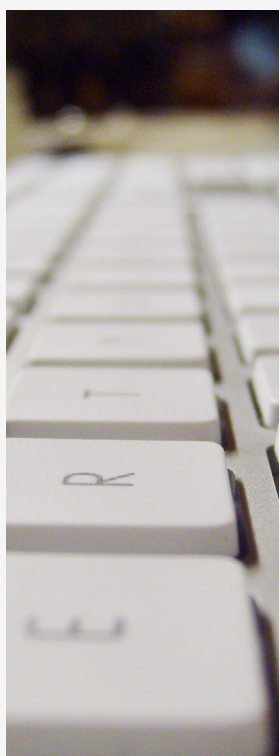


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An article in Thursday's issue misidentified LeAnn Roberts as an adjunct communications professor. Roberts is a lecturer in communication studies.

An article in Friday's issue misidentified associate professor Judy Groulx as Judy Groulx.

CLARIFICATION

In Friday's article, Groulx was identified as an associate professor of experimental psychology. She in fact earned her doctorate in experimental psychology, but she is a faculty member in the College of Education, where she teaches educational psychology, assessment and research.

In the same article, Groulx was quoted discussing the possibility of online teaching evaluations. She was specifically referring to the possibility of online Student Perception of Teaching evaluations, also known as SPOT evaluations.

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BOOKWORM



Reference librarian Ammie Harrison looks over a book in her office on Monday.

MELANIE CRUTHIRDS / Staff Photographer

Love of library results in career

By **Melanie Cruthirds**
News Editor

Deep in the heart of West Texas desert country, you'll find Scurry County, whose population hovers near the 16,000 mark and calls Snyder its central metropolis. Deep in the heart of Snyder native and book junkie Ammie Harrison, you'll find fond memories of one of the town's capstone attractions, the Scurry County Library. Harrison, a reference librarian at the university, said she still remembers her first, treasured library card that her Aunt Linda helped her acquire.

"I think I was 7 or 8, and I just thought it was the coolest because it comes in this little plastic envelope," Harrison said. "These are the old kind of cards before they got these electronics."

As an elementary school student, Harrison was already inter-

ested in reading young adult novels and history books. Although she learned to read at age 3, alongside her older brother, Harrison said the process was rather serendipitous.

While working on reading activities with her sibling, Harrison's mother tried different ways to keep her occupied and quiet during the sessions. Toys, treats and traditional tactics didn't faze the inquisitive toddler.

"(My mom) started teaching me parts of the alphabet," she said. "It didn't bore me, but it did make me quiet. So, I pretty much accidentally learned how to read because I started to pay attention to what she was teaching my brother."

Later in life, while working at the county library in high school, she read to children as a mentor. After browsing encyclopedias at the start of her library experience,

this was her first real introduction to children's literature.

Now, as the reference liaison for eight academic disciplines, including history and English, Harrison said she enjoys the time she gets to spend helping university students. Students can see Harrison for research help in both one-on-one and group sessions, but she said, on occasion, she gets to instruct in a classroom setting. This proximity to the teaching environment is one thing Harrison said she enjoyed most about her work in the library.

"I toyed with the idea of teaching, possibly being an embedded librarian and teaching with someone else," Harrison said. "Glorious as it sounds, there's just a lot of job security here — people will always need information and some way to get it."

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ALABAMA SHOOTING

Faculty screening procedures in place

By **Ashley Melnick**
Staff Reporter

Last month's shooting spree by a professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville campus has raised concerns over whether professors can be properly screened before they are hired.

Candidates for jobs at TCU sign a release form giving permission to run a background check, which is administered by Abso, a human resource software and service company, said Jacquelyn Curry, human resources employment coordinator. Previous employment dating back to seven years is checked as well.

Ellen Broom, a lecturer in the psychology department at TCU, said people with a higher IQ, such as professors, tend to think more "outside the box" and can exhibit different interests and behaviors. "Of course it's going to lead to eccentric behavior," Broom said. "Certainly because they are working on a different level than the typical person."

Broom also said it is hard to decipher what is strange or erratic behavior, especially if Amy Bishop, the UAH biology professor who went on a shooting spree in February, has a disorder such as paranoid schizophrenia or Asperger's, a milder form of autism.

"What may be atypical for you

or me might not be atypical for someone else," Broom said. However, faculty like Bishop are the exception and not the norm, said Elizabeth Taylor, associate dean of undergraduate studies at the College of Education. Taylor said she believes the incident at UAH was unusual, and if Bishop's previous actions had been on record, the university could have caught her indiscretions.

Bishop shot six faculty members at her university in February after her application for academic tenure was denied. According to The New York Times, she also fatally shot her brother in 1986, but the case was dismissed as an accident and she was never charged. In 1993, Bishop and her husband were also questioned in the attempted mailed bombing of a Harvard University colleague but were not charged. In 2002, one year before she joined UAH, Bishop was charged with assault after punching a woman at an International House of Pancakes in Massachusetts, according to The New York Times.

Broom said she believes Bishop had a volatile history based on information from Bishop's colleagues, but that wouldn't have shown up in the background check or hiring process at the university. Signs of unpredictable or violent behavior are not necessarily tested at universities, but

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Amna Alzghari
junior biology major

may be in other occupations such as the FBI or jobs that require handling weaponry or chemicals.

Amna Alzghari, a junior biology major, said her professors care a lot about their students and she has never seen her professors act unruly. "Professors are so understanding here," Alzghari said. "They wouldn't get into a rage like in Alabama."

But according to ratemyprofessors.com, Bishop had mostly positive reviews from Web site users who had taken a class with her.

When searching for a candidate in the sociology and anthropology department, Morrison Wong, chairman of the department, said he's looking for the best qualified person. The candidate goes through rigorous meetings, interviews and presentations to reaffirm the candidate is the right fit. Wong said he also reaches out to the candidate's colleagues for the "inside scoop," but the departments don't perform background checks because the university administers them.

SGA

Grade system prompts inquiry

By **Courtney Jay**
News Now Reporter

The Student Government Association is trying to adjust discrepancies in the plus/minus grading system, an SGA representative said.

The system was implemented three years ago, but not all professors use it. Senior political science and English major Carlton Alexander, SGA Student Affairs chair, said this stratification led to grade discrepancies, causing concern for students.

"I have probably six or seven syllabus examples of just kind of random grading by the professor," Alexander said. "And they set their own standards. There's nothing wrong with that, but it's showing there's no level of accountability across the department, and we need to figure out something to do with that."

Alexander said he started compiling syllabi to prove specific grade discrepancies. In two syllabi from the same college, one lists an A as a 93, while the other lists an A as a 96. Alexander said SGA representatives plan to meet with the Faculty Senate to discuss options for improving grade equality within departments.

Faculty Senate Chairman Arthur Busbey said grade discrepancies have



For a TCU News Now video report about the plus/minus system, go to dailyskiff.com.

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Museum setting for hands-on teaching

By **Alex Butts**
News Now Reporter

Education majors at the university have the opportunity to student teach using tortoises, raccoons, space suits and teepees as their teaching tools.

The Museum School at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History provides a preschool education program where students learn from artifacts at the museum. University students enrolled in the introduction to early childhood education classes are student teaching at the school three hours per week.

Carley Gunter, a sophomore education major, said teaching at the Museum School provides a hands-on environment that she might not experience student teaching at other schools.

"We usually learn about animals," Gunter said. "We have 20 minutes to go in, and the kids get to be with the



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NEWS

JOURNALISM

Daily Skiff, Image collect regional collegiate awards

By Madison Pelletier
Staff Reporter

Fourteen student journalists received Mark of Excellence awards Saturday at the 2010 Society of Professional Journalists Region 8 Spring Conference in Austin.

Students were honored from the TCU Daily Skiff, TCU News Now and Image magazine.

Image magazine won second place in the Best Student Magazine for a four-year college or university.

Five student journalists from the Skiff and Image magazine won regional first place Mark of Excellence awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. They will compete for the national Mark of Excellence awards this fall.

The Society of Professional Journalists Region 8 includes

colleges and universities from Texas and Oklahoma.

The national winners and finalists in each category will be selected from the 12 regional winners at the Society of Professional Journalists Convention and National Journalism Conference in Las Vegas on Oct. 3-5.

The first place winners in the 4-year college/university division include:

Daily Skiff editor-in-chief **Julieta Chiquillo**, Feature Writing.

Daily Skiff multimedia editor **Chance Welch**, Sports Photography.

David Hall, former Daily Skiff editor-in-chief, Online In-Depth Reporting.

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Chris Blake, News Now reporter, breaking news reporting.

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Christina Durano: 2nd place Television In-Depth Reporting

Chris Blake: 2nd Place Sports Writing

Chance Welch: 2nd Place General News Photography

Travis Brown, **Chance Welch**, **Rose Baca**: 3rd Place Online Sports Reporting

Chance Welch: 2nd Place Feature Photography

Katie Ruppel: 3rd Place In-Depth Reporting

Patty Espinosa: 3rd Place Television In-Depth Reporting

Jacob Brahce: 3rd Place Editorial Cartooning

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not yet been presented to the Faculty Senate, but he said that should those concerns be brought to its attention, the senate would look into recalibrating parts of the plus/minus system. Busbey, an associate professor of geology, said that because faculty were responsible for bringing about the plus/minus system, they would be open to suggestions for improvement.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said there is always variation in grading and there is never going to be a standardized grading system.

"I think if you make it too formula-driven, you will probably regret it because you won't get the same quality of teaching because professors won't feel it's their course anymore," he said.

Alexander said the plus/minus system also has benefits. He said it makes the university more academically competitive with other universities and decreases grade inflation.

"People are perfectionists here, and they need to realize college is hard," Alexander said. "If you make a B or an A minus, that is a great grade."

Donovan said he doesn't believe the plus/minus system is detrimental to student's GPAs.

"I really don't think that it's in students' best interests to keep dodging difficult courses," he said.

But some students aren't looking for the easy way out. Grant Gary, a senior finance major, said he believed a student's grade point average can affect job prospects.

"At least in the business school that's trying to be considered one of the top business schools in the country, it really

hurts students overall going forward beyond college having a lower GPA," he said. "Not necessarily because they did worse, but because they were on a plus/minus grading system."

Alexander said, like it or not, the plus/minus system is here to stay.

David Bedford, a Faculty Senate member and an instructor in the Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies, said that although he uses the plus/minus grading system, he would prefer a straight A-F system.

"The reason for that is that we are evaluating a broad set of abilities that develop slowly and that has to do with communication, and it doesn't make any sense really to divide up people into finer categories for us," he said. "(But) I can understand the wneed for it in other disciplines."

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certain animal that we discussed that day."

Ranae Stetson, associate professor of education, teaches one of the introduction to early childhood education classes and said she thinks the preschool program at the Museum School is exceptional. The university has had a 15-year partnership with the museum, she said.

Stetson said students would take the theories they learned in her part of the course, a lecture component, and apply it to the classrooms at the school.

"As soon as they hear the theories in my part of the lecture they go into the class-

rooms to work with skilled mentor teachers and do everything in developmentally appropriate ways," Stetson said.

In addition to the student teaching opportunities, the school is located in a new multi-million dollar facility. The school tore down the old facility, which was located in the same spot, and built a new and improved building, which opened this spring.

Stetson said the new facility had a lot of support throughout the community.

"This new facility at the Forth Worth Museum of Science and History and the preschool program that is housed

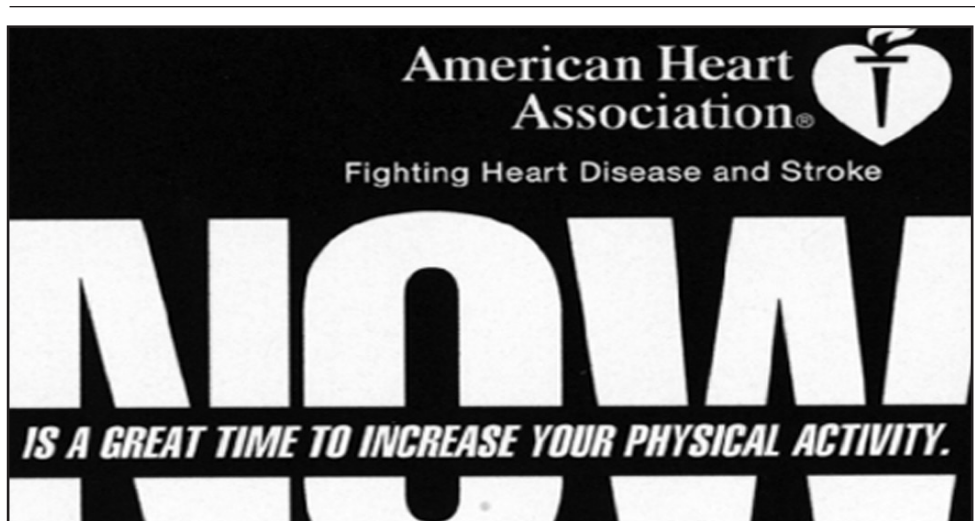
there is light-years ahead of where most programs like that are," Stetson said.

The new classrooms allow preschool students to learn by interacting with live animals and historical artifacts from the museum. Students will learn by observing real teepees and a space suit when they study Native American history and space.

Jeannie Wolfe, Museum School director, said the school was fortunate to get to use objects from the museum.

"We can do things experientially, and we don't have to test them," Wolfe said. "We don't care if they know that a rabbit is a mammal. We want them to know that a rabbit is fun and soft and furry."

Wolfe said the school's goal is to make sure that students had fun experiencing the things around them.



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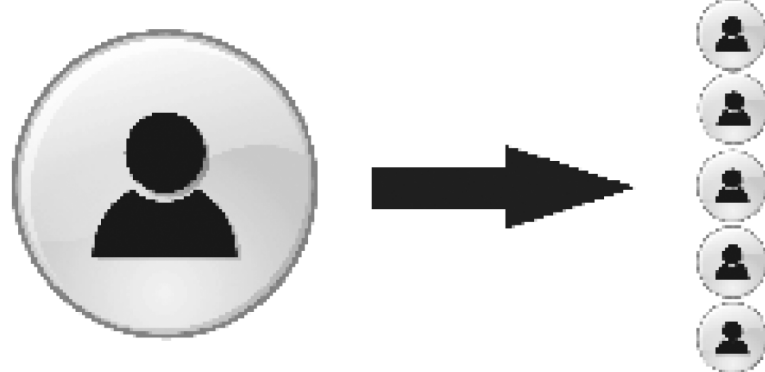
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The Skiff View

Plus/minus system needs to be consistent

The university should be open to reviewing the plus/minus grading system, which needs some type of uniformity.

Although it was implemented three years ago, not all professors use the system, and even within departments there are varying grading scales, which results in discrepancies about what might constitute an A in one class versus another. Because of this, Student Government Association representatives have plans to meet with the Faculty Senate to discuss uniformity and grade equality concerning the plus/minus system.

Consistency is necessary to hold professors and their respective departments accountable for their students' grades. How is it fair to students when one syllabus in one college says a 93 constitutes an A and another syllabus in the same college claims an A to be a 96, as it is for some?

Yes, the plus/minus system helps prevent grade inflation and makes the university more competitive with other similar universities academically, but a more consistent A through F system would be fairer to students. A plus or a minus can make a significant difference in a student's GPA, crucial for scholarship renewals and professional and graduate school prospects. While students should rise up to the challenge of a more rigorous grading system, the same level of effort should be rewarded equally at least within departments.

Opinion editor Andrea Bolt for the editorial board.

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Drama improper focus of Olympics



ASHLEY IOVINE

The 2010 Winter Olympics were exciting, thrilling, heart-breaking and surprising, to say the least. The U.S. hockey team almost got the gold, the U.S. won the overall medal count at 37 and Apolo Ohno didn't get any golds. And yet one of the most talked about events at the games was the so-called "feud" between U.S. ski teammates Lindsey Vonn and Julia Mancuso.

This is ridiculous and, I think, more of an attempt to keep two attractive women in the limelight than an actual catfight between the two skiers. Yes, the two have some strain in their friendship, but I think the media blew it out of proportion.

Julia Mancuso was quoted

in Sports Illustrated as saying, "People are having a hard time reaching their potential because it's such a struggle for attention. You come to meetings after races and it's like it's a bad day if Lindsey didn't do well."

While I'm sure Mancuso is a little bitter about Vonn's gold medal, Vonn's appearance in Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition 2010 and about the fact that the media focused most of the attention on her throughout the games, I think it is a poor attempt to keep the ski team as the center of attention.

The games shouldn't be about fighting, especially with your fellow Americans. They're also not about winning the most medals or dominating other countries. The games should be about the integration of the world, a time when we all have the same goals and we all want the same things.

While I'm sure there is tension between the countries, there should be none within your own country, much less your own division. And even though the two have been competitors most of

their lives, they should be able to come together for the good of the team and forget about past wins and losses because, for the first time, they were on the same side.

There were many more groundbreaking things going on. The U.S. hockey team almost won the gold medal — it would have been a "Miracle on Ice" all over again! I just think these women needed to grow up and focus on the big picture. The Olympics should be about coming together as a country and making nice with other nations, not about two wannabe celebutantes fighting for the spotlight.

I am happy for both women though, as Vonn ended up winning a gold and Mancuso is the most decorated female American Olympic alpine skier in history. They need to get over their fight and realize they both heavily contributed to the best alpine ski team the U.S. has ever seen.

Ashley Iovine is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Katy.



American skier Lindsey Vonn, right, celebrates her gold medal in the women's downhill with silver medalist and teammate Julia Mancuso during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler, British Columbia, on Feb. 17. KEVIN SULLIVAN / MCT

QUICK NEWS

Lil Wayne begins year jail term in NYC gun case

NEW YORK (AP) — Lil Wayne was sentenced Monday to a year in jail in New York City for having a loaded gun on his tour bus in 2007, then was taken away in handcuffs to begin his term immediately.

The Grammy Award-winning rapper, born Dwayne Carter, was sentenced in Manhattan after pleading guilty in October to attempted criminal possession of a weapon. He admitted having a loaded .40-caliber semiautomatic gun on his tour bus.

The rapper will serve his sentence in city jails, not a state prison. He could be released in about eight months with good behavior.

Lil Wayne's sentencing was first postponed in February so he could undergo surgery on his bejeweled teeth. Last week, a fire closed Manhattan's main criminal courthouse while he was on his way there.

Massa blames resignation on health care debate

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — New York Rep. Eric Massa is now blaming his resignation last week on a conspiracy by House Democratic leaders to force him out before a crucial vote on health care, his third explanation for leaving office after he earlier cited health issues and an ethics investigation.

One of 39 Democrats who voted against an earlier House version of the health care bill in November, Massa said in his weekly radio address Sunday that Democratic leaders will "stop at nothing" to advance the health care overhaul.

"This administration and this House leadership have said, quote-unquote, they will stop at nothing to pass this health care bill," Massa said on WKPQ-FM in Hornell. "Now they've gotten rid of me and it will pass. You connect the dots."

Gunman, 2 others wounded in Dallas shootout

DALLAS (AP) — A father and son were wounded Monday after a gunman walked into a Dallas financial office and opened fire, police said.

The gunman, who later got into a shootout with police, also was in critical condition after shooting himself, said Dallas police spokesman, Sr. Cpl. Lt. Kevin Janse.

The shootings happened just before 11 a.m. in the 15-story Four Forest high-rise office building, which houses the United Texas Bank and other businesses near the intersection of U.S. 75 and Interstate 635.

The gunman walked into a financial services office on the third floor and opened fire on the father and his son, who apparently had an ongoing dispute with the suspect, Janse said.

JFK condolence letters published for 1st time

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Among the 1.5 million condolence letters sent to President John F. Kennedy's widow after his assassination in 1963 were more than two dozen from Jane Dryden, a dogged and dramatic 11-year-old who churned out a letter a week for six months straight.

"I know that you hate the whole state of Texas. I do to," she wrote to Jacqueline Kennedy from Austin.

Given the overwhelming volume of mail — 800,000 letters in the first seven weeks alone — most of the letters were destroyed. But at least one of Dryden's notes ended up in the 200,000 pages that were sent to the John F. Kennedy Library, where they sat largely ignored until historian Ellen Fitzpatrick decided to write "Letters to Jackie: Condolences From a Grieving Nation."

Oldest person in US dies in NH at age 114

WESTMORELAND, N.H. (AP) — Mary Josephine Ray, the New Hampshire woman who was certified as the oldest person living in the United States, has died at age 114 years, 294 days.

She died Sunday at a nursing home in Westmoreland but was active until about two weeks before her death, her granddaughter Katherine Ray said.

"She never thought of dying at all," Katherine Ray said. "She was planning for her birthday party."

The Gerontology Research Group says that Ray was the oldest person in the United States and the second-oldest in the world.

The oldest living American is now Neva Morris, of Ames, Iowa, at age 114 years, 216 days. The oldest person in the world is Japan's Kama Chinen at age 114 years, 301 days.

NEWS

TEAMWORK



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor
A mass horn choir comprised of players from the community who wanted to come and play rehearses as a part of TCU Horn Fest in Ed Landreth Hall on Monday night.

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The game was tied until the fifth inning when the Frogs were able to break away making it a 2-1 lead.

The Frogs and Tigers were tied at the bottom of the ninth sending the game into an extra inning. Aaron Schultz, a red-shirt sophomore, hit in the bot-

tom of the tenth inning to give TCU the win against Missouri.

Senior catcher Bryan Holaday was named the MVP of the Houston College Classic. Holaday hit a double and triple while scoring one run in the opening game against the Red Raiders. Holaday also made two hits in Sundays game against Rice.

The Frogs continue their

season against UT-Arlington tonight. The Frogs will take on the Mavericks for the first time this season.

The Frogs played the Mavericks twice during the 2009 season, defeating them in both showings. Last March, the Frogs won overwhelmingly 11-3 in the first game against UT-Arlington, and again in April, 2-1.

HARRISON

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Harrison may not work with a large number of students, but those she does communicate closely with, often graduate students, have cited her enthusiasm as one notable trait.

Lynda Davis, an English doctoral student, said she initially saw Harrison for help with her dissertation on cross-cultural marriages in literature. With many hard-to-find sources on her list, Davis said Harrison had a knack for ferreting out the best word combinations for successful database searching.

"What was really neat about Ammie was...she really knows about the research I'm doing firsthand," Davis said. "I can see her as excited (about) my topic as I am."

Harrison's knowledge of time periods and authors was helpful, Davis said, when searching for out-of-print early American novels like the ones she needed.

While looking at Civil War-era novels in which white men married mulatta women, Davis wondered if there were sources in which the situation was reversed. Marriages between white women and black men were virtually unheard of in

that time, Davis said, but Harrison was able to come up with several works that answered her question.

"She already had it downloaded, and she just uploaded it right there," Davis said. "It's almost like she anticipates where I'm going to ask my next question, and she's ready."

Harrison often goes beyond her own workday hours to assist students with their research queries. Another reference librarian, Robyn Reid of the social sciences, said she often works with Harrison on projects out of the English department. Reid recalled a recent time when 5 o'clock in the afternoon struck and Harrison was just sitting down with a rhetoric student.

"She had him give her his research information and e-mail address and, as far as I know, she took it home and worked on that assignment that evening at home on her own time," Reid said.

Reid said she considered the work done by herself, Harrison and the other library staff members to be highly service-oriented. Many, if not all, of the university's library staff would be willing to stay after hours in order to help a student, and Harrison is no exception, Reid said.

Harrison said she could have predicted that she'd end up in librarianship someday, but that, without help and input from close family and friends, it might have taken her a while longer. What she never questioned, however, was the fact that she would never stop learning and would be an educated adult.

"When I was in second grade I drew this picture of me, and I was supposed to be drawing what I'd be doing in the year 2000," Harrison said. "I was going to be president, I was going to be a nurse, I was going to own a ranch and I was going to be a doctor and all of these things. I came home just upset because my teacher was laughing at me, so I told my dad all the things I was going to be and he was like, 'You better get started now.'"

Never being told she couldn't accomplish something helped Harrison avoid pigeonholing herself from the start, she said. From carrying a satchel of rented works home from the local branch every weekend, to being surrounded by thousands of readily-available volumes, she's come far. Yet some might disagree and say she's closer to her roots in the beloved world of the library than before.

OPINION

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low seeded teams even win a game, let alone a championship. Sure, there's usually one team every year that wins a couple games and gets the support of the country, but a Cinderella team actually advancing to the meaningful stages of the tournament is quite rare. If that is the case, why add these extra teams, knowing that they will all probably lose once they get in?

Is a University of Kansas and Duquesne University game really going to add more viewers and money? If

anything, adding more teams is merely going to allow people to skip the early rounds of the tournament and wait until the worthy teams start playing each other.

If you want to know what the future would be like for the tournament if teams are added, look no further than college football. Getting invited to a bowl game used to be an accomplishment. Now, more than half of the Division I football teams go to a bowl game, and there are very few matchups worth watching outside of the Bowl Championship Series bowl games.

The NCAA needs to look at the big picture. It gets a mind-boggling \$500 million each year from CBS to cover college basketball and the tournament, which makes up more than 90 percent of the association's entire revenue. While the expansion could add a few more million dollars, why risk losing money in future television deals if the move backfires?

For the sake of March Madness, the NCAA needs to reconsider its position.

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March 12

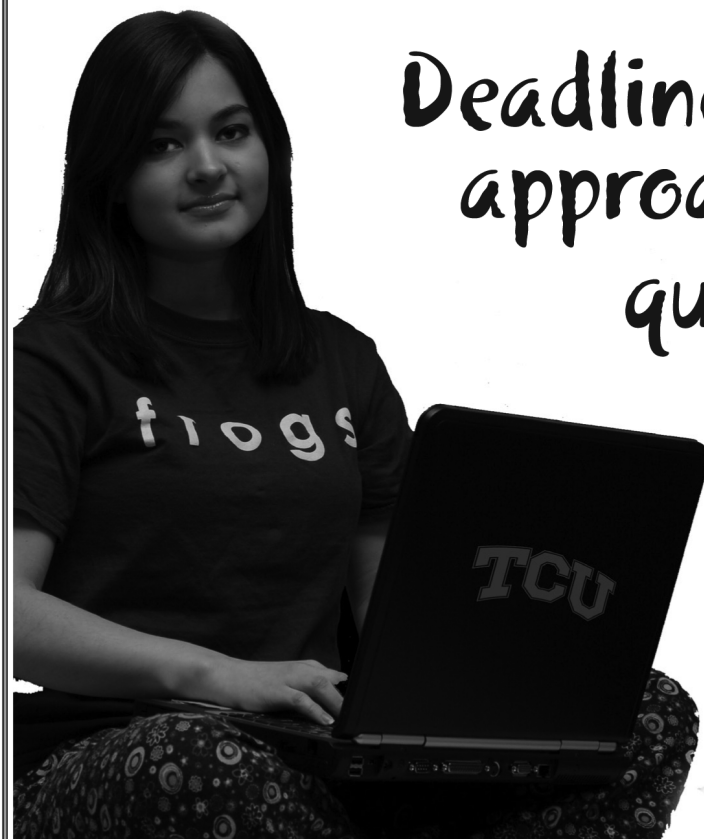
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Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Friday's Solution

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ACROSS

- Silently understood
- "Dear" advice giver
- Clock sound
- "Well done!"
- Early Yucatan dweller
- Nebraska tribe
- Sweet toast topper
- "No ... no gain"
- Cancel
- Book of maps
- Peace and quiet
- "shanter; Scottish cap"
- State with 13-Down: Abbr.
- Fruity bread topper
- Inform (on)
- Group of bits, in computer storage
- Other half, so to speak
- Be next to
- Wood-dressing tool
- Init. response team
- Complaint of "the weary"
- Kick into a net
- Quilting party
- "Schmeared" bagel topper
- Wimbledon do-over
- Made the scene
- Terse order to a chauffeur
- Model of excellence
- Assign stars to
- Leadership org. for females
- Waist woe (caused, perhaps, by overindulgence in 17-, 29- and 50-Across)
- Hang in the balance
- Schedule opening
- Without letup
- Hang around
- Move cautiously
- Enjoys a kiddie pool

DOWN

- 1/16 of a cup: Abbr.
- Greek city on its own gulf
- Politician in a political cartoon, e.g.
- A former Mrs. Trump
- Garage service
- Word of agreement
- The ___ of Avon
- Boring way to learn
- "Whoopie!"
- Direct, as a confrontation
- "cost you!"
- Bubbly drink
- Largo, West, et al.
- Like roads with many potholes
- Copier problem
- Chem room
- "Washboard" muscles
- Old Cannes cash
- Repair bill line
- School support org.
- Rock climber's stop
- Windblown desert plant
- Cosmetician
- Lauder
- Odometer button
- Container at an afternoon service, maybe
- Playwright Akins
- Lowercase
- Cable sta. for old films
- Hibachi residue
- Summer sign
- Proclaim
- Loy of "The Thin Man"
- Mischievous tykes
- Try to reduce
- 65-Across
- Ferber or Best
- Popeyed
- Place for a beret
- Sugar source
- Puts two and two together?
- Language suffix
- Sock-in-the-jaw sound

By Mangesh Sakharum Ghogre 3/9/10

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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BASEBALL

SPRING TIME



MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer
Sophomore infielder Taylor Featherston makes a throw in the Horned Frogs' 17-12 win over UTSA in Fort Worth on March 2.

Frogs face UTA Mavericks

By Madison Pelletier
Staff Reporter

After winning the first two games in the Houston College Classic during the weekend, the Horned Frogs lost to Rice University, dropping their season record to 8-2.

The loss ended the Frogs' four-game winning streak.

Against Rice, the No. 7 Horned Frog baseball

team had runners in every

inning, producing 11.

The Frogs had a 4-3 lead heading into the bottom of the ninth, but the Owls delivered the game winning hit to end the game 5-4.

The Frogs opened the Houston College Classic on Friday by beating Texas Tech 11-2. The Frogs had 15 hits in Friday's game.

Senior Matt Curry had two doubles and a home run to total three runs

against Tech.

Sophomore Taylor Featherston had 3 runs against the Red Raiders.

The Frogs followed with another win Saturday by defeating Missouri 4-3.

The Tigers took an early lead in the first inning but the Frogs were able to tie the game in the second inning. The game was tied until the fifth inning when the

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OPINION

Expansion could be bad

PAT BURNS

Next Thursday will mark the beginning of March Madness, arguably the most exciting event in all of college sports. Its playoff system separates it from the inferior bowl system that college football uses, and men and women alike obsess over their bracket predictions in hopes of pride (because gambling is totally illegal). It's a three-week roller coaster ride filled with victory, teamwork and most of all, great basketball. In addition, it's without a doubt the best paced event, with little time between games, so there's always something to watch.

That's why I don't under-

stand why the NCAA is rumored to increase the number of teams in the tournament from 65 to 96. Sure, more teams will get an opportunity to play and schools would get some extra revenue, but it runs the risk of diluting competition. If the NCAA expands the field, there could be a negative impact on the quality and popularity of the tournament in the future.

Let's be honest here. The only reason the NCAA is proposing this new format is simply because of money. More teams in the tournament means more televised games, more ticket sales and more advertising dollars. Universities are scrambling for dollars with

lower enrollments and higher costs, and traditional sources of revenue, like state funding and university endowments, are decreasing. While adding more teams to the tournament would ensure that more schools get an extra source of revenue, it may be short-lived.

While Cinderella stories, like George Mason University from a few years back, are memorable, they are hardly commonplace. The lowest seeded team to ever make the Final Four was No. 11 George Mason in 2005, and the lowest to win the tournament was No. 8 Villanova University in 1985. Very few

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WEEKEND RECAP

Women's Basketball

After going undefeated in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for 22 consecutive games and clinching the Mountain West Conference title, the women's basketball team failed to finish their season on a strong note, dropping their final regular season game to Brigham Young University 65-70. Heading into the conference tournament, the Lady Frogs are 22-7 overall on the season.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team lost their final game of the regular season to the BYU Cougars 107-77. They started the game strong and possessed a 15-2 advantage, but didn't per-

form strong enough to produce a win. They finished their 2009-2010 season 13-18 overall with the No. 7 seed heading into the MWC championships this week. They will face BYU again in their first game at the tournament.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team advanced their losing streak to eight, dropping both weekend contests. The first loss came on Saturday to the No. 47 Texas A&M Aggies, 5-2, followed on Sunday by another loss to No. 43 Illinois, 4-3. The women's tennis team currently holds a season record of 1-9.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team dominated No. 24 Tulsa with a 6-1 win on Saturday, advancing its season to 5-2. The Frogs are now 2-2 against ranked opponents this season.

Equestrian

The TCU women's equestrian team defeated their crosstown rival, Southern Methodist University, 7-5 on Friday in Mansfield. The equestrian team ends their regular season 9-7. The team will not compete again until the Varsity Equestrian National Championships on April 15-17 in Waco.

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