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# ON THE MOVE



COURTESY OF EDWARD CASATI

From the show "whispers & memories" choreographed by John McFall, Artistic Director of Atlanta Ballet, Dancers: Jenn Shinn and Shannon Beacham.

## DanceTCU program will feature modern dance, ballet

By Alex Tyler  
Staff Writer

From classical ballet to raw modern dance pieces, the program "DanceTCU Presents: On the Move" will unite over 60 TCU dance students to perform in and help produce this weekend's shows, a dance school official said.

Ellen Page Shelton, director of the TCU School for Classical and Contemporary Dance, said "On the Move" includes a diverse program with multiple dance pieces and features choreography from faculty and guest choreographers.

Working with guest choreographers provides unique experiences for the students as they learn from

them and create contacts that may help in their future careers, she said.

Jenn Shinn, a sophomore ballet major, said she has danced for 16 years, and will dance two contrasting pieces during the performance. The first, the second act of "Swan Lake," is classical ballet, while the second, "Elegie" from Tchaikovsky Suite No. 3, is a modern, more con-

temporary piece, she said.

In taking on the two pieces, despite the stark differences in style, she provides an example of the versatility of the dancers.

Suki John, a modern dance professor, said having the opportunity to work with a guest artist makes the dancers more diverse.

"Our ballet program is so strong

that our modern dancers benefit from the foundation they get from ballet," she said. "Our modern program is so strong that our ballet dancers are exposed to all kinds of modern movement that can now be expected in ballet studios," John said.

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Students design, produce local Neiman Marcus fashion show.



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## FASHION MERCHANDISING

## Students create original outfits for 'Fashion Rules!' event

By Kim Burdi  
Staff Reporter

Thirty-six fashion merchandising students have worked to assemble runway outfits with floral patterns, wide-leg pants, flat sandals and other spring trends for the annual Neiman Marcus Fort Worth "Fashion Rules!" event today.

Patricia Warrington, associate professor of merchandising and textiles, said the university created an educational partnership with Neiman Marcus to give students the opportunity to design store window displays and produce fashion shows based on the department store's 10 spring trends for 2011.

Neiman Marcus will hold the "Fashion Rules!" event, including the fashion show, inside its store at the Ridgmar Mall, Warrington said. The event is open to the public and begins at 6 p.m.

Being involved with producing a fashion show for the first time rather than only window displays al-

lowed the Promotion Principles class to put classroom concepts and industry practices into action, she said.

"It's the first time our merchandising program has done a show with Neiman Marcus as a course project," Warrington said.

**"We are in charge of picking the trends for each of the men and women, like the shoes, handbags and accessories."**

**Hilary Rowe**  
Sophomore fashion merchandising major

She said the Neiman Marcus public relations coordinator Aaron Wolfe, a 2009 strategic communication graduate of TCU, asked her about the fashion merchandising department's interest in the show in December.

"[Wolfe] was describing to us the project, and it worked well with the curriculum in

the course I teach," she said.

Sophomore fashion merchandising major Hilary Rowe said she was excited about the fashion show.

"We're getting the opportunity to style and see how much effort and time goes into producing [a fashion show]," she said.

But the first-time experience brought with it extra responsibility for students, Rowe said. Students are in charge of working with models, selecting merchandise, choosing a theme and creating an appropriate look relating to the theme, she said.

"We are in charge of picking the trends for each of the men and women, like the shoes, handbags and accessories," she said. "Then, we are in charge of the models working on the runway while Neiman Marcus is in charge of hair and makeup."

Warrington said the students had different themes but would focus on highlighting the different spring trends.

"Their goal is to incor-

porate [the trends] into the items they pull and draw on them to execute the overall theme," she said.

Rowe said getting to run around Neiman Marcus to pick out outfits for the visual presentation was a great experience.

"It's amazing to be able to see how a fashion show actually works, instead of learning how it might work in the classroom," she said.

Warrington said one of the important lessons students would learn is how to understand consumers better.

"It doesn't matter what brand you're working with," she said. "You need to be able to develop your product, promote your product, price it appropriately and develop your marketing strategies."

She said she believed the students were getting a real taste of understanding the Neiman Marcus customers by putting together their own selections for the runway.

"The purpose of fashion show is to sell merchandise and have fun," Warrington



COURTESY OF HILARY ROWE

Fashion merchandising students set up mannequins, like this one, for a window display for Neiman Marcus.

said. "Students can take this experience with them whether they work in this industry or another industry."

Rowe said she not only will be able to say she worked for Neiman Marcus but also that

she gained experience in the business.

"This is the best thing that has happened to me at TCU," Rowe said. "It's hard to imagine anything beating working at Neiman Marcus."

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This diversity will be reflected not only in the variety of pieces but also in the ability of the dancers to take on different types of dance in the performance, she said.

"We have to have versatility in order to produce dancers who are going to work professionally," John said.

Programs like "On the Move" are performed by the dance school each semester, and the entire semester's classes have been preparing the students for the performance, John said.

"I would like people to come away with real respect for the dancers," she said. "The students in the TCU program are extremely talented, very hard-

working, really preparing very seriously for a professional life in dance."

Shelton said the audience will come away from the performances with a new appreciation of different dance styles. She said attendees will experience different personalities and moods both in the choreographers' visions for the pieces and the dancers' movements.

### DanceTCU Presents "On The Move"

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## CAMPUS

# V-Day campaign to discuss social justice, violence against women



HEATHER NOEL / STAFF REPORTER

Sharon Cansler, owner of Beloveds Mercantile, sells merchandise for the Hope Market which raises awareness of free-trade issues.

By Heather Noel

Staff Reporter

As part of the TCU V-Day campaign to stop violence against women and girls, Wednesday's Hope Fair educated students about social justice and fair trade through teaching the power of a dollar.

Senior theater major Katie Caruso, coordinator of the V-Day campaign, said local vendors came to educate students about their products and to teach students to spend money in a socially and globally conscious way.

Sharon Cansler, owner of Beloveds Mercantile, said every time a consumer purchases a product, they essentially make vote with that purchase. This vote could be in favor of unfair labor conditions, she said.

She said her business aligned with the premise of the V-Day campaign because women make up a majority of the artisans that make her products. Buying products from these women would help support them and perhaps enable them to get out of violent situations, she said.

Junior early childhood education major Lucy Greenlee said she believed fair trade was a real issue students should know about.

"It's good for TCU students to get a taste of what is going on outside the world," Greenlee said. "I think it's a very smart way to reach them by selling things."

Caruso said vendors could elect to donate a portion of their sales at the market to the V-Day campaign.

The next event in the V-Day campaign will focus on educating students about violence

against women.

In a collaboration between TCU Police and theater department, the TCU Assault Prevention Theatre will present a play Thursday dealing with dating violence, Crime Prevention Officer Pam Christian said.

Caruso said the play would be similar to the performance seen by incoming freshmen at orientation. However, this play would focus more on dating violence by casting the abuser as a significant other rather than just an acquaintance, Christian said.

Christian said she believed the play would educate students by showing them situations that lead to abusive, controlling relationships.

"[Students will] recognize the vulnerability," she said. "They'll recognize the bad situation and hopefully make better choices."

Christian said she believed presenting this issue of violence against women in the form of the play was beneficial in the realm of crime prevention. She said audiences had a tendency to tune out speakers, but a play had the verbal and visual elements that would help keep the audience engaged.

"It's been an awesome tool for me because I feel like the students pay attention to it so much more," Christian said.

After each performance, the performers will remain in character to facilitate a discussion session allowing the audience to ask questions, she said. Although the exact content of these discussions depends on the audience, she said the audience usually asked questions about why the characters made certain decisions during

the play.

The performances by the Assault Prevention Theatre will be in the Brown-Lupton University Union Auditorium.

Caruso said Thursday's events also would include a balloon release to honor those lost to sexual violence.

The week-long series of events will conclude with three weekend performances of "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler.

Senior theatre major Ashten Burris, artistic director of the V-Day campaign, said the play catalogues a series of about 14 monologues. These monologues were inspired by actual interviews done by Ensler with women about their experiences of violence and abuse.

Some monologues in the TCU version of the play stay the same from year to year, but she said each year brings a new cast with a fresh take and interpretation of the monologues.

## Performances by TCU Assault Prevention Theatre

**When:** Performances at noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday 5 p.m. balloon release in the Campus Commons to honor those lost to sexual violence  
**Where:** Brown-Lupton University Union Auditorium

## "The Vagina Monologues"

**When:** 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** BLUU Auditorium

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## SCIENCE

# Tests inconclusive on Earhart search

By Sean Murphy

Associated Press

Tests to determine if bone fragments found on a remote South Pacific island are the remains of Amelia Earhart are inconclusive, researchers announced Wednesday, dashing hopes they might help explain what happened to the famed aviator who disappeared in 1937 while trying to fly around the world.

Scientists at the University of Oklahoma attempted to detect human DNA from three bone fragments recovered last year by The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, a group of aviation enthusiasts in Delaware that found the pieces of bone while on an expedition to Nikumaroro Island, about 1,800 miles south of Hawaii.

The group has uncovered several artifacts, including some old makeup and glass bottles from the 1930s that

suggest Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan may have died as castaways on the island, said Ric Gillespie, director of the group.

"We knew this would be a tough job to get DNA from stuff that had laid around for 70 years," Gillespie said in a phone interview. "The woman's been missing for 74 years. We've been looking for her for 23 years. We have learned patience."

Researchers at OU said about one-half gram of bone material remains that could be tested later.

"For posterity, we have decided to preserve this remaining bone," Cecil Lewis, the director of OU's Molecular Anthropology Laboratory, wrote in his report. "There is reason for optimism that someday in the near future, less destructive and more sensitive genomic methods will be able to resolve the bone's origin. For now, the question of whether the bone is human must

remain unanswered."

Lewis, who planned a news conference Thursday to elaborate on his findings, said tests are ongoing on clumps of material resembling soil or feces that also were recovered at the site.

In 1940, just three years after Earhart disappeared, a British overseer on the island recovered a partial human skeleton and several artifacts at what appeared to be a former campsite, Gillespie said. The bones later vanished, but Gillespie said the findings support their theory that Earhart was able to land on a reef surrounding the remote island and send distress signals that were picked up by distant ships.

"There's a tremendous story of a castaway here who was catching various things," Gillespie said. "We just don't know for sure who the castaway was."

Earhart was declared dead in 1939.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Texas Independence Day worth celebrating

Wednesday marked the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence — a date marked as Texas Independence Day.

There may be a stereotype or two about Texan pride. The “Don’t Mess With Texas” state-sponsored commercials do no favors.

Students who attended elementary school in the Lone Star State remember reciting the Texas Pledge of Allegiance as well as singing the Texas state song, “Texas, Our Texas”:

*“Texas, Our Texas! all hail the mighty state! Texas, Our Texas! so wonderful so great! Bold-est and grandest, withstanding ev’ry test...”*

Students on campus who hail from California to New Jersey may need Pepto-Bismol after reading that verse.

The history is rich and spine-tingling to many native Texans. In January 1836, Mexican Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna marched his troops to San Antonio to besiege the Alamo, which prompted Texas hero William B. Travis on Feb. 24 to dispatch an open letter “To The People of Texas & All Americans in the World”:

*“Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch...”*

The Texas Revolution was a continuation of the spread of American democratic ideals and liberties — its importance may not be fully understood by those who don’t consider themselves “Texan,” but what March 2, 1836, stands for is worthy of explanation.

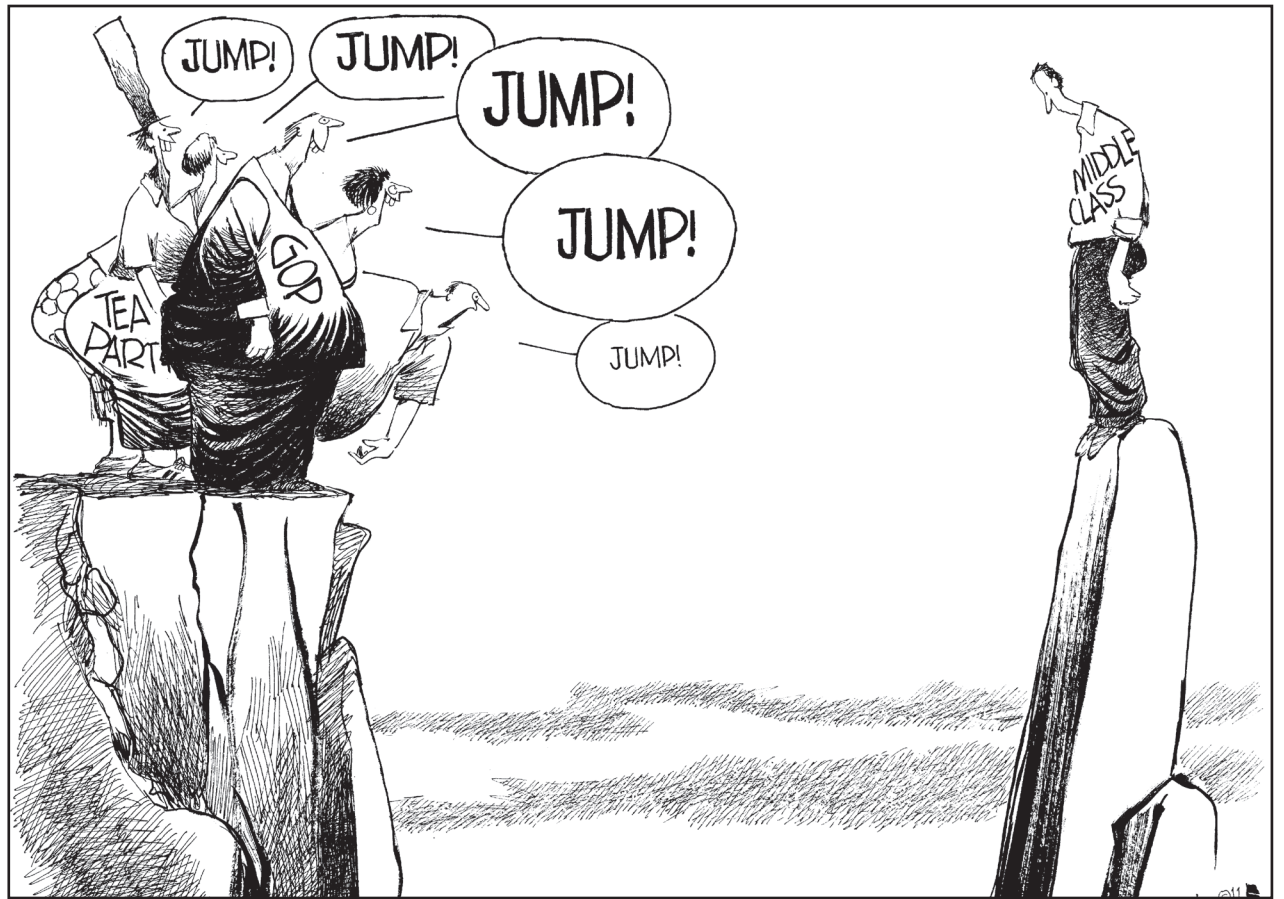
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## Class should be treated as practice to dress well



Bailey McGowan

Putting your best face forward may have a deeper meaning.

When it comes to getting hired, one would think the factors would be exclusively based on experience and education. There is a third factor that may play more into the mix: appearance.

According to a Feb. 21 Yahoo! Finance article, there are several ways people’s appearance affects their paychecks. So maybe students should pay more attention to their appearance to be the most marketable hire.

There are some factors people can’t control over their appearance. For example, men who are at least 6 feet tall make an average salary of \$5,525 more than their shorter, 5-foot-5-inch counterparts, according to the article. While this hardly seems right, it illustrates an essential point — appearances matter, whether it’s fair or not.

There are factors that can be controlled in one’s appearance though: dress, cleanliness and neatness. Students should treat class as an opportunity to practice their skills and dress with an intention to impress and to be professional. Business casual is not as difficult as it sounds.

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Those letters of recommendation one needs, that networking opportunity, even the on-demand ability to impress a potential employer all lie in the classrooms of TCU. Maybe wearing sweats to class isn’t such a great idea after all.

There is something about looking qualified that correlates to doing well, according to the article. When people dress like they’re ready to perform, they are outwardly expressing the will to perform. They also are internalizing this drive so it becomes a part of their work ethic that day.

Practice is the only way to achieve a

level of quality, and practicing now for those job interviews involves more than just verbal developing verbal skills. For people to ensure they will be a part of that top tier, they need to act and look the part.

What’s more is the interview is just the start of the professional environment. Those first impressions will be vital and one’s appearance is one of the factors they can control. Dressing the part will pay off — literally.

For men and women, it means ironed khakis and a button-down shirt, a semi-uniform of certain campus organizations. It means waking up early enough to actually brush one’s hair and avoiding cleavage for women. Good judgment, cleanliness and neatness are the basic guidelines no matter what the situation.

Not for every class will it be plausible for students to dress well. But the extra effort, used sparingly, could be that deciding factor. What harm could it do to look the part for a change?

It is time to accept the challenge. It is time to defy the social norm and come to play. Our students already excel, and it’s time to dress like it.

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## PERSPECTIVES

# Google changes won't simplify research in long run



Jason Lam

Last Thursday, Google changed the way it displays results for users in an attempt to bring higher quality sites to the top, according to a Friday article from *The New York Times*. This move makes sense for the company. After all, for a search engine, giving users the best possible results is the top priority.

But let's not fool ourselves: for students, this will make very little practical difference.

At the most basic level, search engines are very

much just machines. They "crawl" the Web, finding pages and indexing them. Then, when a one inputs a search, the search engine puts it through an algorithm and displays pages in an order based on the algorithm scores.

What this means is that search engines are systems that can be gamed. If a website owner figures out the algorithm, or parts of it, all they have to do is figure out how to give their website the best possible score from the algorithm. Then the website will be displayed near the top of the search engine's results. As long as the website manipulates the search engine's formula effectively, it doesn't really matter what the Web page is about or how credible it is.

For search engine users, and students trying to re-

search in particular, this can be a big problem. Instead of helpful results, a search often will turn up a lot of worthless pages that, in reality, have very little to do with the original result or are completely unreliable.

So on its face it would seem that Google's changes are great for students. Who wouldn't want to get rid of bad results and bring up more good ones? The problem is that a search engine is still a machine run by a formula. As such, it can still be manipulated. It will just take some time for ways to manipulate the new algorithm to be figured out.

The quality of student research shouldn't be dependent on such easily influenced tools. There is a responsibility on the student to be able to do effective research, including

evaluating whether sites are credible or not without relying on how highly Google ranks them. Part of it is a learning process — how do you determine whether sites are credible?

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Luckily, most colleges have one or more classes that cover how to evalu-

ate source credibility. I remember credibility being covered in my introductory English classes at TCU as well as in high school. Even if you didn't get such instruction yet, there are some simple tips for finding more credible sources.

1. Check the Web address of the page you're viewing. Sites that end in ".edu" and ".gov" are education and governmental sites, respectively, and more likely to be credible than ".com."

2. Use library databases for research. TCU's library site has well organized and easily searchable databases on almost every area of study. I have yet to run into a non-credible source from a library database.

3. Use Google Scholar. Similar to how Google Images just searches pictures, Google Scholar tries to just

look at academic articles. Admittedly, it is still a search engine and prone to error as any search engine is. However, results from Google Scholar have a much greater likelihood of being credible than normal Google results.

Google's changes certainly won't be harmful. Until Web developers figure out how to manipulate the new algorithm, results should be better. But search engines are in a constant race of trying to keep ahead of those who want to game the system. Quality student research is our responsibility as students, and it should be a matter of pride to find good, credible sources.

*Jason Lam is a junior mathematics major from Chicago.*

## Poor parenting cause of Cyrus strife



Danika Scevers

"The damn show destroyed my family."

You would think he's referring to "Jersey Shore" or "Parental Control" or any other reality show that is so popular on television these days, but Billy Ray Cyrus is referring to something a little more tame: "Hannah Montana."

The 49-year-old singer, songwriter and actor recently had quite a bit to say about his family drama that's taken over the tabloids. By saying his daughter Miley is "in a great deal of danger," Billy Ray, in an effort to try to shift all responsibility off his shoulders and to those of the burdens that accompany fame, also is saying the public should stop blaming him.

While he is candidly decrying and mourning his most famous daughter's actions to the press, Billy Ray Cyrus tends to omit one thing. He and his wife, Trish, are the ones who pushed for Mi-

ley to be a part of "Hannah Montana" from the get-go, effectively thrusting fame on the then-11-year-old.

Is the result simply a tragic story of a child who fell off the straight track, or is it because of bad parenting?

According to an international study of stress on adolescents performed by the National Institute for Policy and Educational Research in conjunction with Flinders University, lack of parental support and involvement in the proper way is one of three main contributors to children who exhibit problem behavior. In the same way, parents who force their children to over-involve themselves at a young age must be there to help handle the stress and set limits, or the kids will turn to other methods of coping, resulting in behavior inappropriate for their age, as well as physical addictions and abuses.

Another major parenting taboo Billy Ray Cyrus has admitted to being guilty of is trying to play the role of the best friend and avoid drawing a line of when enough is enough. While it's true that children need room to grow, they also need structure. They need to learn that not

everything is appropriate for everyone and that some things are off-limits. Miley has been torn to shreds by the media over her "pole-dancing" at the 2009 Teen Choice Awards, but her father says he "took it, because I'm her daddy, and that's what daddies do. Okay, nail me to the cross, I'll take it..."

In addition to the lenient parental rules, Miley also is faced with intense stress at home as she leaves the show that has defined her for the past seven years and watches her parents go through a public divorce. While this in no way justifies her behavior, it does help to explain why turbulent parenting and lack of guidance at a young age can evolve into social, emotional and physical problems that will continue on far into adulthood.

As a parent, Billy Ray needs to learn the balance between "creative career license" and "you're way too stinking young." And while he struggles with finding the line, other parents would do well to take note of his actions.

*Danika Scevers is a freshman secondary education major from Abilene.*

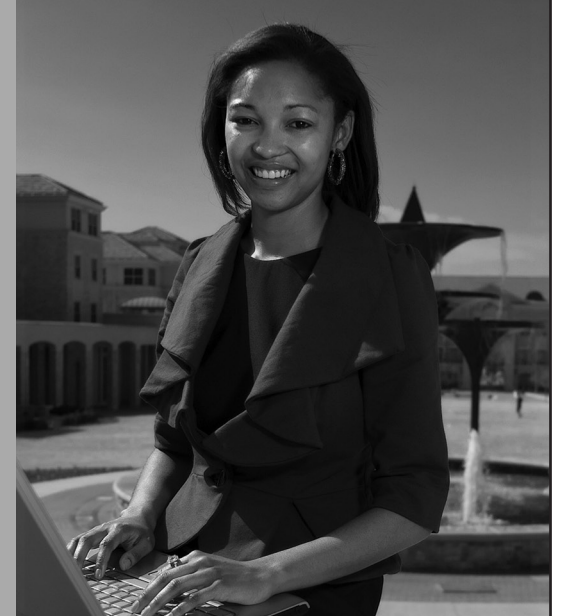


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March 29 - April 8:

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## EDUCATION

# Network offers education students opportunity to teach abroad

By Maddie Tasker

Staff Reporter

TCU special education graduate student Kat Deichler signed a two-year contract last month to teach first grade special needs students at an international school in Qatar.

However, she said if someone had told her a year ago that in September 2011 she would begin teaching full-time in another country, she would not have believed them.

"I was a Texas girl," Deichler said. "I was not going anywhere. I was going to stay here and teach forever."

But she said her experience student teaching math in the Netherlands in February 2010 through the College of Education inspired her to find a permanent teaching position abroad. When her contract in Qatar ends, she said she planned to return to the Netherlands.

Deichler said her parents encouraged her to partici-

pate in TCU's student teaching abroad program and were excited for her to continue working abroad.

"They moved overseas when I was a baby, so it's kind of in our family to get up and go," she said.

**"Their system of education is much less high-stakes testing driven than ours, so [teachers] have a lot more freedom."**

**Kat Deichler**  
Graduate Student

Dale Young, the director of student teaching at TCU, said the university's relationship with the European Teacher Education Network has made student teaching abroad an option for senior education majors. The network is made up of more than 40 institutions and has partnered with TCU for

more than a decade, he said.

Young described the relationship with ETEN as a bilateral agreement which allowed participating universities to exchange students for a month.

For example, TCU hosted nine students from partnering European universities last semester, he said. Young said 18 students from the College of Education student taught in European schools in February.

Deichler said the connection with ETEN helped her establish a relationship with the school at which she student taught. This positive relationship gave her several opportunities to continue working with the school in the Netherlands.

"I really stayed in touch, and I am in good contact with everyone at that school," she said.

Young said one of the advantages of ETEN was the great local contacts it provided students while they spend time overseas. Each

university participating in ETEN appoints an ETEN coordinator to help the students while they are abroad, he said.

Deichler said her coordinator in the Netherlands, named Sigurd, helped make the experience a positive one.

"He was fabulous, absolutely fabulous," she said. "He took great care of us, and I'm still in contact with him. I see him every time I go back."

When Deichler's student teaching program ended last year, she came back to the U.S. and quickly made plans to return to the Netherlands, she said. After finishing up her bachelor's degree in May, she returned to the Netherlands to substitute teach at the same school.

Deichler said she found teaching in Europe to be comparable to teaching in the United States, but the style of teaching at her school in the Netherlands was more laid back.



COURTESY OF KAT DEICHLER

Members of graduate student Kat Deichler's class in the Netherlands participate in a class activity.

"Their system of education is much less high-stakes testing-driven than ours, so [teachers] have a lot more freedom," she said.

Deichler said she liked teaching in this relaxed at-

mosphere, which is one reason she wanted to continue teaching outside the U.S. She said she also planned to return to the Netherlands this May to chaperone a school camping trip.

# OUT ON THE TOWN

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## RELIGION

# Islam Awareness Month begins with interfaith panel, Q&A

By Mandy Naglich  
Staff Reporter

The Muslim Student Association will kick off the university's Islam Awareness Month with an interfaith panel today where representatives of other religions will have an open Q&A session about interaction between religions, vice president of MSA and junior pre-med major Zair Shah said.

"In the end, hopefully we can teach students more about what Islam truly is and just make the campus more aware," Shah said.

Political science professor Manochehr Dorraj said people of different faiths sitting around a table talking to each other are more likely to find their similarities than their differences.

"People see religion as my way or the highway," Dorraj said. "It's not that. Religions have more in common than they have differences."

In previous years, the university had a week of events

promoting Islam awareness. This year, the events will take place over an entire month.

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Religion professor Yushau Sodiq said, "This year we want to separate everything, so people can come to as many [events] as possible. In the past we crammed everything into one week." Sodiq said he thinks the new format will help improve the attendance at the events this month.

"In the past attendance has been good," he said. "But with a whole month we want attendance to be great."

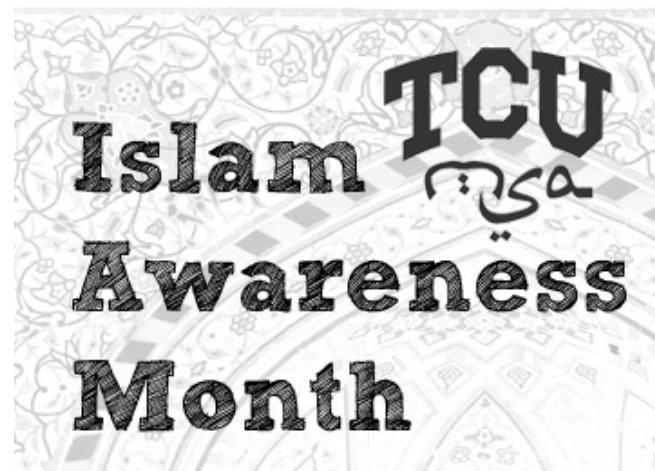
Sodiq said he did not know specifics of attendance in prior years.

The other events during the month will include discussing a trip to Mecca, learning about the meaning of Islam and visiting a local mosque.

Shah said he hopes the events will give students a different perspective on the religion, separate the ideas of Islam and violence and help other students recognize the true virtues of the religion.

"The goal is for students to come to any event and know just a bit more about it than before," said Shah. "This way when people hear some of the negative stereotypes, they can disregard them."

Katie Horton, a sophomore pre-business major, said she planned to attend some of the events. She is currently enrolled in a Middle Eastern politics class and



said she hoped some of the material in the class would correlate with the information shared by MSA.

Horton said she wants to learn about the effects the Islam has on politics as well as the history of Islam. She hoped there will also be some discussion on the recent political revolutions in Egypt, Tunisia and the current situation in Libya, she said.

"I feel like that is the issue most people know about

right now," Horton said.

Dorraj said he hoped the events in the Middle East would be mentioned some time during the month because they shed positive light on Muslims around the world.

"All of the protests in the Middle East were peaceful until the state brought upon violence," he said. "People can see Muslims creating change peacefully, which is something that isn't often in the media."

## TCU Islam Awareness Month Events Muslim Student Association

### Interfaith Panel

**When:** 7 p.m. today  
**Where:** Palko 130  
**What:** Discussion between people of various religions

### Journey to Mecca

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9  
**Where:** Miller Room, Brown-Lupton University Union  
**What:** Discussion about a woman's journey to Mecca

### Meaning of Islam

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22  
**Where:** Miller Room, Brown-Lupton University Union  
**What:** Learning about the teachings of Islam

### Mosque Visit

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Associated Press

WWII-era letter from Ala. gets delivered in Calif.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A World War II-era letter addressed to a woman at a Red Cross hospital in California has been delivered nearly 70 years after its postmark in Alabama, but the mystery of the message remains.

The letter is addressed to Miss R.T. Fletcher, American Red Cross Station Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. That building was torn down years ago. Women who worked at the hospital were typically nurses or administrative clerks.

Camp Roberts was closed in 1970, so the letter was delivered to the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. Curator Gary McMaster says he

hasn't opened the letter for privacy reasons. The envelope is torn where the return address would be located, so it's not clear who sent it. But the tear reveals a handwritten letter inside.

Snapping Arizona dog takes over family's fridge

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — A runaway dog darted into an Arizona apartment and found a cool place to hide — the bottom of the refrigerator.

A Yuma Fire Department

spokesman says the family told firefighters the pooch rushed into their home when they opened the front door and kept snapping at them.

When they went to the fridge to get some food to try to lure the dog outside, the animal jumped in the appliance and refused to come out.

Firefighters found the small black terrier-type dog crouched on the bottom shelf, snapping at anyone who approached. They used protective gear to pick up the pooch and put it in a carrier.

The dog had been reported

missing by someone else at the apartment complex and was returned home safely.

Elvis to be named honorary citizen of Budapest

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Budapest's mayor says Elvis Presley will be declared a posthumous honorary citizen of Hungary's capital and a city landmark will be named after him.

Mayor Istvan Tarlos said Wednesday that Elvis will be commemorated because of his support for Hungary in the wake of the short-lived,

anti-Soviet revolution of October 1956.

On the city's website, visitors can pick one of 12 locations to be renamed after Elvis, including street crossings, a small square and a site at the foot of Margaret Bridge, which spans the Danube River. Voting closes March 15.

On Jan. 6, 1957, during his last appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," Elvis sang a gospel standard, "Peace in Valley," which Sullivan said reflected the singer's preoccupation with Hungarians' plight after the uprising.

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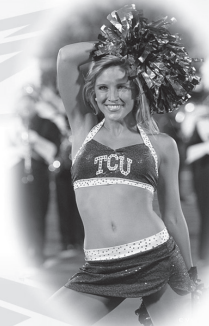
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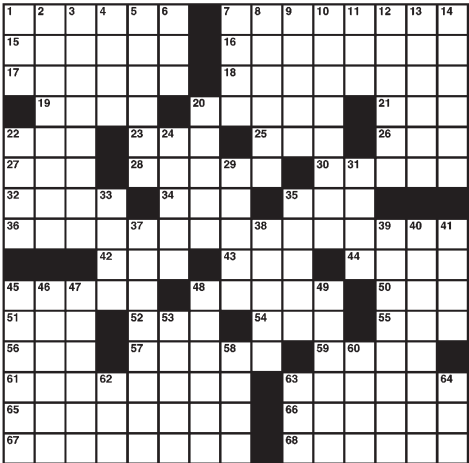


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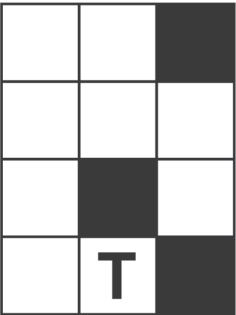
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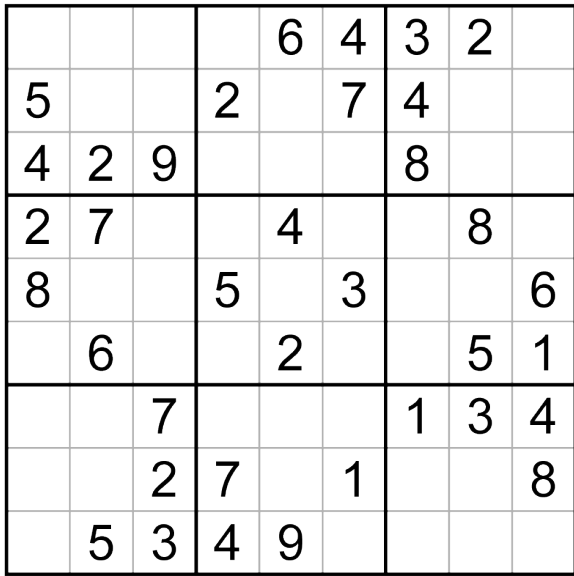


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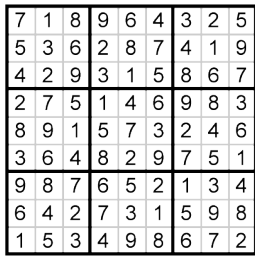


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Wednesday's Solution



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# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Texas Independence Day, documents signed in 1836

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A handwritten document proclaiming Texas was freeing itself from rule by Mexico is 175 years old.

Wednesday was Texas Independence Day. It was March 2, 1836, when historians believe the original and five copies of the declaration were made and signed.

Only the original remains. The pages are on a now rare public display into April at the Texas Archives and Library in Austin.

Texas became a U.S. state in 1845.

## House to vote on new abortion rules

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House began debating a bill on Wednesday that would require doctors to perform a sonogram before providing an abortion. The bill comes up as the Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists warned that the bill's requirements could harm the fetus.

The proposed law would require doctors to display the sonogram and play the fetal heartbeat for the woman as the doctor describes whether

the fetus has arms, legs or internal organs. The woman can look away, but cannot decline the procedure. Doctors warned that if they use the sonogram in the manner described, the prolonged exposure to ultrasound waves could hurt the woman or damage the fetus.

The debate among lawmakers, though, focused on whether the bill was about informing women, or creating a barrier to accessing an abortion.

## Group gets more time to buy Lone Star Park

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Regulators have been advised

that Global Gaming's option to buy Lone Star Park has been extended.

The Texas Racing Commission learned Tuesday that the option has been extended the end of the July, through the horse track's upcoming thoroughbred season. Lone Star Park president and general manager Drew Shubeck says the previous sales agreement expired Jan. 31.

The Dallas Morning News reports commissioners have been waiting for a ruling from the state attorney general on whether a Texas residency requirement for track license applicants is constitutional.

Global Gaming Solutions, a subsidiary of the Chicka-

saw Nation of Oklahoma, in October 2009 won a nearly \$48 million bid during a bankruptcy auction to operate the Class 1 track in Grand Prairie, west of Dallas.

Magna Entertainment continues to run the track.

## Review says possible Texas prison beds shortage

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A review finds Texas could face a shortage of as many as 12,000 inmate beds within two years if budget problems force prison system cuts and closures.

The report, presented Tuesday to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, is led by consultant Tony Fabelo.

His report comes from the Justice Center, a research affiliate of the Council of State Governments.

Texas lawmakers face a projected budget shortfall of at least \$15 billion in the next two-year spending period.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the review found that possible cuts of up to \$600 million would hobble rehabilitation, probation and treatment, which help offenders stay out of trouble.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says he's alarmed by the projections.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is in charge of the system's nearly 156,000 inmates.

# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## Jobs breaks from medical leave to unveil iPad 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple CEO Steve Jobs briefly emerged from his medical leave and walked on stage to standing ovation Wednesday

to unveil the second generation of the popular iPad, which will go on sale March 11 in the U.S.

Jobs looked frail as he appeared in his signature black mock turtleneck, blue jeans and wire-rimmed glasses.

"We've been working on this product for a while, and I

just didn't want to miss today," Jobs said. "Thank you for having me."

The next-generation tablet computer has a faster processor than the original iPad's. As expected, it comes with two cameras for taking photos and video chatting. The battery life will be the same as the original — about 10 hours of usage and a month on standby.

The iPad 2 is also thinner — 8.8 millimeters instead of the current 13.4 millimeters.

"The new iPad 2 is actually thinner than your iPhone 4," Jobs said.

The original iPad, which burst onto the scene last April, was more popular than analysts imagined. Apple sold 15 million in nine months.

The iPad was used for checking e-mail, surfing the Web, watching online video and other personal media tasks, but as the number of small applications designed just for iPad grew, the tablet made itself at home in offices, shops, restaurants and countless other professional and hobbyist settings.

The rush for iPads sparked dozens of copycat touchscreen devices, but so far, none have broken into the mainstream consciousness the way the iPad has. In February, Motorola Mobility Inc.'s Xoom, the most promising challenger so far, went on sale. It runs a new version of Google Inc.'s Android software that was designed for tablets, not smart phones.

## Study: US has much higher obesity rate than Canada

ATLANTA (AP) — American adults have a significantly higher rate of obesity than their neighbors to the north, a new study says.

About 24 percent of Canadians are obese compared to more than 34 percent of Americans, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study released Wednesday.

Researchers looked at height and weight data taken in surveys in both countries during 2007-09.

The two countries have different racial demographics. The United States has more black and Hispanic people, and both have higher rates of obesity. But even looking solely at white people, there was still a big difference — a 26 percent obesity rate in Canada compared to 33 percent in the United States.

It's not clear why that is, said study-co-author Cynthia Ogden, an epidemiologist with the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.

"We share this border and many other things. It's a question we need to investigate more," said Ogden, whose co-authors included a researcher at Statistics Canada.

Another mystery: In children there was little difference. The childhood obesity rate was 15.5 percent in the United States and 12 per-

cent in Canada, but the difference was not statistically significant.

This study is the first time the CDC has compared American obesity rates with another country. The report adds to a growing pile of studies that show Americans are less healthy than people in other developed nations.

## Federal researchers declare eastern cougar extinct

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The "ghost cat" is just that.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Wednesday declared the eastern cougar to be

extinct, confirming a widely held belief among wildlife biologists that native populations of the big cat were wiped out by man a century ago.

After a lengthy review, federal officials concluded there are no breeding populations of cougars — also known as pumas, panthers, mountain lions and catamounts — in the eastern United States. Researchers believe the eastern cougar subspecies has probably been extinct since the 1930s.

Wednesday's declaration paves the way for the eastern cougar to be removed from the endangered species list, where it was placed in 1973.



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Apple Inc. Chairman and CEO Steve Jobs stands under an image for the release date of the iPad 2 at an Apple event at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater in San Francisco, Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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## SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

## Air Force fends off Frogs

## Staff Report

Senior guard Greg Hill tied a career high with 23 points to help TCU build a seven-point halftime lead, but Air Force sank the Frogs Wednesday during a 70-65 setback at the Falcons' Clune Arena.

The Frogs, playing in their regular-season finale, dropped to 10-21 overall this season and 1-15 in Mountain West Conference play. Air Force improved to 15-13 overall and 6-9 in the MWC.

TCU posted its top long-range shooting night of the season to help stake its early advantage, but the Falcons responded in the second half with a sizzling effort from the field. Air Force scored 16 of the first 19 points of the second half to turn a 34-27 deficit into a 47-37 advantage. The squad finished the game shooting an even 50 percent, including 66.7 percent in the second half alone.

The Frogs, who trailed by 10 points on two separate occasions in the second half, regrouped both times

to tie the game. The final run saw the squad score 10 straight points over a two-minute period to bring itself even with only 1:03 to play. Junior guard Hank Thorns accounted for the tying basket on a layup.

The Frogs had a chance to move in front on their next possession inside the final 20 seconds, but another Thorns layup attempt glanced off the rim. Falcon guard Michael Lyons was fouled on the rebound and sank a pair of free throws. Air Force then added three more free throws down the stretch to ice the victory.

Hill went 8-of-16 from the field to lead the Frogs, including 6-of-12 from 3-point range. His individual effort helped the Frogs go 14-of-29 from beyond the arc, the most makes in a game for TCU since the squad drilled a school-record 17 during a 2008 MWC tournament loss to UNLV.

Also reaching double figures Wednesday were Thorns and junior guard J.R. Cadot, who both scored 12 points. Thorns also had

a fine night handling the point, dishing out a game-high 11 assists for his ninth double-figure performance this season. Junior forward Garlon Green added nine points, while sophomore forward Nikola Cerina led TCU to a 35-24 edge on the glass by pulling down a game-high eight rebounds.

Lyons led Air Force with 20 points on 7-of-13 shooting, while forward Derek Brooks added 10 points. Forward Tom Fow made a trio of 3-pointers, helping the Falcons finish 9-for-18 from long range.

The Frogs went 7-of-13 from behind the arc in the half and made four of their first five attempts to build their seven-point halftime lead. The seven first-half 3-pointers were more than the squad had made for an entire game in five contests dating back to the Feb. 9 home contest against UNLV. Both teams were hot from outside to open the game, combining for seven treys in the opening 6:48. Hill accounted went 3-of-5 from long range, while Thorns was 2-of-4.

## OPINION

## Cam Newton not a fit for Dallas, but Tony Romo's window closing



J.D. Moore

On April 28, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will announce the selections of the 2011 NFL Draft.

When the Dallas Cowboys come up to the draft board with the ninth overall selection, Goodell will announce that Dallas has selected...Cam Newton?

The Cowboys have at least entertained the idea. Dallas made waves over the NFL Combine by interviewing the Heisman winner out of Auburn. While Newton may have been only one out of 60 players Dallas interviewed, the fact that the Cowboys explored an option for a quarterback means that something may be lurking in the future.

At first glance, the concept seems completely absurd. Current starting quarterback Tony Romo will be back for the 2011 season after a fractured left clavicle derailed his season before Halloween in 2010. With a batch of new faces on the coaching staff (and hopefully some fresh faces on the offensive line), Romo should be significantly improved this season. There's no need for a new starting quarterback in Arlington for a while,

right?

History proves that a new quarterback needs to be something that the Cowboys must look into in the near future. Believe it or not, Romo will be 31 years old come draft day. Realistically, Romo's window of opportunity to win a championship as a perceived elite quarterback hovers around three to four years.

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Would it make sense then to draft a quarterback in this draft?

Potentially.

But nothing in this draft will be affordable for the Cowboys. Additionally, if the Cowboys draft any quarterback, it most certainly cannot be Newton.

Newton may have won an NCAA championship with the Tigers, but Newton only started one season in FBS football. Newton has a lack of true experience as a big-time leader. This would be a gigantic killer if he had to lead the annually most hyped team in the nation. Under the scrutiny of the Dallas market, Newton would crack under pressure and prove to be a massive bust.

Additionally, Dallas doesn't need yet another diva in the locker room. In the combine interviews, Newton called himself an "icon" and an "entertainer." If anything, those quotes proved that Newton has plenty of character issues to work on before he can

be ready to be handed the keys to the future of an NFL franchise. Beyond all that, there's still plenty of leftover controversy from his days at the University of Florida, where Newton was arrested on suspicion of theft (charges were dropped after Newton completed a pretrial intervention program) and also accused of academic misconduct. It is also hard to ignore the pay-for-play controversy Cecil Newton allegedly discussed with Mississippi State before Cam Newton enrolled at Auburn. Drafting a player with character issues is an incredibly risky play by any franchise.

Just ask the Tennessee Titans about Vince Young, or the Oakland Raiders about JaMarcus Russell. With a new regime of coaching and a potential shot at a Super Bowl run, the last thing the Cowboys need is a massive side project like Newton. If Dallas really wants to pick up a future quarterback, they should wait until next year's draft and look at selecting someone such as LSU's Jordan Jefferson or Southern Mississippi's Austin Davis.

With a quarterback waiting in the wings, Dallas can afford to have Romo finish out his stellar career by 2015, while mentoring the future star along the way. By the time 2016 comes around, Dallas will have a new, but seasoned, quarterback to take over. The model seemed to worked out alright for Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers this year.

More than anything, the news of Cam Newton interviewing with the Cowboys had to be hype over substance. Granted, Jerry Jones might be crazy enough to take Newton with the ninth pick, but there's very little logic in that choice at this point. The Cowboys will need a quarterback protege soon, but Newton is certainly not that man.

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

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## SPORTS

RYNE'S REMARKS

## TCU lags behind other 2010 CWS teams



Ryne Sulier

Blame No. 8 TCU's three-game losing streak on a College World Series hangover; blame the 2.67 runs per game in those three losses to the newly instituted bats for college baseball — the ones with less ping and more plop — or simply discount the losses as Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington might: "That's the way baseball go."

CWS hangover? The Frogs sit at 4-4 and have averaged four runs per game thus far and less than three runs per game during their current losing streak. Through eight games in 2010, the Frogs sat pretty at 7-1, averaging 9.5 runs per game.

At this point last season, the Frogs had also played a three-game series against Cal State Fullerton, but it's safe to say the Frogs have seen better pitching thus far in 2011, facing a Kansas team that received preseason top-25 votes, a No. 16 Baylor team, seventh-ranked Fullerton as well as a Dallas Baptist squad that defeated the Frogs 8-7 last season.

If there is a CWS hangover for the Frogs, they are the only 2010 team to make it

to Omaha who woke up in a haze. Three of the eight 2010 CWS teams are currently undefeated — No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 4 South Carolina and No. 11 Florida State — while three 2010 CWS teams have just one loss on the season: No. 1 Florida, No. 10 Arizona State and No. 12 Clemson. No. 5 UCLA sits at 6-2, but the Frogs are trailing behind the pack at .500.

"We're still eight games in, nothing to freak out about," junior shortstop Taylor Featherston said after Tuesday's loss. "...Oh yeah, [4-4] surprises me. There's a lot of baseball to play. With the way we're pitching and playing defense, you're only gonna hold this offense down for so long. And once we get it all rolling together, it will be fine."

With a No. 1 preseason ranking for TCU helping drive Lupton Stadium attendance records, head coach Jim Schlossnagle agreed there could be concern about the losing streak getting in the head of players following great expectations.

"...I don't know what [the players] think about away from the ballpark," Schlossnagle said. "We don't ever talk about any kind of expectation. We expected to play well and [to] beat DBU [on Tuesday], but it didn't happen. I don't think there's anybody standing up there thinking about Omaha and [the NCAA Regional] and

that kind of thing.

"I just reminded them it's not going to get any better until you do something about it. If you're tired of losing, then change. Until then, it's going to keep happening, no matter how well we pitch."

What's certain is that the Frogs need more consistent situational hitting, better

*What's certain is that the Frogs need more consistent situational hitting, better small-ball execution and better communication defensively.*

small-ball execution and better communication defensively. It would be insane, as Schlossnagle put it, to expect different results by doing the same things over and over again.

Schlossnagle said it was on freshman pitcher Stefan Crichton to know what play was on and how it's supposed to be run after throwing the ball to second base with no one covering the bag twice Tuesday. Sophomore right fielder Kyle Von Tungeln also recorded two errors — one error was the result of a collision with junior center fielder Aaron Schultz while pursuing a fly ball.

"[It was] Schultz's ball, there shouldn't be any

miscommunication because Schultz called [Von Tungeln] off," Schlossnagle said.

As for the newly instituted bats by the NCAA affecting the Frogs?

"We gotta find a way to swing the bat and win," Schlossnagle said. "Whether we are using these bats or a newspaper we gotta find a way to do it."

If the bats are affecting the outcomes of games, the effect is at least across the board in college baseball. Schlossnagle noted the players used wood bats in the summer leagues and that the current NCAA regulation bats still swing better than wood bats.

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

What is certain is the Frogs are trying to do something they haven't done before following their 2010 run to Omaha. Whether returning to the 2011 CWS is something the Frogs are not capable of can't be determined by eight games.

But then again, maybe the start of the 2011 season for the Frogs is just how "baseball go."

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CLUB SPORTS

## Paint the ranks: TCU's paintball team ranked 15

By Amelia Wenzel

News Now

Highly ranked athletic programs have become the norm rather than the exception for TCU, and the club paintball team is no different.

The TCU Paintball team, a university club sport, is currently ranked No. 15 out of 86 teams in the National Collegiate Paintball Association rankings.

Junior team member Amir Tafarroji said good competition was hard to find around Fort Worth. The team will drive more than 100 miles to practice at Weber's Paintball near Temple, he said.

"We think Weber's is one of the best fields in the state," Tafarroji said.

Sophomore team member Hunter Kosmala said players go through 2,000 paintballs in one practice, but dodging thousands of paintballs is what makes playing exciting.

"When you are running and diving and shooting and other people are shooting at you, just the intensity that it has is a lot of fun," Kosmala said.

The team will compete in its first tournament of the season Saturday in Springdale, Ark. Tournaments consist of teams from around the country vying for the No. 1 spot in the NCPA rankings.

The goal in paintball tournaments is to dodge paintballs from behind a "bunker" while trying to hit the competition on

the other side of the field, Tafarroji said. The team tries to eliminate all of the opponents while keeping as many of their players "alive." The winning team must retrieve the flag placed in the middle of the field and return it to the opponent's starting point.

It only takes one paintball anywhere on the body or equipment to eliminate a player.

Tafarroji said each team receives a certain amount of points that will compute into their NCPA rankings. The team is looking for more members to join and compete in the NCPA Championships this year in Lakeland, Fla.

The only female member on the team, sophomore political science major Jennifer Ulich, said more women should give paintball a try.

"Girls are actually really good at playing paintball because we are small and fast and we can, like, get down in those bunkers," Ulich said. "So I don't know why more girls don't play it, but I think they definitely should."

Ulich and other team members said the game's adrenaline rush keeps them coming back to take a shot at a national championship.

## TCU Paintball

For more information or to join, e-mail Amir Tafarroji at amir.tafarroji@tcu.edu, or ask about the Paintball Club at the University Recreation Center.



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Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston is welcomed at home plate by his teammates after hitting a home-run against Dallas Baptist University on Tuesday.

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## OPINION

No. 8 TCU's three-game losing streak can't be easily explained.

## BASKETBALL

# Lady Frogs dismantle Falcons, 88-51, on Senior Night



By **Tori Cummings**

Staff Writer

With the Lady Frogs' largest margin of victory since their 26-point win over Colorado State on Jan. 15, it was a memorable Senior Night as TCU downed Air Force 88-51 Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Senior guard Emily Carter led all scorers with 24 points. Senior guard/forward Helena Sverrisdottir added 16 points and three assists while sophomore forward Starr Crawford chipped in 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Air Force was led by sophomore guard Megan Muniz, who had a team-high 15 points.

"We kind of took the wind out of their sails early in this game, and that was what we wanted to do from the start tonight," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "I definitely think offensively we've got our confidence."

TCU dominated the first half, shooting 60 percent from the field. With 5:51, the Frogs capped a 20-0 run. Air Force made a pair of 3-pointers late in the half to cut into the lead, but Carter hit a bucket at the buzzer to give TCU a 43-20 lead at the half.

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**Jeff Mittie**  
Head Coach

"I think it was just an emotional night altogether for the seniors," Carter said. "We wanted to come out and get them early and I think we did that."

TCU extended its lead to as many as 39 points, and the TCU bench stepped up with freshman guard Briesha Wynn and fresh-

man center Latricia Lovings contributing 10 and eight points, respectively.

Mittie said it was very important to have the bench score additional points to help out the starting lineup.

With the win, TCU improved to 21-9 overall and 13-3 in conference play while the Falcons fell to 8-20 overall and 3-12 in MWC play. The Frogs will get a bye for the first two rounds of the MWC Championship after securing second place with the victory.

"The week and a half off will be good for the team and chance to get rested," Carter said. "We will just take it as a week and a half of practice to get better."

With the bye, the Frogs don't know who their first opponent will be, but Mittie said he sees that as a good thing.

"The challenge now is to go win two games in Las Vegas," Mittie said. "We really need to stay focused on the one game. It does zero good to look at the bracket. Right now our focus is totally on us."

## Senior Night

Sverrisdottir, of Iceland; Carter, of Bossier City, La.; Micah Garoutte, of Plano; and Rachel Rentschler, of Keller were honored after the game. Garoutte contributed eight points and four rebounds while Rentschler gathered six rebounds.

"That group has shown up every day and worked hard," Mittie said. "Every year they have been in the hunt for championships. That's not easy to do. It's really a credit to their consistency. They're level-headed players and level-headed people."

## Up next

The Mountain West Conference Basketball Championship will be March 8-12 at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. TCU will receive a bye in the first two rounds after Wednesday's win. TCU's first game on March 11 will be televised on The Mtn.

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Senior guard Emily Carter goes to the basket for a layup against Air Force on Wednesday night in Daniel Meyer Coliseum.