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Alumnus speaks with FTDM students about life in industry.

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TCU's Greg Hill reacts after scoring during the first half against Wyoming in an NCAA college basketball game in the first round of the Mountain West Conference tournament on Wednesday, in Las Vegas.

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ALUMNI

Cinematographer Michael Grady visits FTDM Department

By Brittany Turner
Staff Reporter

TCU alumnus and director of photography Michael Grady has visited students in the Department of Film, Television and Digital Media this week and will participate in a cinematography workshop Friday to end his visit.

Grady worked in cinematography for the movies "Easy A," "Faster," and "Notorious." His next film will be "Friends with Benefits."

Grady said he came to speak to TCU students because of the energy and the thirst for knowledge the TCU community has. He has talked about his experiences working in the film industry and what students can do if they want to be where he is after graduating.

"It's a tough business and it's mean," Grady said. "You need to love it, and you need to really want to do it."

Grady said the film industry can be challenging, but not impossible, for students to break into such a tough market.

"You can if you want," he said. "Don't think it is the most impenetrable wall ever. It seems it, but it's not."

After coming back last year for a football game, Grady said so many things at the university had changed.

"I missed my time here and I loved [TCU]," he said. "And the further I get from it, the more I appreciate it."

FTDM instructor Greg Mansur said Grady was out in Los Angeles and heard about TCU winning the Rose Bowl, which made him think about his alma mater.

"He wanted to give back," Mansur said. "It means a lot to us because we can bring him back and his expertise."

Grady reviewed "Top Grad," the reality TV show that the department is producing, and had really strong things to say about it, Mansur said.

"He's also giving them confidence," Mansur said. "It opens up doors for [students] because he's telling them all about the industry from the inside."

Emely Torres, a junior film-television-digital media major, said Grady's discussion was conversational and engaging.

"It wasn't like he was trying to give a lecture," she said. "He was just talking about his job."

Torres said she was able to gain an understanding of the film industry after hearing Grady speak to her directing class.

"Even though he told us everything he is doing and how successful he is, he wasn't throwing it in our faces; he was really humble about it."

She said she liked the fact that his style of teaching was completely different from the way a professor would lecture. Torres said she enjoyed his experiential way of teaching.

Grady graduated from TCU in 1992 and went on to graduate school at the University of North Texas. Grady also studied at New York University and later finished his education at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles.

Grady said he learned about



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TCU alumnus Michael Grady has worked on several movies, including "Easy A," "Faster," and "Notorious."

life and responsibility as an undergraduate of marketing and philosophy at TCU.

He said he did not know what he wanted to do with his life until his senior year of college when he started tak-

ing film classes. Grady said he took film introduction classes at TCU and a cinematography class.

Grady said although things have changed since he graduated, such as Radio-TV-Film

moving to FTDM, he learned at TCU that film was what he wanted to do with his life.

"The first movie I ever made was right here on campus, in an apartment on Hulen," Grady said.



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SGA

Runoff election begins today

By Heather Noel
Staff Reporter

Caroline Wiersgalla and Hunter Sprague will compete in a Student Government Association runoff election for Vice President of External Affairs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Brown-Lupton University Union Activities Coordinator Brett Phillips said.

Phillips said to keep the runoff election fair, he could not release numerical

results from Wednesday's election.

He said the runoff is necessary because none of the candidates received more than 50 percent of the vote in Wednesday's election.

Vice President of External Affairs is a position created in the SGA constitution and passed Feb. 11, Phillips wrote in an e-mail.

He also wrote the duties of the new position will include fostering connections with TCU student organi-

zations, community outreach within the city of Fort Worth and promoting SGA to students, faculty, staff and alumni.

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ATHLETICS

Official: University performs background checks on athletes

By Libby Davis
Editor-in-Chief

Director of Athletics Media Relations Mark Cohen confirmed Wednesday that TCU conducts criminal background checks on athletes.

"We utilize background checks as one of many tools when recruiting prospec-

tive student-athletes," Cohen wrote in a statement. "Suffice it to say, we try very hard to recruit athletes who are good community citizens and leaders in their respective sports. So far, we are pleased with our recent recruits, and we look forward to continued success in all of our sports programs."

Cohen said he did not know how long the background checks had been in effect.

The statement follows a *Sports Illustrated*/CBS News report that ranked TCU's football program best among *SI*'s preseason top 25 with the fewest number of players with criminal records.

IN-N-OUT

Restaurant to open in summer

By **Chelsea Katz**
Staff Reporter

The California-based hamburger chain In-N-Out Burger has begun early stages of construction on a Fort Worth location, and would open in mid-summer if construction goes according to plan, said Carl Van Fleet, vice president of planning and development for In-N-Out Burger.

The restaurant is located off West Seventh Street, Van Fleet said. The burger chain is also evaluating many sites in the Metroplex, and has also begun construction at locations in Allen and Frisco, he said.

Van Fleet said he thought it was important for the restaurant to come to Fort Worth specifically because it is a "vibrant, exciting and opportunity-filled" area of the Dallas/Fort Worth market.

In-N-Out Burger currently has 252 restaurants in California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah, he said. Van Fleet said Texas would be a big step for the West Coast chain and would present great opportunity to expand their business.

"When you think of where the big markets are in the western U.S., they don't get much bigger than where you are right there," he said.

Irene Sanchez, a sophomore sociology major from California, said she loves the fries and milkshakes at In-N-Out. She said she also likes that everything is freshly made at each store.

In-N-Out Burger was established in 1948 in Southern California, and Van Fleet said

the focus on freshness, quality, cleanliness and friendliness has not changed in 63 years.

"Everything is fresh, including the hamburger patties, which we make ourselves."

Carl Van Fleet
Vice President of Planning for In-N-Out Burger

All ingredients used at In-N-Out restaurants are fresh, he said, including the hamburger patties, the lettuce and the tomatoes that go on the burgers. He added that all ingredients are prepared on-site.

"We don't own a freezer anywhere in the system," he said. "Everything is fresh, including the hamburger

patties, which we make ourselves."

In addition to its freshness, In-N-Out prided itself on being active in the community by adding 50 jobs and participating in outreach programs, Van Fleet said. He added that involvement would become much greater once the restaurant is fully operational.

Sanchez said she thought people would go to In-N-Out Burger to try it since there was a lot of hype around the restaurant.

Arthur Aven, a senior history major, said he had never tried In-N-Out but would go to the Fort Worth location to try it. He said he had heard good things from friends who are from, or have visited, California.

"If In-N-Out's better than, say, McDonald's or Whataburger, I'd go there over those other places," Aven said.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

California-based In-N-Out Burger has begun construction on its Fort Worth location and plans to open mid-summer.

ALUMNI

Schuler to receive First Amendment award

By **Clay York**
Staff Reporter

The Radio Television Digital News Foundation will honor TCU alumna and Raycom Media Vice President Susana Schuler with the First Amendment Service Award in Washington, D.C., on Thursday.

According to a press release by RTDNE, the service award honors a media professional who has distinguished himself or herself through off-air management capacities.

Schuler, a Cum Laude graduate from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in broadcast journalism and a minor in business, said the award was a tremendous honor. She even joked she received the award only because the award selection committee ran out of names.

"It's really a humbling experience for me," she said. "But it is the crust of what we do and, you know, what we set out to do when you say you're going to be a journalist."

Schuler said the award signifies not only her efforts in journalism, but also her company's ability to help her utilize her First Amendment right to access information and report the truth.

"[The award] really is a testament to why we get into

this business as journalists," she said. "And hopefully...it's a good reflection of Raycom — a company that challenges me and our stations every day to go out there and uncover the stories that are important to a community."

Schuler also said the award reflected heavily on her TCU education and training.



Schuler

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Susana Schuler
Raycom Media Vice President

"[TCU] is where I got my interest in journalism," Schuler said. "I was not born into this industry."

Schuler credited former TCU journalism professor Anantha Babbili with sparking her interest in journalism.

"[TCU] gave me an exposure to something that I frankly didn't know how much I would fall in love with," she said. "And then they motivated me through-

out my time there to pursue the craft and to get very aggressive, hands-on experience."

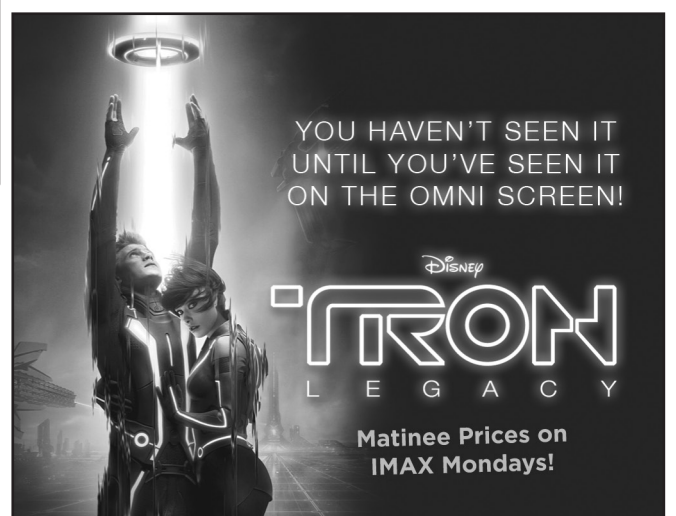
The award is one of three First Amendment awards given to leaders in the journalism field committed to the First Amendment.

At the awards banquet, Schuler will receive the award from CEO of Raycom Media Paul McTear.

According to the release, David Barrett and Wolf Blitzer will receive the other two awards, the First Amendment Leadership Award and the Leonard Zeidenberg First Amendment Award, respectively. Barrett is the president and CEO of Hearst Television Incorporation and Blitzer is CNN's lead anchor, according to the release.

Stacey Woelfel, the chairman of RTDNE, said in an RTDNE press release he was excited to honor the First Amendment Award recipients at the 21st Annual First Amendment Awards Dinner on Thursday.

"[The honorees] all represent the very best in local and national broadcasting," Woelfel said in the press release. "Each has fought for the principles the First Amendment embodies and has had a personal role in keeping our country informed."



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The Skiff View

House should allow student vote on bill

On Tuesday night, the House of Student Representatives passed a bill allowing candidates to run for up to two House representative positions during elections if they meet qualifications. Lizzy Caudill, co-author of the bill, said the bill closed loopholes in the Student Body Code.

While the House did well to close the loopholes, the new bill may not be the solution for those problems.

First, allowing students to run for two positions creates the possibility for wasted votes. Students running for two positions do not get to choose which position they will fill if they win both; they will be appointed to the position for which they win a higher percentage of votes. If students cast their votes with the expectation that the candidate will win a certain position and that candidate wins a different one, then those votes were wasted.

Also, if a student were a double candidate — for the College of Communication and AddRan College of Liberal Arts, for example — some of the issues relating to each college could conflict. Anyone running for office simply cannot run on two opposing platforms.

It is great to see students who want to be as involved as possible by running for multiple positions, but the bill seems to be more beneficial to the candidates' aspirations than to the voice of student voters.

The House may want to consider sending the bill in referendum to the student body to be certain that voters would approve of this change as well.

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Students should make well informed sexual decisions



Katey Muldrow

Just say no.

We've heard it related to drug use, and many educators take that same approach when they attempt to teach what I cringe to call "sexual education." The fact of the matter is they hardly educate at all.

The study discussed in Wednesday's column, "Lower teen sex rate proves abstinence works," concluded that from 2006 to 2008 fewer young adults chose to become sexually active. However, the study did not come to a conclusion of why that is. I refuse to believe it is the result of sexual education that hinged on the "abstinence only" viewpoint.

Abstinence is a noble effort, but it is not a popular one. In a perfect world, there would be perfect relationships. In a perfect world, there would be no sexually transmitted infections. In a perfect world, there would be no un-

planned pregnancies. But nonetheless, this is nowhere close to being a perfect world.

First, the column stated that a strong correlation exists between sexually active young adults and unfaithful spouses. This makes extremely unfair generalizations. Individuals must make their own sexual choices, and these choices are going to be the best when they are well informed.

Second, encouraging young adults to fight hormones and the social norm by remaining abstinent will only make an impact if they have extremely good reasons to do so. Therefore educators, such as teachers and parents, must give young people a better reason to stay sexually pure than just "because I said so." If the reason is to avoid sexually transmitted infections, OK. If the reason is to avoid the serious consequences of having a baby at 19 years old, OK. If the reason is to help keep their sense of self-worth intact and to nurture healthy relationships without sex, OK.

But these reasons should be laid out clearly and more than once. Young adults must be told important things multiple times before we even think about listening. So one "sex ed" class in middle school is just not going to cut

it. Young people should be given ample education so they can make the right choice for them — not the right choice for their mom or dad and not the right choice for their teacher or preacher. The right choice should be for themselves.

The best plan of action is to make available as much accurate information as possible about abstinence, sexual activity, contraceptives and sexually transmitted infections. This way, they can make an informed choice and stick to it.

While abstinence is the only way to ensure young adults completely avoid negative situations, like STIs and unplanned pregnancies, it is not very common. The study referenced in Wednesday's column stated that 27 percent of males and 29 percent of females aged 15-24 had never had sex. Let's flip those numbers and say that a large majority of young adults, roughly 72 percent, reported ever having sex. Therefore, there should be adequate and extensive sexual education so that individuals making sexual choices, no matter what they are, can make the best and healthiest choices possible.

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PERSPECTIVES

Technology can never entirely replace coming to class in person



Heather Noel

I am sure students may have asked themselves at some point, “Do I really need to come to class to do well in this course?” If the answer is no, then it usually is followed by the justification that you could probably get everything you need to know from the PowerPoint lectures online anyway.

As much as we would love to answer no to that question, I believe that technology cannot entirely replace the classroom environment.

Sure, putting PowerPoint lectures and making other resources available online

can be helpful, but it does not replace the professor-student interaction that occurs in the classroom.

Other technological tools, like Skype, can bring the lecture and professor to any student anywhere. This type of instruction can certainly be convenient, but students would miss the value of being in the same environment with their professors and fellow classmates engaging in discussion.

Similarly, just scanning PowerPoint lectures could leave students with only part of the story.

When a professor uses a technological aid like PowerPoint, the idea is that it provides a framework for the lecture. Anyone can memorize a series of facts or statements on slides, but the real content of a course is deciphering what those facts mean by putting them in the appropriate con-

text of the subject matter.

Professors are the ones that help decode the information. I know people learn in different ways, but I am more likely to remember information when somebody has put it into terms I understand.

Sure, putting PowerPoint lectures and making other resources available online can be helpful, but it does not replace the professor-student interaction that occurs in the classroom.

According to a Feb. 27 article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, some believe that maybe the classroom is not the most valuable place for learning.

Randy Bass, executive director of Georgetown University’s Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship, said in the article that much of what students deem the most valuable part of their college learning experience does not even take place inside a classroom environment. He cited the results from the National Survey of Student Engagement, an annual study based at Indiana University at Bloomington, to prove this point.

The study found that students responded that non-classroom activities like internships, study-abroad programs, senior thesis and undergraduate research made up four of the eight “high impact” learning activities for survey participants.

I do not argue that these activities are not important learning experiences, but I do not think this evidence

supports the idea that the traditional classroom no longer essential. The survey participants did not respond that all their “high impact” learning activities took place outside the classroom.

Another point brought up in the article is that students already have access to a wealth of information on the Internet. While this is true, it does not mean they understand it or can really know if the information they are receiving is accurate.

This question of accuracy is proven by the numerous college library Web pages devoted to explaining how to evaluate online information. Cornell, Johns Hopkins and Ohio State all have Web pages that guide students on evaluating online sources to find credible information. The recurring themes on these pages are reminders to check the Web site’s author, purpose and audience.

John Maeda, president of the Rhode Island School of Design, said in the article that courses are bound to evolve as new technologies emerge, but these advancements do not totally degrade the model of the university.

So while students have access to an immeasurable amount of information on the Internet and have a wide variety of technological tools available for use, it does not mean that all of these advancements can take the place of the traditional professor-student interaction in the classroom.

I am not saying that these tools have no place in the learning environment — in fact, they can be beneficial aids in learning, with the emphasis on “aids.”

Heather Noel is a junior news-editorial journalism and history double major from Fort Worth.

Facebook popularity increases pressure



Emily Atteberry

Facebook truly embodies the meaning of the word “frenemy.”

Although Facebook is meant to help us “stay connected,” researchers from Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland concluded in a recent study that the more friends a user has, the more social anxiety that person experiences, according to a Feb. 21 article from the *Dallas Business Journal*.

“We found it was actually those with the most contacts, those who had invested the most time in the site, who were the ones most likely to be stressed,” lead researcher Dr. Kathy Charles said in the article.

So what constitutes being “invested” in the social networking site? According to Facebook, the average user has 130 friends.

Some probably don’t have a second thought about 130 friends. Most of my friends within the TCU network probably average closer to 500, and my most “popular” friends are within the bounds of 2,000.

The link between social anxiety and number of Facebook friends is obvious — the

larger your “audience,” the more meticulous one is in writing funny, interesting or smart statuses. Knowing 500 or 1,000 people may read what you have to say — even if it is just “I love my dog!” — is a lot of pressure for the average person.

That anxiety finds a way to creep into every section Facebook has to offer, especially to pictures.

I’ve heard people say they will take a camera to an event “for Facebook” or eagerly ask if pictures taken of them will appear on the site. People care; they want to be seen. They know others will look through their pictures, and therefore wish to present a certain perspective of their lives.

The need to “prove oneself,” per se, is also dominant in the “relationship status” function.

According to the article, a recent survey found that nearly half of all U.S. adult users reported using the social media site to show they were in a relationship. Three-fourths of single Facebook users admitted to using the site to look for potential relationships.

Especially true to college dating culture, being “FBO” — Facebook Official — seems to be the pinnacle of success and even legitimacy for a relationship.

The more friends you have, the more you feel the need to affirm your lifestyle through your profile. Those who add people they don’t truly know, like “that girl from biol-

ogy” or “the friend from fifth grade,” are essentially sharing every corner of their lives with strangers.

This constant surveillance of both our own lives and the hovering over the lives of our peers is also a huge time suck. We spend hours wasting away time. To be precise, people spend a combined 700 billion minutes per month on Facebook, according to the site.

It is so difficult for some to release themselves from the site that some people even change their friends’ passwords, refusing to return them until critical tests are over.

With such negative consequences, people may consider deleting their accounts. But, as the study found, people are too afraid of the social consequences to do so.

“Like gambling, Facebook keeps users in a neurotic limbo, not knowing whether they should hang on in there just in case they miss out on something good,” Charles said in the article.

I know I am guilty of that rationale; I have considered how much more I would be able to focus without the distraction of Facebook. But alas, I am hooked, just like my peers.

That being said, feel free to add me and explore the meticulously manicured image of who I present myself to be.

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Student Affairs TCU

FINE ARTS

Cellofest offers chance to perform with TCU Chamber Ensemble

By Brooke Crum
Staff Reporter

The third TCU Cellofest opens today, but for the first time students will be able to compete for cash prizes and the opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra during this three-day celebration of cello, Jesus Castro-Balbi, artistic director of TCU Cellofest and associate professor of cello, said.

Every two years, the School of Music will open its doors to cello students from other institutions and distinguished cellists from around the world, Castro-Balbi said.

The goal of the three-day Cellofest is to encourage the open exchange of ideas between students and professional performers with 33 cellos, nine master-classes and four recitals.

"This is a world-class event that's happening at a university that is not that large, and I think it's in line with what TCU is doing in other areas," Castro-Balbi said. "We're not the largest, but hopefully we are among the top as far as quality."

Eighteen contestants from

TCU and other institutions were preselected by Castro-Balbi to compete in the Haydn Concerto Competition, which is open to future and current college students. He said one student from both the college and pre-college category would be rewarded with \$250 and the chance to perform with the TCU Chamber Ensemble Saturday.

Participants must master the first movement from the Haydn Cello Concerto in C Major or D Major, a piece all professional cellists are required to learn, Castro-Balbi said. The piece is integral to the study of the cello for both soloists and orchestras, and it is for this reason that the Haydn competition was created, he said.

"If they want to play in an orchestra, they have to learn this piece because it is required at every audition. It's the standard against which everyone is being judged," Castro-Balbi said. "Whether you want to be a soloist and you enter performance competitions, like international competitions, or whether you want to get a job at any orchestra, you have to play one of those two pieces."

Bo Zhang, a senior cello performance major, said he is one of the six TCU students who will compete in the Haydn Concerto Competition, and saw this as an opportunity to improve his live performance abilities.

"When I play a competition, it's always to compete with myself, not with others," Zhang said. "Because sometimes you're a better player than others, but you cannot play perfectly this time. Maybe next time you're better."

For Zhang, it's not all about winning. He said a competition was different for him than a concert or audition because he cannot afford to make mistakes or he will lose points.

"I don't mind if I win or not because it's just a different experience," Zhang said. "If I win, it's because I'm lucky."

Castro-Balbi said that other contestants come from the Boston Conservatory, the University of Southern California, China and Canada, among other places.

According to the TCU Cellofest website, the Haydn Concerto Competition will



COURTESY OF GLEN ELLMAN

The third TCU Cellofest competition starts today. Cello students are competing for cash prizes and an opportunity to play with the TCU Chamber Ensemble.

be judged by three TCU faculty: Associate Professor of Music, Director of Orchestral Studies and Director of the Center for Latin American Music Studies German Gutierrez, Associate Professor of Viola and Chamber Music and Strings Division Chair Misha Galaganov and Assistant Professor of Double Bass Yuan-Xiong Lu.

The Cellofest begins today with the first performance at 7 p.m. in the Ed Landreth Auditorium. There will be additional performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. The Haydn Concerto Competition winners will perform with the TCU Chamber Ensemble 7 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

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When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: PepsiCo Recital Hall

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Staff Report

Boschini named to board of trustees on national council

Chancellor Victor Boschini was named this week to the board of trustees to the American Council on Education, a national association focused on American higher education. Based in Washington, D.C., ACE is the major coordinator for the na-

tion's higher education institutions, according to the council's website. ACE represents the interests of more than 1,600 campus executives as well as 200 leaders of higher education-related associations and organizations, according to the website. Lisa Albert, director of communications at TCU, wrote in a press release that Boschini will serve on the board until 2014.

Local councilman invited to White House

Fort Worth City Councilman Joel Burns will speak in a White House conference today on bullying prevention, campaign manager Taylor McCarty wrote in an e-mail. According to a press release, the conference will focus on the lives of people who have been affected by bullying, as well as the effects of bullying on parents and teachers. On

Oct. 12 last year, Burns gave a speech during a Fort Worth council meeting about his struggles with bullying as a gay teenager. The speech was posted on YouTube a day later, and has received over 2.5 million views as of Wednesday. First lady Michelle Obama along with representatives of the Department of Education and Health and Human Services will be in attendance. Burns was elected as District 9 City Council-

man in 2007.

University switching phone carriers over break

Phones and power will be down across campus on Sunday, March 13 as the university is switching phone carriers, according to a release from the university. As a result, incoming calls will not be available on Sunday from 7-8 a.m. Alternate numbers for Campus Police and the Physical

Plant have been established to accept any incoming calls during the time period. Campus Police: 817-207-9345 Physical Plant: 817-921-5040

There will also be an electrical shutdown across several buildings on campus Sunday from 7-9 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. to install a new transformer at Erma Lowe Hall. To get the full list of buildings that will be without power, go to DailySkiff.com.

GREEK LIFE

Fraternity brings in relationship speaker

By Brett Anderson

Staff Reporter

Kappa Alpha Psi will discuss relationships in college and will attempt to give students a greater understanding of the opposite sex, fraternity president Johnny Fobbs said.

Fobbs said he hoped the event will teach people to have fun in college while discussing common stereotypes about sex, social life and academics.

The event will feature Kristen Guillory, who has a Ph.D in Social Work, a 2002 TCU alumna and president of KS-Guillory Enterprises, an event planning and public relations company. Guillory said she is also motivational speaker and adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Fobbs said one common misconception is that students must have a boyfriend or girlfriend and meet their husband or wife in college. He added that students do not have to buy into the stereotype of having a concrete title for a relationship.

"You don't have to be in a relationship to have fun, but you also don't have to be single to have fun," Fobbs said. "It's all about the social aspect in college."

In addition to dispelling stereotypes, Fobbs said attendees would learn more about respecting and understanding for the opposite sex.

The event will include an audience panel discussion and information from Guillory's personal experiences. Guillory said two hip-hop artists that her company man-

ages will also perform as part of the presentation.

Guillory said she was excited about the opportunity to encourage students and wanted people to see her as someone they can relate to.

"You don't have to be in a relationship to have fun, but you also don't have to be single to have fun."

Johnny Fobbs

Kappa Alpha Psi President

"I'm really just looking forward to coming back to my school in order to talk to my fellow Horned Frogs and sharing information that I wish someone would have told me when I was a student at TCU," Guillory said.

Fobbs said the event is open to anyone, and that he hoped a variety of students will attend.

"Our mission as Kappa Alpha Psi on this campus is to make a mark," he said. "We're all about business and we are intelligent, young black men and work for our campus and our community."

The Truth about College Relationships with Kristen Guillory

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Why: To dispel stereotypes about college relationships

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Calif. pot growers use alligator to protect stash

HEMET, Calif. (AP) — California narcotics investigators found a \$1.5 million marijuana growing operation at a house and an unusual security guard — a 4-foot-long alligator named Wally.

The Riverside County drug task force team moved

in on the Hemet area house on Monday night and seized nearly 2,300 pot plants. The commander says agents also found the reptile, described as a "watchgator."

The healthy 55-pound American alligator was turned over to the Phelan-based Forever Wild Exotic Animal Sanctuary, since gators are illegal in California.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise reports 29-year-old

John Nathan Donna, who lives in the home, was arrested and booked for investigation of marijuana cultivation and possession. He was released Tuesday on \$100,000 bail.

Lasagna trail leads police to fugitive in Italy

ROME (AP) — He avoided Italian police for a decade on the run, but couldn't resist his wife's lasagna.

Police say Giancarlo Sabatini went into hiding in 2000, shortly after being given a 3-year, 8-month prison sen-

tence in a cocaine trafficking case.

Acting on a tip, police staked out the homes of Sabatini's wife and daughter Tuesday in Rocca Priora, a town near Rome. When they spied the daughter leaving her mother's house and furtively dashing toward her home bearing a tray of lasagna, police, suspecting a secret guest, burst in and arrested Sabatini.

Many Italians prepare lasagna with meat sauce for lunch on the last Tuesday of Carnival. Police say Sabatini came from his hideout

in Belgium to celebrate the last day before Lent with his family.

Swedish bank robber busted by forgotten urine

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A Swedish bank robber forgot to cover his tracks and left three bottles of urine behind after hiding inside a bank vault in Copenhagen for three days.

The 27-year-old man and his accomplice used the bottles to relieve themselves after sneaking into the vault on a Friday in May and re-

maining there until the bank opened again the following Monday.

While inside, the robbers emptied 140 safety deposit boxes of at least \$500,000 in cash and jewelry. But Prosecutor Frederik Larsen said Wednesday they forgot to take the urine when they left "so we were able to get their DNA samples from the bottles."

The evidence helped prosecutors win a 21-month prison sentence for the Swede on Tuesday. His accomplice is still at large and the loot hasn't been recovered.

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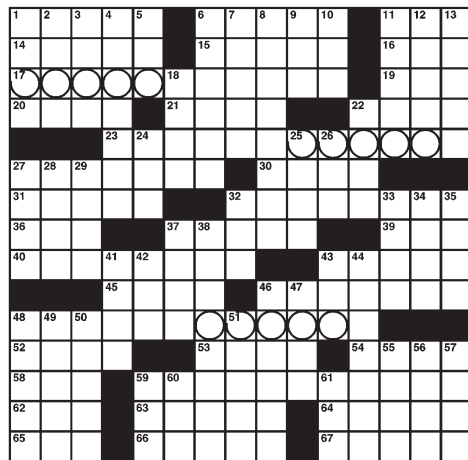
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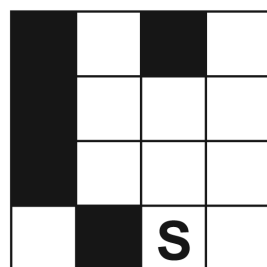
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By Pamela Amick Klawitter 3/10/11

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"Lobamba, Swaziland"

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.

Wednesday's Solution



"Yaoundé, Cameroon"

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 Friday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Wednesday's Solution

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TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Democrats say new budget would close nursing homes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Democratic lawmakers denounced the latest version of the state budget on Wednesday, saying it would close 50 percent of the state's nursing homes and leave 43,700 elderly and disabled people without a facility to live in.

Lawmakers have been struggling to find a solution to the \$27 billion revenue shortfall facing the state. Republicans have pledged to cut state spending and not raise revenues.

A proposal working its way through the House Appropriations committee this week would cut state Medicaid spending by 33 percent. The elderly and disabled take up 59 percent of Medicaid spending in Texas and much of it goes to nursing homes. Other Medicaid programs that help the elderly stay at home would be cut 40 percent.

State Rep. Dawnna Dukes, an Austin Democrat serving on the committee, said the draft budget would only provide nursing homes with 67 percent of what it actually costs to house, feed and treat the elderly and disabled. Many facilities use profits from other patients to offset losses on Medicaid patients, but many will not be able to stay in business if reimbursements are cut any further.

The Texas Health Care Association used data from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to forecast what the budget cuts mean for nursing homes statewide. In addition to the elderly and disabled who would lose their facilities, the group calculated that nursing homes would lay off 60,000 workers.

"These are business, many of them small businesses, that

provide vital skilled nursing and medical care to Texans who are in grave need and unable to care for themselves," Dukes said. "We will be putting hundreds of nursing facilities out of business and forcing them to close their doors and leaving those they serve with nowhere to turn."

"We are making life and death decisions in many cases," Dukes added.

Republican leaders have repeatedly said that the state is broke and that difficult budget cuts are necessary. Others have cautioned that the final budget will be different from the draft budget. Democrats said if Republicans are planning any major changes from the current draft, they should bring those proposals forward now rather than wait and make backroom deals later in the session.

"If there is going to be additional funding, bring it to us now so that we can discuss and debate the priorities of everyone in the Legislature," Dukes said.

Democrats make up less than a third of the Texas House. They urged Texans to call their legislators to protest the cuts.

Dallas set to offer white-water rafting on Trinity

DALLAS (AP) — Matt Fritz couldn't wait to take a dip in the Trinity River on Tuesday.

He was among the first white-water kayakers to try out the standing wave, Dallas' first major amenity inside the banks of the Trinity. It comes far ahead of much grander plans stalled by federal flood-control concerns.

"We couldn't have ordered anything better than this," Fritz said. "We are super excited about it."

The attraction won't open to the public until later this year. But a couple of paddlers got to

go in this week to show off for Dallas City Council members touring the site.

Fritz slipped his kayak into the water, paddled over to the wave and began surfing the foamy white water it produces. He traveled back and forth along the length of it, turning, spinning and sometimes accidentally flipping over.

"I can't believe he can go sideways like that," said council member Dave Neumann, head of the Trinity River project committee.

To create the white-water feature, a city contractor has rerouted the river channel, reinforced the banks and put rocks along the riverbed. The plan includes a kayak launch, trails, a viewing area, an access road and parking.

The site is next to a DART line and an old railroad trestle, which the city will modify to make way for the Santa Fe Trestle Trail.

"Here we're bringing back to life a historic train trestle right adjacent to a DART line," Neumann said. "The DART line will carry people north-south in our city. The train trestle will maximize pedestrian access to not only this feature, but to parks that are along here."

Fritz was riding the white water as Neumann spoke.

"The Trinity has dimensions for all different — look, he just flipped again! Oh my God!" said Neumann, pausing while the paddler righted himself. "It shows many dimensions of the Trinity project. Whether it be the Audubon Center, whether it be the lakes that are coming, whether it be our signature bridges, and now this."

The idea of a kayaking destination in the Trinity is at least a decade old. Boosters of the river hope it can help remake its image as little more than a drainage ditch.

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

Illinois governor abolishes death penalty

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn abolished the death penalty Wednesday, more than a decade after the state imposed a moratorium on executions out of concern that innocent people could be put to death by a justice system that had wrongly condemned 13 men.

Quinn also commuted the sentences of all 15 inmates remaining on Illinois' death row. They will now serve life in prison with no hope of parole.

State lawmakers voted in January to abandon capital punishment, and Quinn spent two months reflecting on the issue, speaking with prosecutors, crime victims' families, death penalty opponents and religious leaders. He called it the "most difficult decision" he has made as governor.

"We have found over and over again: Mistakes have been made. Innocent people have been freed. It's not possible to create a perfect, mistake-free death penalty system," Quinn said.

Prosecutors and some victims' families had urged Quinn to veto the legislation.

The governor offered words of consolation to those who had lost loved ones to violence, saying that the "family of Illinois" was with them. He said he understands victims will never be healed.

Illinois' moratorium goes back to 2000, when then-Republican Gov. George Ryan made international headlines by suspending executions. Ryan acted after years of growing doubts about the state's capital-punishment system, which was famously called into question in the 1990s, after

courts concluded that 13 men had been wrongly condemned.

Shortly before leaving office in 2003, Ryan also cleared death row, commuting the sentences of 167 inmates to life in prison. Illinois' last execution was in 1999.

When the new law takes effect July 1, Illinois will join 15 other states that have done away with executions.

New Mexico had been the most recent state to repeal the death penalty, doing so in 2009, although new Republican Gov. Susana Martinez wants to reinstate it.

Quinn consulted with retired Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa and met with Sister Helen Prejean, the inspiration for the movie "Dead Man Walking."

82 percent of US schools may be labeled 'failing'

Education Secretary Arne Duncan says an estimated 82 percent of U.S. schools could be labeled as "failing" under the nation's No Child Left Behind Act this year.

Under the Education Department's calculation released Wednesday, the number of schools not meeting targets will skyrocket from 37 to 82 percent in 2011. The schools will face sanctions ranging from offering tutoring to closing their doors.

Duncan is expected to testify at a House education and work force committee hearing Wednesday afternoon, asking federal lawmakers to rewrite the Bush-era act, which was established in 2002.

The targets were designed with the goal of having all students proficient in math and reading by 2014.

NPR chief executive quits over hidden camera video

WASHINGTON (AP) — NPR president and CEO Vivian Schiller resigned Wednesday under pressure, a day after an undercover video showed one of her executives on a hidden camera calling the tea party racist and saying the news organization would be better off without taxpayer money.

The shake-up comes at a critical time. Conservative politicians are again pressing to end congressional funding for NPR, money the organization said it needs to keep operating public radio and television stations in some of the nation's smallest communities. The White House defended the funding, saying there remains a need for public broadcasting.

Schiller also faced criticism for her firing of analyst Juan Williams over comments he made about Muslims. She told The Associated Press that the recent remarks made by her fellow executive Ron Schiller were outrageous and unfortunate, and her staying on would only hurt NPR's fight for federal money.

"I did not want to leave NPR. There's a lot of pressure on NPR right now," Schiller told AP.

On Tuesday, conservative activist James O'Keefe posted a video showing NPR executive Ron Schiller bashing the tea party movement.



STEVE THOMPSON / ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Tuesday, March 8, 2011 photo, kayaker Matt Fritz, a 40-year-old electrical engineer, demonstrates the city's new "standing wave," specially created rapids, on the Trinity River, in Dallas.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

TCU Pro Day will feature 20 Frogs

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

The NFL Combine is over, but 20 former Horned Frogs still have a shot to impress NFL scouts and analysts at TCU's Pro Day on Friday.

Starting at 9 a.m., former Frogs aspiring to play at the NFL level will begin the day in the weight room before athletes will show their skills in the Sam Baugh Indoor Practice Facility. While Andy Dalton, Marcus Cannon, Wayne Daniels, Jeremy Kerley and Jimmy Young were invited to the NFL Combine, TCU's Pro Day provides for another chance for TCU's combine representatives to impress scouts.

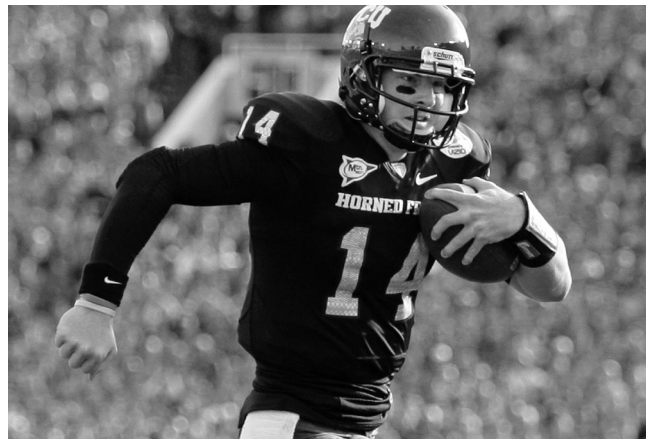
The NFL Draft will be held April 28-30 at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Six Frogs were signed to NFL teams following the 2010 NFL Draft. Jerry Hughes was selected in the first round by the Indianapolis Colts — Hughes was the eighth Frog selected in the first round all-time. Daryl Washington was picked up in the second round by the Arizona Cardinals, and Marshall Newhouse, a Super Bowl XLV champion with the Green Bay Packers his rookie season, was taken in the fifth round in 2010. Clint Gresham, Rafael Priest and Nic Richmond all signed 2010 free agent deals with NFL squads in 2010.

Twelve former Frogs were members of NFL teams in 2010 — nine of them active — while TCU's Sam Baugh and Bob Lilly represent the Frogs in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. TCU all-time leading rusher and current New York Jet LaDainian Tomlinson, who holds the NFL single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 31, will likely join Baugh and Lilly in the Hall of Fame after retirement.

TCU players who will showcase their skills at Pro Day:

Alonzo Adams, WR
Marcus Cannon, OT
Curtis Clay, WR
Andy Dalton, QB
Wayne Daniels, DE
Evan Frosch, TE
Cory Grant, DT
Kelly Griffin, NT
Alex Ibiloye, S
Bart Johnson, WR
Colin Jones, S
Jeremy Kerley, WR
Jake Kirkpatrick, C
Clarence Leatch, DE
Tyler Luttrell, S
Zach Roth, OT
Jason Teague, CB
Josh Vernon, OG
Malcolm Williams, CB
Jimmy Young, WR



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Texas Christian University quarterback Andy Dalton (14) runs for a touchdown against Wisconsin in the first quarter of the Rose Bowl.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Frogs snap 13-game losing streak

Staff Report

Bring on top-seeded BYU. The Frogs wiped the slate clean Wednesday, ending a 13-game losing streak and upending the Mountain West Conference's No. 8 seed, Wyoming, 70-61 in the opening round of the Conoco Mountain West Championship at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Senior guard Greg Hill scored a game-high 18 points to lead TCU.

With TCU's first win since Jan. 12, which also came against Wyoming and was the Frogs' only regular season conference win, the Frogs improved to 11-21 overall this season, while Wyoming dropped to 10-21.

TCU, the bracket's No. 9 seed, built a double-digit first-half lead that turned into a one-point Wyoming edge midway through the second half. A layup by Cowboy guard Joe Hudson following a Frog turnover gave the squad a 42-41 lead with 13:26 remaining, but the Frogs responded with a 9-0 run and never looked back. Hill hit one of his three second-half 3-pointers to put TCU back on top for good.

Hill's 18 points came on a 6-of-11 showing from the floor, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range. His performance came on the heels of a career-high 23-point effort in the regular season finale at Air Force.

Junior guard Hank Thorns, who played all 40 minutes for the seventh time in 10 games, totaled 16 points and nine assists, his 13th game with at least nine assists. Junior guard J.R. Cadot also had a solid game for the Frogs, recording his third double-double of the year with 13 points and a career-high 13 rebounds. Cadot dominated the glass, pulling down six boards on the offensive end of the court alone.

Sophomore forward Nikola Cerina fell just shy of a double-double with nine points and 10 rebounds, his fourth straight game with at least eight boards. Fellow sophomore forward Garlon Green chipped in 10 points for the Frogs.

Guard Francisco Cruz



JULIE JACOBSON / ASSOCIATED PRESS

TCU's Hank Thorns (10) drives to the basket against Wyoming's Djibril Thiam during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in the first round of the Mountain West Conference tournament, Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in Las Vegas. TCU won 70-61.

points and pulled down seven boards while guard Desmar Jackson and forward Amath M'Baye also scored in double figures.

TCU rode a strong early defensive effort while jumping out to a double-digit lead in the game's opening nine minutes. The Frogs held the Cowboys to only 3-of-21 from the field overall to start the game before Wyoming found its offense.

Cadot boosted the Frogs in the first half, matching Thorns for the team lead with seven points while he added a game-high seven rebounds in the period. Included among his baskets was a slam after sailing in to grab a rebound off a Thorns missed layup.

TCU led by as many as 11 points, 21-10, after a Cerina layup with 7:42 remaining in the first half, but Wyoming regrouped to cut its deficit to only three at halftime. Thiam totaled six points to lead the Cowboys on an 18-10 run to end the half. The squad drilled a pair of 3-pointers after missing its first seven to begin the period.

lead to seven points early in the second before the Cowboys went on a 16-8 run to take their first lead of the contest.

Up next

TCU continues its MWC tournament run Thursday when it faces top-seeded BYU at 2 p.m. at the Thomas & Mack Center. The game will be televised by The MountainWest Sports Network.

Notes

TCU snapped a 13-game losing streak, the longest in-season skid for the Frogs since the squad dropped the final 21 games of the 1976-77 season.

The Frogs also snapped an 11-game losing streak in games played away from Fort Worth dating back to the Dec. 8 win at Texas Tech.

The victory ended a three-game TCU losing streak in MWC tournament first-round games. The squad's last victory in the tournament was a 62-54 win against New Mexico in the 2006-07 tourney.

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SPORTS

NCAA

Selection committee ready to work

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

NCAA selection committee chairman Gene Smith hopes he's seen the last of this week's complications.

The Ohio State athletic director is already dealing with a scandal in his own football program and a delayed arrival in Indianapolis. Two committee members are also dealing with what Smith calls "significant" personal issues he didn't specify and Wednesday's news conference had technical difficulties.

And Smith's committee hasn't even gotten to the hard part yet — selecting the first 68-team field in NCAA tournament history.

"This committee is very close, very cohesive and we're supported very well by the NCAA staff," Smith said. "I'm ready to roll."

This will not be just another typical selection weekend for Smith and the other nine committee members.

They'll spend the next five days holed up in an Indianapolis hotel trying to find the 37 best at-large teams — three more than previous years — and then seed all 68 properly.

Nobody's perfect, and it's never easy, but this year's selection process could be more challenging and face more scrutiny.

Why?

The new format has created added some different debates to the regular mix of who is in and who is out.

Some believe the Big East should get a record 11 bids, raising concerns about whether the expanded field has simply become a way to get more teams from the six power conferences into the field.

Plus, Smith's committee will likely face criticism



ELISHA PAGE / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oakland, Mich.'s players celebrate their win over Oral Roberts in the Summit League NCAA men's college basketball tournament championship game at the Sioux Falls Arena, Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

about which teams play in next week's four opening-round games in Dayton, Ohio. Two games will feature the bottom four seeds in the tourney while the other two will feature the last four at-large teams.

The NCAA has dubbed this group the First Four, though those eight team probably will not feel the same way. Smith has already prepared some answers.

"We will go through one through 68 and we're very confident that the 35th, 36th, 37th slots that the at-large teams going to Dayton will be excited to go," he said. "Every single year we evaluate what we did the previous year. Anything that we feel we need to modify based on that experience we'll modify."

Smith is getting pretty good at adapting on the fly.

On Tuesday night, he attended a hastily called news conference to announce Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel had been suspended for two games and fined \$250,000 for violating NCAA rules. Tressel, school officials said, waited more than nine months

before notifying school compliance officials about his players' involvement in selling signed memorabilia in exchange for money and tattoos.

After that news conference, Smith drove from Columbus, Ohio, to Indy for the selection marathon.

Then, Wednesday morning, while Smith was making his opening statement to reporters, things went awry.

"We're excited to select the 37 at-large teams coupled with the 31 automatic qualifiers," he said, before the phone line went dead.

Two or three minutes later, Smith was back explaining what had happened and what he would and would not discuss.

"Sorry we had some technical difficulties, we had to move to a different room," he said. "I know there may be people out there who may want to ask questions about the Ohio State University case. Please, I ask that you be respectful. I'm here today as chair of the men's basketball committee. Those questions are reserved for later days."

TENNIS

Teams ride in style thanks to donor

By Emily Agee
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team rode in style Saturday to its match at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Thanks to a generous donor, the team received a new Mercedes van about two weeks ago to take on road trips for away matches.

Talks about the donation began in late September, and the actual donation was received the first week of January, head tennis coach David Roditi said.

Emblazoned with purple, a horned frog and the TCU logo, a casual bystander might say it screams of TCU pride.

There's more.

When the doors are opened, premium leather seats come into view. Each seat is individual and upholstered with what seems like the finest, sleekest black leather money can buy. Purple horned frogs are embroidered into the headrest of each seat as well.

The process to get the van began last semester when several team members met with the donor when the team traveled to a tournament in

Midland, Tex., Roditi said.

The donor, a TCU graduate, asked the team what it needed because he wanted to get involved with the program, Roditi said.

"Zach Nichols, who is our PR person, he's great with people," Roditi said. "He basically got the job done."

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Roditi would not reveal the identity of the donor or the amount of the donation for privacy reasons.

"It's higher than your typical van and not as high as a private plane," Roditi joked.

The golf team has a similar van, and that is where the design for the tennis team's van came about, Roditi said.

The new van has served as a bonding experience for the team. Roditi said he was working on recruiting on his computer during the trip to Lubbock. The players seem to be quite fond of it as well.

Nichols said his favorite feature was a tie between the television and the reclining seats.

The ride back from Lubbock was very comfortable for Nichols since he claimed one of the front reclining seats.

"On the way back, my doubles partner and I won so we got first selection on the seats," Nichols said.

Those who win get to pick seats first, Nichols said. If more than two people win, then seat selection is based on seniority, so it is a win-win situation for Nichols.

Junior tennis player Paul Chappell said his favorite feature of the van was the spaciousness and the reclining seats.

"Driving six hours in the old, white van was rough on our knees," Chappell said.

Roditi wanted it to be known that the van was not exclusively just for use by the men's tennis team. He said the women's team would be using it as well.

The admission office would also be using the van in the future to take potential students and recruits on tours around campus, Roditi said.

The next road trip will be to the University of Oklahoma on March 20.



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Thanks to a donor the tennis teams hit the road in a Mercedes for away matches.

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The Frogs shoot for back-to-back national championships in Georgia.



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Sophomore Federica Denti returns the ball during a singles event against Lamar on Wednesday. Denti won her singles match, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4, and the Lady Frogs took the match, winning 5-2.

TENNIS

Frogs upend Lamar 5-2 to end losing skid

By Ryan Osborne
Staff Writer

The TCU women's tennis team picked up its second win of the season after beating Lamar, 5-2, at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center Wednesday afternoon.

With the win, the Frogs improved to 2-5 and handed Lamar (8-1) its first loss of the season.

Going into the match, TCU was led by the tandem of sophomore Federica Denti and senior Katariina Tuohimaa, which had been

4-2 in doubles action this season.

It was Denti and Tuohimaa who led the way again for the Frogs Wednesday, beating Lamar's No. 1 doubles team of Mariaryeni Gutierrez and Kaltrina Harbuzi to help give TCU a 1-0 overall advantage heading into singles action.

"I just wanted [Denti] to step up and play inside the court, and I actually got a little mad at her and said 'Look, I don't care if you win or lose but you've got to compete and play to win this

match,'" head tennis coach Dave Borelli said. "She just kind of stepped up and got it together and did a good job."

Lamar would respond, though, by picking up the first singles win of the match after Diana Mendez beat TCU sophomore Molly Welsh in two sets 6-0, 6-0.

But TCU bounced back quickly after its No. 4 player, senior Idunn Hertzberg, and No. 5 player, junior Shalini Sahoo, each picked up victories in straight sets.

Hertzberg beat Natalia

Mayagoitia 6-3 and 6-1 just before Sahoo finished off Alessandra Pennesi 6-2 and 6-1 to give the Frogs a 3-1 advantage.

Lamar would cut the lead to one after Gutierrez beat Tuohimaa, 6-4, 6-4.

The key match of the day happened one court over between TCU's Denti and Lamar's Alicia Porte.

Denti dominated the first set 6-1 but couldn't finish off Porte in the second set, losing 6-2.

It would come down to the third set and Denti

would deliver, beating Porte 6-4.

That would give TCU a 4-2 advantage and put the match out of reach for Lamar.

TCU freshman Olivia Smith beat Harbuzi in the final match of the day to give the Frogs a 5-2 final advantage.

The win was TCU's first since beating UT-Pan American in the season opener. Borelli said beating a quality team like Lamar was refreshing after losing five matches in a row all to

ranked teams.

"It's nice to win again," Borelli said. "I think one of our problems over the last couple years is we've just played too many tough teams. You want to play the best competition but it's hard when you're always playing a top level team. Sometimes, you forget how to win."

Up next

The Frogs will be back in action this Saturday at home when they host the University of Miami at 12:00 p.m.