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— The Associated Press

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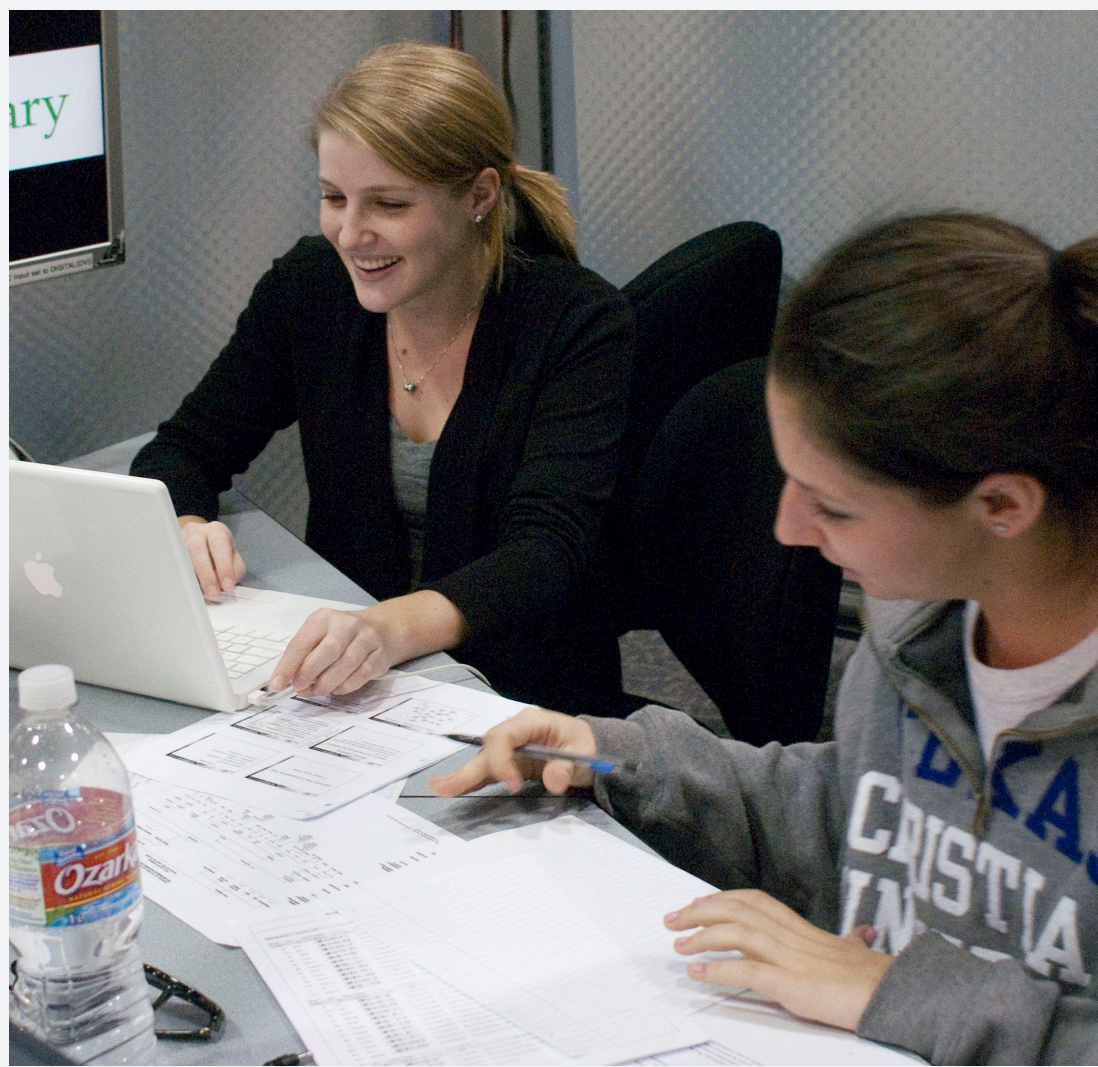


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A brand-new museum facility helps university student teachers embrace hands-on learning with their young pupils.
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STUDY BUDDIES



Senior marketing majors Brigitte Pouchet and Margaret Ann Lilly study in a pod in the Mary Couts Burnett Library on Wednesday evening.

PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Photographer

RESIDENCE LIFE

Eco Rep to push for green projects

By **Alexandria Bruton**
Staff Reporter

Students with a passion for sustainable living will be able to help lead the environmental awareness movement in their residence halls because a new position in the Residence Hall Association, the Eco Rep, will be available for students to apply for next semester.

Brian Sullivan, a junior business and environmental science major, came up with the idea while enrolled in the Chasing Carbon class last semester.

"It was our mission to try to make TCU a little more green," Sullivan said. "We felt like this was an easy thing to do to help generate awareness of sustainable living standards."

An Eco Rep can be any major or year and will work with the RHA and the assistant hall director of the representative's residence hall to create programs for residents that have a sustainable theme. Sullivan said the representative will also collaborate with Eco Reps in other dorms around campus to create a larger campus-wide program.

Sullivan said students qualified to be Eco Reps will most importantly have a basic understanding of the environment and a commitment to living a green lifestyle.

"We want someone that makes those small sacrifices in their own life while trying to make the world a better place," Sullivan said. "They need to be outgoing and able to make living a green lifestyle a fun thing to do."

Sullivan said he was inspired by other universities, like Texas Tech and the University of North Texas, where

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SCHOOL OF ART

Director to remain for another year

By **Marshall Doig**
Staff Reporter

The School of Art will not hire a new director this year after negotiations failed with the selected candidate, a university administrator said.

Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said the candidate wanted to be granted tenure upon being hired, but university policy prohibits this practice.

Ronald Watson, the school's current director, originally planned to step down at the end of the spring semester to return to full-time teaching but will now hold the position for another year.

Sullivan said the top two candidates

for the job were Libby Lumpkin, most recently the director of the Las Vegas Art Museum, and Nan Freeman, a professor at the Boston School of the Museum of Fine Arts. He declined to name which of the two candidates the school chose for the job. The other candidate declined the school's offer.

Now that he will serve another year as director, Watson wrote in an e-mail that his goals for the school are to keep its momentum at a high pace and to continue to exhibit challenging art to the campus and Fort Worth community.

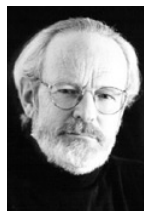
As the school's director, Sullivan said one of Watson's most important achievements was getting the department of art and art history accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design two years ago. This allowed the department to be named a school of art.

Getting accredited helped the school achieve a significant level of national recognition, Watson said. It also made the university one of only 10 accredited Texas schools for art.

Watson said his greatest achievement was establishing the Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, a gallery which opened in February 2008. The gallery allowed the school to hold more exhibitions and art shows than it used to be able to accommodate for the benefit of the community and students.

Watson wrote in the e-mail that the school was disappointed it was unable to hire a new director, but called the decision to continue searching for a new person wise.

Sullivan said the school thought the candidate was a good fit for the school; however, it will continue the search for new candidates next year.



Watson

STUDENTS

Former athlete returns as youth mentor

By **Lizzy Karoly**
News Now Reporter

A former Horned Frog is back and on a mission, he said, to finish the education he started more than 30 years ago and show disadvantaged children the importance of seeing things through to the end.

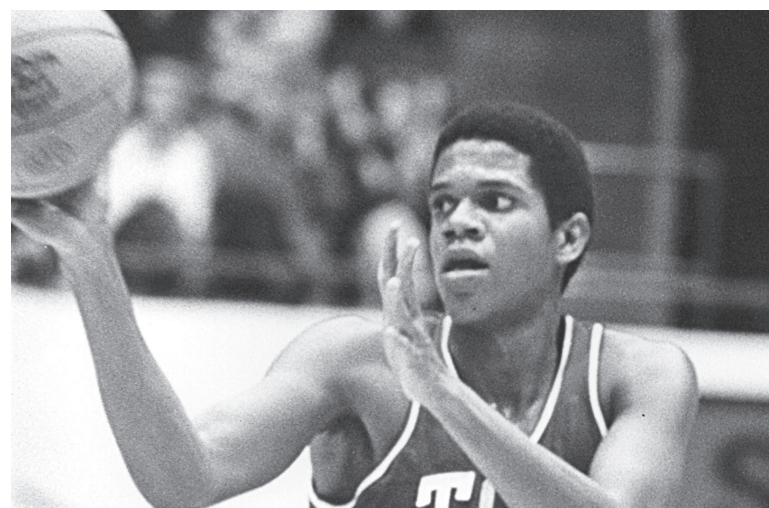
Gary Randle played basketball at the university from 1975 to 1977. In the final game of his sophomore season, Randle had a fight with his coach that changed everything.

"His frustration was leveled at me," Randle said. "So when he cursed me out; I cursed him out."

Days after the fight, Randle left the university and basketball.

"When I left basketball, and basketball was no longer in my life, it was something I struggled with because it was like a divorce," he said.

While he struggled to fill the void left by quitting basketball, he moved back to his hometown of Riverside, Calif., and discovered a new passion. He said his friends encouraged him to visit American Youth Foundation, a home for inner city boys in West Hollywood. At the home, Randle



Gary Randle, a former basketball player and founder of a nonprofit for youths, in an undated photo.

said, he was shocked to see the conditions the children were living in.

"I opened up the refrigerator and the only thing in it was a jug of milk so spoiled you couldn't pour it out," Randle said. "I later found out the way the kids ate was the white kids prostituted themselves and the blacks and Hispanics stole."

Randle said that seeing the conditions in which the children lived was

For a News Now report about former basketball player Gary Randle, go to dailykiff.com.

the catalyst that spurred his interest in helping improve the lives of inner city youths.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

Expert: Industry to reflect society

By **Kayla Mezzell**
Staff Reporter

A senior adviser for nursing at the nationally known health care philanthropy Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will explain the eight areas that need improvement in order to improve future patient care at a lecture at the Kelly Alumni Center tonight.

Susan Hassmiller's lecture, "The Future of Nursing and Healthcare," is sponsored by The Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences and will focus on the future of nursing.



Hassmiller

"The Future of Nursing and Healthcare" with **Susan Hassmiller**

When: 5 p.m. tonight
Where: Kelly Alumni Center
Event is free, but contact Laurie Burton to R.S.V.P.

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NEWS

ECO REP

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fully-developed versions of the Eco Rep are already in place on campus.

"We kind of just followed their model, so we're among one of the first few schools to implement this," Sullivan said.

He said each residence hall, including the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments, will have an Eco Rep, but that could change.

Because the level of involvement in each residence hall and the amount of students living in them varies, the number of Eco Reps per residence hall will ultimately be left to the discretion of the RHA, he said.

Eric Russell, president of RHA, said because the campus is pushing more green initiatives overall, he wanted to help

the residence halls head in the same direction.

"By having an Eco Rep integrated into the hall council and RHA system, we would expect more environmentally friendly programs," Russell said. "The goal is to have the Eco Rep be the voice of environmental concern within each hall."

Stephanie Eady, co-instructor of the Chasing Carbon course, said the idea is a great way to get students into the habit of practicing what they learn in class.

"I can teach some of these things in lecture but the message can often get lost or forgotten by the time a student goes home and is out of class mode," Eady said.

She said she believes the only way to make environmentally-conscious decisions

a way of life is to practice them. By having an Eco Rep in the residence halls, Eady said, there will be a continuity from classroom to dorm room.

According to the Eco Rep proposal, possible programs the chosen representative would implement include a spring film competition centered around an environmental theme, river clean-ups with the TCU Environmental Club and recycling competitions. According to the RHA constitution, the Eco Rep must also hold monthly meetings with hall residents to address ways to remain environmentally friendly.

Sullivan said the application process will begin during the first couple of weeks of the 2010 fall semester.

NURSING

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"It is important to hear Dr. Hassmiller speak on the future of nursing because we are at a crossroads for nursing and the health of the nation," Paulette Burns, dean of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said in a statement.

Burns was unavailable for an interview Wednesday.

Hassmiller listed working closely with service partners as well as working cooperatively with doctors and other health care professionals among the eight areas on which nurses and nursing schools should focus.

She said in addition she would also speak about how changes in population dynamics affect the focus of nurses.

"Nurses and nursing schools, nursing schools in

particular, need to pay attention to what's going on in society in order to know what the needs are for a changing society," Hassmiller said.

She said nurses in an aging society would need to promote prevention of disease as well as care for those with chronic illnesses.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J., provides grants for initiatives that address issues such as childhood obesity, health care coverage, public health and quality/equality, according to the foundation's Web site. The philanthropy was started by Robert Wood Johnson, founder of pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson.

Tara Wanzeck, a senior nursing major, said she plans to attend Hassmiller's lecture because she is interested in health

care reform, specifically how business connections could affect the future of health care.

"I'm really open to hearing different opinions just because I haven't really 100 percent created my own opinion about all the different aspects," Wanzeck said. "So I think it's important to hear other people's side without a biased opinion before you're going into it."

Wanzeck said she is excited to hear Hassmiller's views on nursing and health care reform, but she thinks it is important to educate citizens long before they experience any health care issues. She said many issues could be prevented if people knew what symptoms to look for and if they could see a health care professional without worrying about money. Wanzeck said she has avoided seeing a doctor because she did not want to pay \$40 for a visit.

RANDLE

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After working at the American Youth Foundation, Randle married a woman from Fort Worth and moved back to Texas. He then began working as a police officer in the youth division of the Fort Worth Police Department.

In this new position, Randle saw a high volume of minority children in the juvenile detention system, and he said he felt something needed to be done to help them avoid further correctional action.

"That's when I developed the program called H.O.P.E. Farm," Randle said. "H.O.P.E. Farm is an acronym for 'Helping Other People Excel.' And farm is a word defined as a track of land sanctified for cultivation. We take boys around age 5 and we cultivate them into men."

Randle said the program is for boys whose fathers have been murdered, incarcerated, or have abandoned them. After founding H.O.P.E. Farm Inc. in 1990, he said there are

now 35 boys enrolled in the program, and he estimated he has helped more than 200 since the program began.

H.O.P.E. Farm Inc. is funded by donations and is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, according to the program's Web site. The ECFA provides accreditation to Christian nonprofit organizations.

Located in the Morningside area of Fort Worth, H.O.P.E. Farm, Inc. has facilities that include classrooms, gamerooms and a library for the children to use, said Noble Crawford, operations director for H.O.P.E. Farm Inc. There is also a dining room where the children eat meals, as well as learn proper etiquette and social skills.

"He makes sure that no matter what kind of day that they've had at school...he hugs each one of them and he tells each one of them that he loves them," Crawford said. "His heart is very passionate for these guys."

The boys in the program come to the recreation center

after school and on weekends for academic and athletic activities as well as games and meals, Randle said.

One important message Randle said he tells the boys is to finish what they start. Randle just re-enrolled at the university to finish the education he started 33 years ago.

"I'm back at TCU to finish," Randle said. "This is just another page in my life I can turn, and I can turn it complete."

Adjunct communications professor LeAnn Roberts, who teaches Randle in one of her classes, said his unique experience set separated him from his peers in a positive way.

"Watching Gary in class and bring in ideas that are current in the business world or current in the Fort Worth community really brings an opening experience for the general college-age student," Roberts said.

Randle expects to graduate in May 2011 with an undergraduate degree in communication studies.

AUTO RECALLS

Toyota owners still having problems despite repairs

By Ken Thomas and Tom Krisher

Associated Press Writers

DETROIT — At least 15 Toyota drivers have complained to U.S. safety officials that their cars sped up by themselves even after being repaired under recalls for sticky gas pedals or floor mat problems, according to an Associated Press analysis.

The development raises questions about whether Toyota's repairs will bring an end to the cases of wild, uncontrolled acceleration or if there may be electronic causes behind the complaints that have dogged the automaker.

Although the allegations were unverified by the agency, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Wednesday it was contacting people who have complained about acceleration problems even after repairs were done under two large recalls. The agency wants to hear from others who have had similar troubles, it said.

The new complaints raised eyebrows in Congress, which has held three hearings on the recalls in the past week and is investigating Toyota's safety problems.

"I am deeply concerned that NHTSA has received this many reports of possible sudden unanticipated acceleration even after these vehicles have received Toyota's recommended fix," said Democratic Rep. Bruce Braley, who serves on one of



CRAIG RUTTLE / AP Photo
Stewart Stogel of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. speaks about the problems with his 2009 Toyota Camry while sitting in a parking lot in New Rochelle, N.Y. on Wednesday. Stogel was preparing to take his Camry back to a Toyota dealership after previous repairs to fix an acceleration problem did not work.

the committees investigating Toyota.

"It's critical that we get to the bottom of this problem as quickly as possible."

Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons said Wednesday the company was investigating the complaints, although it remains confident in its recall fixes. Teams of engineers are being mobilized to check into the complaints, he said.

Toyota has recalled more than 8 million vehicles worldwide since October to fix floor mats that can snag gas pedals or faulty gas pedal assemblies that can stick.

NHTSA says 52 people have been killed in crashes linked to Toyota's acceleration problems. Toyota has blamed mechanical causes or drivers pressing the wrong pedal. However, some question whether the electronic throttle system or a software glitch may be at fault, rather than a mechanical issue

involving pedals. Toyota says it is looking into electronics as a possible cause.

In the meantime, complaints keep coming in from drivers who say the fix has not solved the problem, including at least 15 filed with NHTSA in the past two weeks, according to an AP analysis of the agency database.

The owner of a 2009 Camry, Stewart Stogel, of New York, said he narrowly missed driving over an embankment and hitting a wall when the mid-size sedan accelerated on its own last Saturday — five days after being serviced as part of the recall.

Stogel, who has not filed a complaint with NHTSA, said the incident occurred near his home after a dealership trimmed the gas pedal and installed new brake control software as part of the floor mat recall.

Housing & Residence Life

Mark your calendars...
Make your plans...

March 1 - March 9

All residents who plan to live on-campus for 2010-2011 must submit a housing application, complete & verify roommate groups (if applicable) and select a meal plan.

March 12

Housing & Residence Life will issue Room Selection Lottery Numbers with a time/date for assignment (which will occur after Spring Break).

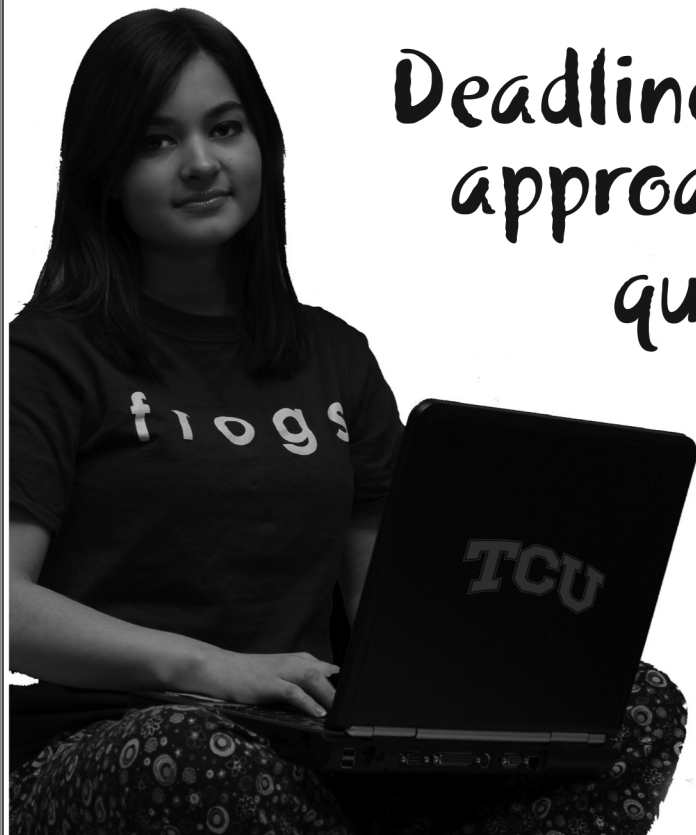
March 23 - April 1

Housing Selection (based on Lottery Number)

Find the Housing & Residence Life Office
in the basement of Samuelson Hall

Check our website for more details: www.housing.tcu.edu



Email or call for assistance: housing@tcu.edu or (817)257-7865

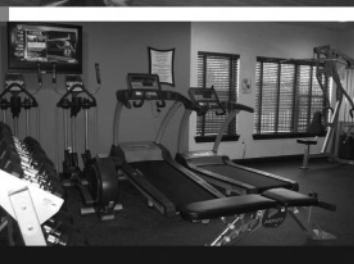



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The Skiff View

Eco Rep program has potential to succeed

A new Residence Hall Association initiative aims to offer students yet another opportunity to get involved in sustainable living. The program, Eco Reps, would call for selected students from residence halls on campus to be environmental advocates of sorts among their peers.

According to the proposal for the creation of the position, representatives from each participating hall would work to organize hands-on sustainable initiatives and outdoor projects like a river cleanup. It appears as though the plan is to eventually form a cooperative on campus among all of the Eco Reps.

Using a pre-established system like the RHA to further a cause like environmental awareness is wise because the organization is already well-known and it comes with a built-in audience. As a member of RHA, Eco Reps will be held to the same standards as other representatives in the organization, which can't hurt the initiative as far as credibility is concerned.

More importantly, the position is poised for success because it stems from a well thought out proposal and because of the nature of the residence hall itself. Because of the community environment in campus residence halls, it is unlikely that the Eco Rep initiative will go unnoticed. RHA can use the peer pressure inherent in dorm life in a positive way to help develop and grow this new branch of its services.

News editor Melanie Cruthirds for the editorial board.

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

About time that U.S. Navy allowed women on subs



MARSHALL DOIG

Last week, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates told Congress of plans to finally allow women to serve aboard submarines, according to a CNN article.

It's about time.

I was actually unaware that women were not allowed to serve aboard submarines until reading the CNN story, and I wondered why they were not allowed to serve there when women were initially allowed to enlist in the late 1970s.

The reason women were not allowed on submarines was not because they were thought to be incapable of doing the same work as men, which is good, but because it was too costly to make separate living quarters and lavatories for female sailors.

The first women allowed on submarines would be officers, who have separate living quarters, followed by crews, according to the article.

I'm surprised that money was not spent sooner to make the submarines gender-friendly for men and women. The government has had nearly 30 years to do it, including peacetime years when they weren't funding a military campaign.

But another reason I think women were excluded for so long

The reason women were not allowed on submarines was not because they were thought to be incapable of doing the same work as men, which is good, but because it was too costly to make separate living quarters and lavatories for female sailors.

is the confined space that must be dealt with on a submarine. Put men and women together in that small of a space for an extended amount of time and some sort of shenanigans are bound to take place.

That reason, however, is just pure speculation on my part.

The point I want to emphasize, though, is the fact that having women on submarines should not be a problem, privacy and bedding concerns aside.

Women soldiers have been working with male soldiers and sailors cooperatively for quite a while now, and it should not be any different on a submarine. The work space is just a little bit more confined.

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Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.

Weather extremes prove that global warming not a hoax but today's reality



ANDREA BOLT

Yes, it is indeed March, and the temperature outside is still dipping into the 30s. Does this simple fact and the U.S.'s abnormally cold winter indicate that global warming is a myth? Absolutely, positively and resoundingly, no – quite the opposite, in fact.

The latest Sports Illustrated magazine featured a small box on the bottom of a page titled "Sign of the Apocalypse." The text inside the box read, "Dallas, a supposed warm-weather site for the NBA All-Star Game, was hit by a record 12 and a 1/2-inch snowfall; Vancouver, host city for the Olympic Winter Games, needed to make snow."

What a shame that a well-reputed publication should further this false and misleading line of thinking, even with a satirical bend.

The unpredictability of the weather is concrete evidence that global warming is a very real issue.

Jonathan Rose, chairman of the board of trustees at the Garrison Institute, president of Jonathan Rose Companies and board member of the Natural Resources Defense Council, wrote for the New York Times supporting the viable idea of global warming and how we should react to the reality of it.

"Extreme storms, droughts, intense rains, unusual amounts of snow or lack of snow are all signs of global warming," Rose wrote.

While many think that a foot of snow in Texas in February is indicative of the opposite of global warming, it actually points

directly to its presence and progression.

Conservative self-promoting spokesman Rush Limbaugh has

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much to comment about what he terms the "global warming hoax."

"Record snows and cold are being reported from all over the northern hemisphere this winter," Limbaugh wrote on his Web site.

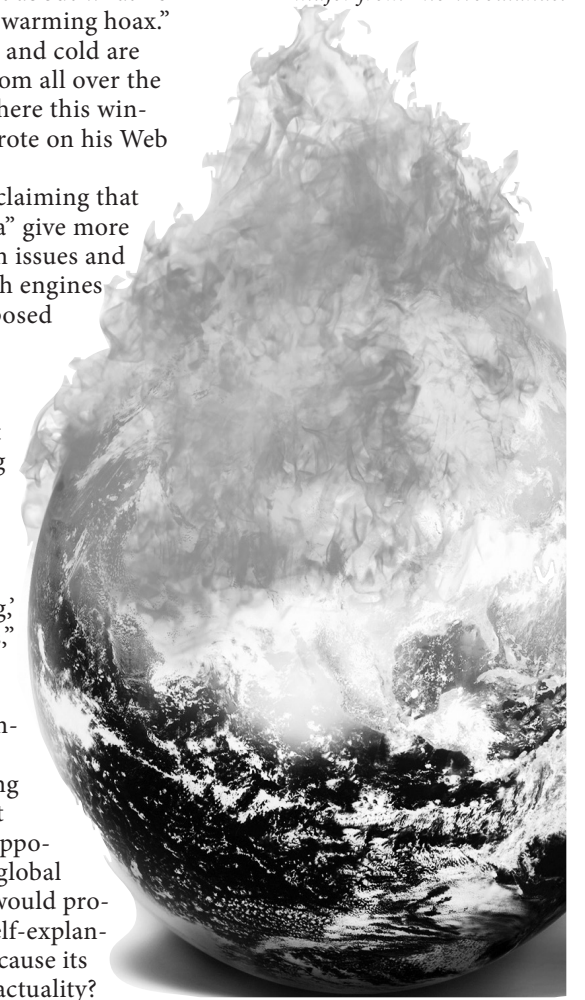
He continues, claiming that the "biased media" give more air time to certain issues and that certain search engines support this supposed bias.

"If you search Google News for articles in the last month containing the phrase 'global warming,' you get 29,000 hits. If you do the same for 'global cooling,' you'll get 100 hits," wrote the right-wing radio host.

Thank you, Limbaugh, for inadvertently providing evidence in direct support of your opposition. The hits a global warming search would produce are rather self-explanatory – maybe because its occurrence is an actuality?

The most depressing reality about global warming is the fact that so many still blatantly deny its existence. While such ignorance in itself deserves condemnation, those who continue to deny it as a pressing and ever-present issue do nothing to counteract or deal accordingly with its effects. While some continue to buy regular light bulbs, let the water run while brushing their teeth and not bother to recycle, the earth their children and grandchildren will inherit slowly degrades even more than it already has.

Opinion editor Andrea Bolt is a junior news-editorial journalism major from The Woodlands.



QUICK NEWS

Audio indicates kid directed planes at NY airport

NEW YORK (AP) — An air traffic controller at New York's Kennedy Airport was suspended for allowing his young son to radio instructions to several pilots.

The few quick exchanges between the elementary-school-aged child and jets waiting to take off from JFK, one of the nation's busiest airports, appeared to delight pilots at the time.

But the Federal Aviation Administration suspended the controller and a supervisor Wednesday after recordings of the calls were posted on the Internet, then reported on by a Boston television station.

On the recording, which lasts about a minute, the boy appears to repeat instructions fed to him by his father. At no time does the child tell aircraft how to maneuver or where they should go.

Facing ethics probes, Rangel drops tax leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buffeted by ethics inquiries, veteran New York Rep. Charles B. Rangel stepped down Wednesday as chairman of the House's powerful tax-writing committee, delivering a fresh political jolt to a Democratic Party already facing angry voters.

The action also muddled the congressional picture on taxes, coming as the House moves toward difficult debate over large automatic increases that lie just over the horizon.

Rangel's relinquishing of the Ways and Means Committee gavel spared colleagues from having to vote on a Republican-sponsored resolution to strip him of his post. But it also focused attention on ethical lapses by a top leader of a party that had promised to end a "culture of corruption" when it regained control of Congress in 2006 from Republicans.

'Miracle on the Hudson' pilot retiring

NEW YORK (AP) — Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who was hailed a hero after piloting the US Airways flight that landed safely on the Hudson River in January of last year, is retiring.

Sullenberger flew his final flight Wednesday afternoon, along with his co-pilot during the Hudson landing, First Officer Jeff Skiles. Sullenberger will end his 30-year career when he lands at his home base at Charlotte (N.C.) Douglas International Airport. He will officially retire at a private ceremony there with fellow pilots and other US Airways employees.

Flight attendant Doreen Welsh, 59, who was on Flight 1549 when it landed in the Hudson, is also retiring. Welsh, 59, joined US Airways' predecessor airline in 1970.

Homemade device leaks fumes in Detroit school

DETROIT (AP) — A student threw a homemade explosive device in the hallway of a school Wednesday, causing it to leak fumes and forcing the school's evacuation but not injuring anyone, authorities said.

The student from the Phoenix Multi-Cultural Academy was taken into police custody for questioning, Detroit Police spokesman John Roach said.

The school district released a statement saying the device consisted of a plastic bottle that contained household cleaning supplies. It said the device released smoke after it was thrown.

Roach said the device released "powerful fumes" and likely some liquid, and that the bomb squad recovered its remains.

Starbucks asks not to be center of gun debate

SEATTLE (AP) — Coffee chain Starbucks Corp. is sticking to its policy of letting customers carry guns where it's legal and said it does not want to be put in the middle of a larger gun-control debate.

The company's statement, issued Wednesday, stems from recent campaigns by some gun owners, who have walked into Starbucks and other businesses to test state laws that allow gun owners to carry weapons openly in public places. Gun control advocates have protested.

Some of the events were spontaneous, with just one or two gun owners walking into a store. Others were organized parades of dozens of gun owners walking into restaurants with their firearms proudly at their sides.

Now, gun control advocates are protesting the policy.

NEWS

POLITICS



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/Associated Press
U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, shakes hands with Chief of staff Dilma Rouseff, center, as Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, center, and Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim, far right, look on during their meeting in Brasilia, Brazil, on Wednesday.

Brazil rejects sanctions against Iran

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press Writer

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazil rebuffed a U.S. appeal for new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program, vowing during a visit from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton not to “bow down” to gathering international pressure.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva pre-empted Clinton even before she could make the case for new United Nations Security Council penalties. Silva is an outspoken opponent of sanctions, and his country currently sits on the Security Council, which will be asked to approve its toughest-ever penalties on Iran later this year.

“It is not prudent to push Iran against a wall,” Silva told reporters hours before meet-

ing with Clinton. “The prudent thing is to establish negotiations.”

Clinton told a news conference she respects Brazil's position but thinks if there is any possibility of negotiating with Iran, it would happen only after a new round of sanctions.

Iran has accelerated its disputed nuclear program in the face of previous U.N. penalties, but the United States and other supporters say a renewed demonstration of world resolve could finally push Iran to the bargaining table.

“The door is open for negotiations. We never slammed it shut,” Clinton said. “But we don't see anybody, even in the far-off distance, walking toward it.”

The Obama administration took office last year pledging to reach out to Iran and make

the case that Tehran had more to lose than gain from pressing ahead with nuclear development that much of the world suspects is aimed at building a bomb.

Yet the administration has done an about-face after a frustrating year that saw nuclear gains by Iran with no sign the country is interested in serious talks with Washington. The two countries have been estranged since the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, and there is almost no economic or diplomatic contact between them.

Iran does have vast business and other ties with most of the rest of the world, and Clinton said the oil giant is exploiting its relationships to try to avoid new U.N. penalties.

“We see an Iran that runs to Brazil, an Iran that runs to

Turkey, an Iran that runs to China, telling different things to different people,” Clinton said angrily.

Standing with her at a press conference in the Brazilian capital, Foreign Minister Celso Amorim was not persuaded.

“We will not simply bow down to an evolving consensus if we do not agree,” Amorim said. “We have to think by ourselves and with our values and principles.”

Silva is scheduled to visit Tehran on May 15, and US officials who participated in Clinton's meetings on Wednesday suggested they would like to see the Security Council vote on sanctions before then. If that happens, the officials said, Silva might be able to serve as an informal envoy who could urge the Iranians to negotiate despite new penalties.

DALLAS

Coach praises players for theft

By Jeff Carlton
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A college football coach in Texas is backing players accused of removing every copy of a student newspaper from racks around campus because of a front-page article about teammates being arrested on drug charges, according to a police report.

The incident happened at Division II Texas A&M-Commerce. The coach is Guy Morriss, who also coached at Kentucky and Baylor and played 15 seasons in the NFL with the Patriots and Eagles. Morriss is a 1973 TCU graduate.

“I'm proud of my players for doing that,” Morriss said, according to an incident report. “This was the best team building exercise we have ever done.”

No one has been arrested over the removal of 2,000 copies of The East Texan on Feb. 25. Editor James Bright estimated the loss at about \$1,100.

Campus police are investigating, school spokesman Randy Jolly said. Morriss has been disciplined, but Jolly declined to discuss details.

Also disciplined are the “football players involved in the East Texan thefts,” school officials said in a statement. Athletic director Carlton Cooper apologized, saying players made “an error in judgment.”

“A&M-Commerce does not stand back idly when crimes like these are committed,” said Dr. Dan Jones, the school's president.

Morriss declined comment Wednesday through a school spokesman. When reached at

home by a reporter from The Associated Press on Tuesday, Morriss hung up.

Copies of the weekly newspaper, which is distributed free around campus, disappeared the morning of Feb. 25, shortly after football practice let out, according to the incident report. The lead story was about the arrest of two football players on drug charges.

Surveillance video near one of the newspaper racks showed two football players hauling off all copies of the paper, police said.

An officer notified Cooper that players appeared to be involved, and the athletic director expressed concern because he “didn't think they were smart enough to do this on their own,” according to the incident report.

A day after the papers disappeared, police interviewed Morriss at the campus police office. The coach repeatedly referred to the article about the drug arrests as “crap” and said he didn't read it. He then said he was proud of his players, and repeatedly asked how taking a free newspaper could be considered stealing.

A policy printed in the newspaper says the first copy is free, but each additional copy costs 25 cents.

Bright, a senior journalism major, said Morriss' reaction is “appalling.”

“He is condoning criminal activity,” Bright said. “And to me, that is unacceptable.”

Morriss is 5-5 after one season at Texas A&M-Commerce, which is about 60 miles east of Dallas. He was 27-54 as head coach for two seasons at Kentucky and five at Baylor.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



JACQUELYN MARTIN/ Associated Press
Sinjoyla Townsend, of Washington, left, and her partner Angelisa Young, exit Superior Court with hands raised after obtaining their marriage licenses Wednesday the first day possible for gay couples since the District of Columbia legalized gay marriage in Washington.

Same-sex marriage legalized

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 50 same-sex couples lined up to apply for marriage licenses when city offices opened Wednesday as the unions became legal in the nation's capital.

Cheering erupted from the crowd when the first couple signed in at the city's marriage bureau inside the Moultrie courthouse, just blocks from the U.S. Capitol. Because of a mandatory waiting period of three business days, however, couples won't actually be able to marry in the District of Columbia until Tuesday.

Court officials have been told to expect up to 200 people. They plan to have five people taking applications instead of the usual two.

Sinjoyla Townsend, 41, and her partner of 12 years, Angelisa Young, 47, claimed the first spot in line just after 6 a.m. They are already domestic partners in the city, so they are converting the partnership into a marriage license.

"It's like waking up Christmas morning," Young said. "It's really like a dream come true."

Mike and Tobey Slagenweit-Coffman of Arlington, Va., had a civil union in Vermont and a big church wedding in Minnesota, but wanted to get legally married in D.C. Tobey Slagenweit-Coffman said allowing same-sex marriages in the nation's capital is historic.

"It's signaling definitely a change in the mood of the country," he said.

Washington will be the sixth place in the nation where gay marriages can take place. Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont currently issue licenses to same-sex couples.

To deal with the expected crowd Wednesday, the marriage bureau will bring in temporary employees to help, courthouse spokeswoman Leah Gurowitz said.

"Everybody who wants a marriage license is going to get one. It may take a little longer, but they will get their license," Gurowitz said.

The marriage bureau has

changed its license applications so they are gender-neutral, asking for the name of each "spouse" rather than the "bride" and "groom." And at civil marriage ceremonies to be performed in the courthouse, a booklet for the official performing the marriage now reads, "I now pronounce you legally married" instead of "I now pronounce you man and wife."

A marriage license application costs \$35, and the marriage license \$10. Couples who are already registered as domestic partners in the city can convert their registration into a marriage license by paying the \$10 fee.

The gay marriage law was introduced to the 13-member D.C. Council in October and had near-unanimous support from the beginning. The bill passed and D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty signed it in December. But because Washington is a federal district, the law had to undergo a congressional review period that expired Tuesday.

Opponents, however, are still attempting to overturn the bill in court.

IDAHO

Gifted grads may get pay

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Every high school has at least a handful of them, gifted students who blow through Faulkner as if it were a comic book, teenagers who catch on to calculus as if it were checkers.

These students are often just marking time in high school and typically become bored and withdrawn as they long for a bigger academic challenge.

States are responding to the problem by making it easier for gifted students to head off to college sooner.

Idaho lawmakers have proposed giving scholarships to high school students who enroll in college early. Eight other states are participating in a program that would allow high school sophomores to pass a series of tests and graduate early. A Utah lawmaker earlier went so far this year as to propose letting students skip the senior year.

"There's a fair amount of wasted time," said Rep. Steve Thayne, a Republican from the small Idaho farming town of Emmett. "I think there's a way to keep them engaged and to keep them learning."

Idaho's plan goes further than other programs around the country because it would allow students to graduate from high school up to three years early, and then receive taxpayer money to enroll at a state university or community college. Students would receive approximately \$1,600 in scholarship money for each year they graduate early.

About half the states encourage juniors and seniors to take community college courses, with some of them picking up the tab, said Mike Griffith, a policy analyst at the Education

Commission on the States in Denver. But those students stay high school while taking college credit, not moving onto a university campus like the Idaho plan.

Idaho Rep. Branden Durst sees the idea as a way to focus on higher-achieving students instead of the struggling kids who usually draw the most attention from education officials.

"We spend a lot of time talking about the bottom third and we should, but we do that to the detriment to our higher-achieving students," said Durst, a Democrat from Boise who co-sponsored the measure.

The plan has passed the House and still needs approval from the Senate.

In Utah, a state lawmaker pushed a plan earlier this year that would have let some students skip the 12th grade if they've earned enough high school credits.

Sen. Chris Butters decided to abandon the effort in late February, but he plans to bring revamped legislation back in 2011, calling accelerated graduation the future of public education.

From New Mexico to Pennsylvania, eight states nationwide are participating in a pilot program that would allow high school sophomores to graduate early, getting a head start on community college. The program, spearheaded by the National Center on Education and the Economy, would include 10 to 20 high schools in each state and start in 2011. Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont are also participating.

The federal Department of Education in 2001 spearheaded a national effort by several groups to create a system where students could more eas-

ily graduate in the 11th grade. It didn't get much traction as many teenagers were reluctant to miss big events such as senior proms, Griffith said.

But the idea of early graduation has been gaining momentum lately, and Idaho could potentially take the lead if the legislation is approved.

"No one's really tried this," Griffith said.

Early graduation would not only help the smart kids, but also open doors for those who are simply driven, said Emma Roemhildt, an 18-year-old from Cordova, Alaska, who started earning college credit when she was still in high school.

"High school was too easy and it is for many students," Roemhildt said.

Lori Shewmaker is among parents in Idaho backing the plan to pay kids in scholarships to graduate early. She believes her son, a sixth-grader who reads at a 10th-grade level, could be among those to benefit.

"He can be a mess-around or he can be an astrophysicist," said Shewmaker. "I feel like he is being held back."

Some critics of the Idaho plan have voiced concerns about the social implications of enticing kids to graduate early. Are universities and colleges ready for an influx of 17-year-olds? Do they want 16-year-olds living in dorms with 20 year-olds? One lawmaker went further, predicting some students might not use the time they save wisely.

"Do we really want our kids sort of hanging around the canals of Amsterdam, as they do in Europe, selling drugs or whatever at age 16, not going on to college, not making anything of themselves?" said Rep. Steve Hartgen, a Republican.

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HEALTH CARE



President Barack Obama delivers remarks on health care reform in the East Room of the White House on Wednesday in Washington D.C. OLIVIER DOULIERY/MCT

Obama makes final push for reform

By David Espo
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The end game at hand, President Barack Obama took command Wednesday of one final attempt by Democrats to enact bitterly contested health care legislation, calling for an “up or down vote” within weeks under rules denying Republicans the ability to kill the bill with mere talk.

Appearing before a White House audience of invited guests, many of them wearing white medical coats, Obama firmly rejected calls from Republicans to draft new legislation from scratch. “I don’t see how another year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren’t starting over,” the president said, referring to a recent round of announced premium increases affecting millions who purchase individual coverage.

While Obama said he wanted action within a few weeks, Senate Majority

“I don’t see how another year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren’t starting over.”

Barack Obama
President

Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., seemed to hint a final outcome could take far longer.

“We remain committed to this effort and we’ll use every option available to deliver meaningful reform this year,” he said.

The results will affect nearly every American, mandating major changes in the ways they receive and pay for health care or leaving in place current systems that leave tens of millions with no coverage and many others dissatisfied with what they do get. With Republicans united in opposition, there

is no certainty about the outcome in Congress — or even that Democrats will go along with changes Obama urged on Wednesday in what he described as a bipartisan gesture.

With polls showing voters unhappy and Democrats worried about this fall’s elections, Obama also sought to cast the coming showdown in terms larger than health care, which is an enormously ambitious undertaking in its own right. “At stake right now is not just our ability to solve this problem, but our ability to solve any problem,” he said.

At its core, the legislation under discussion still is largely along the lines Obama has long sought and GOP critics attack as a government takeover of health care.

A new “insurance exchange” would be created in which private companies could sell policies to consumers under terms fixed by the federal government. Much of the cost of the legis-

lation, nearly \$1 trillion over a decade, would be financed by cuts in future Medicare payments to hospitals and other providers and higher payroll taxes on individuals earning more than \$200,000 and couples over \$250,000.

The president’s appearance marked a presumably final pivot point in a long, uphill effort by Obama and other Democrats to enact far-reaching changes to the health care system — and with his own administration at an important crossroads. Eager to turn attention to efforts to stimulate the economy and create jobs, the president is seeking a victory on health care that can also give him a boost on other priority legislation.

At the same time, a defeat could damage Obama’s ability to help fellow Democrats heading into the fall campaign. Failure on health care could well lead to a shake-up of the president’s White House team, which has received criticism recently from Democratic lawmakers.

JOB HUNTING

Students modify FB profile names

By Andrew Katz
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON — Some students worried about how their online presence will be perceived by a potential employer are taking the extraordinary security step of changing their names on the social network Facebook.

In this down economy, with heavy competition for jobs, college students and new graduates are among those joining an emerging national trend of modifying account names to elude snooping recruiters.

“I had an internship that required me to do it because I worked for a politician and I couldn’t be associated with any kind of organization,” said Emily Winchatz, a Capitol Hill intern and senior government and philosophy major at the University of Maryland, College Park.

“(Fellow interns) said my best bet would be to just get off Facebook altogether or change my name so I couldn’t be searched,” said Winchatz, who replaced her last name with her middle name on the network.

Andrew Noyes, public policy communications manager in Facebook’s Washington, D.C., office, couldn’t comment on this specific trend, but said information security is a “top priority” and the company constantly works to improve its systems for users.

Launched from a Harvard dorm room in February 2004, Facebook began as a way of linking students at the country’s most elite universities, but quickly expanded by connecting workplaces, high schools and, now the public, through by-the-second status updates, multimedia and “wall” posts.

Lauren Berger, who earned the nickname “Intern Queen” after completing 15 internships during her four-year college career, is familiar with the trend and discusses it often on her college speaking tour.

“It is too easy for them to not type in your name and look you up on Facebook when you apply for a job,” she said. “If they see inappropriate content they might not interview you — they might not hire you.”

Berger, who graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2006, said a handful of employers fired interns last year because of questionable content on their Facebook pages. She urged students to keep in mind that, if hired, they become a representation of that company and an “extension of the brand.”

A January 2010 report commissioned by Microsoft that examined the impact of an online reputation on hiring practices supports Berger’s assertions.

The “Online Reputation in a Connected World” report conducted by Cross-Tab Mar-

keting Services noted that 75 percent of recruiters said their companies had formal policies that required human resources teams to research applicants online and 63 percent had visited candidates’ social networking sites before making any hiring decisions.

On the contrary, only 7 percent of Americans surveyed believed information about them online had affected previous job searches, the report states, while 70 percent of U.S. hiring managers said they had eliminated candidates based on what they found.

Andrea Donohue, who graduated from Maryland last May with a degree in French, was aware of companies that screened social networks for prospective applicants and ditched her Facebook surname to cloak her online identity.

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Emily Winchatz
Capitol Hill intern

just didn’t really want employers to be able to find me,” she said, adding that she was also cautious about potential bosses having access to her page through mutual friends.

“I cleaned out my friend list because a lot of people on there were people I had one class with freshman year that I haven’t talked to since,” said Donohue. “I don’t know if they’re going to get a job with someone interviewing and they say, ‘Oh, you know this person? Let me look at their profile.’”

Carol Vellucci, career center director at the University of Baltimore, understands students’ unease, saying that most recruiters will check social networking sites when there’s time to do so.

“Concerns about social media are definitely legit,” said Vellucci in a statement. “We always tell (students) to be careful about what they post and where they post it.”

Jackie Sauter, web content manager at American University’s Kogod School of Business, wasn’t aware of the name-changing trend but said students should be apprehensive.

“In this day and age, almost every employer is checking people out on social networks,” she said, but “if you pay attention to your privacy settings and you’re vigilant about it, you can absolutely protect your privacy and still put forth a good image to a potential employer.”

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SHOWGIRLS

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As cute as the Showgirls are — and they are adorable — I can’t help wondering how many hardcore fans are thinking, “get out of the way, this is a baseball game for goodness sake.” I can remember thinking that if I were an outsider looking in, I would find us utterly ridiculous. And I know I wasn’t the only one who felt this way.

“It has been difficult integrating what we do as a team into the baseball setting. Dancing on the dugouts has been challenging, especially being so close to the audience and not having a lot of space

to work with,” said senior Showgirl Morgan Murrah. “The fans do not really seem to enjoy our short performances and do not seem to get very involved. Baseball and basketball do overlap, and since Showgirls is so involved in both seasons, it is a very busy and challenging time of year for us trying to prepare and cover all games.”

I can understand having cheerleaders perform at a football or a basketball game, but a baseball game? I don’t think so. It’s just wrong.

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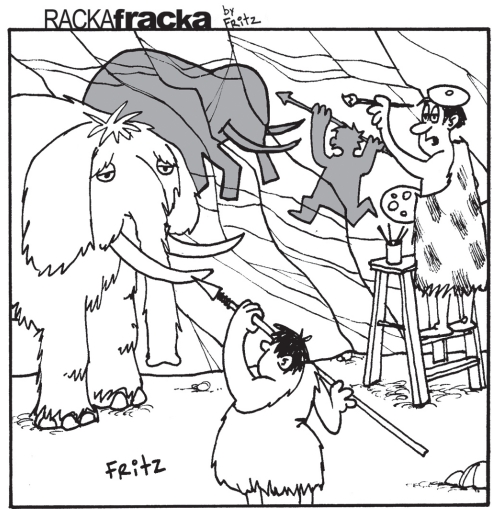
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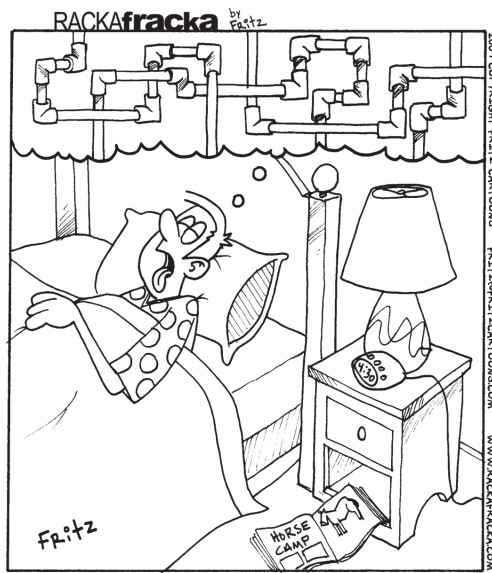
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- Head, slangily
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- "Patient record"
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- Hide-hair connector
- Old way to get a number
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- At 41, Kipling was the youngest one ever in his field
- "Jump around on the sofa?"
- Society-page word
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- Actress Longoria
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- "Flying need"
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- Order-restoring tool
- São ___, Brazil
- Homer's bartender

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- Coll. drillers
- Kiss
- "... the beef?"
- Stag
- "Is that ___?"
- Loving murmur
- Kipling's young spy
- Designer Gemreich
- Demo ending?
- Result of an unsuccessful football play, perhaps
- End of a threat
- One way to learn
- Go after
- Twin Cities suburb
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- Next yr.'s alumni
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By Dan Naddor

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Wednesday's Solution

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BASEBALL

TOURNAMENT TRIAL



Pitcher Greg Holle on the mound in the Horned Frogs' 17-12 win over UTSA Tuesday night. MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer

Baseball heads to Houston

By Steve Bocanegra
Staff Writer

After winning a high scoring home game Tuesday night against the Roadrunners of UT-San Antonio, 17-12, the baseball team's record moved to 6-1 on the season.

The Frogs now look to build upon this season's strong start, and they have their eyes set on the season's first tournament of the year.

The team will travel to Houston this weekend to take part in the Houston College Classic at Minute Maid Park, home field of the Houston Astros. The Frogs are currently ranked No. 7 in the latest Baseball America college baseball rankings and are

looking ahead to a stacked tournament field that includes the No. 3 Texas Longhorns, No. 9 Rice, Texas Tech, Missouri and the University of Houston.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said the Houston College Classic is the best college baseball tournament in the country outside of the College World Series and playing in it will give the Frogs a big stage to compete on and should provide good experience.

"It's in a big league ballpark and the team will be excited to play," Schlossnagle said.

For a few Frogs, the Houston College Classic will be an opportunity to return home and give them a chance to play in front of family and friends.

Redshirt sophomore Aaron Schultz, a native of Spring, said he was very eager to return home and play in front of his friends and family.

"I'm so excited to get a chance to return back home to play in front of my family and I'm really looking forward to it," Schultz said. "There are some good teams in it this year and we're looking to see how we shape up against them and just get better each game out."

The Frogs will kick off the Houston College Classic on Friday against the Texas Tech Red Raiders at noon, followed by two weekend games against Missouri on Saturday at noon and Rice on Sunday night.

EQUESTRIAN

Junior rider helps team move toward national championship

By Jason Pan
Staff Writer

Ashley Aikman is continuing to propel No. 8 TCU toward another Varsity Equestrian National Championship as the Lady Frogs head into the VENC brackets April 15.

Aikman, a junior from Mission, secured the Horned Frog victory over defending national champion Texas A&M on Feb. 5 in front of 1,623 spectators inside the John Justin Arena. She beat Randi Standley in Horsemanship, 71.25-70.

Sophomore Courtney Chown continued to rally the Frogs in the event, defeating Katie Lisabeth, 72.75-72.5.

"Ashley Aikman has been a solid rider this year for us," head coach Gary Reynolds said. "She's coming into this spring with so much confi-

dence. I know when it comes down to it, she's going to lay it all on the line."

Aikman attributes her exceptional performance to increased experience as a junior, her individual world championship win in 2007 and mental conditioning.

"I can't say I expected to win, but we did!" Aikman said.

As a freshman, she helped TCU equestrian claim the national championship in 2007. Aikman said beating Texas A&M was the result of intense training, as both TCU and A&M are arguably the best in the nation.

"It felt good the beat the team that took our championship trophy away last year," Aikman said.

The former world champion rider started showing horses at age 5. She said she

TCU vs. SMU

When: Friday
Where: Mansfield

plans to enter physical therapy school after graduation.

"Every ride is nerve-racking, but every single TCU rider is of world championship-caliber, and we train really hard both physically and mentally for each meet," she said.

The Horned Frogs crushed the nation's No. 3 ranked team in reining, cruising to a 3-1 victory on Friday. With the victory, TCU moved to 10-2 overall in Western, while Texas A&M dropped to 6-3 in Western events on the season.

TCU equestrian will continue against SMU in Mansfield on Friday.

INTRAMURALS UPDATE

Single and team sports

March is often equated with midterms and Spring Break, but those looking for some healthy competition should look to the University Recreation Center for a full schedule of intramural sports this month.

There are no team tournaments scheduled for March, but plenty of events for competitive individuals.

The individual events kick off Friday with a free No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament at 5 p.m. in the Special Events Gym. The players ranked in the top-six will receive prizes.

If gambling isn't your

thing, there's another individual tournament on March 30. The table tennis tournament will be held in the Games Room and is free of charge.

If games aren't your thing, then lace up your running shoes for the 5K Run to Joe's on March 27. The run costs \$15 and benefits the Samaritan House Project in Fort Worth. Registration is already open and ends March 12.

Team competition in outdoor soccer began last week, and continues through March.

Other team sports coming up this month include Wally-

ball and Team Handball.

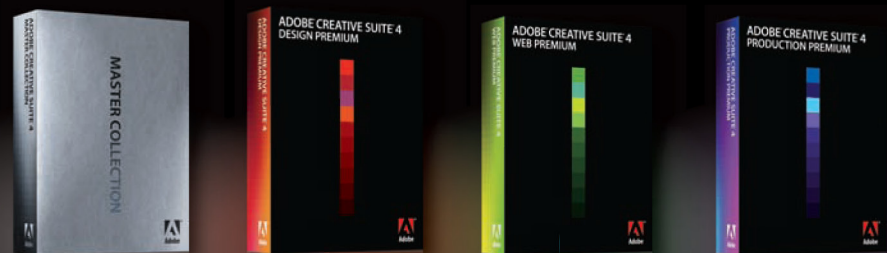
Wallyball is a 4-on-4 event resembling volleyball, but takes place on a racquetball court. Team registration for Wallyball begins Tuesday and play starts on March 28. The cost is \$20 per team.

Team Handball registration also starts Tuesday, with competition kicking off March 28. Team Handball is a 7-on-7 event, and the cost is \$35 per team.

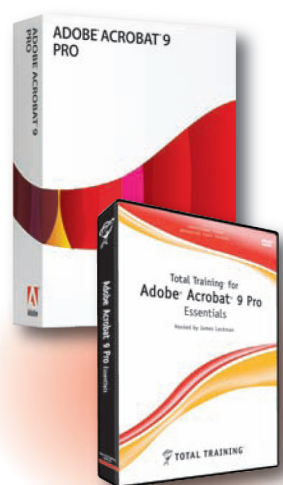
For more information on campus intramurals check out campusrec.tcu.edu.

— Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf

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OPINION

Wins, not sex, sell baseball tickets



JESSICA REHO

Since when do dancers belong at a baseball game?

I am a huge fan of the TCU Showgirls. In fact, two seasons ago, I too, was one of the scantily clad dancers shaking my pompoms at every home baseball game. Consequently, I remember how awkward it felt to climb onto the dugout, "perform" (if you can even call it that given the limited surface space) for a mostly apathetic

crowd and then hop back down again.

Now, am I the only one who finds this concept a little strange? Because last time I checked, there were no cheerleaders in baseball. Okay, granted a few other schools — the University of Arkansas, for example — also have their spirit squads perform at baseball games. But cheerleaders, dancers or anything of the like would be a real rarity at the professional level.

My first thought was that this was just the latest ploy by the TCU marketing department to increase turnout, seemingly drawing on the advertising principle that "sex sells." And game attendance

has been on the uptick for the past couple years, but this is probably because the team is actually really good.

The Frogs ended last season one game away from the College World Series. This season, they've added pitcher Matt Purke (Texas Rangers' first-round pick in last year's First-Year Player Draft), and the average attendance for opening weekend against Sam Houston State was about 3,000 people. Yet the TCU Showgirls are still dancing on top of the dugout after the first inning of every home game. This just doesn't seem necessary. Not only that, but they rarely stay for the entire game.

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