crisis, including expanding already tough financial and travel sanctions against Gadhafi, his family and confidants and possibly imposing a no-fly zone over Libya.

"In the years ahead, Libya could become a peaceful democracy, or it could face protracted civil war. The stakes are high," she said.

Gadhafi's regime has retaken at least two towns and threatened a third, while rebels repulsed attacks on three other key areas — Misrata to the east, Zawiyah to the west, and the mountain town of Zintan to the south of the capital.

One of those retaken was the strategic mountain town of Gharyan, the largest in the Nafusa Mountains, which overlooks Tripoli, a resident said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of government

retaliation. The town fell after dark Friday in a surprise attack, and the government troops detained officers who defected to the rebels and drew up lists of wanted protesters and started searching for them, the resident added.

Gadhafi supporters also have said they were in control of the city of Sabratha, west of Tripoli, which has seemed to go back and forth between the two camps in the past week.

But witnesses in Zawiyah, 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of the capital, said rebels shouted "Allahu akbar (God is great) for our victory," and carried an air force colonel who had just defected after six hours of overnight gunbattles failed to dislodge anti-Gadhafi forces who control the city.

"We were worried about air raids but that did not happen," said one resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

The Zawiyah rebels have tanks, machine guns and anti-aircraft guns. They beat back pro-Gadhafi troops, armed with the same weapons, who attacked from six directions. There was no word on casualties.

In Misrata, 125 miles (200 kilometers) east of Tripoli, pro-Gadhafi troops who control part of an air base on the city's outskirts tried to advance Monday. But they were repulsed by opposition forces, who included residents with automatic weapons and defected army units allied with them, one of the opposition fighters said.

Associated Press correspondents Paul Schemm in Benghazi, Bassem Mroue in Cairo, John Heilprin in Geneva, Matthew Lee in Washington and Martin Vogl in Bamako, Mali, contributed to this report.



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Libyan anti-government protesters, some carrying monarchist-era flags, demonstrate against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, in the southwestern town of Nalut, Libya, Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The town is currently in control of the Libyan anti-government forces.

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WEIRD NEWS

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Iguana meat confiscated at Texas border

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Longing for some lizard?

Two ice chests on a bus from Mexico bound for Texas have yielded nearly 58 pounds of alleged iguana meat mixed with corn dough and apparently meant for ta-

males.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Tuesday announced the seizure by agriculture specialists at the Laredo Port of Entry.

Luggage was being examined at the Lincoln-Juarez International Bridge when the undeclared food items, worth nearly \$1,600, were discovered.

A female passenger was

questioned and processed for return to Mexico.

The case has been turned over to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents for further investigation.

Mass. town approves plan to shame property owners

WEBSTER, Mass. (AP) — The health board in a Massachusetts town has approved a plan to shame owners of run-down buildings into fixing and securing their properties.

The plan approved Monday by the Webster board al-

lows the town to place 4-by-8-foot signs on the sides of dilapidated buildings with the owner's names, address and telephone number.

Selectman Mark Dowgie-wicz says it costs up to \$9,000 per year for police responses and other expenses to deal with squatters, vandals and other problems.

Building Inspector Theodore Tetreault tells The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester (WUH'-stur) that building owners have ignored requests from the town to secure vacant properties.

Webster is a town of about 16,000 nearly 60 miles southwest of Boston.

Pittsburgh firm sues to defend 'bio cremation'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh company that markets funeral supplies and services says in a federal lawsuit that its so-called 'Bio Cremation' service is being targeted by unfair claims by competitors.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette says Matthews International Corp. filed the lawsuit

Monday against two related firms that claim the process is already patented, BioSafe Engineering and Digester LLC of Brownsburg, Ind.

Philip Mervis heads the Indiana firms and says the water-based process known as alkaline hydrolysis dehydrates corpses, doing in a few hours what it takes nature decades to accomplish.

Attorneys for Matthews claim the patent isn't valid because the same process was already patented as a means of disposing of other forms of waste.

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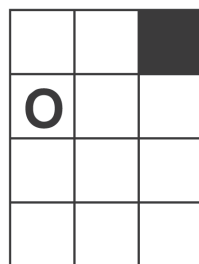
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By Dan Naddor 3/2/11

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Monday's Solution



"Pandora Radio"
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"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.

Monday's Solution

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TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Voter ID bill before House committee

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A House panel is debating legislation that would require most voters to present a photo ID before casting a ballot.

The bill, being heard Tuesday in a special House committee, has already cleared the Senate and is on the fast track for approval in the Legislature. Democrats and civil rights groups say the legislation would erect new voting hurdles for minorities and the poor. Republicans say it's needed to combat voter fraud.

The bill exempts people over 70. A version up for consideration Tuesday would allow disabled Texans who don't have an ID to cast a ballot without one. Otherwise, voters who show up without an ID could cast a provisional ballot. The bill must clear both chambers and be signed by Gov. Rick Perry before becoming law.

TWU student who allegedly made threat detained

DENTON, Texas (AP) — A student at a North Texas university has been caught after he allegedly made a threat in class that prompted a school lockdown.

Nobody has been harmed at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

TWU shortly after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday advised students and staff to remain inside during the search for the man, who left class after making the unspecified threat.

A statement from TSU says the lockdown was lifted by late morning after the suspect was taken into custody. Further details on the man were not immediately released.

TWU, with enrollment of about 14,000, is located 50 miles north of Dallas.

Bar on wheels for Austin's PubCrawler

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Is it DWI if the driver is sober but the engine is drunk?

This dazzling legal question is occasioned by PubCrawler of Austin, a leg-powered trolley spotted pattering around downtown streets these past several months.

In this case, it is mostly hops and barley being burned, along with some

thigh muscles, and the main sounds are of the garrulous sort arising from an elevated blood alcohol level.

The PubCrawler, despite being larger than many cars, is actually a \$38,000 bicycle owned by San Antonio couple Billy and Robin Lund and their neighbor Jennifer Elliott. For a fee, groups (or individuals on Wednesday evenings) can rent it, bring their own booze and make a 5 mph trip around Austin aboard what amounts to a mobile bar.

Elliott, who works in human resources, had encountered one of the strange vehicles in Minneapolis on a business trip and talked her friends into starting the business.

After San Antonio officials gave them a lukewarm response, the group approached Austin officials on the belief that strange is mostly just business as usual here. That, of course, turned out to be the case.

They set up shop in July in a West Fifth Street storage facility, offering a different kind of three-hour tour (or two hours, or whatever those willing to pay \$160 to \$190 an hour can afford). The steering and braking of the vehicle is done by Robin's 59-year-old father, Robert Elkins, while the pedaling is done by 10 of the 15 possible passengers. So is the drinking, at least for parts of the six potential routes.

Which brings us back to the law.

Is it illegal for the motive power of a vehicle to be what the British refer to as "in their cups"? Tipsy, in other words, sozzled, wrecked.

"It's not," Robin Lund said. "As long as they can pedal. They don't control where we go."

Austin police Lt. David Ortiz, the operations officer for the department's downtown sector, confirmed that having pickled pedalers would not fall under the state's driving while intoxicated statute.

Public intoxication is another matter, according to Austin police Cmdr. Jason Dusterhoft. He noted that the PubCrawler passengers along the side (the pedalers) are sitting on backless stools that, for the truly besotted, could result in one of them taking a header into traffic.

Ortiz and Lund said nothing of the sort has occurred to date.

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Rutgers to allow male, female students to shack up

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's flagship state university has decided to allow male and female students to share rooms in three dorms in an effort to make the campus more inclusive for gay students after a highly publicized suicide last year.

Starting this fall, all students — whether gay, lesbian, transgender or heterosexual — can choose either male or female roommates under the pilot program. Men and women will share bathrooms.

A similar, but smaller, pilot program is being launched at the Newark campus.

A number of other schools, including the University of Maryland, New York's Columbia University and Washington's George Washington University, offer similar housing options, according to the National Student Genderblind Campaign.

The organization is pressing for more programs like them, saying they're a way for students to have roommates they're comfortable with.

Rutgers got wide attention last year after freshman Tyler Clementi killed himself by jumping off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River. Authorities say that days before, his

roommate in a dorm used a webcam to capture Clementi during an intimate encounter with another man.

The roommate and a third freshman have been charged with invasion of privacy in the case. Their lawyers say they're not guilty of any crimes.

Gay student groups have pushed for Rutgers to be friendlier to gay, lesbian and transgender students — including by offering gender-neutral housing — since Clementi's death.

House near vote on budget cuts to keep gov't going

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Tuesday pressed for \$8 billion in immediate spending cuts as part of a four- or five-week stopgap measure to avoid a partial shutdown of the government and provide more time for talks on a longer-term bill to keep things going the rest of the budget year.

Press Secretary Jay Carney said President Barack Obama could accept immediate spending cuts of that size as the price for a measure about twice as long as Republicans currently support.

"We do believe that if \$4 billion in cuts over two weeks is acceptable, that the \$8 billion over four or five weeks is something that we could agree on," Carney said.

The White House move came as House Republicans

brought up their measure to keep the government running for two weeks to buy time for the Republican House, the Democratic Senate and the Obama White House to try to reach agreement on legislation for the rest of the budget year. It's a relatively mild volley in a party-defined spending battle that promises to go on for months or years.

Republicans want to slash more than \$60 billion from agency budgets over the coming months as a down payment on larger reductions later in the year, but are settling for just \$4 billion in especially easy cuts as the price for the two-week stopgap bill.

The \$4 billion would hit some programs that Obama has sought to terminate and others that have billions of dollars set aside for pet projects sought by lawmakers. That money's not needed since Republicans have banned earmarks for at least two years.

Carney also said Obama made a call to House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to discuss the stopgap legislation.

Earlier on Tuesday, Boehner rebuffed suggestions by the White House and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., for a month-long measure.

"If there had been a conversation about this 10 days ago or two days ago, we might have had something to talk about," Boehner said.

"But the fact is we were forced to move on our own."

Negotiations over a longer-term solution are likely to be very difficult as Boehner seeks to satisfy his 87-member freshman class — many of whom were elected with tea party support — but still manage to reach a deal with Democrats controlling the Senate and the White House.

Army swaps sit-ups for combat run in new PT tests

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP) — The Army plans to toughen its fitness tests for the first time in 30 years to make sure all soldiers have the strength, endurance and mobility for battle, adding exercises like running an obstacle course in full combat gear and dragging a body's weight.

Officials at Fort Jackson, a major Army training center, said Tuesday the new regimen would replace twice-a-year testing that focused on push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run. Trials are starting this month at eight bases and the plan could be adopted Army-wide after reviews later this year.

The shift follows other Army efforts to overhaul training, improve diets and help older soldiers keep fit.

Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, the head of Army training, said the fitness test had to be revamped because repetitive exercises like sit-ups don't translate into survival on the battlefield.



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House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Va., speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Feb. 28.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

TCU shoots for last chance at conference win at Air Force

By Allen Kellogg
Staff Writer

After Friday's home loss to New Mexico, head men's basketball coach Jim Christian said he did not look forward to the season ending. In fact, he said he would coach 20 more games to win one more.

Christian will have one last chance to get his second Mountain West Conference victory of the season at Air Force Academy tonight.

"[The team] is playing hard; they're doing what they can do; that's hard to do now," Christian said. "That's hard to do when you lose this many games in a row and still fight, still be in the game. We're just not making plays at key times, and [on] big possessions we give up a basket almost every time. And that's what happens when you don't believe it, yet."

TCU is 1-14 in conference play and 10-20 overall with the one conference victory coming against Wyoming on Jan. 12. For TCU, the outcome of the game will not change the Frogs' seeding in the MWC tournament — TCU is locked up as the No. 9 seed. The Falcons will play for a potential fifth seed in the tournament.

Junior guard Hank Thorns

needs 15 assists to surpass Mark Dickel's record for most assists in a season by a MWC player. He also needs one assist to tie Prince Fowler for third place as the TCU all-time single season assist leader. Thorns ranks fourth in the nation with 6.9 assists per game.

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Jim Christian
Head Men's Basketball Coach

With the Frogs honoring two seniors, forward Nikola Gacesa and guard Greg Hill, in Saturday's loss, the fact that Thorns likely will return to TCU for his senior season might be the best positive thing fans can see as the season comes to an end.

The Falcons are ranked second in the MWC in field goal percentage at 46.8 percent and 3-point shooting at 37.2 percent. Falcons sophomore guard Michal Lyons and senior forward Tom Fow lead the team in shooting.

The last time the Frogs and Falcons met was Jan. 29 in Fort Worth. TCU fell in overtime 66-65. TCU is shooting 47.4 percent at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, but on the road the Frogs shoot only 38.7 percent.

Up Next

After TCU wraps up regular season play tonight, the Frogs will focus on the Mountain West Conference Tournament, which will be held March 9-12 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. Per MWC seeding rules, the Frogs will likely play current No. 8-seeded Wyoming on March 9 at 4 p.m. The game will be televised on The Mtn.

TCU at Air Force

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Sophomore Garlon Green goes for a lay-in against the University of New Mexico in their home closer on Saturday.

BASEBALL

Pharr ready to fill shoes of graduated All-American

By David Stein
TCU News Now

Senior catcher Jimmie Pharr is the new starting catcher for the baseball team, and has the task of replacing an All-American.

Last season's starter, Bryan Holaday, won the Johnny Bench Award for the nation's best catcher in 2010 before being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates of Major League Baseball.

Holaday hit .355 with 17 home runs to help lead the Frogs to their first College World Series appearance in the program's history. He also committed just seven errors in 68 games.

Pharr said he is ready to step up to the plate for the Frogs

this season.

"I got to sit behind Bryan, he was the best catcher in the country last year," Pharr said. "He taught me a lot so, I mean, he's probably the reason I'm doing what I'm doing today."

Pharr is hitting .333 through seven games this season. He is also doing well defensively as he has yet to make an error in the field.

The pitchers throwing to him don't seem to mind Pharr behind the plate, either.

"Ya know they both learned from (assistant coach Ryan Shotzberger), so they pretty much do the same thing," junior pitcher Kyle Winkler said. "It's a little bit different obviously without Bryan back there, but Jimmie's doing a great job."

Senior pitcher Steven Maxwell said he was never really worried about pitching to Pharr.

"I've always had a lot of confidence in Jimmie," Maxwell said. "I mean, I guess the biggest concern is holding on runners, but he seems to have been doing a great job with commanding that back there behind the plate. I think he's doing really well defensively back there."

Pharr hit .363 last season with seven home runs in 2010, mostly as a pinch hitter. Maxwell said his hitting has always been good.

"He's always had a good bat, and everybody's coming along right now, and he's one of those guys," Maxwell said. "He's going to be big for us this year."

Winkler said Holaday was more of a vocal leader last season, and Pharr said he agrees that he leads more by example.

"I'm not a big talker, so I just try and play the game hard and show them the right way to play it, and hopefully the younger guys will follow in line," Pharr said.

Pharr spent three years behind Holaday. He said he learned a lot from the All-American, but was glad to get the starting job.

"I felt like I put in my time, and I've been ready for it for a while, so it's that much better," Pharr said.

Pharr and No. 8 TCU continue their nonconference slate this weekend with a three-game series in Lubbock against Texas Tech.

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SPORTS

OPINION

Cowboys could boost O-line by drafting TCU's Marcus Cannon



J.D. Moore

As the NFL combine wrapped up yesterday, the Dallas Cowboys should have a significantly better outlook on the upcoming draft. More importantly, one TCU player would make a great fit in the Dallas clubhouse.

The Cowboys have the No. 9 pick in the draft and should theoretically pick one of the top 10 players available. Granted, no TCU players will

make a top 10 draft pick, but there are a number of needs that Dallas has that can be solved with a wisely selected top 10 pick.

As for the second round, the Cowboys would be fools to not pick soon-to-be TCU alum Marcus Cannon with their second pick. Weighing in at 358 pounds, Cannon is the biggest prospect available.

A very likely pick of the Cowboys will be Nebraska cornerback Prince Amuka-

mara.

Drafting Amukamara makes sense for Dallas. The Cowboys' secondary has been notoriously bad in the past, but with new talent like Amukamara, who can start right out of the gates, the defense will improve. He can tackle and he's dominant on coverage. He's capable enough to move to safety, another place where Dallas can improve. He's willing to push the envelope and has shown himself to be a hard worker.

Rob Ryan will fire up the defense in 2011 as the new defensive coordinator. If Ryan is going to get into people's faces, old talent like current cornerback Mike Jenkins, who is ac-

companied to the lazy ways of Wade Phillips, will not adjust well. However, a fresh and undefined player, like Amukamara, will be much easier to mold and make. If Amukamara is available at No. 9, the Cowboys need to snatch him up.

As for the second round, the Cowboys would be fools to not pick soon-to-be TCU alum Marcus Cannon with their second pick. Weighing in at 358 pounds, Cannon is the biggest prospect available. His 33 bench press repetitions tied him for second-best among linemen in this year's combine. Cannon isn't athletic enough to be an outside tackle in the NFL, but as a guard, Cannon will be seen

as a gifted athlete.

Speaking of which, a guard is something that the Dallas Cowboys could use immediately. The current line is aging and is in need of fresh legs. With exception of Doug Free at left tackle, the youngest starter on the Cowboys offensive line is 27 years old. Leonard Davis has little left in the tank and Kyle Kosier has been regressing in talent. There are no backups waiting in the wings. Instead of trying to invest in a free agent like Matt Light, who is also up there in age, the Cowboys need to find talent that can be homegrown and specially developed for a Cowboys offense.

Marcus Cannon would

be a brilliant pick-up in the second round because he is an answer to Dallas' prayers. He can contribute immediately and offer years as a productive NFL lineman. Cannon will be a huge run-stopper up the middle while being a stronghold against pass-rushers. He poses no character issues and would be ready for a professional, prime-time atmosphere.

The combine proved many things for NFL scouts, but for Dallas, they should have a significantly better outlook on the best players to pick in the draft.

J.D. Moore is a freshman journalism major from Honolulu, Hawaii and a writer for SportDFW.com.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors aim to finish regular season careers on winning streak

By Clay York

Staff Reporter

Seniors Helena Sverrisdottir, Micah Garoutte and Emily Carter will trot their last steps on the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum court in an attempt to pluck the Air Force Falcons tonight.

A win against Air Force (8-19, 3-11 MWC) would close the Lady Frogs' regular season (20-9, 12-3) on a

three-game winning streak.

In their last outing, the Lady Frogs defeated University of New Mexico 84-71.

Guard/forward Sverrisdottir led all scorers with 24 points on 6-of-11 shooting. She nailed all eight of free throws and had eight assists.

Carter was just as dangerous, scoring 22 points on 9-of-13 shooting. The two seniors combined for 8-of-13 shooting from beyond

the three-point arc.

The only other Frog scoring in double digits was Rachel Rentschler. She contributed three 3-pointers and 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

As a team, the Horned Frogs shot 54.5 percent from the field and converted 12 3-point field goals on 21 attempts.

The Lady Falcons are currently on a three-game los-

ing streak. Their last game was a 70-49 loss to Colorado State University.

The Falcons shot 32 percent from the field, and the Lady Rams shot 39.3 percent from the field. The Rams also had two players score more than 20 points in the game.

In the January matchup between TCU and Air Force, the Falcons clawed back from an 11-point deficit in

the second half to defeat the Horned Frogs, 60-55. The defeat was the second conference loss for TCU and was a part of the only losing streak the Frogs suffered in MWC play.

The game also marked the first time the Lady Falcons beat the Lady Frogs in basketball since 1988.

Despite the losing effort, Starr Crawford managed a double-double with

19 points and 12 rebounds. Carter also added 16 points.

TCU vs. Air Force

When: 6:30 p.m. tonight

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

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Defensive errors cost Frogs in 4-3 loss to DBU

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

The definition of insanity, said TCU head coach Jim Schlossnagle, is continuing to do things over and over and thinking something is going to change.

No. 8 TCU couldn't overcome four errors in a 4-3 loss to Dallas Baptist Tuesday night as the Frogs surrendered a lead in the ninth inning for the third straight game.

Even though junior shortstop Taylor Featherston knocked in two RBIs and hit his first home run of the season, 3,877 fans at Lupton Stadium witnessed the first three game losing streak for the baseball program since March 2008.

The Frogs fell to 4-4 on the season and 1-1 on Tuesday evening games, while DBU improved to 6-2 on the season.

"We refuse to hit the ball the other way, [our hitters] stand up there and roll over and hit [themselves] pop ups and ground balls to the left side of the infield," Schlossnagle said. "It's not gonna change until we change."

Frogs' freshman pitcher Stefan Crichton, in his first career start at TCU, didn't allow an earned run and pitched 4 1/3 innings with one hit and two strikeouts. Frogs' junior Erik Miller recorded the loss, while DBU's Jordan Staples picked up the victory.

Featherston hit a home run off Patriots' starting pitcher Brandon Williamson over the right field wall to put the Frogs up 1-0 after sophomore third baseman Jantzen Witte bunted in to a pop-up double play.

Crichton walked center fielder Landon Anderson in the fifth inning and Anderson stole second. Crichton made his second throwing error of the game, allowing Anderson to advance to third.

Later in the inning junior center fielder Aaron Schultz and sophomore right fielder Kyle Von Tungeln ran into each other chasing a fly ball — Von Tungeln dropped the ball after the collision and Anderson scored from third, tying the game, 1-1.

It was Von Tungeln's second error in left, and the Frogs' fourth of the game.

The run may have been unearned, but it was enough for a pitching change. Junior right-hander Kyle Starratt replaced Crichton with one out.

Patriots' catcher Tyler Robbins hit a ball off the left-field wall for a double to score another Patriots un-

earned run, putting DBU up 2-1 in the fifth with two outs.

Starratt struck out DBU right fielder Joel Krizan for third out.

In the bottom of the fifth Von Tungeln coaxed a walk out of Williamson.

Junior designated hitter Brance Rivera grounded out, but advanced Von Tungeln to second, bringing Witte up to the plate with two outs.

Witte roped a ball down the third baseline for an RBI double, scoring Von Tungeln to even the score, 2-2.

With two outs and Witte in scoring position, Featherston knocked a single to center field for his second RBI of the game, putting the Frogs up 3-2.

Von Tungeln was replaced by junior Zac Jordan in the sixth after Von Tungeln notched two errors.

"We didn't do ourselves any favors by throwing the ball out on the field, not catching the ball in the outfield," Schlossnagle said. "We got to find a way to start our season over starting tomorrow."

DBU shortstop Joel Hutter singled to get on first to start the inning off. DBU first baseman Ryan Behmanesh hit a ball just fair in left field for a double, putting runners on second and third with no outs.

Patriots' third baseman Kenny Hatcher hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Hutter, tying the game 3-3.

Right-hander Jordan Staples replaced Williamson in the seventh for Dallas Baptist and Miller replaced Starratt in the ninth for TCU. Starratt finished the game allowing three hits and one earned run in 3 2/3 innings.

Miller, who ended the night with a 7.71 ERA, put runners on the corners after Anderson's first hit of the night with one out. DBU left fielder Josh Wilson hit an RBI single from the ninth spot in the batting order to give the Patriots a 4-3 lead.

With two outs and Jordan in scoring position on second, Featherston flied out to center to end the game. Dallas Baptist's Chris Haney would pick up his second save of the season.

"Baseball's a weird game, right now we got a new line up, we got to figure out what's going on, we're just trying to do to much," Featherston said. "We're trying to do something we're not."

Up next

TCU continues its nonconference slate at Texas Tech for a three-game weekend series. Friday's first pitch is set for 5:30 p.m.



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Redshirt junior Kyle Starratt pitches against Dallas Baptist on Tuesday night. The Frogs' next series is against Texas Tech in Lubbock this weekend.