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**SOCIAL NETWORKING**

# Facebook invites user input in terms

**Maricruz Salinas**  
Staff Reporter

Facebook's initiative to compile users' opinions and to help establish the future terms of use can be considered unusual in the business world, a media law professor said.

Chip Stewart, associate professor of media law in the Schieffer School of Journalism, said it's unusual for any company to negotiate with its users what the legal relationship between them is going to be.

"If people feel like their voices have been heard, and they feel like they have had real impact on these terms, that has a lot of value," Stewart said. "... it may avoid legal

problems later on."

Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, wrote in a blog post Feb. 26 that the groups "Facebook Town Hall: Proposed Statement of Rights & Responsibilities" and "Facebook Town Hall: Proposed Facebook Principles" will compile users' opinions to help establish the future terms of use and to create clearer language between the community and the Web site.

Stewart said users questioned the intentions behind Facebook's permanent license and want reassurance that the site won't use it without users' permission.

"What Facebook is trying to do is convince people [it] is not doing it because [Facebook] has some nefarious purpose in

mind," Stewart said. "It's the only way [Facebook] can manage the site and servers."

According to the site, users will be allowed to vote on items within the two documents called the Facebook Principles and the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities before both proposals go into effect.

The Facebook Principles document will define user rights and collaborate their discussions to form the overruling principles of the site, according to "Facebook Town Hall: Proposed Facebook Principles."

According to Zuckerberg's blog post, the principles will become guidelines for future changes made to any of the policies on Facebook.

On the "Facebook Town Hall: Proposed

Rights and Responsibilities" page, the group lists three major issues in conflict with the Facebook community and a rough draft of the document that will replace the Terms of Use, Developer Terms of Service and Facebook Advertising Terms and Conditions, according to the group page.

According to "Facebook Town Hall," the three major issues in conflict are Facebook's power over user content and the license's length of time, users' right to receive notifications of policy changes and the use of a clear and simple language within policies.

According to "Facebook Town Hall" page, the community wants Facebook to as-

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— iTunes

# FOUR? OR MORE?



Courtesy of TCU YEARBOOK

Spring 2008 graduates gather at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. In the wake of students graduating in a national average of five or more years, Provost Nowell Donovan says the flat-rate tuition, which was implemented in 2001, helped increase the four-year graduation rate at TCU.

## Flat-rate aids prompt graduation

**By Katie Ruppel**  
Staff Reporter

Graduation guaranteed, but maybe not in four years.

Provost Nowell Donovan said that the flat-rate tuition implemented in 2001 has had limited success because many students are not taking advantage of the system and still graduating in more than four years.

Patrick Miller, the registrar and director of enrollment management, said this tuition system does not require full-time students to pay per credit hour. The flat-rate is applicable anywhere from 12 to 18 credit hours, he said.

"We hope block tuition serves as an incentive to carry more hours, be more academically involved and graduate in a more timely fashion," Miller said.

Donovan said although the flat-rate tuition has improved the graduation rate, it has not achieved the expectations it had at the time it was established: rather than taking the 15 or 18 hours possible, the average student still takes only about 13 hours, he said.

"Students seem to be taking longer by choice," Donovan said. "It hasn't worked as effectively or efficiently as we thought it might because we are dealing with a whole variety of pathways to the degree."

Donovan said although the flat-rate tuition has not reached expectations, the university will not get rid of it because it seems to have helped improve graduation rates for a number of students.

Cathy Coghlan, the assistant director of institutional research, said in 2000, the four-year graduation rate was 44.9 percent; in 2004, it jumped to 54.9 percent.

However, Donovan said, the limited success of the flat-rate tuition proves that another incentive, like a four-year graduation guarantee, would probably not be effective.

According to a news release by Mercer University, a private institution in Macon, Ga., a four-year graduation guarantee was established in order to cut costs of education and re-establish the idea that students should graduate in four years rather than the na-

### For 2008-09 school year (per semester)

1 - 8 hours: \$935 per hour  
9 - 11 hours: \$1,135 per hour  
Flat-rate tuition, 12-18 credit hours: \$13,450  
Source: Admissions Office

2000 graduation rate: 44.9 percent  
2004 graduation rate: 54 percent

Source: Cathy Coghlan, assistant director of institutional research

### Top 3 Reasons for Delayed Graduation

Switched Majors	35 percent
Retook Course(s)	11.1 percent
Misadvised	9.5 percent

Source: Graduating Senior Survey, 2007-2008

tional average, which now exceeds five years.

If students follow the guidelines of the guarantee, which include enroll-

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**SGA**

# House approves LGBT support

**By Eric Anderson**  
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Student Representatives unanimously approved a resolution on Tuesday to support a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender resource center on campus.

Su Harz, a junior social work major who introduced the resolution to the House, said the purpose of the resolution is to show that LGBT students have the support of SGA in seeking needed resources. Groups like the Gay-Straight Alliance for LGBT students already exist at the university, but the SGA excludes faculty and staff, she said. The proposed center would serve the entire LGBT community on campus.

"Our ultimate goal is that at some point in the future there will be a resource center on campus," Harz said. "As a stepping stone, we would like to at least have someone who is trained in LGBT issues in the office of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services."

Shelly Newkirk, a sophomore social work major, authored the resolution in order to gauge the support of the student body.

"With the support of SGA we can show the administration that this is a campus-wide issue," Newkirk said.

Newkirk and Harz co-founded the Iris Initiative, an effort geared toward raising awareness of LGBT issues on campus.

Student Body Vice President Matt Dietrichson said the university needs a centralized organization where students who feel like outsiders can seek needed resources.

"A resource center like this is long overdue," Dietrichson said.

Student Body President Kelsie Johnson declined to comment on the resolution and referred questions to the legislation's authors.

Candace Ruocco, Academic Affairs chair, said SGA members were excited that LGBT students were seeking their help.

"Every student at TCU, no matter what his or her circumstances are, deserves to be accommodated and feel comfortable, or at the very least to have some type of outlet,

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LGBT people deserve equal protection under the law. **Opinion, page 3**

**PECULIAR FACT**

LONDON — A university in Liverpool has launched a Master of Arts degree in The Beatles, the city's most famous sons, and called the qualification the first of its kind.

— Reuters

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# Fed, Treasury unveil \$200B plan to jumpstart lending

**By Kevin G. Hall**  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Hoping to vault over the frozen credit markets and directly reach consumers and businesses, the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department on Tuesday unveiled a \$200 billion plan they hope will spur up to \$1 trillion in new lending.

If the program works, it could allow consumers and businesses with good credit histories to borrow more freely, even amid the recession.

Treasury and the Fed will provide \$200 billion in financing to encourage investors to purchase top-rated loans whose underly-

ing collateral is pools of car loans, student loans, credit card debt and loans to small businesses.

The Term Asset-Backed Lending Facility isn't a magic bullet. It will apply only to the safest of loans and the healthiest of financial institutions, so it can't fix all of what ails the credit markets and the broader economy.

The Fed seeks, however, to show investors that it's safe to get back in the water. The plan builds on a similar effort last year to bypass banks and have the Fed buy the short-term debt issued by corporations. This has allowed big U.S. corporations to avert a funding crisis while the credit markets remained seized up.

"Think about it as the Fed in the period of the crisis being not a central bank but a commercial bank ... and doing the functional equivalent of buying loans. It's funding loans as an interim measure," said Alex Pollock, a former president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

Right now, banks aren't willing to lend and are parking their reserves at the Fed, said Pollock, now a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative research group in Washington. It's the equivalent of average Americans stuffing their money in a box and sticking it under the bed. Rather than keep money under the bed, the Fed is lending it out to people it believes it can

trust.

For much of the past 15 years, a wide range of loans had been bundled together and sold to investors through a process called securitization. It freed banks to lend more because these loans, or asset-backed securities, were transferred off their books into a secondary market outside the banking system.

Securitization allowed consumer finance to expand far and wide. In recent years, about a quarter of all lending to consumers — including home mortgages, credit cards, car loans and student loans — was securitized.

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## GRADUATION

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ing full-time, maintaining good grades and meeting routinely with their advisors, and they still do not graduate in four years, Mercer pledges to pay for all additional classes, on-campus housing and meal plans for the remaining time it takes the students to graduate, according to the release.

Miller said he does not think TCU would implement a guarantee like this anytime soon.

"It just doesn't seem to me to be consistent with the culture here," Miller said. "I think we would all say it is desirable to graduate in four years, but I think it's important for us to recognize that students have different experiences here. It's not

a cookie-cutter approach."

Chancellor Victor Boschini agreed that the rate of matriculation doesn't depend on a guideline or an incentive, but rather each student's own experience and attitude.

"There are all these external forces, but you are still the biggest driver on 'will I get good grades, will I graduate in four years, will I choose my major, will I have a good experience in general,'" Boschini said. "It really depends on what you put into it."

Miller said what is more important than an impressive graduation rate is outstanding student engagement. This refers to how students are involved and connected to the campus community, he said.

Miller said he believes if the

university places student engagement above other factors, positive changes such as an increase in four-year graduation rates will fall into place.

Coghlan said the new Brown-Lupton University Union as well as the second-year residential requirement has increased student engagement, which in turn has influenced student success.

While having students graduate in four years is a priority for Boschini, he said the biggest priority is that every student has positive experiences in the classroom and with the university as a whole.

"I don't want anybody leaving here ever feeling, no matter if they stayed for four years or 40 years, that they didn't get a quality education," Boschini said.

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This market, however, is all but dead, weighed down by home mortgages amid plummeting property values and rising foreclosures. Weak mortgage-lending practices also poisoned the well for other types of lending. Investors have come to doubt even the stability of securities backed by car loans and student loans, and fear defaults will rise as the recession deepens.

"These markets have historically been a critical component of lending in our financial system, but they have been virtually shuttered since the worsening of the financial crisis in October," the joint Treasury-Fed statement

said. "By reopening these markets, the [plan] will assist lenders in meeting the borrowing needs of consumers and small businesses, helping to stimulate the broader economy."

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York will lend up to \$200 billion through the end of the year to hedge funds, private equity funds and other institutional and professional investors to support their purchase of the top-rated, safest loans.

"It will help thaw our important, but now largely frozen, non-bank financial markets so they can go back to generating the credit that families and businesses must have," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday.

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sure users they own their content.

According to the proposed Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, user content will be deleted upon user request, but content

shared with others may remain on the site until the secondary user deletes it. The document also states that account deactivation will cause Facebook's license to expire.


Also included in the rough draft of Facebook's new Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, is the

addition of a rule prohibiting registered sex offenders to join the Web site, which was absent from the previous Terms of Use.

Facebook will allow users to comment on the groups about both documents until 2:01 a.m. March 29.

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**Remarkable Creatures: Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species**  
Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.,  
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(general presentation; open to all)

**TCU**

## QUICK NEWS

## Proposed meal plan changes for 2009-2010

Residential Services will add a new feature called Campus Cash. Campus Cash will be similar to Frog Bucks, but the card will not be pre-paid and students will only be able to use Campus Cash at on-campus locations like 1873 Sports Bar & Grill, The Corner Store and Sub Connection. Gold and Platinum meal plans will give students equal amounts of Frog Bucks and Campus Cash, and the Silver meal plan will give students \$100 in Campus Cash, but no Frog Bucks.

## Meal card price changes

Frog Pass Silver - \$100  
Campus Cash - \$1,819  
Frog Pass Gold - \$150  
Campus Cash / \$150 Frog Bucks - \$2,029  
Frog Pass Platinum - \$250  
Campus Cash / \$250 Frog Bucks - \$2,189

## In addition to the three meal plans currently offered, students will be able to choose from three new meal plans

The Diamond Meal Plan: Offers students unlimited swipes at Market Square, \$150 in Campus Cash, and \$350 in Frog Bucks. The plan will cost about \$2,200.  
The Flex 10 plan: Offered to students living in Worth Hills, it will give students \$250 in Frog Bucks and in Campus Cash. Students who buy the Flex 10 plan will be able to eat at Market Square 10 times each week and will cost about \$2,150 each semester.  
The Limited 50 plan: Offered to students living in the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments. The plan will give students \$150 in Frog Bucks and Campus Cash, and 50 meals at Market Square each semester and will cost about \$700 each

semester.

All meal plans will now come with the Simply To Go option, which will allow students to take meals to go with them at breakfast and lunch.

The late night options at 1873 Sports Bar & Grill will be updated. Instead of offering a choice of three free dishes, the grill will have a wider selection of \$5 items, such as nachos and Mozzarella sticks.

Sub Connections will offer a breakfast menu.

## Some physical changes will be made to Market Square

New lights and cabinets will be added, and some of the serving areas will be slightly altered.  
Market Square will also add a panini press and a second ice cream machine.

— Staff Reporter Jordan Smith

## Online classes craze expected to grow

By Paul Brubaker and Kathleen Carroll

The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — The global reach and flexibility of the Internet is fueling brisk growth in online college classes, and those numbers are expected to grow as the recession encourages workers to continue their education.

"The courses can be accessed from any place, at any time," said Ken Vehrken, dean of Anthony J. Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. "That type of flexibility really fits into many adult learners' schedules, balancing full-time employment and family commitments."

Nationwide, the number of students taking at least one online course jumped by nearly 70 percent between 2002 and 2007, from 1.6 million to 3.9 million, according to a study released in November by the Sloan Consortium, a nonprofit advocacy group for online learning.

Better technology and bigger bandwidth have made the trend possible. When online classes were introduced in the mid-1990s, educators and students were often frustrated by slow log-on times (remember dial-up?) and static messaging programs.

Now, new software and cheaper, faster computers allow students to chat with one another and a professor in real time, share video and audio clips and conduct online research around the clock.

If there is a typical student, she is Jessica Marmolejos of Wayne, N.J. Marmolejos, 32, is a busy single mother of two and administrative assistant who starts her school day after work.

Her office skills have helped her land temporary jobs at companies

such as NBC Studios and Morgan Stanley. But when those businesses downsized, she was among the first to be dismissed because she lacked a degree, she said.

So in the evenings at home, she boots up her computer and cracks open a Western Civilization textbook while her 9-year-old son, Brandon, plays with a puzzle and her daughter, Victoria, 11, is in her room.

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Ken Vehrken dean of Anthony J. Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies of Fairleigh Dickinson University

"This is basically the only way that I feel that I can actually do it," she said.

Online classes are popular with colleges because they can expand the potential universe of students, from active members of the military to faraway workers seeking a specialized program.

Take Erica Ulman of South Carolina. She's a student at Pascaic County Community College in Paterson, N.J., although she has never set foot on campus.

Ulman, 30, hopes to trade her paralegal career for work in medical records, a growing field.

A contact at a hospital near her home referred her to Pascaic

County Community College, which offers an online associates degree program in health information technology. She registered last July and hopes to complete her degree during the spring 2010 semester.

While flexibility in online coursework can invite doubt about its rigor, educators say that taking away the common meeting place of the classroom forces each student to fully participate.

"You can't have your hand down in an online course," said Peter Shapiro, who runs Bergen Community College's distance learning programs. "The only way someone knows that you're there is if you are contributing."

Universities are beginning to require students to take some classes online, to ensure they are familiar with distance learning formats. FDU was the first in the nation to do so, in 1999.

"The theory is, if students have lifelong learning, that's where it probably is going to come from, and they need to be conversant with it," said university spokeswoman Gretchen Johnson.

Kathleen Cray-Kaden, a Pascaic County Community College adjunct professor, said online classes can have some limitations. With class discussions being held through blog posts, Cray-Kaden misses out on nonverbal clues that indicate whether a student understands the material, she said.

But some students find that physical distance from their classmates can be freeing.

Casey Saladin, 33, of Clifton, N.J., once reluctant to speak in class, can now freely discuss the finer points of great literary works with other students.

"Sometimes, I don't like to talk in front of an ... audience," said Saladin, a single mother of three girls who works full time. "But online, I don't feel that way. You can say whatever you think."

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*The Skiff View*

## New meal options benefit students

In the world of meal options, a topic that has produced headaches for students on campus over the years, it's good to see the university is making some meaningful changes.

The addition in the 2009-2010 school year of Campus Cash, a program similar to Frog Bucks used at on-campus locations, adds flexibility to the dining process, giving students the opportunity to use some funds in their meal plans at places like 1873 Sports Bar & Grill, The Corner Store and Sub Connection.

Rather than having only three meal plan options to choose from at prices well above \$1,000, students now have six plans ranging from \$700 to \$2,200, depending on where they choose to live. Now students and parents can find better options that fit in their budgets.

Another concern the university helped address in creating the new plans is location. Soon, students living in Worth Hills and the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments will have options more closely tailored to their living environments with the addition of the Flex 10 and Limited 50 plans, respectively.

Best of all, each of the plans will come with the Simply To Go option, allowing students to take breakfast and lunch with them instead of being forced to eat at specific locations. The option of to-go meals ensures students will make the most of their meal plans because they will be more likely to visit Market Square when they otherwise wouldn't have time, meaning less wasted money.

The meal plan overhaul should satisfy more students, making them more likely to enjoy their on-campus experience. For a university that has devoted so much to immense new developments, it's about time administrators paid attention to the details.

*Editor-in-chief Max Landman for the editorial board.*

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

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#### Obama's similarity to FDR calls for criticism, not praise

I would like to commend the headline writer of "Obama's leadership echoes FDR" describing President Barack Obama's leadership as echoing Franklin Delano Roosevelt. A more true and accurate statement is hard to find. I find it strange, however, that Alex Turner commended Obama on that statement in his article in Thursday's Skiff.

#### History has shown that Roosevelt's policies economic were unsuccessful and that the federal government cannot "solve" the recession.

Roosevelt never saw the end of the Great Depression in his lifetime. For the entire 12 years of his time in the top executive role, Roosevelt did indeed undercut Congress to get bills passed, yet it wasn't until 1946 that GDP started to actually rise. Roosevelt's own Treasury secretary, Henry Morgenthau, said in 1939, "We are spending more than we have ever spent before and it does not work ... I say after eight years of this administration we have just as much unemployment as when we started ... And an enormous debt to boot! We are just sitting here and fiddling, and I am just wearing myself out and getting sick. Because why? I can't see any daylight."

In 1921, eight years before Black Tuesday kicked off the Great Depression, then-President Warren Harding found himself in the greatest economic downturn since the Revolutionary War as the stock market's value dropped more than 45 percent.

Unlike both Herbert Hoover and his successor Roosevelt, Harding took no governmental action outside of cutting federal expenses and the federal tax rate — no public works acts, no stimulus bills and no gross overspending and inflation of currency. But did this seeming inaction produce results? The term "The Roaring Twenties" was not coined in a depression economy. As the market was allowed to self-correct and investors gained their confidence back naturally, the economy shifted into a period of high growth. This is quite the opposite treatment that both the 1929 and now 2008 economic crisis received from our federal government.

Public works projects, much akin to those that Turner praises, did not (and do not) truly create jobs — they weren't necessary in the first place and merely function as a waste of taxpayers' (i.e. your and my) money.

Milton Friedman, famed economist from the University of Chicago, once took a trip to India and saw men digging ditches with shovels while equipment that could have done the job more efficiently sat idle on the work site. The Indian representative, proud that he had "created jobs," asked Friedman what he thought. His response: "Why not give them spoons?" Judging an economy by merely giving people something to do is not only inaccurate, but misleading.

Turner calls for an end to the bureaucratic nonsense, and I couldn't agree more. This may serve as a caution to Turner: History has shown that Roosevelt's economic policies were unsuccessful and that the federal government cannot "solve" the recession. I hope that President Obama comes to this realization soon.

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## Gay couples deserve to marry



VLORA BOJKU

In the course of American history there has always been discrimination against people considered different.

When the Americas were first colonized the settlers discriminated against the "savage" Native Americans. When the natives had all but been wiped out, Americans turned their attention to the African Americans, who were chained up and forced into slavery. It was not until the 1960s that a majority of Americans believed they were entitled to equal rights.

This discrimination continues today against gay and lesbian people. The Gay Rights Movement started in the same era as the Civil Rights Movement, and it is finally being brought to the forefront with its main issue, equal protection under the law.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are demanding to be treated equally, which includes having the right to marry. Many have argued that marriage is defined as being between a man and a woman, and they support the argument with religious texts. But wait a minute, what happened to the separation of church and state?

Some have conceded that there should be a law granting same-sex couples the same protection as married couples as long as they don't call it marriage.

I am not gay, but I don't feel that straight people should impede upon the rights of gay people.

LGBT people are just as American as straight people, and they deserve the same treatment under the law.



KAREN T. BORCHERS / San Jose Mercury News via MCT

By being able to marry, same-sex couples would be afforded rights that we take for granted: being on a spouse's health care plan and sharing a last name.

To me, there is no question as to whether same-sex couples should be able to get married under the Constitution.

However, the real issue seems to be whether we should call it a marriage or a civil union, because the word marriage is apparently sacred.

But I am confused about that as well. How would a same-sex couple describing themselves as married affect someone else's life?

Just because I am destined to marry someone of the opposite sex does not mean I believe everybody should have to do as I do.

... there is no question as to whether same-sex couples should be able to get married under the Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson said in his first inaugural address that the "minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression."

We are oppressing a large group of Americans, exactly like we have done to so many others in the past. The question now is when will we learn to treat each other equally?

*Vlora Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.*

## U.S. should partner with Mexico to end violence in border cities



The grave of Dolores Guadalupe Garcia Escamilla in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. She was murdered April 5, 2005. The slaying is one of several killings in the border town stemming from a drug cartel power struggle.



KATIE MARTINEZ

Precariously perched along the Mexican border, Texas is affected by what goes on in the country in a multitude of ways. And the recent explosion of violence between drug cartels and the Mexican federal government led by Felipe Calderon is no exception.

I have travelled to Mexico twice a year for more than 10 years now, and there's always an undertone of fear surrounding the cartels and the police there, but nothing like what is happening now.

The Sunday news reported on a Friday evening last December that 30 police officers were murdered in and around the border town of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, over the weekend. People who had always been scared to go out at night are now scared to go out during the day.

My nephew, an English professor who owns a car lot in the city, told a story about a friend and colleague who were murdered the week before. The cartel goons showed up at the man's car lot and demanded that he pay \$10,000 and two Chevy Suburbans for a "protection fee." The man asked that they return the next day and when they did, the lot owner had police waiting for them and all were arrested on the spot.

However, the victory was short-lived because a few days later, everyone on the lot was murdered and decapitated

including a man who was looking to buy a car.

In fact, everyone I spoke to about the situation had a horror story. Everyone is living in fear.

Now, we can continue to watch in motionless horror and assume this will not affect us. But the truth is that what happens in Mexico doesn't stay in Mexico, especially for Texans.

Recent media reports have illuminated the fact that the violence is starting to spill over now. This "spill-over violence" includes murders and abductions, and as things worsen for Mexicans, they also will for Texans.

More than 6,000 people lost their lives in Mexico last year as a result of cartel violence, according to Sunday's 60 Minutes piece on the issue, and there is no relief in sight. The U.S. Department of Defense has identified Mexico as a country with the potential

to destabilize rapidly. Further destabilization could bring Texas not only the brutal violence of this real "war on drugs" but also a horde of refugees across the border who are desperate to find safety.

Perhaps a more effective strategy would be to offer the Mexican government support to fight the war and win instead of waiting for the day when absolute disaster is on our doorstep.

Instead of investing billions in a border fence that can be easily averted using a ladder or rope to climb over, a pathway around or tunnel underneath, wouldn't it be a smarter investment for America to participate in bringing the drug smuggling operations under control on both sides of the border?

*Opinion Editor Katie Martinez is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.*



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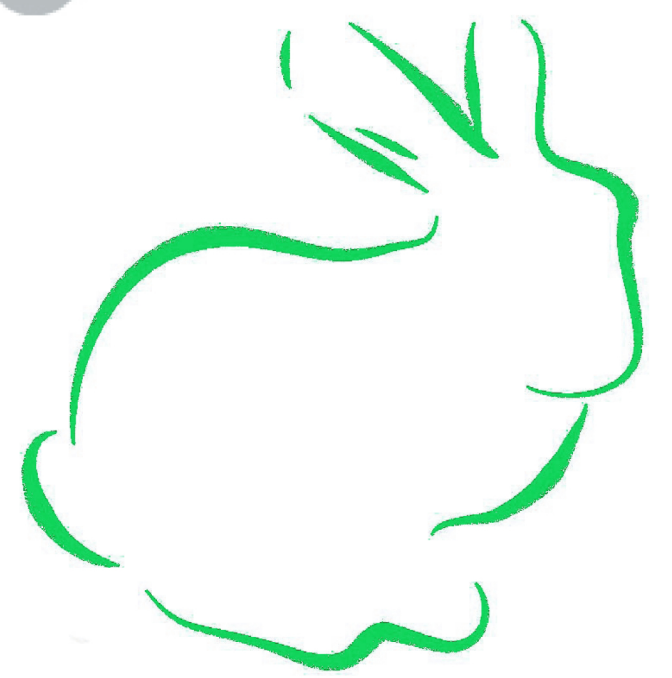
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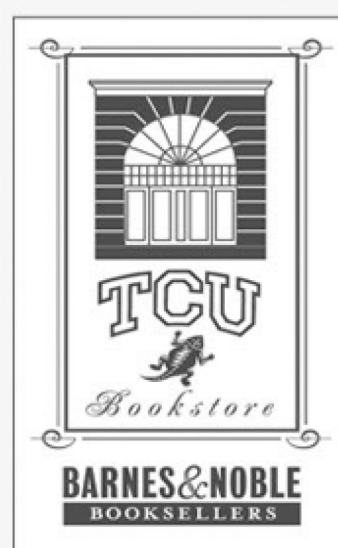
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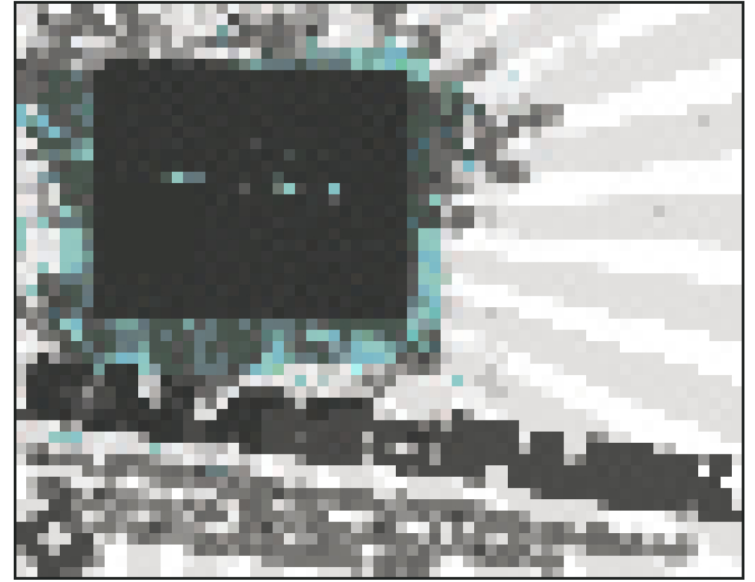
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# Countries trying to get looted treasures back

By Tim Johnson and Julie Sell  
McClatchy Newspapers

BEIJING — China fumes over the foreign auction of its looted relics. Cambodia sputters over ancient temple pieces on sale on eBay. Egypt aches for its stolen treasures that are sitting in foreign museums, including the indescribably splendid bust of Nefertiti. Italy and Greece plead for the return of countless antiquities.

Countries with rich architectural heritages demand their patrimony back — and they are going to ever-greater lengths to get it. Peru recently sued Yale University over thousands of Incan artifacts that were taken nearly a century ago from the mountain citadel of Machu Picchu. Italy is challenging foreign museums to prove that items in their showcases weren't obtained from dealers

working with looters, tomb robbers and shady middlemen.

Still others, such as China, appeal to global opinion. Last week, Beijing demanded that Christie's auction house stop the sale of bronze rat and rabbit heads that were taken from a zodiac water clock at the emperor's Summer Palace gardens, which were ransacked by British and French troops in 1860.

The auction went ahead, drawing a bid of about \$40 million for both pieces. On Monday, an adviser to a Chinese fund for the repatriation of artifacts, Cai Mingchao, identified himself as the mystery bidder but said that he wouldn't pay, and that he'd made the bid only to disrupt the auction.

Fellow Chinese hailed him, underscoring how highly charged the political controversy is over such lost antiquities, which most Chinese view as a humiliating sym-

bolic reminder of China's subjugation by foreign powers more than a century ago.

Museum curators, auction houses and even city fathers are on the defensive.

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David Gill  
classical archaeology expert

After all, the world's most renowned museums are filled with relics obtained in an era when provenance was not an issue. And cities such as New York, London

and Paris contain massive granite obelisks from Egypt that symbolize their status as global repositories of antiquities.

Greece has been hammering Britain for decades to return looted statues taken from the Parthenon that draw throngs each year to the British Museum. The sculptures were brought to London by Lord Thomas Elgin, the former British ambassador to Constantinople, more than 200 years ago, and are commonly known as the Elgin Marbles. The British Museum says it has no intention of giving up the priceless pieces.

"We feel secure that our collection here is legally acquired," said Hannah Boulton, a museum spokeswoman. She noted that the Elgin Marbles had been on display at the museum for nearly 200 years, and had been given to the institution by the British government.

"Anyone can visit," she added,

noting that the museum attempts to offer visitors "the whole world under one roof."

The British Museum's legal standing may be solid. International law hasn't kept pace with shifting global views over whether antiquities should be returned to their places of origin — often less-developed countries — or kept in big museums with resources for care and display.

China claims that a million of its artifacts are scattered around the world in 200 museums in 47 countries. It asserts that all the artifacts should be repatriated.

"The Chinese attitude that every Chinese antiquity that is outside China must be returned is quite ambitious," said David Gill, an expert in classical archaeology at Swansea University in Wales and the author of a blog, Looting Matters.

Lucille A. Roussin, who has a

doctorate in art history and archaeology as well as a law degree and teaches at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York, said there's no dispute when Chinese officials say the bronze rat and rabbit heads that were auctioned by Christie's last week in Paris disappeared in the ransacking of the emperor's Garden of Perfect Brightness during the Second Opium War.

"Did they have a legal claim? No. Did they have a moral claim? Yes," Roussin said. The items in question "were certainly looted. But they were looted at a time when there was no international law on this kind of looted object."

Those arguments infuriate the Chinese. Even Hollywood film star Jackie Chan weighed in: "This behavior is shameful. ... It was looting yesterday. It is still looting today."

# Project teaches computers to analyze literary language

By Lisa M. Krieger  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Metaphors cannot be taught, asserted the great philosopher Aristotle. "It is the one thing that cannot be learnt from others."

But a computer scientist and literary historian say he's wrong.

In a project started at Stanford University, the researchers are teaching computers how to analyze texts from Plato to Pynchon, mining millions of these abstract phrases. (Metaphorically speaking.)

They're building a vast searchable database, making it possible to browse historic patterns of word usage — for instance, "rose" and "love" — from ancient Homeric epics to postmodern cyberpunk novels, and everything in between.

"As a tool, it provides a really powerful way of thinking about a lot of literature at once," said English literature professor Brad Pasanek, who collaborated on the project with longtime friend and computer scientist D. Sculley.

The work makes tangible what the German linguist Harald Weinrich called the "metaphoric field."

"Pasanek's database is the first 'metaphoric field' that we can actually see and use," said Franco Moretti, a Stanford comparative literature professor. "It provides empirical proof for a daring, but never wholly solid concept."

This approach to studying literature was inconceivable back around 330 BCE, when Aristotle wrote that "the greatest thing by far is to be a master of the metaphor," language that compares seemingly unrelated subjects — a "winged thought," for instance.

But two new trends have created a field of computer-based literary analysis, part of the emerging discipline called "digital humanities," an intersection of computing and the study of languages, history, philosophy and religion.

Digitized libraries have put an ocean of books — including obscure ones — at readers' fingertips.

Using new data mining techniques and "machine learning," researchers can search the millions of words contained in those books to study subtle shifts in how words were used. Analyzing such patterns offers insights to how language — and culture — evolved.

The idea was conceived when Pasanek was idly flipping through his worn copy of "Pride and Prejudice," its key phrases highlighted in bright colors.

Through the tangled tale of Elizabeth, Darcy and Wickham, "marking words that occurred again and again, I realized that you could flip through a novel and see these motifs appear in an explosion of color, then disappear."

The computer replaces the colored marker, he said. "It's possible to trace when and where something appears, what it means, and how it changes," he said.

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Brad Pasanek  
English literature professor

Pasanek's near-obsessive collection of interesting metaphors began while he was at Stanford working on his Ph.D. First he kept a list on the back pages of the works of Shakespeare, Milton and the King James Bible. As his list grew, he moved to index cards.

"Metaphors are a fundamental figure of speech," he said. "They show how we think, and how what we think changes over time."

Recognizing he needed help, Stanford computer scientist Matt Jockers helped him create a digital database, which was initially posted in 2005. The list quickly grew to 1,000, then 3,000 entries. But the list's expansion created a special search challenge.

"The nature of metaphor is such that it does not lend itself to easy detection by the usual sorts of pattern matching algorithms," Jockers said. Finding a simile is a fairly straightforward task: one writes a program that looks for text strings of the type "like" and "as."

"Structurally speaking, the phrase 'my love is a red rose' is very much the same as 'my dog is a blue heeler,'" Jockers said. "The former is metaphor, the latter is not."

Pasanek provided the computer with examples of metaphors and "trained" the machine to recognize them. They programmed "proximity searches" between words likely to be metaphorical. For example, a search for "mind" within 100 characters of "mint" finds the following couplet in William Cowper's poetry: "The mind and conduct mutually imprint / And stamp their image in each other's mint."

A similar technique, said Sculley, is used in spam-recognition software.

In one project, they tracked the evolving references to the young mind. In the fourth century B.C., it was referred to as a "tabula rasa," Latin for "blank slate." By the 17th century, John Locke called it a "white Paper, void of all Characters." In 18th century texts, it was compared to a "roasting jack," conjuring up an image of meat spinning on a rotisserie, cooked by flames. As tools changed — slates, paper, rotisseries — so did the references.

There are other metaphor databases, though Pasanek says his is the largest and geared toward the history of thought. However, the database (<http://mind.textdriven.com>) is still in its beta version, said Pasanek, who now teaches literature at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Under renovation, it suffers from what he calls "bug plagues." But with time, it will improve, and broaden to vast horizons.

"A metaphor has a career, and it tells a complete story," he said, "about how we think about ourselves and the world."

## CRESPO

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and attend any team function, but he is not allowed to compete for TCU in any manner for the 2008-09 season. At any non-NCAA meets he attends, he must either represent Panama or be unaffiliated. He is also not allowed to travel with the team.

Crespo was also unable to use a redshirt this year, so he can only compete three years instead of the usual four, Koppelman said.

### Looking Ahead

Once he hits the pool in the fall, the consensus in the team is that Crespo will be an elite-level

performer.

Teammate Maria Alvarez said Crespo's work ethic is an inspiration to the rest of the team.

"He's a really, really good swimmer," Alvarez said. "He makes you want to go fast and improve."

Koppelman said Crespo will break some records, noting that Crespo came within 1/100 of a second of the school record in the 100-meter breaststroke in a solo time trial after a meet. Crespo's ability is as natural as can be, he said.

"When you watch elite-level swimmers, the trait they have is they make it look easy," Koppelman said. "You don't really have to coach him. He has a lot of natu-

ral ability."

Despite some self-pity at the outset, Crespo maintains a positive attitude and doesn't stress about what might have been.

"I will be honest," Crespo said. "When that happens to a person, they will be sad at first. But they need to change their mind and not feel sorry for themselves."

Crespo said his main focus right now is to support and encourage his teammates as much as he can, while hoping that something greater will come from his setback.

"I am Catholic," Crespo said. "I am a Christian. I know God has planned for something better to come of this."

# What happens to your letters to the White House

By Margaret Talev  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Got a plan to fix the economy or crush al-Qaida? A setback that's left you desperate for help? The perfect name for the future First Dog?

Thousands of Americans a day are e-mailing, faxing, calling or taking pen to paper to write to President Barack Obama and his family.

Some — such as the South Carolina girl whose letter about her school's sorry conditions earned her a seat with first lady Michelle Obama for the president's address to Congress — have a plugged-in teacher or someone in their community who can get a letter into the right hands fast. Members of Congress have their own line in to the White House. Personal friends of a president typically send their correspondence through a special secretary.

For everyone else, there's the White House Office of Correspondence. If you write it, someone there will read it, probably within days.

You might get back a form letter with the president's automated signature. You might get a more individualized response, with some specific advice or answer you're seeking, courtesy of administration officials. Or, while the odds are probably less than 1 percent, your letter just might be among the dozens selected each week for the president to read and respond to himself.

The White House declined requests to make the special assistant to the president and director of presidential correspondence, Mike Kelleher, available for an interview or to share any letters received to date.

Past directors of the office under Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton said in their experience, any given week could yield 10,000 to 100,000 pieces of correspondence.

Dan Burkhardt, who directed President Clinton's correspondence office for most of Clinton's second term, said he's spoken with Kelleher since the start of the new administration.

Kelleher had many questions, he said, including how to know which mail to pick out for the president to read. Said Burkhardt, "That's an instinct you develop over time." Another

question, prompted by some of the more heartwrenching correspondence: "How do you help these people?"

The Office of Correspondence historically has been the largest office in the White House, with a paid staff of about 50-125, depending on the president, and hundreds of trained volunteers, some who've been around for decades. Obama has 49.

**"You really get to feel the fabric of America. People will write to the president about anything and everything."**

Marguerite Murer  
Tortorello  
Office of Correspondence  
employee

The office typically has divisions to deal with mail, e-mail and fax analysis; incoming gifts; the phone comment line; requests for special-occasion messages and proclamations; and interactions with agencies on policy issues.

With input from high-level advisers, office staff also builds a letter library that eventually includes hundreds of form letters that reflect the administration's policy stances. Traditionally, there's a separate team that handles correspondence with students. The first lady also has her own correspondence director.

Past directors say reading the mail was a privilege that gave them intimate and sweeping insights into the ever-changing American story.

"You really get to feel the fabric of America," said Marguerite Murer Tortorello, who ran the office from 2004-06 under Bush. "People will write to the president about anything and everything."

One woman wrote to Bush after her Marine son was killed in Iraq to tell the president that her son had been proud to serve. Bush mentioned the Marine in his 2005 State of the Union Address and read from the letter.

Others sent prayers, or asked the president to pray for a neighbor or a friend. Some sent toys

for the dogs, or books for Laura Bush.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, many Americans sent patriotic-themed gifts and mail. Scrutiny of the mail also tightened after the attacks. Some gifts — such as food — won't make it through.

Tortorello remembers a letter from an elementary-school boy who wrote Bush before the 2004 election to invite him to come to his hometown and see a professional football game with him and share nachos. The correspondence office prepared a legal letter explaining that presidents can't accept gifts of money or tickets. Bush also wanted to send the boy a thank-you note. The correspondence staff called the boy's parents to say two letters were on the way.

"They didn't even know the little boy had written the letter to the president!" Tortorello said. "He had gotten into the dad's desk and got the ticket and went online and got the address. We Fed-Exed the ticket back so they could use it."

Then there are the letters from critics.

"The people who were the angriest and most upset were the ones we tried to reach out to first," Tortorello said. "You can't change every person's mind, but hopefully they'll respect that you took the time to respond back."

Anne Higgins oversaw the correspondence office during part of the Nixon and Ford administrations and all of President Ronald Reagan's.

On her first day in the Reagan administration, she got a call from Nixon. He was calling to tell her to make sure to pass on letters to Reagan just as she had for him.

She had a special box where staff put the letters to be forwarded to the president each week. "We tried to balance the issues, so we had pro- and con- on either side."

One of Higgins' staff, who later became a monk, opened a letter from a man who was struggling financially, Higgins recalled. "He got a letter from a man who hadn't had a steak in ... it must have been 20 years." The employee looked up the number of a butcher near the man's house and sent the butcher money from his own pocket to send over a steak for the man.

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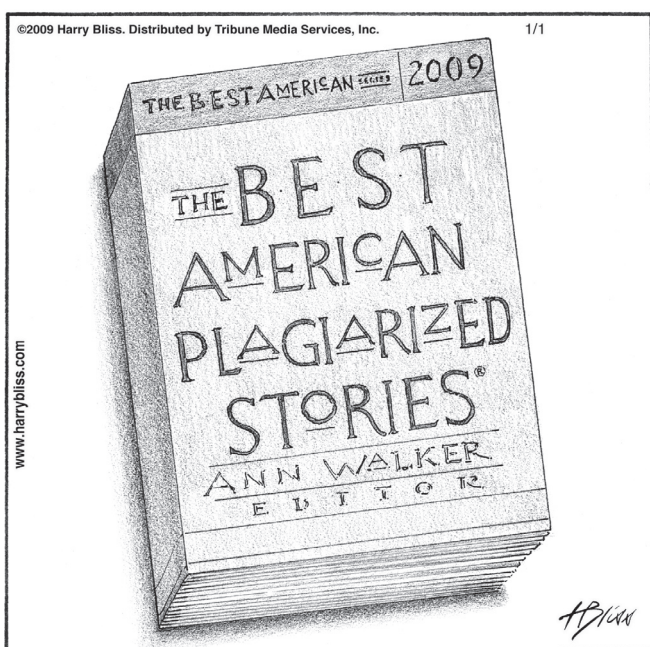
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Scranton, PA

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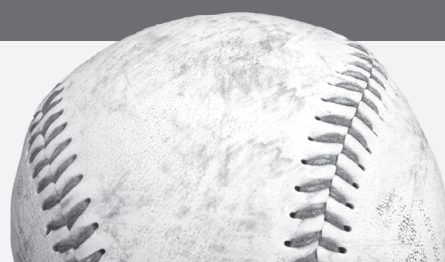
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## SWIMMING & DIVING

# SUBMERGED



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Edgar Crespo, a freshman from Panama, competed for his country during the Summer Olympics in Beijing. In doing so he violated a NCAA rule and has been forced to sit out his maiden season as a member of the men's swimming & diving team.

## Olympic swimmer's journey put on hold

By David Hall  
Associate Editor

Edgar Crespo has been in the United States for less than a year, and it shows.

Frantically searching to find the right verb conjugation, he will sometimes try three forms of a word on for size before he finds one that fits.

Were ... is ... was. There it is.

The noticeable thing about the Olympian from Panama is the look of determination on his face when he goes through this process. Eyebrows sloped downward. Lips slightly pursed. An invisible fire burning in his brown eyes.

It is this same level of determination that has driven him to rise from humble origins and swim in the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics.

And yet, the 19-year-old who competed in the same fabled Water Cube as Michael Phelps wasn't allowed to even dip his toe into the pool during a Horned Frog swim meet.

### Living The Dream

Crespo didn't always glide on top of the water.

Enrolled in a swimming class at a local school in Panama City at eight years old by his mother, he was a little apprehensive at first.

"I was scared of swimming," Crespo said. "I was scared of the water."

Coupled with an allergic reaction to the heavily-chlorinated pool, Crespo didn't realize right away that he had found his calling.

Although he can't pinpoint exactly when, Crespo eventually got over his allergy, his dislike of the sport and began to thrive in

the pool.

Crespo's swimming prowess allowed him to enter the Olympic qualifying cycle in 2005, a goal that 11-year-old Crespo had set five years earlier.

After swimming in multiple qualifying tournaments over the years, Crespo was chosen to represent Panama in the 100-meter breaststroke.

One of only five Panamanians in the Olympic games, Crespo and Christie Marie Bodden Baca were the only two competing in swimming events.

Despite the eyes of the world being on him, Crespo said he felt "good and comfortable" when he arrived in Beijing.

He was in awe of the now-famous opening ceremony of the Olympics, Crespo said.

"The crowd was excited," he said. "I was excited. I almost cried. I fulfilled a dream from eight years ago."

But he didn't have any time to bask in the glory of the \$100 million spectacle. He had to be up the next morning to participate in the first day of competition.

However, the time of the race was switched so it could be aired during prime time in America. It would now be in the afternoon instead of the morning. Crespo, who relies on an exact schedule in preparing for his race, said the sudden change in the race's time threw his routine off.

Despite the pressure and time change, Crespo said he wasn't a bundle of nerves before he swam in his heat.

His relaxation paid off. He finished first in his heat of the 100-meter breaststroke with a personal-best time of 1:03.72.

But his time was not good enough to advance to the 16-person semifinals. His Olympic experience ended after one race.

### Frog Out of Water

Swimming in the Olympics resulted in his TCU swimming career being put on hold for a year because of an NCAA rule violation.

Crespo remembers exactly how he felt when he heard the news. A gut-wrenching feeling of despondency washed over him as the reality of the situation set in.

"I felt sad because I came to TCU to swim," Crespo said. "I was really frustrated."

Bill Koppelman, an assistant coach for the swimming and diving team who recruited Crespo, said there is a rule in place that allows a one-year grace period after high school for any NCAA swimmer-to-be to compete in any international competition.

However, thanks to the fact that he graduated from high school in December 2006 and that some of the Olympic qualifying meets were after that one-year period, Crespo had violated the rule. Competing in the Olympics, however, was allowed.

Crespo and the coaching staff were aware of the violation for a few weeks before the penalty was handed down, but held out hope until the final hour that the NCAA would see the case as a special circumstance and grant Crespo eligibility. The NCAA did not.

Koppelman said TCU filed an appeal on Crespo's behalf, but it was rejected.

The conditions of Crespo's probation are as follows: He is allowed to train with the team

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## MEN'S TENNIS



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Sophomore Christopher Price returns a serve during a doubles match against Texas A&M. Price and sophomore Zach Nichols won the match 9-7.

## Road-heavy start comes to an end

By Jordan Smith  
Staff Reporter

### TCU vs. SMU

When: 6 p.m. tonight  
Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

After a long road trip, the men's tennis team will return to the courts tonight to play their cross-town rivals, Southern Methodist University.

Currently 2-7, the match against SMU will be a welcome relief to a team that played seven of its first nine matches on the road.

Early in the year, head coach Dave Borelli said that he anticipated a tough start to the season due to the number of away games and highly-ranked opponents. At the time, Borelli said he hoped the quality competition would help his young team mature.

Of the teams TCU has played, four are among the top 25 teams in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's rankings.

TCU is currently ranked No. 43 in the country after beginning the season at No. 33.

Freshman Slah Mbarek said he thinks the team is better than its record. He said having played the top competition in the nation will help the team in the long run.

"Playing teams at that level lets you know your weaknesses and what to work on," Mbarek said. "If you win, then it gives you a lot of confidence."

A bright note to the season so far has been the team's play in doubles, where they have won six in a row against some of the na-

tion's stiffest competition. Sophomore Emanuel Brighiu and junior Adrian Simon are currently ranked as the No. 14 doubles pairing in the country.

"I said at the beginning of the year we'd be one of the better teams in the country and I think we've proven that point," Borelli said. "We just need to get a little bit more out of our depth and I think that's what hurt us."

The match against SMU marks a turning point in the season. After spending much time on the road, TCU will play its next eight matches at home.

Sophomore Zach Nichols said the team is excited now that they have an opportunity to come home and apply what they have learned.

"It's a big match for us," Nichols said. "We've been struggling and we're looking to turn it around and luckily, it just happens to be against our cross-town rival."

Borelli said that the team will try and use the SMU match as a springboard for success.

"It's a long year, there are peaks and valleys," Borelli said. "I think now is an opportunity for our guys to turn it around and see what they can do."

## BASEBALL



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia editor

Junior first baseman Matt Curry tags out Texas State left fielder Tyler Sibley during the first inning last week at Lupton Stadium.

## Home stretch begins against highly ranked Baylor squad

By Billy Wessels  
Staff Writer

### TCU vs. Baylor

When: 6:30 p.m. tonight  
Where: Lupton Stadium

The No. 11 Horned Frog baseball team will host the No. 14 Baylor University Bears tonight in an attempt to extend their winning streak to seven after beating the University of Texas at Arlington 11-3 Tuesday night.

During this stretch, the Horned Frogs are averaging 9.86 runs per game.

The Bears enter the game 6-2, coming off an 8-3 loss to the No. 7 Rice Owls, which snapped their five-game win streak.

The Bears are averaging six runs a game so far this season.

Last year, the Horned Frogs won both games against Baylor, 3-2 at home and 4-3 in Waco a week later. TCU will be traveling to Waco on March 25 this season for the second game of the

home-and-home Series.

During the two games against Baylor last season, senior outfielder Chris Ellington went a combined 4-9 with one run and three runs batted in.

Ellington is carrying that success over to this season. He is currently leading the team in average, .452, at bats, 31, hits, 14, and RBIs, nine.

The schedule for the Horned Frogs doesn't get much easier after the game against Baylor.

TCU will host the Wichita State Shockers for a three-game series this weekend. The Shockers are no longer ranked, but they did begin the season in the top 25.

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