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Renowned primatologist stops by university.

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This Feb. 15, 2010, file photo shows a package of K2, a concoction of dried herbs sprayed with chemicals. Cannabinoid substances are chemically treated, smokable leaves, which are known by names such as "Spice" and "K2" and are snorted or smoked as hallucinogens.

K2, other cannabinoid substances, banned on campus

By **Jordan Daigle**
 Staff Reporter

Synthetic cannabinoid substances, such as K2, were recently banned on TCU's campus due to the dangerous health effects associated with the drug, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, the agency banned the substances in cannabi-

noids, such as JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497, and cannabicyclohexanol, nationwide March 1 and made it illegal to sell or possess the substance or those ingredients. The ban will be in effect for at least one year, during which the DEA and the Department of Health and Human Services will study the substance and determine whether to keep the ban in place permanently.

The synthetic drug was perceived

as a legal alternative to marijuana and was typically advertised as herbal incense or plant food. According to the DEA, reports were issued by numerous state and local public health departments and poison control centers describing the adverse health effects associated with K2. These include anxiety attacks, vomiting, seizures and elevated blood pressure. Additionally, the effects on the central ner-

vous system can be potentially life-threatening, according to the DEA.

Mills said the problem with substances like K2 was that it was an uncontrolled substance.

"There was no way that a purchaser could know what the ingredients were," Mills said. "We had students that smoked K2 and had to be hospitalized because they were so dangerously affected by it."

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said

they were seeing numerous instances of K2 use on campus.

"We were confiscating marijuana and K2 probably three or four times a week," Ham said. "I've only seen one [student] on K2, and that poor kid was sick to death."

Ham said many students purchased their K2 at Fusion, Inc., a popular smoke shop located near campus.

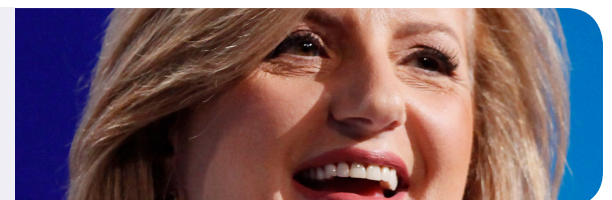
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CORRECTION

Friday's article on Jane Goodall incorrectly stated that her lecture was open to the public. Admission to the lecture was by invitation only.

SYMPOSIUM 2

Journalists from web, cable television will participate in annual discussion.



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K2 BAN

Fusion employees declined to comment.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Campus Life Susan Adams said the reason TCU took action to ban substances like K2 on campus was partly because several students were reported to have experienced very serious health problems after using the drug.

"Our main concern is keeping TCU students healthy and safe," Adams said.

Since it was legal, Adams said most students smoked K2 as a substitute for marijuana but said that the synthetic cannabinoid was much more dangerous.

"I honestly don't think students think the drug is harmful," she said. "The chemicals thrown together have no regulation, and that is really frightening."

Senior Spanish major John Andrew Willis said he felt the banning of K2 was a good idea.

"It seems to have a lot of chemicals in it that most people wouldn't want to put in their body," Willis said.

But he said he did not feel students would stop smoking K2 just because it is now illegal.

"I think there [are] enough people that don't really care about harming their bodies that will still continue to use it regardless," he said.

Mills said K2 was not as easy to find as marijuana, but if it is found it will be treated as a zero tolerance situation.

As of March 1, Ham said K2 will be treated just like marijuana.

"It is illegal, and students will be charged," he said.

CAMPUS

Schieffer Symposium will feature variety of opinions

By Maddie Tasker

Staff Reporter



Huffington

The seventh annual Schieffer Symposium will be distinct from years past because of the unique backgrounds and perspectives of the chosen panelists, John Lumpkin, director of the Schieffer School of Journalism, said.

"This is the first year since the symposium began that all of the participants are from media other than traditional newspaper or broadcast network," Lumpkin said.

The panelists represent two different cable television news networks, Fox News and MSNBC, which are often considered to interpret the news from opposite ends of the political spectrum, and *The Huffington Post*, which is a strictly online publication, he said.

Panelists for the April 6 event will be Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, co-hosts of MSNBC's "Morning Joe"; Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of *The Huffington Post*; and Brit Hume, senior political analyst with Fox News and regular panelist for "Fox News Sunday."

Bob Schieffer, moderator of CBS' "Face the Nation," TCU alumnus and host of the symposium, chooses the panelists each year, Lumpkin said.

"The idea is to have the contributions be from these news organizations that weren't around a quarter of a century ago," Lumpkin said. "It's exciting that the people chosen represent news media in which the audiences are growing."

In an online video about the journalism school, Schieffer stressed the importance for Schieffer School students to meet working professionals and said he sets up the symposium every year to give TCU students the chance

to learn from the best in the business.

Holly Ellman, communication specialist for the College of Communication, said that instead of having a predetermined theme, this year the discussions will be based on what is happening in the world of news at the time.

"It's the nature of the news business," she said. "Something always comes up that everyone wants to talk about."

Lumpkin said there are several topics that are like-

ly to be discussed, but the unique perspectives each panelist would bring is what will make the discussions interesting.

Sophomore strategic communication major Zach Cate said he planned to attend the event and was impressed that such well known and well respected professionals were coming to TCU.

"Brit Hume has had decades in the business at many different news outlets," Cate said. "He actually hosted one of my fa-

vorite shows on Fox News a few years back. He's a really well respected guy."

Seventh Annual Schieffer Symposium

When: 6:30 p.m. April 6
Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium

TCU students must RSVP at schiefferschoolsvp@tcu.edu to be admitted free with TCU ID.



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Joe Scarborough, right, and Mika Brzezinski host the show Morning Joe on MSNBC. They are shown addressing a gathering in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 14, 2010.

BUSINESS

Neeley School ranked 29th in 'BusinessWeek'

Staff Report

TCU's Neeley School of Business was ranked the 29th-best undergraduate business program in the country, according to a *BusinessWeek* survey released Monday.

The sixth annual survey conducted by the magazine compared 113 business programs across the U.S. and ranked the programs based on criteria such as median

starting salary, student-faculty ratio, and average SAT and ACT scores. 28,377 students and 775 corporate businesses responded to the survey. The school moved up one spot from 2010, where it was ranked 30th. This year, the school was ranked as the sixth-best by students and was ranked 19th in terms of academic quality. Corporate recruiters, however, ranked the school 109 out of 113.

Staff Report

Student Government Association elections for the Vice President of External Affairs will take place from 8 a.m. today until noon Wednesday. The three candidates running are sophomore business major Macy Pulliam, junior entrepreneurial management major Caroline Wiersgalla and sophomore business major Hunter Sprague. Students can vote for the position on my.tcu.edu.

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SPEAKER

Goodall: Hope, peace key to understanding nature

By Clay York
Staff Reporter

British primatologist Jane Goodall spoke to students at TCU and Fort Worth Country Day about the thread of peace, hope and harmony that humanity has with itself and nature in a private lecture on Monday.

TCU worked with Fort Worth Country Day School to co-sponsor Goodall's visit to Fort Worth. The lecture was part of a 10-week touring exhibit through the United States, hosted by the Jane Goodall Institute.

The lecture heavily focused on her personal history and environmental activism through the Roots & Shoots program and also spread a message of hope.

She urged the audience to realize the hope that is shown through the human brain, the human spirit, youth and the resilience of nature.

She admitted that even she has been discouraged at times. But she said she looked to these factors and history to help her regain hope.

"There's examples throughout history of terrible events which seem absolutely overwhelming at the time, but we have survived them and come out to go on fighting," Goodall said.

Senior environmental science and political science double major Macy Zander said she thought Goodall's talk was re-

freshing.

"More so than anyone else, she's seen the ups and downs of conservation," Zander said. "It was just really, really intriguing to me to hear, despite all the stuff that's going on, how much hope she still has for humanity and how we can take care of the world."

The speaking tour specifically targeted Roots & Shoots programs across the nation.

According to the Jane Goodall Institute website, the Roots & Shoots mission is to help students actively learn about the environment to make youth more thoughtful and compassionate for all creatures.

Zander, who is also vice president of the TCU Environmental Club, said starting a Roots & Shoots branch on campus would be phenomenal.

"That is something the Environmental Club might look into doing because it will be a really good way to connect them with other universities and other schools and other countries," Zander said.

The program began in 1991 as a result of the efforts of 12 students. Now there are 126 countries involved with 16,000 active groups and an average of 20 members in each group, Goodall said.

"We are growing the family of man worldwide," Goodall said.

Goodall said joining this family is a perfect way for college students from TCU and other universities to get involved in

protecting the environment.

"You start a group by getting people together and talking about problems," Goodall said. "Discuss what to do, and then roll up [your] sleeves and go out and do it. If it doesn't work, don't give up. Because you may be doing it the wrong way."

After spending 50 years in the field, Goodall said she has not given up on her curiosity about the environment or her interest to help the environment. Because of her insatiable thirst for knowledge and because of her mother's support, Goodall said, she was able to successfully pursue her dreams.

She said she decided to move to Africa and live with primates at the age of 11 when she read "Tarzan of the Apes." She even had a childhood crush on the

fictional character until he married "that other stupid, wimpy Jane," she said.

Goodall said she then worked waiting tables to buy her boat fare for her initial adventure from the United Kingdom to Africa.

"That first adventure — that adventure when I was 23 — nothing like that has ever happened again," Goodall said.

Goodall has since received numerous awards, including Disney's Animal Kingdom Eco Hero Award, Discovery Channel Europe Award for A Lifetime of Discovery and the Gandhi/King Award for Non-Violence. She also has been honored as a "Messenger of Peace" by the United Nations and Dame of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.



KATEY MULDRON / NEWS EDITOR

Goodall signs a book for freshman anthropology major Samantha Hunter before her lecture begins while holding her mascot, Mr. H.



KATEY MULDRON / NEWS EDITOR

Goodall takes the stage to talk about her history and what students can do to improve their communities.



KATEY MULDRON / NEWS EDITOR

Students from Fort Worth Country Day take a photo with Goodall after presenting their group's project over making an impact through community service.

Vice Chancellor: Spring break travel to Mexico unsafe

By Crystal Galvan
Staff Reporter

With spring break coming next week, TCU has warned all students of the possible dangers of traveling to Mexico, John Singleton, director of International Student Services, said.

Mexico has been a common vacation spot for students during spring break, but things have now changed in areas around the border, Singleton said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills sent students an e-mail Feb. 18 cautioning students about safety in Mexico and included the Texas Department of Public Safety's warning to avoid traveling to Mexico's border cities. The e-mail also provided the

DPS's general security tips for the break.

According to the U.S. Department of State website, a travel warning was issued in September to discourage Americans from traveling to Mexico because of recent drug-related violence and crime. The warning said dangers are not as prevalent in tourist and resort areas, but said all travelers should understand the risks.

Sohyun Lee, a TCU Spanish professor who teaches a class on the culture of the border between the U.S. and Mexico, said violence is more prevalent in that area partly because it is different from the center of Mexico and the United States.

"It is a conflicting site," she said. "The border is always a different place. That may ex-

plain the overflow of violence there."

The border is the center of all types of transactions and it sees a constant flow of people from both Mexico and the United States interchanging culture and products including but not limited to drugs, Lee said.

Singleton said this change in safety circumstances in Mexico has also affected educational programs that once traveled to Mexico.

"The institution has a policy that in countries where there is a State Department warning we cannot have official educational abroad programs," Singleton said.

Although the university has policies like this to protect the students, it cannot control the students' travel plans during

spring break, he said.

Senior criminal justice major Janet Alonzo said she has family in Mexico and would still go visit if she had the chance. She said she has yet

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John Singleton
Director of International Student Services

to witness the dangers that are being reported in the news.

Her family makes frequent trips to Mexico without encountering any real danger, she said.

After reading the e-mail Mills sent to students, Alonzo said she felt like it exaggerated the risks of traveling to Mexico. She also said stories about the chaos in the country are exaggerated.

Alonzo said it is good to be aware of possible dangers, but people should not let these risks stop them from visiting Mexico.

Singleton said he is aware that not all students would take the time to read the safety tips sent in Mills' e-mail, and that the university cannot completely deter all students from traveling to Mexico. However, students

who are traveling around the border should refrain from traveling at night, he said.

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The Skiff View

Students should seize speaker opportunities

With the Monday campus visit of primatologist Jane Goodall and the announcement that Alice Walker, author of "The Color Purple," will visit April 29, the number of prestigious speakers the university brings in certainly is not in short supply. These speakers are brought in for students' benefit, but sometimes the student body doesn't take full advantage of these exceptional experiences. It's unfortunate that this happens as the diversity of speakers and the variety of topics ensures there's almost always something for everyone.

The benefits of learning from professionals already established in their fields, whatever they may be, may prove highly advantageous for those attending. The wisdom and knowledge they share is invaluable if the opportunity is taken. For example, this year's Schieffer Symposium will feature a diverse group of panelists that will make the symposium distinct from those in the past, Schieffer School of Journalism Director John Lumpkin said. Not only journalism students but also those from other areas of study can benefit from the symposium, and an event doesn't always have to be related to students' emphasis for them to learn from it.

Though some opportunities have already passed, there are still some occasions that could unfortunately be missed. Let this be a challenge so these priceless opportunities do not go overlooked.

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Conference shows LGBT progress on campus



Emily Atteberry

Although on the surface, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Leadership Conference, hosted by the Gay Straight Alliance on Saturday, was just a "leadership conference," it truly symbolized a marked progression toward inclusiveness throughout the campus.

The leadership conference consisted of 75 attendees, including students and faculty from TCU and seven additional Texas schools, and focused on suicide and crisis prevention as a response to the slew of gay teen suicides in October 2010, Jamal King, GSA president, said.

Attendees participated in various workshops, such as learning about professional skills that emphasize inclusiveness, hosted by the Trevor Project, or learning about faith in "Pride in the Truth."

The conference marked a stark

contrast to a 2008 study conducted by a social work major Skye Newkirk and her mentor Tracy Dietz, associate professor of social work, which concluded the campus lacked support for the LGBT community. The researchers asserted that the lack of campus support was the true source of LGBT students' fears and discomforts.

Although resources are still lacking, King said, he hopes this conference will become both a resource and a symbol of progress for students.

"The main purpose is to make sure we have resources for everyone. We are here, and we are here to help with suicide and crisis prevention," he said.

The conference, which the GSA plans to make an annual event, was a considerable achievement for the LGBT community, who has suffered many disappointments before.

In 2009, students signed petitions and asked for an LGBT resource center with books and study spaces, which the university said would be "considered" but was ultimately hindered.

Also in 2009, LGBT housing, called "the DiversCity Q community" was proposed. However, due to controversy over the idea of "living learning com-

munities" in general, the proposal was nixed.

Now in 2011, the LGBT community still lacks a LGBT director in the office of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, a position that is common at other universities, such as Texas A&M and SMU.

Moreover, they still desire — and deserve — a resource center, so they can educate themselves and others.

The GSA still hopes to become a more vocal and visible part of the campus and raise awareness with straight students, King said.

But the best thing for the LGBT community to do is focus on the future — now is what I believe to be their time, the most vital time for gay rights, both on campus and in America.

The same week a YouTube video of a 10-year-old girl playing Lady Gaga's gay-rights hit "Born This Way" received 19 million hits, eight universities in Texas teamed up to create a successful and educational LGBT leadership conference. If that's not progress, I simply do not know what it is.

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Poor pet health could reflect on owner, impact health of kids



Pearce Edwards

Americans love their pets; there is no questioning that fact. With the Humane Society of the United States estimating national dog ownership rates at 39 percent and cat ownership at 33 percent, many TCU students should have many memories with their own pet or one of a family member or friend.

Pets are extensions of each owner's heart, a source of love, attention, play or even ignorance and control. Americans play with them, walk them, dress them up, spend thousands on their veterinary operations and

watch celebrities tote them around in matching outfits.

But what happens when pet indulgence goes too far?

Recent research by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention found more than half of America's dogs and cats to be overweight or obese. While pet obesity may seem of passing interest, reserved for an Antonio Banderas-voiced Puss in Boots and Disney characters of yesteryear, think again before finding the data unimportant.

The most important lesson of pet obesity is its reflection on owners and society. A 2008 study in the *Journal of Preventive Medicine* explained that total physical activity and health among dog owners varied directly with how often owners walked their pooches.

Less active dogs will have higher obesity rates, therefore demonstrating that pet obesity is an important indicator of human health. One would expect, then, pet obesity rates and

American obesity rates to correlate. Looking at pet health numbers, then, should lead owners and non-owners alike to consider the consequences of poor health habits on pets.

Another affected group is children. Think of all the family videos and photos of the family babies and toddlers who were with pets. One thing is certain about obese pets, especially cats: they really don't take kindly to moving around. This is problematic for the very hopeful toddler looking for playtime.

Considering rising childhood obesity rates and first lady Michelle Obama's campaign to slow the trend, the influence of pet activity on childhood habits must be considered.

As adult health affects pet health, pet health affects child health. It is therefore the responsibility of thinking adults to make better lifestyle choices to help Fido and set an example for childhood development.

Finally, think of the pets themselves. What sort of impact does obesity have on a pet that often may not even have the free will to go outside to sate the biologically-ingrained need for movement? Humans have been responsible for the care and well-being of domesticated animals ever since dogs gravitated toward settlements thousands of years ago.

But what about the viral links to photos and videos of fat pets that provide so much entertainment? A sociological theory called Healthy at Every Size lets everyone feel better gawking at a thoroughly self-satisfied fifty-plus pound cat. The cat wants it, right?

In reality, consider the treatment you give pets. Understand their dependence on humans and the responsibility to care for them in return. Realize that unhealthy pets turn a mirror back on the owner and have harmful effects on children.

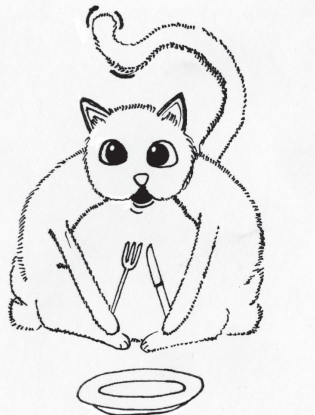


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Or next time, just give Bitsy one scrap instead of the whole plate and give Max a good belly rub instead of treats.

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Mobile etiquette getting worse



Bailey McGowan

Thanks to the lack of cell phone etiquette, we now all know what you did last night, who you don't care for and just how unsafe your driving skills are.

As much as one person may care for another, no one enjoys the obnoxious lack of mobile courtesy.

According to a Feb. 25 *Reuters* article, a new study by Intel revealed that 91 percent of U.S. adults said they've seen technology misused, and 75 percent think mobile manners have decreased over the past year.

Is it any wonder people think this way when Facebook, texting, Twitter, and a variety of other apps are available at people's fingertips?

Mobile etiquette is underdeveloped in our society, especially with the younger generations.

First, there are basic courtesies that we should all follow, and I'll be the first to admit I'm not the best with these. In the poll, 20 percent admitted they misused their mobile devices themselves.

Places such as elevators,

libraries, museums, waiting rooms, enclosed public spaces, theatres and places of worship should have no cell phone activity whatsoever. While some of the places mentioned are purely out of respect for those surrounding us, cell phone etiquette is important for one's safety.

Twenty-five percent of those polled by Intel said they've seen people use their laptops while driving. This is outrageous. How could someone possibly practice safe driving skills and work a laptop at the same time?

If someone is traveling on the highway at a speed of 60 mph, they're going 88 feet per second. That means if they were to look at their phone for 5 seconds to read even a text message, they would be travel 440 feet before their eyes returned to the road.

That is plenty of time and distance for an animal to come out on the road, for something to fly out of a truck bed or for an accident to occur. Drivers would not have enough time to react because of their inappropriate cell phone use.

We are addicted to our phones — plain and simple. One in five admits to checking their phones before they get out of bed in the morning.

To keep a healthy check on this addiction, there are some basic questions and rules that should be asked before answering that text or phone call.

First, will the conversation be an emotional one? If so, don't answer it. While one should be able to speak freely, it's never a good idea to air grievances with others present. This applies to text messages as well because it is disrespectful to ignore someone who is physically present for someone who's only electronically present.

Next, don't multi-task while on the phone. Even if it isn't an emotional conversation, it's proven that one's reaction time while texting is slowed to levels of someone who is legally drunk, according to *Car and Driver* magazine. One may not notice it, but someone may be held up because of one's inability to put down the phone. Time is precious to everyone.

Finally, even if a phone is on vibrate, it's still audible. If you're in a place that one shouldn't be on the phone, like class, put it on silent. This will save all from the embarrassment of being called out or from that obnoxious ringtone.

Overall, mobile etiquette is necessary for more than just respect. It's important for safety and the well-being of all involved. We've come so far with technology, and now is not the time to be acting primitive.

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By Landon Haaf
Staff Reporter

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Wednesday, March 9

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When: 5:15–6:15 p.m.
Where: Third floor BLUU
Contact Charlie Calabrese
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When: 8:30–9:30 p.m.
Where: PepsiCo Recital Hall
Contact Nita Ferrell

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Thursday, March 10

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Where: BLUU King Conference Room
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Friday, March 11

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CelloFest
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EVENTS

Campus V-Day Campaign ends with 'The Vagina Monologues'

By Heather Noel
Staff Reporter

Performances of the play "The Vagina Monologues" concluded the TCU V-Day Campaign to stop violence against women and girls, with a frank and emotional experience for viewers.

Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" featured a cast of women telling their own stories through a series of monologues. Each monologue was based on real interviews done by Ensler with a diverse group of women who shared their experiences of violence, abuse and sexuality.

Katie Caruso, a senior theater major and coordinator of the TCU V-Day Campaign, said the play invoked many different emotions.

"['The Vagina Monologues' are] wonderfully entertaining, heartwrenching, hilarious, all of these things combined," she said. "It is very strong and forceful, and it has an opinion and it's not afraid of it."

Senior broadcast journalism major Austin Pearson believed the play did a good job balancing emotions as far ranging as depression to laughter.

Ashley Ototo, a sophomore psychology and pre-med major, said she liked how the play demonstrated the self-confi-

dence of women in sharing their experiences. "It's a wonderful thing that [TCU hosts] 'The Vagina Monologues' on campus because it's just amazing to see empowerment of women, expressing themselves," Ototo said.

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V-Day campaigns occur each year in February, March and April at colleges and communities all over the world, according to vday.org. Each campaign has the same mission to stop violence against women and girls.

According to the V-Day website, "The Vagina Monologues" encouraged women to open up about their own experiences of survival. This moved Ensler to begin the global movement to end violence against women and girls, using the play as a mechanism to inspire people

to act. The cast included 17 women from varying majors. Samantha Clayborn, a senior theater major, has played the same character three times. Clayborn said she has found some way to be involved with the V-Day campaign since her freshman year. She said her participation in the campaign means being a part of something that helps women all over the world.

"Every woman should see, do, or be a part of ['The Vagina Monologues'] in their life as many times as possible," she said.

Freshman Alex Marshall, a musical theater major, portrayed a Bosnian woman who was tortured and raped by men during the Yugoslav War.

She said she believed her involvement in the play opened her eyes to the violence against women that occurs all over the world. She also hoped that people would learn the seriousness of violence against women and the importance of raising awareness about the issue, she said.

Proceeds from the monologues' ticket sales and all other events throughout the week benefited The Women's Center of Tarrant County and the women and girls of Haiti, Caruso said.



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Sophomore theater major Christina Chester delivers a monologue entitled "My Angry Vagina" during the Vagina Monologues this past weekend.

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WISCONSIN

Gov. rebuffs Democrats' request for discussion

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

Wisconsin Democrats who fled the state nearly three weeks ago asked Monday for a meeting with Gov. Scott Walker to talk about changes to his plan to eliminate most public workers' union rights, a request the governor dismissed as "ridiculous."

Walker said he and his administration have been in communication with at least a couple of the AWOL Senate Democrats about a deal that could bring them back, but the lawmaker who asked for the meeting, Senate Minority Leader Mark Miller, "is firmly standing in the way."

That accusation led to a flurry of angry responses from Democrats who said Walker was misrepresenting the talks. The sometimes-angry exchange suggested that any resolution to the stalemate was farther away than ever.

"Right now, I'm so damn mad at his misrepresentation

of the truth and the public should be as well," said Sen. Bob Jauch, one of two Democrats who had talked last week with the Senate Republican leader about possible compromises. "Trust is completely broken down now. I don't believe anything he says."

The standoff has drawn national attention and placed Wisconsin at the center a vigorous debate over the future of union rights. Walker's proposal to balance the state budget remains in limbo because, without the 14 Democrats, the state Senate does not have enough members present for a quorum.

The senators said pressure is mounting on Walker and the GOP to compromise after weeks of protests that have drawn tens of thousands of people to the Capitol.

In addition, polls show substantial opposition to the governor and his plan, and recall efforts have been launched against Republican senators. Recall efforts have also begun against the Democrats.

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SPORTS

WEEKEND RECAP

By Ashley Monismith
Staff Reporter

Equestrian

TCU's equestrian team won 12-3 on Sunday against Delaware State. The No. 6 Frogs earned three MVP accolades with junior Victoria Lee, senior Milana Trimino and sophomore Kolby Simonson each capturing one. Lee, along with junior Taylor Frederick and sophomore Jennifer Whitt, gained points for a 5-3 win in Equitation over Fences. Trimino helped lead the Frogs to a 7-1 victory in Equitation on the Flat, while Simonson finished in a draw in Reining. On Saturday the Frogs will compete against No. 2 Georgia.

Track & Field

As TCU's indoor track and field season started to wrap up, both the men's and women's teams finished in the top five for all four categories at the Vir-

ginia Tech Final Qualifier. Both senior sprinter Mychal Dungey and junior jumper Cameron Parker earned third place for the men's team. Dungey was within one-tenth of a second to his closest speed for the semester in the 200-meter race. Parker almost broke his record in triple jump. For the women, senior sprinter Kristal Juarez gained first place in the 400-meter race. Sophomore thrower Kelsey Samuels received fifth place in shot put. On Friday the 2011 NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships start. A week after, on March 18, Track and Field's outdoor season begins at home with the TCU Invitational.

Women's Tennis

The TCU women's team lost to Oklahoma on Saturday 5-2. In singles play, senior Katariina Tuohimaa received her first win against a

ranked opponent this season, while senior Idunn Hertzberg fought until the end for a win against the Sooners. TCU's number one doubles pair, sophomore Federica Denti and Tuohimaa, also fought to a close 9-8 finish against Oklahoma. The Frogs will play against Lamar on Wednesday at home.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team fell to Texas Tech on Saturday 5-2. Senior Zach Nichols and junior Daniel Sanchez collected wins for both the singles and doubles teams. Nichols received his fifth win of the season by winning two tiebreakers in the singles match against Texas Tech. However, the Frogs could not overpower the No. 19 Red Raiders. The Horned Frogs will travel to California on Saturday to play against UC Irvine.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

TCU falls 6-1 to Wake Forest

By Chelsea Katz
Staff Reporter

TCU senior Katariina Tuohimaa faced off against her former doubles partner, junior Kayla Duncan of Wake Forest, but Tuohimaa couldn't best Duncan in a 8-4 doubles loss and the Frogs couldn't best the Demon Deacons in a 6-1 defeat at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center Monday.

No. 73 Wake Forest brought its record to 4-5 with the win while No. 75 TCU's record is now 1-5 this season.

Tuohimaa said it was a little weird to play against her former teammate and see her in a different uniform, but she tried to think of it as practice because she is still good friends with Duncan.

"We were really close," Tuohimaa said. "We were like roommates and really good friends."

Tuohimaa said she has been working on her forehand technique, and she thought it had gotten better since playing with Duncan. Besides an improved forehand, though, she thought she had the same style as when she played with Duncan.

In other doubles matches, the Demon Deacon pair of Emilee Malvey and Martina Pavelec defeated TCU junior Gaby Mastromarino and freshman Olivia Smith, 8-4 on the No. 2 court. On No. 3 court, TCU seniors Maria Babanova and Idunn Hertzberg defeated Wake Forest's Brigita Bercyte and Ryann Cuttillo, 8-5.

Head coach Dave Borelli was not thrilled about the outcome of the TCU doubles.

"I thought that was one of the worst doubles we have ever played," Borelli said after the match. "I don't know what happened, but we did not play very well in the doubles."

In singles play, Wake Forest's Martina Pavelec defeated Tuohimaa 7-5, 7-5. TCU's one win in single's play came when Smith defeated Kathryn Talbert of Wake Forest 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Overall, the Demon Deacons took Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 courts in singles play. Wake Forest's Emilee Malvey

defeated TCU sophomore Federica Denti 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Duncan defeated Hertzberg of 6-2, 6-1. Ryann Cuttillo defeated TCU senior Shalini Sahoo 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Babanova was winning 6-3 on the No. 6 court when she had to forfeit the match due to an injury.

Borelli thought the team played well in singles but still had to improve.

"We just didn't play well on the big points, that's the bottom line," Borelli said. "We just have to play better on the big points, play more percentage, and we're just making too many errors when it gets close."

Injuries have plagued the Horned Frogs and Borelli said the team is trying to focus despite the injuries.

"[Federica] Denti's got a bad back, Gaby [Mastromarino] doesn't play, Maria [Babanova] gets hurt and

she's winning," he said. "So all those issues, it's tough on everybody."

Borelli said the team is looking forward to conference play, and he is confident.

"We just gotta keep our heads above water and keep working and focus on the conference," he said. "Whatever we do, conference is our avenue to make the NCAA's and make it a better year, and we'll be there. We'll be there for sure, no doubt in my mind."

Up next

TCU will play Wednesday at home against Lamar at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. First serve is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Staff reporter Ashley Monismith contributed to this report.



CAROLINE HARDWICK / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Gaby Mastromarino follows through on a return during a home match earlier this season. The women fell to Wake Forest yesterday and face Lamar tomorrow.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

No. 7 TCU flips switch in Lubbock after three game losing skid



Ryan Osborne

There were 48 regular season games left on No. 7 TCU's schedule when they went to Lubbock Friday evening, so panicking before their three-game series with Texas Tech when they had only played two weeks of a three-month schedule would have been unnecessary and counterproductive for the Frogs.

Head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle's team knew that before they departed for West Texas.

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

But the Frogs also might have known that most fans and national pundits would

have expected the preseason ranked No. 1 team to lose its fourth game sometime around the first of April, not the first of March.

Naturally, TCU felt they had something to prove against the Red Raiders.

Their point was duly noted after outscoring Tech 23-7 in three-game sweep in Lubbock.

TCU's bats finally woke up and their pitching, apart from a near breakdown late in Saturday's game, was as flawless as it has been all season. Junior Kyle Winkler had his third scoreless outing of the season and sophomore Matt Purke made his second start of the year Sunday, throwing six scoreless innings.

Things are looking up for the Frogs as they return to Lupton Stadium tonight to face UT Arlington. But that wasn't the case the five days ago when TCU was mired, relatively speaking, in a three-game losing streak after dropping the last two games of the Cal State Fullerton series and then losing to Dallas Baptist 4-3 last Tuesday.

Errors were to blame for the Frogs' loss to DBU, but the losses to Cal State Fullerton and the loss to Kansas on opening weekend were all about their hitting, or lack thereof.

Baseball is a streaky game,

and if half your lineup is cold and the other half is average, it is going to be hard to consistently score runs.

Understandable, though.

After a six-month off-season layoff, some guys start hot and some start cold. Unfortunately for the Frogs, reliable batters like junior outfielder Jason Coats and senior infielder Joe Weik started the season off in the latter.

The players, however, realized what so many fans and pundits have glazed over: Friday night's game against Tech was going to be only their ninth game.

The team had the weekend and has every weekend until the Mountain West Conference tournament in May to fix, realign, and tinker something that was hardly broken.

They've won their season opening series, beaten two ranked opponents — No. 17 Baylor on the road and No. 6 Cal State Fullerton at home and found two extra starting freshman pitchers in freshman Andrew Mitchell and Stefan Crichton.

Both pitchers left their first starts having given up no earned runs. Mitchell, who started against the Bears last week and also against Cal State Fullerton Sunday, has struck out 10 in 11 2/3 scoreless innings.

TCU may have been 4-4

before Friday, but they were the best .500 team in country. They proved that against Texas Tech this weekend. With Purke healthy and pitching well, plus Coats (7-for-12 with six RBIs in the series) hitting equals TCU sweeping the dust off the Red Raiders.

But now comes the hard part for TCU baseball.

Whether it's been pressure from the big crowds or the

fact that Lupton Stadium isn't a hitters' ballpark, TCU has struggled to consistently score runs at home.

They should be able to carry-over some of the momentum they gained in Lubbock into tonight's game against UTA as well as this weekend's series against Houston Baptist. But if they don't quite put it together before Spring Break, don't be overly concerned.

There's a reason this team marched past the Texas Longhorns in the Austin Super Regional and made it to the College World Series for the first time in program history.

They can hit. They can field. They can pitch. And they can do it all when it counts.

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TCU's Taylor Featherston bobbles a grounder allowing Cal. State Fullerton's Carlos Lopez to get a double in the first inning during an NCAA college baseball game on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, in Fort Worth, Texas.

FOOTBALL

NFL and NFLPA labor talks continue

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press

Trying to work their way to a new labor deal, Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith resumed negotiations for four hours Monday.

With both sides adhering to mediator George Cohen's admonition that they not discuss the talks publicly, it wasn't clear how much — if any — progress was made in the shorter-than-usual session. The only sure thing: The sides planned to meet again Tuesday.

The current collective bargaining agreement originally was set to expire last week, but two extensions have now pushed the cutoff to the end of Friday. After months of infrequent formal negotiations and plenty of acrimony, the sides have spent 12 days at the Federal Mediation Conciliation

Service, but they still remain apart on key economic issues.

What will happen the rest of this week is still anyone's guess. If a deal isn't reached, the sides could agree to yet another extension and negotiate beyond Friday. Or talks could break off, leading to, possibly, a lockout by owners or antitrust lawsuits by players.

The NFL has not lost games to a work stoppage in nearly a quarter-century, and by agreeing to continue with mediation, the league and union made it clear neither was quite ready to make the drastic move of shutting down a sport that rakes in more than \$9 billion a year in revenues and is more popular than ever. The past two Super Bowls rank No. 1 and No. 2 among most-watched TV programs in U.S. history.

The key issues have been:

—How to divide revenues, including what cut team own-

ers should get up front to help cover costs such as stadium construction and improvement. Under the old deal, owners received about \$1 billion off the top. They entered these negotiations seeking to add another \$1 billion to it.

—A rookie wage scale, and where money saved by teams under that system would go.

—Benefits for retired players.

—The owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the preseason by two games.

For players to agree to a longer regular season, they would want substantial reductions in offseason workouts, minicamps and training camp. Should they get that, and if Smith can coax, say, five extra roster spots per team — resulting in 160 more jobs for players — perhaps the league and union could find common ground in that particular area.



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OPINION

No. 7 Frogs didn't panic after three-game losing skid.

SPORTS

TOMORROW

Can TCU turn it around in the MWC Tourney vs. Wyoming?

BASEBALL

No. 7 TCU back at home vs. UTA

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

After dropping three straight games before the Frogs' weekend matchup at Texas Tech (two losses to Cal State Fullerton and a loss to Dallas Baptist), it seemed likely preseason ranked No. 1 TCU would continue its descent in the college baseball polls entering today's game versus UT-Arlington at Lupton Stadium.

A breath of fresh West Texas air may have been what the Frogs needed to snap their losing skid — the Frogs now ride a three-game winning streak after sweeping Texas Tech over the weekend. The turnaround even helped TCU move up a spot to No. 7 in the March 7 Baseball America Top 25 Poll.

"We'll have to get better and stop regressing," junior pitcher Kyle Winkler said before the Frogs traveled to Lubbock. "Whether it's a change in senior year or us in general, we have to get better and that's really it."

Winkler walked the walk over the weekend, moving to 3-0 on the season after a 7-0 shutout Friday against the Red Raiders. Winkler hasn't allowed an earned run in 22 1/3 innings.

Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston said the offense couldn't be held down for too much longer and was on the verge of catching up with the way the Frogs had pitched and played defense in the first eight games of the season. The weekend stats seem to prove Featherston was dead on. The Frogs recorded 45 hits in their last three games after totaling 70 hits in the first eight. But no hitter broke out of a statistical slump quite like junior left fielder Jason Coats, who raised his batting average from .125 to .250 after going 7-for-12 in the three victories over Tech.

The away trip didn't come without bumps in the road. The Frogs gave up a 6-0 lead Saturday after senior pitcher Steven Maxwell allowed five runs and four walks in the

fifth inning. Senior pitcher Trent Appleby allowed the tying run in relief for Maxwell.

Freshman Stefan Crichton came in to relieve Appleby and picked up his first career win in the process after tallying four strike outs and allowing no runs in 3 1/3 innings of work in an 8-6 win.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Purke, who missed his last start due to a blister on his throwing hand, gave the Frogs the series sweep in a 8-1 victory over Tech Sunday. Purke (2-0) pitched six scoreless innings, struck out six Red Raider batters and allowed one hit in 81 pitches. Junior right fielder Brance Rivera and senior second baseman Jerome Pena stretched their hitting streaks in to the double digits. Rivera's streak reached 11 games on a 2-for-5 day at the plate as Pena stretched his streak to 10 games after recording two hits of his own Sunday.

UTA on four-game win streak

The Mavericks (6-5) defeated Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's 19th-ranked Wichita State twice in their four-game winning span, 6-3 Thursday and 9-3 Sunday. The Mavs also defeated Dallas Baptist 13-2 in Dallas Friday. DBU handed TCU a 4-3 defeat in Fort Worth last Tuesday. UTA's last loss came in a 4-3 defeat to No. 3 Oklahoma.

While the Frogs have amassed 45 hits in the last three games, the Mavs have recorded 51 hits of their own. The Mavs only have one home run on the season, but have a team batting average of .345.

TCU holds an 85-53 edge in the all-time series, while the Frogs have won 14 straight meetings against the Mavericks — a streak dating back to the 2004 season.

TCU vs. UT-Arlington

Probable Starters: Stefan Crichton (1-0, 0.00) vs. Chase Weaver (0-0, 0.00)

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BASEBALL AMERICA POLL

Top 25 Poll

Rk.	Team	W-L	Last Week	Prev.
1.	Florida	10-1	3-1	1
2.	Vanderbilt	11-1	4-0	2
3.	Oklahoma	14-0	5-0	3
4.	South Carolina	8-1	2-1	4
5.	Texas	7-4	2-1	6
6.	CS Fullerton	8-3	4-0	7
7.	TCU	7-4	3-1	8
8.	Florida State	10-1	3-1	11
9.	Arizona State	9-2	3-1	10
10.	Clemson	7-2	2-1	12



Freshman Brett Johnson stands at the ready with a Texas Tech runner on first base. The Frogs swept the three-game series in Lubbock and face UT-Arlington tonight at Lupton Stadium.

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