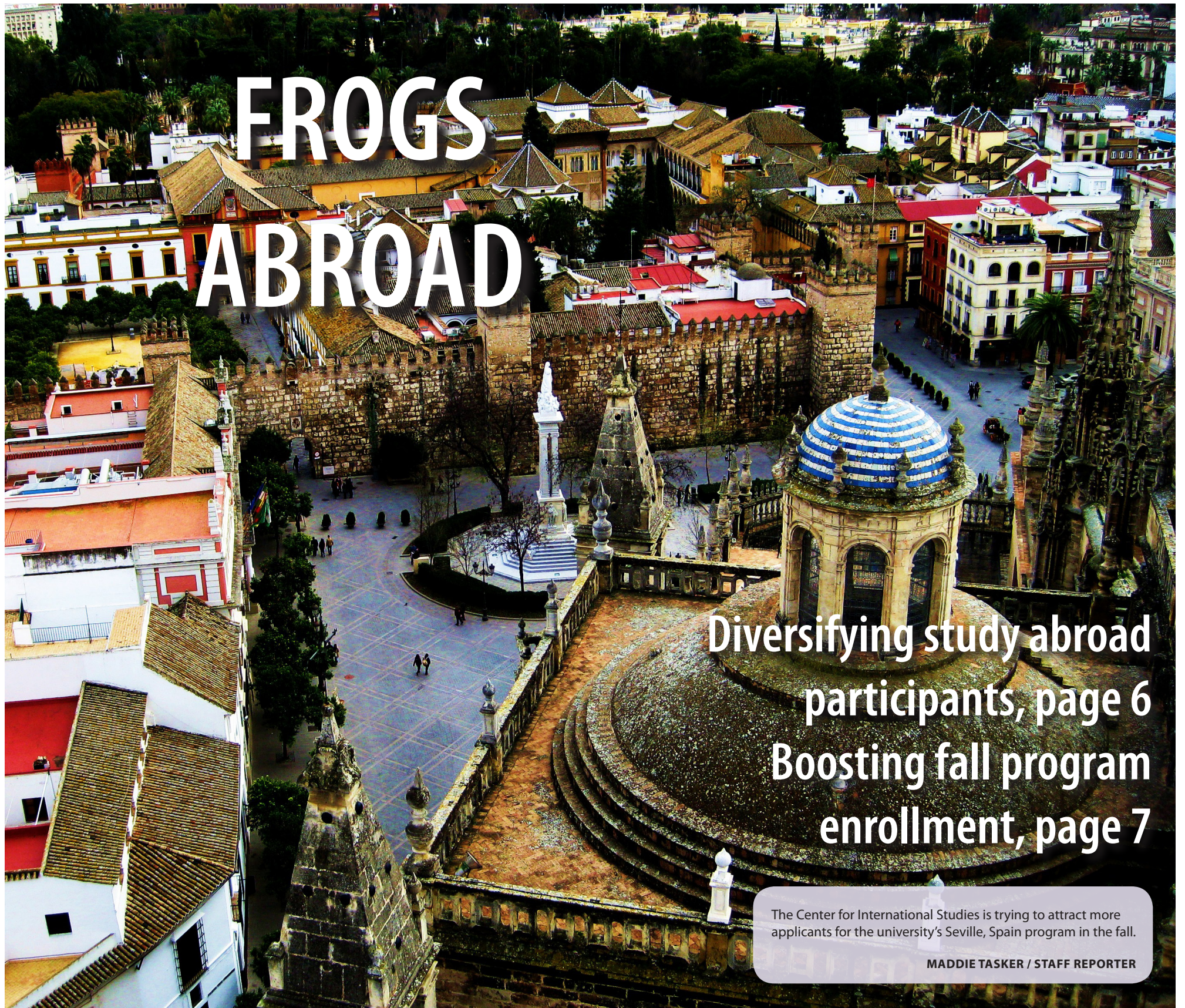




RELIGION 2

Students begin annual religious sacrament.

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# FROGS ABROAD

Diversifying study abroad participants, page 6  
Boosting fall program enrollment, page 7

The Center for International Studies is trying to attract more applicants for the university's Seville, Spain program in the fall.

MADDIE TASKER / STAFF REPORTER

## CORRECTION

A pull quote from Tuesday's article on V-Day was misattributed to Ashley Ototo. The quote was Katie Caruso's and was accurate in the story.

## CAMPUS LIFE 6

Husband and wife duo to perform on campus.





## FORT WORTH

## CEO: New location a success so far

By Brittany Rainville  
Staff Reporter

Café Brazil CEO Brant Wood said the first two weeks of the restaurant's location in the GrandMarc have been better than expected — the new staff has adjusted to the busy hours and no major equipment or facility issues have arisen.

"All of the feedback on the food has been overwhelmingly positive. Everyone is happy to have us in Fort Worth, and we're glad to be here," Wood said.

He said the initial success of the restaurant has been

because of the feedback of customers, and that there had been minimal use of advertising.

The restaurant's location was previously occupied by Los Vaqueros, which closed its location there last year. Wood said he was confident Café Brazil was a good fit for the area.

"Café Brazil is known for converting prior restaurant space into a profitable business," Wood said.

GrandMarc leasing agent Matthew Chase said he thought the restaurant was a great asset to the area since the 24-hour facility gives

students another place to study or grab food after late-night activities.

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**Brant Wood**  
Café Brazil CEO

Chase said that despite the busy nature of the restaurant, parking in the area has gone smoothly. According to a previous *Daily Skiff* article one of the reasons Los Vaqueros closed its location was because its customers had problems finding parking spaces.

"As far as parking goes, Café Brazil has their own spots in the parking garage, and they're responsible for resolving the parking issues," he said.

Wood agreed that parking has not been a problem.

"During Café Brazil's busiest times, the dedicated covered parking is monitored," he said.

Café Brazil was founded in Dallas in 1991 and began as a small restaurant that served coffee and Tex-Mex food 24 hours a day. There are now 11 locations in the DFW area; the newest location being the GrandMarc location.

Senior advertising and public relations major Sean Strasburger said he enjoyed the atmosphere and thought the restaurant was a great place for late night studying during the week or hanging out on the patio on the weekends.

"On the very first day we went and got free food; there was a group of 12 of us and the manager brought out all the appetizers so that we could give him reviews and tell him which ones were better," he said. "We tried them all and they were all great, except the queso."

Wood said the most popular dish so far was the migas, a cheesy scrambled egg, onion, pepper and tomato mixture with strips of corn tortilla. The dish reigns as the most popular at all of the Café Brazil locations, he said.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Café Brazil opened underneath the GrandMarc in the lot left by Los Vaqueros. The cafe is open 24-7 and serves Tex-Mex and coffee.

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## RELIGION

## Chaplain: Lent a chance to refocus

By Bryn Zimmermann  
Staff Reporter

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period that symbolizes the time Jesus Christ spent in the desert. Lent is also a time for individuals to refocus their dedication, Associate Chaplain of Religious and Spiritual Life Jake Hofmeister said.

Amanda Oleksy, a sophomore early childhood education major, said she is one of several TCU students who will participate in Lent and give up something that is important to her.

"I'm going to give up sweets and sodas because I'm very dependent on them in my life," Oleksy said. "We are supposed to give up something that had meaning, that way we can turn to God to help us when we are having a hard time. I'm giving them up because they are a big thing in my life and they help keep me going through the day."

Hofmeister said that different types of Christians emphasize Lent more than

others. He said that more traditional sectors, like the Catholic church, recognize Lent the most. In Catholicism, Lent is more than simply giving up a certain item or food.

"You always hear what people are going to give up for Lent, but it is more than that," Hofmeister said. "It is also praying and giving time, money and love to people who need it."

Hofmeister said that Lent has three different disciplines involved — fasting, praying and giving to charity. The 40 days of Lent lead up to the Easter holiday. Sharon Stahrfisher, a non-degree continuing education student, said she was going to give up something for Lent this year after successfully giving up meat last year.

"It was a challenge for myself and a commitment to my faith in God," she said.

Alexis Tribble, a senior early childhood education major, said participating in Lent is something she has done her entire life.

"Lent is important to me

because my grandmother actually converted to Catholicism later on in life, so that's how my mom was raised and that's what I've been doing," Tribble said. "It's just been our tradition to give something up for Lent."

The Rev. Charlie Calabrese, campus minister, said the period of Lent can be seen as a time for an individual to make an intense, conscious effort to their relationship with God and to better his or her life.

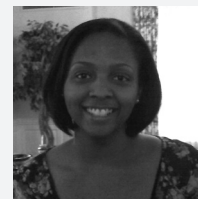
He said an analogy of Lent is similar to someone on a diet. They are extremely conscious of the food they eat during that time period, but are also hoping their healthy eating habits will carry over after they have completed the diet, he said.

This is similar to increasing dedication in a relationship with God, he said.

"We are hoping that every day throughout our lives we are wanting to get closer to God, but this is set aside as a time to focus intentionally on that," Calabrese said.

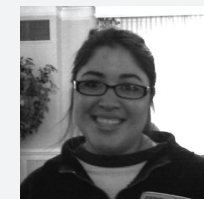
## The Purple Poll

What are you giving up for Lent?



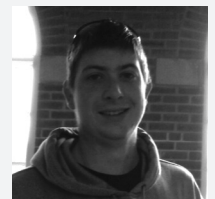
"I've been undecided for a little while, but I'm leaning towards giving up sweets."

**Alexis Tribble**  
Senior early childhood education major



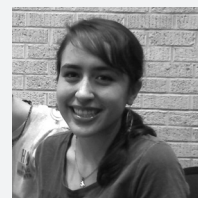
"I'm giving up coke, and coke for me is Dr Pepper. But it will probably include all of them. I will probably drink the non-caffeinated ones like Sprite. But I know that I drink too many Dr Peppers."

**Katie Tonemah**  
Junior early childhood education major



"I have some ideas, but nothing I have committed to yet."

**Jordan Wheat**  
Sophomore movement science major



"I'm giving up Starbucks because it is really important for me to give up something for God and help me remember Him."

**Alyssa Quintana**  
Sophomore strategic communication major



"I'm planning on more of a consistency thing, either reading my Bible every day or working out every day, something like that."

**Jillian Stanfield**  
Junior speech pathology major

## FOOTBALL

# TCU Athletics officials not commenting on 'SI' report

By Libby Davis  
Editor-in-Chief

A *Sports Illustrated*/CBS news report ranked TCU's football program best among SI's preseason top 25 with the fewest number of players with criminal records. TCU had zero, but athletic administrators have declined to comment on what exactly TCU has done to achieve that.

TCU and Oklahoma were the only two schools of the top 25 teams listed that performed regular background checks, according to the *Sports Illustrated* article.

Head football coach Gary Patterson told CBS correspondent Armen Keteyian every TCU student-athlete being considered for scholarship undergoes a criminal background check.

In the CBS interview, Patterson said, "Every student-athlete who comes to TCU gets a deep background check if they're going to be on scholarship. So we go very deep." Keteyian asked if the background checks

were criminal background checks and Patterson replied "yeah."

Director of Athletics Media Relations Mark Cohen and Athletics Director Chris Del Conte would not comment on if TCU conducted criminal background checks on its athletes.

Dean of Admission Ray Brown said the wording of the university's general application has not changed regarding whether or not students have been convicted of a felony.

According to a 2006 *Daily Skiff* article, Chancellor Victor Boschini said the university had considered adding questions that would gather more information about applicants. Boschini's comments followed a case in which three athletes were charged with sexual assault.

The article found that two other athletes also had felony criminal records before their admission to TCU.

Brown said recently that either the College Board or the National Association for College Admission Coun-

seling met about two years ago to consider rewording admission applications to specify whether an applicant had deferred adjudication, which delays a court's ruling while the defendant completes community supervision. Charges will usually be dismissed if that supervision is completed, he said.

However, the national admission organization did not alter the wording of the felony question, Brown said.

Brown said while universities decide how to word the felony question, they tend to follow the national admission organizations because they have think tanks and support from legal groups.

According to the 2006 *Daily Skiff* article, an applicant can answer negatively to the application's question about being convicted of a felony if his or her adjudication was deferred.

Currently the application asks "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?"

Brown wrote in an e-mail, "We do not conduct background checks on any-

body (including Chancellor Scholars) who doesn't have a felony on the record.

"There is nothing to prevent a student from lying on the application in really a variety of places — the felony question being just one," Brown wrote. "Generally, though, most folks are aware that admission will be revoked if there is any error of significance discovered."

Criminal charges in the 2006 sexual assault case were dropped in 2008. The plaintiff, K.S., filed a civil suit in 2008, which is scheduled to go to trial May 2. The plaintiff in the suit alleges TCU fraudulently misrepresented campus safety by allowing athletes with known criminal records to attend the university.

According to documents filed by K.S., she was drugged and sexually assaulted in 2006 by three former university athletes.

*News Now Sports Director Madison Pelletier contributed to this report.*

SPECIAL REPORT

**Sports Illustrated**

CRIMINAL RECORDS IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**BY GEORGE DOHRMANN AND JEFF BENEDICT**

A six-month investigation of SI's preseason Top 25 reveals that more than 200 players—including 23.5 percent of scholarship athletes on one team—have been in trouble with the law

The Coach's Dilemma ... What Should Be Done ...

## Number of football players per university with criminal records

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Iowa, Arkansas: 18	North Carolina, Utah: 5
Boise State, Penn State: 16	Georgia Tech, Nebraska,
Virginia Tech: 13	Oregon State: 4
Oklahoma, Wisconsin,	LSU: 3
Florida State: 9	Texas: 2
Miami: 8	Stanford: 1
Florida, Ohio State, Oregon,	TCU: 0
USC: 7	

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Resolutions for candidate filing, iTCU app pass

By Sydney Hicks  
Staff Reporter

A bill to establish guidelines for candidate filing in elections passed Tuesday night in the House of Student Representatives.

According to the bill, candidates could campaign and run for up to two House positions during elections.

Elections and Regulations Committee Chair and bill co-author Lizzy Caudill said that the Student Body Code can be loosely interpreted and loopholes were left open for students to run for multiple constituencies. For example, a candidate could run as a representative of the junior class as well as the John V. Roach Honors College. The new guidelines would strengthen the Student Body Code and establish a new

standard for elections, she said.

Caudill said students running for multiple constituency positions would be appointed to the position they win with the most percentage votes. Students do not get to choose which position they want to represent if they win multiple positions, she said.

The House entered a lengthy debate regarding students having the ability to run for two or three constituency positions.

Jansen Harrison, a representative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said he liked the idea of three options at first, but believed two to be more suitable. Just because a student cannot run for three positions does not mean they would not represent their class, he said.

Kari Berdelle, a representative for the College of Communication, said she believed

students who work hard to be double majors and in the honors college deserve the right to run for three positions. Berdelle said that students should not be hindered because they are affiliated with multiple constituencies.

**"What better place to access cell phone numbers than on your cell phone?"**

**Kyle Cochran**  
Sophomore business major

Brittany Henderson, a representative for the College of Fine Arts, said that two is a fair number because each student has one or two constituencies that are more important than

the others. She believed that life is about choices and each student has multiple options to choose from.

Brian McDermott, a representative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said by limiting the number to two, the election would be more competitive and the best student for the position would fight for it.

The bill passed with a majority vote.

A resolution to support addition of student phone numbers to the iTCU app passed after supporters highlighted the efficiency of the addition.

Kyle Cochran, author of the resolution and sophomore business major, believed that adding cell phone numbers to the directory, that already includes student e-mail addresses, created convenience for students on-campus.

"What better place to access cell phone numbers than on your cell phone?" Cochran said.

Cochran said FrogCalls on my.tcu.edu already lists student numbers, but including numbers in the app would allow students to find numbers faster and more efficiently. He said that a security measure would require a TCU username and password to access numbers.

Dalton Goodier, student relations chair and a representative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said students who are uncomfortable with having their numbers in the database do not have to submit their numbers.

The resolution passed with a majority vote.

In other news, Caudill said voting for the new position of Vice President of External Af-

fairs will continue until noon Wednesday. In case of a runoff, voting will begin Thursday 8 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. the same day.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## More minority students should study abroad

The Center for International Studies is stepping up its efforts to encourage minority involvement in study abroad programs, and that can only lead to positive outcomes.

Minority students have been an under-represented group in study abroad programs across the nation. The university study abroad department has partnered with Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services and plans to speak with students in the Community Scholars programs in hopes of fixing this trend.

Increasing study abroad participation, especially among minority students, could help graduates to be able to succeed in today's global economy.

Study abroad coordinator Alexis Branaman said the main reason for low minority participation studying abroad at the university is a misconception about the costs of studying abroad.

Many students do not realize scholarships can apply to study abroad trips, need-based grants are available and studying abroad can fit into a graduation plan without adding extra time and classes.

Communicating this information to students, along with the planned partnerships and efforts of the study abroad department, could help attract minority students and more students in general.

More students and more diversity in study abroad programs would be good for both students' sake and the university's.

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## Lower teen sex rate proves abstinence works



Jack Enright

Teens and young adults are having less sex and should be commended for doing so. In a study conducted by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention between 2006 and 2008 reported that 29 percent of female youth aged 15-24 and 27 percent of males in the same age group had never had sex. That is an increase from the 22 percent for both sexes in 2002.

These figures are promising since they indicate a considerable increase in teen and young adult responsibility in a relatively short time-frame. It is difficult for young individuals to consider long-term consequences of their sexual choices, but the fact of the matter is that if people have sex with multiple short-term partners through high school and college and get married in their mid-twenties, I find it difficult to expect them to be loyal to their spouse for the rest of their life.

In other words, having sex with whoever happens to come by for the first 10 years or so after people become sexually

active and then expecting to be faithful to one person during the 50 or so years after that is a pipe dream.

While these statistics are certainly promising, explaining them is a challenge. The fact that the aforementioned statistics were compiled during the Bush administration support the theory that abstinence-only sex education should be credited since it was heavily pushed during those years, but data on vaginal intercourse among never-married adolescents has declined since 1988. This means that while abstinence-only sex education may have played a part in reducing teen and young adult sex, it is apparently far from the only contributing factor.

In fact, teaching abstinence alone is not held in high esteem by many experts in sex education. Avert, an organization aimed at combatting HIV and AIDS, states that "attempts to impose narrow moralistic views about sex and sexuality on young people through sex education have failed." They, like many sex educators, believe information about safe and responsible sex, even before marriage, must be included in successful sexual education programs rather than just abstinence.

Despite the opinion of many sex educators and the abundance of evidence to support their view, I must disagree with this conclusion on two grounds. One is that proponents of "safe sex" conveniently

forget that if "safe sex" results in fewer negative consequences, then people will have sex more often — if people are less likely to suffer negative consequences from something then they will be less reluctant to partake in it. This will mitigate, and perhaps even cancel out the lower risk of any one given instance of intercourse since the increase in sex only increases the risk of STDs and unwanted pregnancies correspondingly.

Furthermore, sex education is so concerned with reducing STDs and unwanted pregnancies that they ignore the long-term repercussions of what they consider to be "safe sex." Sexual promiscuity before marriage significantly decreases the chances that one will be faithful during the marriage and not get divorced later, according to an article on livestrong.com.

In light of these facts, abstinence is the best method for preventing STDs, unwanted pregnancies, and the expectation of a faithful marriage that will last a lifetime. Since these statistics are of high school- and college-aged youth, it is important that we consider the consequences of our actions and make appropriate changes. Even if it takes a major lifestyle change, it will ultimately act in our best interest in the long run.

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## PERSPECTIVES

# Be cautious when using social media for college apps



**Bailey McGowan**

Better untag yourself from those pictures taken at that party last weekend. While you're at it, make sure you Google yourself to see what pops up.

According to a Feb. 25 article from the *Los Angeles Times*, a new study by Kaplan Test Prep found more than 80 percent of college admission officers are now using Facebook when they recruit students.

This means it is now more crucial than ever for students to be vigilant and honest about what goes online for everyone to see.

It's a great idea to have another outlet outside of a university's restrictive essays and standardized testing scores. Potential students have the opportunity to showcase their personality in ways that paper can't convey.

Allison Otis, an interviewer for Harvard College, said in a blog post on Quora.com that students should be careful when crafting an online image. Students spend too much time on their essays and applications to not pay attention to their online data too, Otis said.

Applicants aren't just told to watch what they put online; they're encouraged to build an image through a variety of means.

Dean Tsouvalas, a StudentAdvisor.com editor, posted a blog on this subject titled, "How to Use Social Media to Help Get Accepted to College." In the post, Tsouvalas said applicants should take proactive steps such as "liking" a university's Facebook fan page, "following" the university's Twitter account and by paying attention to their social media channels. Tsouvalas also said applicants should create a YouTube account with a sort of video résumé about the student and why that student wants to attend a specific university.

Finally, Tsouvalas said hopefuls should start blogs about their activities and their interest in certain uni-

versities and include the links on their Facebook pages and applications.

TCU Dean of Admission Ray Brown wrote in an e-mail that he

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would be surprised if the percentage of admission officers who checked social media was even one-tenth of the number the study said. He wrote that checking the accounts of all applicants would add another layer of investigation to what is already an overwhelming review process.

"It is true, though, that if ever a Facebook (or other) posting is brought to our attention as being in poor taste (or worse), you can be sure we'll look into it," Brown wrote.

"Character issues remain an important ingredient among the things we consider, and when we have a question about that from some external source, we'll always investigate it."

Brown also wrote that when applicants sent in electronic media for their "Freedom of Expression" page, it strikes the admission staff as gimmicky.

While Facebook is a public forum that allows potentially anyone to have access, the question of privacy and where the line should be drawn definitely comes to play.

By having a Facebook account, people are essentially saying yes, it is OK to see what I'm up to. Unless someone has their privacy settings on high alert, it's not that difficult to find out the details of someone's life.

It boils down to if students put it online, they should be prepared to suffer the repercussions of judgment.

Another angle is students' pruning their image to appear as more viable candidates. It would be easy for an applicant to follow all of the advice Tsouvalas gave, and with a little creative wording they could lie about

their involvement and sincerity.

College Board statistics have shown that for the past 30 years, college educations have empowered people to earn more money.

This justification of one's choice to get an education has now become a motivating factor for students to do anything to get ahead.

Take Akash Maharaj in 2008. He forged a transcript and recommendation from Columbia University and was admitted to Yale and received a \$32,000 scholarship. Along with a variety of other lies, Maharaj was able to pull it all off until he personally confessed.

While Facebook and Twitter are a great resource for a more three-dimensional opinion of potential students, they should be used with caution on both sides.

College admission officers should be wary of what they find on social media, and applicants should understand that their private lives aren't so private if they're online.

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## 'No surprise work' policy a good idea



**Katie Terhune**

Spring break is supposed to be a relaxing time for students, an ellipsis in the middle of a hectic semester. Whether heading to the beach or home to see family, for many of us spring break is the "light at the end of the tunnel" that gets most students through the stress of midterms and projects.

With all the thinking and planning and waiting I put toward March 14-18, it feels like a right, something that is mine and that is not to be messed with. There is only one thing that can bring that glorious feeling of impending freedom crashing down: homework assigned over the break.

No student likes getting an assignment, but having a paper or project sprung on you in the week preceding vacation is particularly heinous. Apparently, instructors at Cornell University agree. According to a March 2 article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the college's faculty senate will

vote on a bill before the end of the month that would "strongly discourage" professors from assigning work before breaks from school.

Of course, this resolution is not a free pass for students to procrastinate until the Friday before break and then complain they are forced to study during the holiday. Cornell also has made it clear that if a student has known about an assignment for several weeks or if an assignment was posted on the syllabus at the beginning of the year, he or she is still responsible for it. Instead, the proposal focuses on eliminating "surprise work," or homework assigned a few days before the break with a due date falling either during the holiday or immediately after it.

Cornell is promoting this idea as a way to reduce student stress stemming from unmanageable course loads. This is a great way to ensure that students return to campus rejuvenated and ready to tackle a new wave of projects, assignments and tests. The entire purpose of Spring Break is to provide a respite, even a temporary one, from the constant struggle with deadlines and assignments. Cornell has been heralded as a frontrunner in trying to provide support for

stressed or troubled students, and the resolution is a change that was enacted after several students at the university committed suicide a year ago.

TCU could benefit from this kind of policy as well. Placing a ban on surprise work assigned right before a break would do a lot to help alleviate students' frustrations. It is unfair to force students to allocate time to complete homework instead of spending that time with family or friends.

Also, a number of TCU students are planning to spend their spring break on mission trips or other volunteer opportunities that can take place in remote locations, often without access to e-mail or Internet. Professors should not penalize these students with a poor grade because they did not have the tools necessary to complete an assignment.

I realize the snow days threw everyone's schedule off, putting us behind and leaving professors frustrated, but using spring break as an opportunity to catch up is unrealistic. Instead, TCU should follow in Cornell's footsteps and let us enjoy our nine-day break from classes for what it is: a break.

*Katie Terhune is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Helena, Mont.*



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## STUDY ABROAD

# Department to encourage minority students to study abroad

By Brett Anderson  
Staff Reporter

In an attempt to encourage more minority students to study abroad, the Center for International Studies has teamed up with Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services to have a night of programming during Community Week in April, a program sponsored by ISS, a study abroad official said.

Alexis Branaman, study abroad coordinator, said the department is attempting to build relationships with the Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services office to encourage more minority involvement. Branaman said there were no specific events planned as of Monday, but that the day would focus on highlighting communities students will be living in abroad.

Branaman said the primary reason for low minority participation at TCU is a misconception about the financial

cost of studying abroad. She said many students do not realize that scholarships can apply to study abroad, need-based grants are available and many courses taken abroad count for credit at TCU.

Branaman added that she had not noticed an increase in minorities in study abroad since beginning to work with Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, and had been disappointed in the number of minority students that even come into her office for advising.

Branaman said study abroad officials also plan to speak directly with students in the Community Scholars program, which provides scholarships for high-achieving students from local high schools, Branaman said. She added the majority of these students are minority students who are interested in involvement on campus.

"There's a very natural relationship between the types

of students that end up being community scholars and the students who would be very successful in the study abroad experience," Branaman said.

"I think that by diversifying, we are putting a more effective message and a more academic message that study abroad is just such an important part of anyone's life."

**Jane Kucko**

Director of the Center for International Studies

Data provided by Branaman showed that out of 34 total participants in fall 2010 study abroad, 70 percent were white and six percent each were black, Hispanic-Latino, Asian and international students. The remaining six per-

cent did not specify.

According to *Daily Skiff* archives, minority students have made up 20 percent of the past three incoming classes.

President of Diversity Abroad Andrew Gordon said minority involvement in study abroad programs has increased in recent years on a national scale, but the increase has been small. Diversity Abroad is an organization that promotes diversity in university study abroad programs nationwide, Gordon said.

"Ethnic and racially diverse students, particularly African-American and Hispanic-Latino students, are underrepresented in their participation in international education opportunities," Gordon said.

Devon Martinez, a junior film-television-digital media major and Hispanic student, studied abroad in London during the fall 2010 semester.

Martinez said she was able to travel to London because

she received a scholarship for studying abroad and her previous academic scholarships carried over to the study abroad program. However, the cost of living expenses in London required her to work two jobs this past summer to be able to afford the experience, she said.

Martinez also said she did not notice any additional efforts by the study abroad office to promote minority involvement.

"They were really excited for us to be going," she said. "They didn't focus on the fact that we were diverse or not."

Director of the Center for International Studies Jane Kucko said an international experience is an opportunity that should be provided to students, regardless of economic background. However, the perception is that study abroad is for white, privileged females, Kucko said.

"There still lingers this perception that study abroad is

only for the privileged," she said. "I think that by diversifying, we are putting a more effective message and a more academic message that study abroad is just such an important part of anyone's life."

Gordon said there is a societal benefit in promoting minority involvement to study abroad.

"If we look at the breakdown of the U.S., we are becoming more diverse, and it's a need of the nation to become more diverse," Gordon said. "It's important that all of our citizens have an opportunity to interact and engage with citizens from different countries."

Another benefit of diversity is that minority students often have the ability to understand cultural differences better than others, Branaman said. Many students also choose to study abroad in locations that may have importance for their heritage, such as South America and Africa.

## CAMPUS

## 'Jenny and Tyler' to play outside BLUU

By Caitlin McAteer  
Staff Writer

Nashville band Jenny and Tyler had such a good experience playing in front of TCU students before, it is coming to campus to play for students today.

BLUU Student Activities and Marketing Coordinator Brad Thompson said he first heard the band when it played a concert at his house this past year.

"I just really loved their music and thought it would be a good fit for a TCU event," Thompson said.

Jenny and Tyler Somers, the husband and wife duo that makes up the band, said they tried to focus on cities where they have been well received while touring and decided to come to TCU after having a good experience playing a house concert for TCU students.

"It felt like it was a good place to be," Tyler Somers said.

Somers said the music the band performs should appeal to college students.

"The songs are about things that everyone goes through, especially college students. They understand," he said.

Somers said some of the band's best shows have been in front of college students. He

said he was looking forward to connecting with the people first through music and then hanging out with students after the show.

The couple met through student ministry at the University of Delaware six years ago. Their publicist, Jenn DePaula, president of Mixtus Media, said the band played a combination of folk and pop music.

"They are soulful performers who certainly complement each other in their individual sounds," she said.

The band released its newest album, titled "Faint Not," on Nov. 30 and is touring to promote the CD. Jenny Somers said the work was inspired by the couple's life experiences.

"The album itself is about our journey of faith over the past year and a half," she said.

Somers said she has family in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and that the two try to perform as much as they can when visiting.

DePaula said the event was a great way for students to see a band on the rise.

"Students won't be disappointed with a Jenny and Tyler show," she said. "If the students love great music, thoughtful and insightful lyrics, and amazing melodies, they will love



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Jenny and Tyler."

For a preview of the band's music, students can go to [jennyandtylermusic.com](http://jennyandtylermusic.com) to download a free acoustic EP under their "Free" tab. One free song off each Jenny and Tyler album also is available on [noisetrade.com/jennyandtyler](http://noisetrade.com/jennyandtyler).

### Jenny and Tyler concert

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## STUDY ABROAD

# Center trying to attract more students to fall Seville program



MADDIE TASKER / STAFF REPORTER

TCU's Center for International Studies is trying to get more applicants for university's program in Seville, Spain in the fall.

By Natalie Smith

Staff Reporter

In the final push for the March 15 deadline to apply for programs in fall 2011, the Center for International Studies is trying to attract more people to the university's Seville program, a study abroad official said. Alexis Branaman, study abroad coordinator, said the center was encouraging students to attend in the fall to even out enrollment in the program between the fall and spring semesters. She said students have gone during the spring in the past because of a longer semester, better weather and because students don't want to miss activities in the fall on campus.

Branaman said the center also was trying to give students an incentive to study abroad during the fall but would not go in to details about what the incentives would be.

She also said the partner programs were adding new locations with affiliates in places like Tanzania, Barcelona and the Galapagos Islands.

These new locations are from partnerships with the Institute for International Education of Students and the Council on International Educational Exchange, two non-profit study abroad organizations affiliated with the university, Branaman said.

"The options are pretty wide for the program partners," she said. "All of these different places are options,

and we've had a lot of people study in many of them."

One other study abroad change this year was the elimination of student petitions that gave students the opportunity to choose their own study abroad destination, Branaman said. Petitions were put in place so students could pick any program that best suited their needs with any non-profit study abroad organization.

Students can now only choose official TCU study abroad programs along with any program offered by IES and CIEE. Branaman said exceptions to that rule would be programs in Italy, England and Spain, where the university has their own programs, unless TCU does not offer courses a student may need in those countries.

"We know [IES and CIEE's] risk management, their housing, how their directors work and are very confident in how those programs are run," Branaman said.

Within the partner programs there are a variety of options to choose from, Branaman said. Students will find more traditional destinations with IES, such as China, France, Morocco and New Zealand. The most recent abroad program from IES is in the Galapagos Islands.

She said CIEE has more unique destinations such as Botswana, Jordan, Tanzania and Senegal. CIEE's newest programs are in Berlin, Belfast and Barcelona.

"Regardless of interest,

major, minor or passion — whatever — it is there is probably a program that is out there and tailored to your interest," Branaman said.

Senior musical theater major Audrey Burkhart said she studied abroad in London in fall 2009 through TCU. Burkhart said she chose London because of the city's great playwright history.

Burkhart said she was able to visit many unique destinations in the country and that she enjoyed the history of England. She also got to make a trip to Paris.

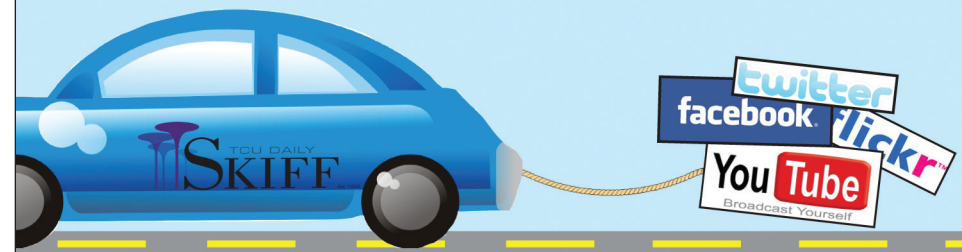
"For a birthday present, my friend bought us tickets to go up to the top of the Eiffel Tower," Burkhart said. "I don't care how cliché it sounds, it was one of the most romantic spots I could ever think of."

Burkhart said studying abroad was a great experience that will change a person's life and that it is essential for students to go out and see the world.

Senior strategic communication major Albert Rayle said he studied abroad in Sydney in spring 2010 through the IES. In addition to taking some marketing classes, Rayle said he got to scuba dive the Great Barrier Reef and was able to visit New Zealand and Fiji.

"Everyone should go abroad because it changes the way you view the world and opens your eyes on everything," Rayle said. "You understand politics more, and you see how everything is interconnected."

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# WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

## Intruder, Ore. homeowner call police on each other

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon police say both an intruder and a Portland homeowner phoned 911 to report the same thing: a strange man in a home.  
Lt. Kelli Sheffer says the intruder told police he had just

broken into a home Monday evening when the owner arrived — and the caller was worried the homeowner might have a gun.

Accompanied by his two German Shepherds, the homeowner found the intruder and asked what he was doing in the house. That's when the stranger locked himself in a bathroom and phoned police. The homeowner called po-

lice with his account.

Sheffer says 24-year-old Timothy James Chapek, of Portland, was booked into jail for investigation of first-degree criminal trespass.

## Police find field of money in Ohio highway median

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP) — Police north of Columbus, Ohio, are trying to figure out how thousands of dollars in cash ended up along a highway.

Police Chief Russ Martin in the city of Delaware says

there were so many bills in the median of U.S. Route 23 on Monday that an officer said it looked as though the field was growing money.

Authorities had been alerted by a motorist, and officers spent hours collecting the cash. Martin won't reveal the total except to say it was "five figures."

He tells WBNS-TV that police checked with the FBI, an armored car company and bank couriers. None reported missing any money.

The chief is confident officers rounded up all the bills,

so he says drivers shouldn't stop in hopes of finding treasure.

## Bat is scene stealer at Lexington Opera House

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The Lexington Opera House is haunted not by a phantom, but by a bat nicknamed Bruce.

The bat's most recent public appearance came during a Beatles tribute show last weekend, reports WKYT-TV.

Opera House program director Luanne Franklin says

the staff calls the bat Bruce after Bruce Wayne, whose alter ego was Batman.

Franklin says some other buildings in downtown Lexington have bats, so it wasn't surprising when Bruce settled in at the Opera House. The bat showed up at a Randy Newman concert, did a round above the audience and fans whopped and hollered. Newman later said he thought the applause was for him.

If Bruce is still in the house during the next couple of weeks, he'll be treated to performances of "Cats."

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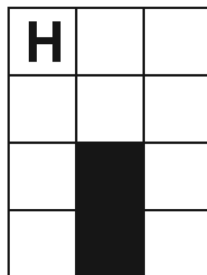
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22 School orgs.  
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28 \_\_\_ Andreas Fault  
29 Bit of dogma  
30 Poppycock  
31 Opera setting, for short  
33 Outs partners  
35 Hops-drying oven  
36 Animals who often bear twins  
38 Evokes wonder in 40 Asian sea  
43 It's not known for MPG efficiency  
45 Soak up  
49 Din in the library?  
51 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"  
53 Big suit, briefly  
54 About the eye  
55 Elect to take part  
56 Hoo-ha  
57 Option for Hamlet  
58 Exxon Valdez cargo  
59 Short run, for short  
60 Wimple wearers  
61 "What's Going On" singer  
64 Elan  
65 Kindergarten staple  
66 Courtroom demand  
67 Quite a long time  
68 Pair in bunk beds, perhaps  
69 Burden bearer

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7 Rhine siren  
8 Mork's planet  
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11 "1984" setting  
12 Goofs  
13 Old JFK arrival  
18 Spermatozoa, e.g.  
22 Frisk, with "down"  
24 Crock-Pot potful  
25 Sicilian mount  
27 Collector's goal  
32 "Mad Max" star  
34 East African language  
37 Sport for heavyweights  
39 Israeli diplomat  
40 In days past  
41 Burst  
42 Actor Banderas  
44 Vicks ointment  
46 Anthem for "eh" sayers  
47 Overnight flights  
48 Leader of the band with the 1962 hit "Green Onions"  
50 Impeccable service  
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By Gareth Bain 3/9/11  
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## "Ando Hiroshige"

Difficulty ★★☆☆☆ (60pts)

### How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

### Tuesday's Solution



## "Gustav Klimt"

Difficulty ★☆☆☆☆ (15pts)

### Sample



## "Freeze"

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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 Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

### Tuesday's Solution

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# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Texas teen who attacked delivery man faces prison

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A teenager who robbed and attacked a pizza deliveryman with a baseball bat could finish serving his 40-year sentence in a Texas prison.

The teen is to appear in a Fort Worth juvenile court Tuesday. But the matter is unrelated to the man's death about a year after he was attacked.

The hearing was called by the Texas Youth Commission. It has housed the teen since he was sentenced last year after pleading guilty to aggravated robbery.

Under certain sentencing rules, teens who cause problems can be transferred to state prison to serve their full sentence -- instead of being released from a Texas juvenile facility when they're 19.

Prosecutors have not decided whether to charge the teen in connection with the man's death.

## Police: Monkey found dead in vandalized Texas zoo

GAINESVILLE, Texas (AP) — A small monkey was found dead at a North Texas zoo following a break-in by vandals over the weekend.

Gainesville police spokesman Sgt. Belva McClinton said Tuesday that authorities don't know what caused the death of the cotton-top tamarin at Frank Buck Zoo.

She says police have identified three juvenile suspects in the vandalism, but are still investigating and have made no arrests. The intruders broke in sometime after closing Friday at the zoo about 70 miles north of Dallas.

Zoo director Susan Kleven tells the Gainesville Daily Register that the vandalism included oil poured on all-terrain vehicles, a discharged fire extinguisher and damage to some exhibits. She says a turkey vulture had broken feathers.

Kleven says a necropsy will determine the monkey's cause of death.

## Planned Parenthood rallies at state Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A day after losing a fight over a bill that would give Texas

some of the strictest abortion rules in the country, House Democrats stood Tuesday with Planned Parenthood advocates working against a barrage of legislative attempts to weaken their programs.

Hundreds of supporters rallied at the Capitol, saying they were angry with state lawmakers for endangering women's health care and family planning. The legislation approved Monday requires women to get sonograms before an abortion, and recently approved Medicaid limits would leave many of the organization's patients without access to birth control and health screenings.

"This is basic, preventative health care," said Ken Lambrecht, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Texas Capital Region. "We do more to prevent the need for abortion than any program in the United States."

Planned Parenthood has been under fire from conservative lawmakers in recent weeks, as nationwide attempts to decrease abortions and cut funding for family planning programs gain momentum.

Despite Democratic attempts to derail the Texas sonogram legislation, the bill cleared the House floor Monday on a procedural vote. Republican Gov. Rick Perry designated the legislation as a priority early in the legislative session.

## Expert says wildflowers won't be impressive

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A botanist says the lack of rain in the fall will mean Texas' wildflower display won't be as impressive as it was last year.

Damon Waitt, senior director of the University of Texas at Austin's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, says, "I'm cautiously optimistic at this point and think it's going to be a decent year, just not a banner year."

A release from the center Tuesday says that with the cold weather that hit many regions, native wildflowers aren't yet blooming in many areas.

One bit of good news is that last year's impressive display will mean more seeds were produced that could come up in a few years with good rains in the fall...3

# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## US 'heartland' near historic shift from Midwest

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's population center is edging away from the Midwest, pulled by Hispanic growth in the Southwest, according to census figures. The historic shift is changing the nation's politics and even the traditional notion of the country's heartland — long the symbol of mainstream American beliefs and culture.

The West is now home to the four fastest-growing states — Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Idaho — and has surpassed the Midwest in population, according to 2010 figures. California and Texas added to the southwestern population tilt, making up more than one-fourth of the nation's total gains since 2000.

When the Census Bureau announces a new mean center of population next month, geographers believe it will be placed in or around Texas County, Mo., southwest of the present location in Phelps County, Mo. That would put the center at the outer edge of the Midwest, on a path to leave the region by midcentury.

"The geography is clearly shifting, with the West beginning to emerge as America's new heartland," said Robert Lang, a sociology professor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas who regularly crunches data to determine the nation's center. "It's a pace-setting region that is dominant in population growth but also as a swing point in American politics."

The last time the U.S. center fell outside the Midwest was 1850, in the eastern territory now known as West Virginia. Its later move to the Midwest bolstered the region as the nation's cultural heartland in the 20th century, central to U.S. farming and Rust Belt manufacturing sites.

In the 1960s, "Will it play in Peoria?" was a common phrase that coincided with the U.S. center's location in Illinois. It was a measure of whether a politician or consumer product could appeal to mainstream Americans with traits associated with Midwesterners, such as stability and caution.



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Revelers toss beads from a balcony on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter of New Orleans, Monday, March 7, 2011. Mardi Gras season ends with an all-day celebration on Tuesday, March 8.

But over the last decade, the Phoenix suburb of Peoria, Ariz., soared past its namesake Peoria, Ill., in population size. Democrat Barack Obama in 2008 successfully made the Republican-leaning Mountain West a key component to winning election, with Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico now considered swing states.

With Arizona on track to surpass Ohio in electoral votes by midcentury, based on projected growth, issues important to the West, such as Arizona's sharp debate over immigration, gain in political significance.

The Census Bureau calculates the mean U.S. center every 10 years based on its national head count. The center represents the middle point of the nation's population distribution — the geographic point at which the country would balance if each of its 308.7 million residents weighed the same.

## Rowdy Mardi Gras gives maskers a chance to mock BP

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Gray skies couldn't dampen the spirit as Mardi Gras revelers partied on Fat Tuesday in waves of parading, costuming, drinking — and political commentary.

Some bared flesh and threw beads on Bourbon Street in the

French Quarter, while others wore costumes lampooning the BP oil spill or other headline-grabbing events. Overall, this year's Carnival season has been among the most raucous since Hurricane Katrina, partly because it overlaps with many colleges' spring breaks.

Clarinetist Pete Fountain kicked off street parading shortly after dawn with his marching group. The traditionally African-American Krewe of Zulu and the parade of Rex, King of Carnival, followed. Mayor Mitch Landrieu led Zulu on horseback before dismounting at the antebellum-columned Gallier Hall for toasts with

Mardi Gras royalty.

The party would go on until midnight, when Carnival is replaced by the Christian season of Lent.

For many, the fun came in watching costumed partiers — and their themes.

A troupe of black-clad skeletons known as a Bone Gang paraded through the streets in a tradition dating from the 1800s that has voodoo overtones.

"The idea is it's kind of a warning for people in the neighborhoods, for the children in particular, to live right because we're all going to die," said Michael Crutcher, a Bone Gang member and college instructor.

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## OPINION

## Defense is key for No. 7 TCU



Alex Apple

Defense rarely plays as large a part in a baseball game, as was the case Tuesday night as the No. 7 TCU Horned Frogs took out the UT-Arlington Mavericks, 7-3.

TCU's offense exploded early in the game to cushion the Frogs' lead, 4-1. Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston scored three runs while driving in two. His home run to center field confirmed that the new regulation NCAA bats weren't the root cause for the previous Frogs' hitting slump after TCU tallied 45 hits at Texas Tech over the weekend.

However, the Mavericks also hit the ball well. In fact, the Mavericks outthit the Frogs by a count of 11-10.

If not for spectacular defensive play from senior catcher Jimmie Pharr, Featherston and senior first baseman Joe Weik, the Frogs would have lost their second-consecutive Tuesday evening game.

In the fourth inning, the Mavericks threatened to score

off Frogs' senior reliever Trent Appleby. Appleby delivered a pitch that seemed destined to travel down the first baseline for a three-run scoring double. But Weik dove down the line to save at least two runs for his pitcher.

"I told our guys that the difference in the game tonight was defense," head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "They outthit us 11-10, but we simply played better on defense. Weik's play was obviously the biggest, and that was the difference in being up two runs or being tied or down one [run]."

The other defensive star of the game was Pharr. Pharr, who loomed in the shadow of TCU All-American and Detroit Tigers 2010 draft pick Bryan Holaday a season ago, successfully picked off a runner on a back pick to first base to end the UTA scoring threat in the eighth inning. Pharr also did an excellent job keeping the ball in front of him the entire game.

Featherston also showed off his range in keeping several balls in the infield, which kept Maverick runners from advancing.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the UTA defense came unwound as backup catcher Daniel Garcia allowed two passed balls, allowing TCU

to plate one runner and place another at third. Then Maverick shortstop Daniel Jordan allowed a ground ball to travel under his glove and into the outfield, allowing TCU to score its seventh and final run of the ballgame.

TCU junior closer Erik Miller slammed the door on any type of Maverick rally in the ninth thanks to well positioned defense behind him. A line drive, caught by a perfectly positioned Featherston, ended the game.

TCU has now recorded 55 hits in its last four games. TCU junior left fielder Jason Coats officially broke out of his batting slump as well. He hit two home runs and drove in six RBIs over the weekend series at Texas Tech and hit four balls hard Tuesday. He collected three hits in five at-bats while notching two more RBIs.

Whatever hitting bug Coats caught in the West Texas air over the weekend seemed to have certainly spread to his teammates on the trip back Fort Worth. This isn't the type of illness the players want to get over anytime soon.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Horned Frogs try to stamp out home losing streak vs. Lamar

By Emily Agee

Staff Reporter

TCU will put its all-time undefeated record versus the Lamar Cardinals to the test Wednesday.

The match, scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, will be the Frogs' first duel since they last met in 2000. The teams have met a total of five times since 1979, all TCU victories. This season, the Frogs and the Cardinals met in early fall during tournament play.

The Frogs have been plagued with several injuries this season as well, head coach Dave Borelli said.

"Federica [Denti] has a bad back, Maria [Babanova] hurt her knee yesterday on a default match she was winning, and Gaby Mastromarino's has back issues from playing singles yesterday," Borelli said.

Injuries are rarely used as an excuse for losing, Borelli said, but they are significantly hurting his team this season.

When asked for an update on the team's injuries, Borelli said the team would be short

in Wednesday's match, but did not specify who would be sidelined.

"We'll have our backs to the wall but we'll rise to the occasion," Borelli said.

"Federica [Denti] has a bad back, Maria [Babanova] hurt her knee yesterday on a default match she was winning, and Gaby Mastromarino's has back issues from playing singles yesterday."

Dave Borelli  
Head Coach

Senior Katariina Tuohimaa and sophomore Federica Denti met with Lamar's senior duo Mariaryeni Gutierrez and Kaltrina Harbuzi in the semifinal round of the HEB Baylor Invitational. Tuohimaa and Denti defeated the seniors 8-2. Gutierrez and Harbuzi are currently ranked No. 57 in the nation in doubles play and are 6-0 in

No. 1 grouping.

The matchup with the Cardinals, however, could prove to be a tough one for the Frogs. Lamar is undefeated so far this season with a record of 8-0 and their last victory came in a 7-0 win over Stephen F. Austin.

Wednesday's match will also mark the Frogs' third match in the last five days.

TCU has struggled as of late and is currently on a five-match losing streak. Their last victory was at home against Texas-Pan American on Jan. 22. The Frogs dropped a home match to No. 73 Wake Forest, 6-1, Monday and fell to No. 19 Oklahoma 5-2 Saturday.

The match versus Lamar is the fourth of six straight home matches. TCU is currently 0-3 when playing in Fort Worth.


### TCU vs. Lamar

When: 2 p.m. today

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Junior Gaby Mastromarino looks to return the ball during a home match earlier this season. The Lady Frogs face Lamar at 2 p.m. today in the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.



## SPORTS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Frogs start with clean slate vs. Wyoming in MWC Tourney opener

By Ryne Sulier  
Sports Editor

Throw the records out the window, forget about the conference seeding, and focus on 40 minutes of basketball against Wyoming in the Mountain West Conference Championship opener, head men's basketball coach Jim Christian said.

"The general message is the same — this is the time of the year that a lot of things go out the window, seeding goes out the window," Christian said. "What's happened, hopefully you learn from those things, you get kind of a second chance, and that for us in our situation is refreshing for our team, because at this point records go out the window."

No. 9 seed TCU (10-21, 1-15 MWC) will play the MWC'S No. 8 seed Wyoming (10-20, 3-13 MWC) at 4:05 p.m. today at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. The Frogs and Cowboys split the season series, but Christian said the third matchup of the season is more about his team than Wyoming.

"The last time we played we were still trying to find ourselves a little bit with some of the guys on the team that weren't there the first time we played," Christian said. "It's go-

ing be one of those days, whoever comes to play, and whoever comes to play harder is going to win the game."

The Frogs nearly notched their second conference win of the regular season at Air Force on Wednesday, tying the game with 1:03 remaining after a 10-0 run. But the Frogs eventually fell 70-65 after junior guard Hank Thorns' layup to put TCU up with less than 20 seconds remaining did not fall through the bucket. Air Force would pad its lead with free throws to close out the game. The Frogs have lost 13 straight games — their last win came at Wyoming on Jan. 12.

"It always comes down to 40 minutes and understanding what possessions are key. Obviously it's a little bit of an uphill battle cause we don't have a lot of numbers, and guys get worn out," Christian said. "But that's where mental toughness takes over, and that's how you get over the hump."

"We just break down at certain points in the game and it's hard to get it back. It was another opportunity [against Air Force], and we just didn't execute...what frustrated me so much is we guarded so well in the first half, holding [the Falcons] to 35 percent [shooting], in the second half 67 percent

[shooting] on the same type of stuff, and that's where we have to get better."

Junior guard J.R. Cadot added on the Jim Christian Radio Show on Thursday: "It just seems we've broken down at the wrong times in games, but as far as playing, competing and shooting the ball well, we've proven that we can play with the San Diego States."

Christian said the week-long break from play was a unique time to have some time off for players to get individual work done in the gym and get a little bit of rest, which he said his guys needed.

"With the season ending for us, now the tournament breathes a little bit of fresh air into our guys, and I've already seen in the practice and the preparation," he said. "So we are excited to come out and see our guys play."

If TCU wins the opening game of the MWC Tournament, it will move on to play No. 1 seed Brigham Young on Thursday. BYU made national headlines after suspending sophomore and its third-leading scorer Brandon Davies for having premarital sex with his girlfriend, a violation of the BYU Honor Code.

"Again, obviously for us we can't think about that because

we have a game [against Wyoming] first. I don't know if the dynamics changed," Christian said. "I thought BYU was a great basketball team; they've hurt us equally as much when Davies wasn't on the floor. It takes a game or two games to get accustomed to, guys are going in to new roles for them...I think they are still a great basketball team."

#### Thorns selected third-team All-MWC

Junior guard Hank Thorns will return home to Las Vegas for the MWC Tournament as a third-team All-MWC selection. Thorns was the fourth Frog awarded an All-MWC selection since TCU joined the conference. Ronnie Moss, Kevin Langford and Nile Murray were the other selections.

Thorns ranks fourth nationally with seven assists per game. His 210 assists this season rank third in TCU single-season history. Thorns also has averaged 10.4 points per game and 1.23 steals per game this season.

#### Cadot familiar with Wyoming

J.R. Cadot coming to TCU from his native Nassau, Bahamas, wasn't near the culture shock compared to moving to Wyoming to play his first two seasons at Sheridan College,



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Junior guard Hank Thorns goes for an acrobatic layup against UNM during the last home game of the regular season.

where he averaged 17 points per game and 7.8 rebounds.

"It was crazy cold," Cadot said. "It's not cold at all in the Bahamas, but in Wyoming it snowed every day, and it was a life-changing moment almost every day there for me."

Cadot said he still has people who support him in Wyoming. In TCU's last game in Laramie, Wyo., Cadot said he had fans and friends come to the game to watch him play.

#### Moss still suspended

Frogs leading scorer Ronnie "Tuffie" Moss will not play in the MWC Tournament after Christian suspended him indefinitely on Jan. 28 for a fail-

ure to adhere to the standards of the team.

"We suspended him indefinitely; we didn't say we'll see you when the tournament comes," Christian said. "No, he might have wanted it that way, but that's just not the way it is."

#### Mountain West Conference Tournament

##### No. 9 TCU vs. No. 8 Wyoming

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## SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

TCU will start MWC Tournament play today against Wyoming.



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Junior Jason Coats at plate against UT-Arlington on Tuesday night. Coats went 3-for-5 with two RBIs in the game.

## BASEBALL

## No. 7 Horned Frogs cruise past UTA 7-3

By John Andrew Willis  
Staff Writer

On a breezy Tuesday evening at Lupton Stadium, the No. 7 Horned Frogs beat the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks 7-3 in an offensively dominated 21-hit ballgame.

A few key defensive plays allowed TCU (8-4) to seal the victory under the leadership of starting freshman pitcher Stefan Crichton and three Frogs relievers. Mavs starting pitcher Chase Weaver recorded the loss, giving up two runs on three hits in two innings of work. The Mavericks fell to 6-6 for the season.

TCU head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said defense made the difference for the Horned Frogs, especially since UTA out-hit TCU 11 to 10.

"Four plays were the difference in the game because we got out-hit," Schlossnagle said.

While the video evidence may have disagreed with the umpire's call, senior reliever Trent Appleby was credited with an out in the top of the fifth inning when he picked off UTA left fielder Ryan Walker at first base. Appleby would notch the win for TCU and junior reliever Erik Miller was credited with his third save of the season.

TCU junior right fielder Brance Rivera received a brief roar from the 3,740 fans in attendance when he made a diving catch for the first out in the top of the seventh inning. In a non-controversial tag, Miller pitched out to TCU senior catcher Jimmie Pharr, who threw out UTA pinch hitter Cody Dyvig at first base to conclude the top of the eighth inning.

Schlossnagle did not seem particularly impressed with the play of TCU's four pitchers.

"We made some pitches when we had to, but I thought were very lackadaisical in the middle innings," he said.

Besides a few solid defensive plays, it was heads-up base running and 10 TCU hits that overwhelmed UTA's carousel of six pitchers.

In the bottom of the second inning junior center fielder Aaron Schultz hit a line-drive down the third base line for a double. He then stole third for his fourth steal this season.

Junior Zac Jordan replaced Schultz in the outfield in the top of the fourth inning. When asked what prompted that move, Schlossnagle said Schultz tweaked his hamstring a little bit.

"[Schultz] said he was fine, but I didn't like the way he rounded second base, and we can't risk that," Schlossnagle said.

Although seven Horned Frogs recorded hits, junior left fielder Jason Coats and junior shortstop Taylor Featherston especially stood out. Coats went 3-for-5, including an RBI triple in the first, and an RBI single later in the eighth inning. Featherston was 2-for-4 with a home run in the third inning and a clutch RBI single in the bottom of the eighth — barely running out the play at first to save the inning.

### "K" is the letter of the game

Although mid-week games do not always carry the same emotion as a weekend series, two brothers had a reason to be especially psyched-up. TCU junior Kaleb Merck, who is out this season recovering from Tommy John Surgery on his throwing arm, watched his brother Kasey, a freshman relief pitcher for UTA, pitch one inning.

"I've never actually seen him pitch," Kaleb Merck said. "It was really weird when we hit a home run. I was happy we hit one, but I felt bad he gave up one. It's strange."

The letter "K" seems to run in the Merck family. Kaleb and Kasey have a younger brother named Kyler, and they all went to Keller High School. When asked whether Kasey, still a sophomore in high school, throws Ks — the baseball abbreviation for a strikeout — like his older brothers, Kaleb Merck said, "He actually doesn't play baseball. I think he got burned out watching us play for 10 years of our lives."

### Up next

Houston Baptist will travel to Fort Worth to play a three-game weekend series against TCU at Lupton Stadium. First pitch is set for Friday at 6:30 p.m.