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Campus takes precautions to ward off bird flu

TCU Dining Services, health center taking care to prevent outbreak

By ERIN GLATZEL
Staff Reporter

Many in the United States think of the bird flu as a problem only in Asian countries, but little do they know, a strain of avian influenza was found closer than one might think: on a Texas chicken farm. Now, TCU is taking precautions to ensure the safety of students against bird flu.

According to the World Health Organization, as of March 21, there were a total of 184 confirmed human cases of the avian influenza, resulting in 103 deaths.

Most human cases of avian influenza occurred in Vietnam in 2005, where 19 out of the 61 people who caught the disease died, according to the WHO Web site. So far, avian influenza has yet to affect people in the United States.

Although no one in the United States has become infected, there was a chicken farm in Gonzales County in southern Texas classified as hav-

ing a "high-pathogenic" strain of the influenza among its birds, according to federal officials in late February. The birds were destroyed, and since then, no other cases in Texas have been reported.

Avian influenza, also known as H5N1, is a virus that is very contagious among poultry. Although instances of avian influenza affecting humans have been rare, they do occur, usually through contact with infected poultry or surfaces.

In a few rare cases, humans have contracted avian influenza from one

another, but what has the Center for Disease Control officials concerned is that the virus can mutate rapidly, making person-to-person spread more likely.

Humans have no natural immunity against avian influenza, and therefore a pandemic, or epidemic over a wide geographic area, is very possible, according to the CDC.

There is no vaccine against avian influenza, although most health officials say regular flu medication will treat the avian flu just as well.

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COUNTRY	CASES	DEATHS
Azerbaijan	7	5
Cambodia	5	5
China	16	11
Indonesia	29	22
Iraq	2	2
Thailand	22	14
Turkey	12	4
Vietnam	93	42
TOTALS	186	105
— WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION		



TY HALASZ / Image Magazine

Mary Wrench, a senior advertising/public relations major and bartender, serves patrons February 17 at The University Pub. Recent crackdowns by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on public intoxication have resulted in citations for both bar patrons and bartenders.

ALCOHOL CRACKDOWN

TABC program aims to reduce number of drinking-related accidents

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE
Staff Reporter

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has increasingly used stings within the past year to crack down on the number of alcohol-related accidents, said a TABC public information officer.

TABC officers are targeting potentially drunk customers as well as over-serving bartenders, said Carolyn Beck, a public information officer with the TABC.

Beck said the main goal of the program is not to arrest patrons but instead to stop the over-serving of customers by bartenders. She added this will result in less drunk people leaving bars and, logically, less alcohol-related accidents.

Texas leads the nation in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities, according to an August 2005 TABC press release.

Beck said there may never be a way to determine whether the "sales-to-intoxicated-person-stings" have resulted in less alcohol-related citations over time because the variables make it difficult to prove causation.

Karen Smith, a lieutenant with the Tarrant County district of the TABC, said contrary to popular belief, the law allowing citations to be issued within bars is neither new nor an invasion of privacy.

"A bar is a public place," Smith said. "So there is no expectation of privacy

in a bar."

The increased enforcement of the statewide laws allowing TABC officers to issue public intoxication citations inside bars has left bartenders and patrons speechless.

Managers at Snookie's Bar & Grill, bartenders at The University Pub and customers at The Cellar all declined to comment on the recent TABC stings.

Snookie's is located on Hulen Street. The University Pub and The Cellar are within walking distance of TCU campus.

Texas laws also allow officers to issue citations to bartenders who over-serve customers to the point of intoxication.

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Snatched silverware incites pardon plan

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

With the amount of silverware lost from The Main, most students living on campus should have at least four place settings in their dorm rooms, said a manager of Sodexho.

Through March 31, residents in Waits, Sherley, Colby and Moncrief Halls can return stolen flatware to boxes in the lobby as part of the Dining Services Committee's Flatware Amnesty program.

Rick Flores, general manager of Sodexho at TCU, said he does not expect the program to be highly effective but said he hopes it will make students aware of the amount of flatware that is lost because this and other product losses are factored into the total price of food.

"It's a cost of doing business that doesn't have to be passed down to students," Flores said.

In August, Sodexho ordered 2,900 dozen sets of flatware. The company has since purchased an additional 700 dozen sets and is ordering another 500 dozen pieces of flatware this week. The total cost of flatware for the school year will be \$5,560 — about \$1,660 more than it would have been if silverware had not been lost.

Alissa Garner, chairwoman of the Student Government Association's Dining Services Committee, said the program was started because the committee realized how much money these losses were costing Sodexho. She said committee members noticed several students walking away with bowls, plates and silverware from The Main and wanted a

way to recover some of the stolen items.

She said the committee would like to see permanent cups implemented in The Main but said, "It's hard to do when stuff is getting lost."

Sodexho offers meals on plates with permanent flatware because students wanted to move away from disposable containers, Flores said.

It would be more cost-effective to offer only plastic silverware, but this option would not be environmentally responsible, he said.

Flores said the majority of students take the time to put away their dishes, and some silverware is lost in trash cans, though there is a magnet in the back trash can to catch any flatware thrown away.

Most universities have meal plans where you have to eat within the dining services space, Flores said. TCU's retail meal plan makes it more susceptible to losses because students have the option to take food with them at any time, he said.

Flores said it is not Sodexho's job to act as "the silverware police." Instead, he said, students need to be responsible for "taking care of what they have."

Legia Abato, marketing director for Sodexho, said an administrator once caught a student who had taken a napkin dispenser.

In that instance, she said, the student was charged for the item taken, but said she usually asks students if she can get them a to-go container when they are walking out of The Main with a plate.

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STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

TCU alumna Candace McAdams speaks about the future of female leadership at the 12th Annual Women's Community Dinner on Monday night at Kelly Alumni Center.

Speaker: It's time for female leaders

By LARRY WOODS II
Staff Reporter

It should be less about political candidates' genders and more about their agendas, director of marketing and communications for a women's advancement organization said Monday evening in the Kelly Alumni Center.

At the 12th Annual TCU Women's Community Dinner, Candace McAdams, a 1998 TCU graduate, along with Barbara Ann Radnof-

sky, candidate for U.S. Senate, addressed an audience of students, faculty and community women on issues concerning women in politics.

The White House Project, the organization McAdams represented, is a non-profit organization aimed to advance women's leadership in all communities.

McAdams said it's time for the United States to finally live up to the true meaning of democracy.

"Whatever party you're with, think about a new kind of leadership," McAdams said. "We need women alongside the men."

A recent poll taken after the premier of ABC's television program "Commander in Chief" starring Geena Davis as the president revealed that 80 percent of the people polled said they were ready for a woman president, McAdams said.

Radnofsky said citizens no

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KRISTA HUMPHRIES / Photographer

A student takes a fork to use for lunch Monday afternoon from The Main. The SGA Dining Services Committee recently initiated a Flatware Amnesty program, where students can return flatware stolen from The Main to boxes in residence halls.

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But the Health Center and Dining Services are taking no chances and have begun preparing for a potential bird flu outbreak.

“Here at TCU, there is a committee composed of various staff and faculty that have met with the public health department, planning for the eventuality of an avian flu-like situation,” said Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of Health Services.

TCU is taking “what-if” precautionary measures against this threat, Hallam said, such as keeping up-to-date information and flu medication on hand.

As for Dining Services, general manager Rick Flores said Sodexho, TCU’s food distributor, is ensuring that every vendor it uses is clear of cases of avian influenza.

“Sodexho has a heightened level of awareness and is monitoring their product distributors very closely because of this,” Flores said.

Bonnie Word, assistant professor of pediatric infectious diseases at Baylor College of Medicine, said proper food preparation will help prevent flu outbreaks.

“You cannot get avian flu from eating poultry or eggs if the meat is fully cooked at a temperature of 160 to 170 degrees Fahrenheit,” Word said.

Hallam said that for the most part, TCU is simply staying alert and in touch with local health officials to ensure it is aware of the latest details regarding the spread of avian influenza.

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“There are nice ways to go about it,” Abato said.

Boxes that were placed in Waits, Colby and Moncrief Halls about a week ago were still empty Sunday. In Sherley Hall, the collection box was not in the lobby, and Carrie Sickmann, a resident assistant

in the hall, said she was not aware that the amnesty program was taking place.

Garner said she is skeptical that students will return flatware midsemester because they may still be using it in their rooms. She said the Dining Services Committee plans to implement the program again at the end of the semester, which will hopefully yield better results.

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cation or continue to serve a drunk patron.

Rachael Bigham, a bartender at Snookie’s, said she knows two bartenders who have been issued citations for over-serving within the last month. She said those bartenders worked at The Library and The Pourhouse in downtown Fort Worth.

TABC officers have been trained to spot the signs of an intoxicated customer, which Beck said included “stumbling, being inappropriately loud, crying and not being able to stand without leaning on something.”

Once the TABC officers conduct a field sobriety test or a portable breath test, the officers decide whether to issue a fine and take the individual to jail.

Smith said new laws were implemented in October 2005,

allowing the TABC to hire and train 60 additional officers, including four for Fort Worth.

John Rolls, a community resource officer with the Longview Police Department, said a new TABC program, AVERT, allows for local police officers to work with TABC officers to better handle alcohol-related offenses.

The new program stands for Alcohol Violation Enforcement Response Team.

People “are making bad choices, so we have to stop folks from driving,” Rolls said.

Bigham said she thought it was all right for officers to issue citations to anyone who poses a threat to themselves or to other people.

“But if they’re sitting there minding their own business and having a drink casually, I don’t see any problem with that,” Bigham said.

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longer need to look at the so-called “seasoned candidate.”

“A seasoned candidate is someone who has practiced law

for 27 years while raising three children,” Radnofsky said.

Radnofsky said women have a better ability to find common ground and deal with issues such as education and health care.

Hedy Collins, a member of

Texas students protest

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of students walked out of high schools in Dallas and Houston on Monday, marching to parks and federal buildings to rally for immigrant rights as Congress worked on several immigration proposals.

As thousands of other protesters rallied around the country, some Texas students carried Mexican flags while others carried posters calling for Congress to recognize immigrant rights.

“I was surprised that I was able to pull the numbers that I have,” said Duncanville High School student Gustavo Jimenez, 16, who said he was inspired to organize a protest after seeing encouragement for protests on MySpace, a social networking Web site.

Jimenez, who said he started alerting students to the Dallas-area protest via e-mail, text messages and flyers, told The Associated Press that they wanted “to let the government know that we’re here too and we have a voice.”

“I was really proud that a lot of kids came out to represent,” said Jimenez, a U.S. citizen whose parents came from Mexico. “We’re here to

live a better life.”

In Washington on Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation that will allow millions of undocumented workers to seek U.S. citizenship without having to first leave the country.

The committee also voted to strip out proposed criminal penalties for residents found to be in this country illegally. The full Senate will begin debate Tuesday.

“This is a national issue that certainly caught the attention of our students,” said Dallas school district spokesman Donny Claxton. “We will be working with them in ways to help them forward their concerns to their appropriate federal legislator in the coming days.”

He said the district hasn’t decided about any disciplinary action for the 2,500 to 3,500 students from their district who participated.

About 50 students from the Dallas-area Duncanville school district are believed to have participated, said Tammy Kuykendall, a spokeswoman for the district. She said those students would not face disciplinary action.

Students from two Houston-area high schools walked out of class in protest Monday.

Up to 200 marched down

the streets of north Houston, some ending up outside a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office. While the protest was peaceful, the students would face disciplinary action, said Ben Wilson, a spokesman for the Aldine Independent School District.

At a high school in the suburban Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, between 200 and 300 students walked out of class but were convinced by their principal to go into the school auditorium to talk about the issue, said district spokeswoman Kelli Durham.

The students, who were back in class within an hour, will not face disciplinary action, she said.

Similar events were held over the weekend in other U.S. cities, including one in Los Angeles that drew more than 500,000 people.

On Saturday, a rally at City Hall in Dallas drew about 1,500 protesters demanding that Congress abandon the House-passed measures that would make being an undocumented immigrant a felony and erect a 700-mile fence along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

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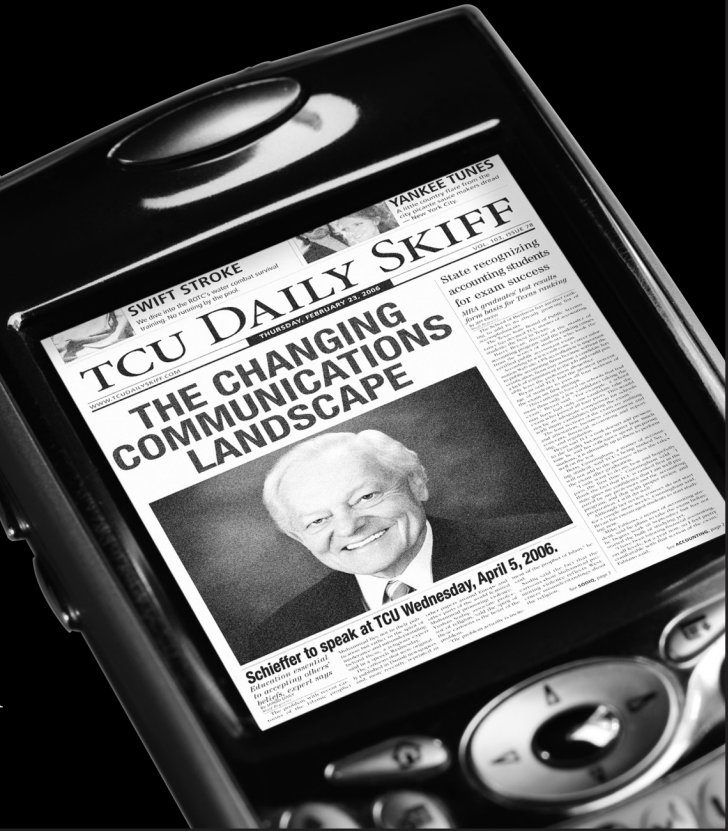
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SEPTEMBER STUNNERS...

Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui testified Monday that he and would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid were supposed to hijack a fifth airplane Sept. 11, 2001, and fly it into the White House.

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

New TABC policy questionable

People choosing to drink in local bars may be faced with more than a pounding headache and extreme nausea the morning after a night of fun.

Thanks to a recent decision to send undercover officers of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission into bars in search of people who are publicly intoxicated, local bar patrons may want to reconsider just how much they plan on drinking when they head out on the town.

On March 10, more than 30 bars in Irving were targeted, with officers arresting or citing dozens of bar patrons. TABC claims the program is aimed at reducing drunken driving, the prevalence of noticeably drunk people, and the bars and bartenders serving them and underage drinkers.

But is infiltrating private businesses in search of what is pretty typical bar behavior really ethical?

Granted, underage drinkers should not be in bars participating in illegal activities and jeopardizing not only themselves but also the establishments they are attend-

ing. People should certainly not be driving while drunk, putting their own lives and everyone else's in danger. Those are definite reasons for citing someone with a ticket or arresting them.

But being drunk in a bar? What else do people go to bars to do? Drink, pick up a member of the opposite sex and hang out with friends. Plain and simple. If there is a designated driver, what is the harm in friends slamming back a few, enjoying the good times?

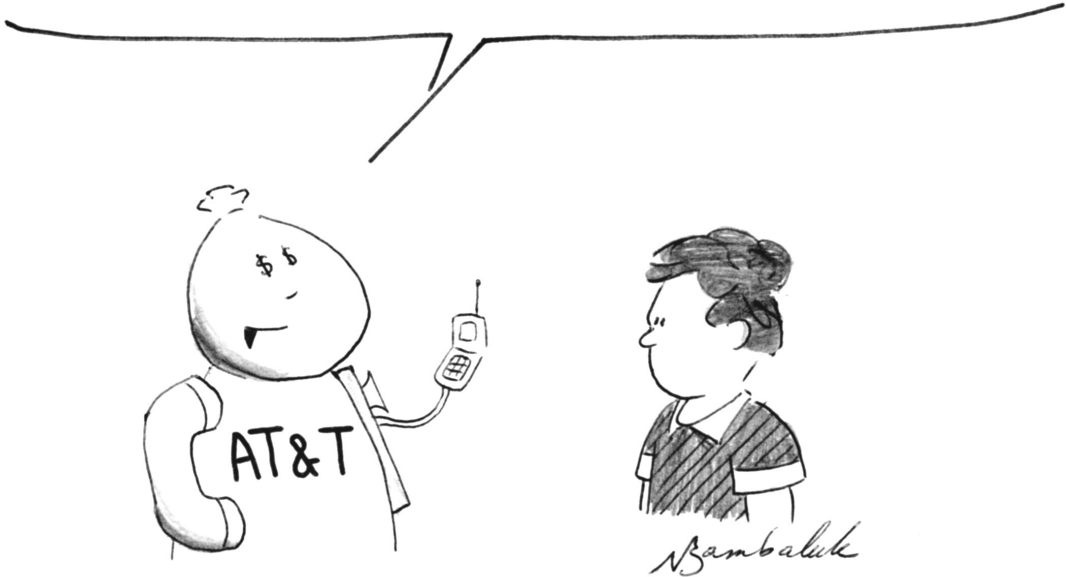
Bars should be more responsible in checking IDs and not serving underage drinkers. If someone is noticeably intoxicated, bartenders should not serve them any more drinks. If there appears to be a threat of patrons driving under the influence, bar owners or managers should make sure their patrons have a cab or another means of getting home.

Putting responsibility where it belongs is essential, but punishing people enjoying a night out is unfair.

Editor in Chief Courtney Reese for the editorial board.

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COMMENTARY



Stephanie Weaver

from plays like "Hamlet," "Macbeth" and "Romeo and Juliet" continually appear in our lives. Try as we might, we cannot shake off Shakespeare. He is everywhere.

I take my "Introduction to Shakespeare" books with me and read them wherever I happen to be. I have been amazed by the number of people who, when they find out what I am reading, say "Whew ... Shakespeare ... wow!" Shakespeare, guys, is not a chore. He's a fun guy with fun characters and raunchy jokes, who keeps you on your feet. And at the same time, he explores some interesting issues: gender roles, love, heredity, marriage, modern society and suicide, to name a few.

But most people are already turned off to Shakespeare by the time they reach college. The problem is, they were required to study his works in high school or even in middle school. At that age, students are not really able to get that much out of Shakespeare. Instead, they struggle through his works and learn that he is difficult and dense and just too much work.

Instead of seeing him perform live, where they can really get the most of his works, they see Shakespeare's works performed on one of the endless movies that never do him justice.

One of my favorite movies in high school was "Ten Things I Hate About You." When I discovered that it was loosely based on "Taming of the Shrew," I had to go check out the book.

Reading Shakespeare on my own was a very rewarding experience. Instead of reading every footnote like I had in the past, I only read them when necessary. And there was one major difference between it and the books we had read in high school — it was a comedy.

Shakespeare's comedies are far more accessible than his tragedies or historical plays. They are lighthearted, have fewer characters that are easier to keep apart, have less backstory to wrestle with and are frequently much shorter than his other plays.

All of which goes to say, Shakespeare doesn't have to suck. Sure he might take some getting used to. The language might throw you off at first and he might be hard to get into.

But he is worth it.

In the end, the plays are very enjoyable for their own sake. They are funny, clever, interesting and moving.

And from a social perspective, you are missing a lot if you have no or limited exposure to Shakespeare. If you ignore him completely, there are times you may feel out of the loop.

I encourage you to try reading Shakespeare again. Or visit him at the theater.

Shakespeare was meant to be performed and viewed live. If you don't get the language of the plays when you read them, seeing them performed will help to illuminate their meanings. Shakespeare on stage is fast-moving, action-packed and very frequently, fun.

If you haven't read Shakespeare since high school, I recommend you give him another chance. Believe me, he's worth it.

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YOUR VIEW

Men's basketball needs more support, not new coach

I can only assume that Joel Petersen is one of a rare breed of people found at TCU: a die-hard basketball fan. Why else would he take the time to write an article in the Skiff? But as another diehard TCU basketball fan, I would like to respond to his March 23 commentary ("Men's basketball needs change").

Petersen is not the only disappointed person. There are around 20 guys who spend plenty of time across Stadium Drive who agree with him. But while they are busy busting their butts representing TCU, a lot of people on and off campus have come up with a quick-fix. And it is to fire the coach?

Did I miss something? Last time I checked, Coach Dougherty's team is one year removed from coming oh-so-close to winning their third straight NIT road game at Maryland and heading to Manhattan for the semis.

Oh, but that was due to some other coach's players.

I'll admit that I've only been a Horned Frog for two years. But last time I checked, the 2004-2005 team featured only two major players inher-

ited by Dougherty.

It also featured a roster that had four seniors among the seven players who, according to gofrogs.com, totaled at least 19.5 minutes per game. One underclassman, Chudi Chinweze, played in eight games. Four seniors scored 37.2 points per game.

What's so great about that? That's 37.2 points per game for a team that averaged 70.4 points — and that includes Chinweze's 11.2 points and 21.4 minutes. We are not North Carolina. We do not lose four important players, reload and steam forward.

Imagine a world where Gary Patterson was fired after 2004. Baseball has started slow; let's fire Coach Schlossnagle.

Petersen sums up a lot of arguments I have heard. One is that Dougherty was brought in to install the Kansas-like attack now found at UNC. If you compared the young UNC offense of this year to last year's seasoned machine, you know that inexperience can wreak havoc on schemes.

Some people discuss Dougherty's inability to

recruit prep stars and high-quality transfers. If Nile Murray and Judson Stubbs do not define high-quality transfer, I don't know what does.

As for prep stars, Brent Hackett out of Southwest scored 73 and 52 points in back-to-back games and put up 45 against state champion Dunbar. Blake Adams was ranked in the top five in the state. I could go on about guys like Neiman Owens, Allen Taylor, and Dallas Hunter, but that would be redundant.

What about the quick-fix small school coaches everyone loves? Petersen endorses a few. Jessie Evan's San Francisco team went 11-17. Matt Doherty, a name coach, did a great job; Florida Atlantic went 15-13 against schools only the geography professors know of. Lonn Reisman's Tarleton State teams have won a few conference titles — in NAIA and Division II — and not much else. Ronnie Arrow's A&M Corpus Christi squad was solid from the field. The team also had a talented center shooting over 60 percent and an independent schedule. Monte Towe's New Orleans team went 10-19.

Folks, there is no quick-fix out there worthy of what TCU has to offer. There only real solution can be found across Stadium Drive.

TCU has young players that were great in area high schools and will be great in college. TCU has had and will have transfer players who make an impact.

TCU has a great coach who cares about his players and his university. This is one reason the Horned Frogs never threw in the towel this year when they had every right to do so.

Because Danny Morrison was at every game, he knows this team faced injuries and adversity all year. He also knows that its players still came to play every night and that the future is yet to be written.

Criticize them for its shortcomings now if you wish, but come out to section I in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum — that's a part of the student section — next November and help people like Joel and myself give our men and women the homecourt advantage that will help them write a better future.

Ryne Kahan, sophomore

OTHER VIEW

Internet message boards, blogs sources of corporate manipulation

Scholar and media critic Herbert Schiller once correctly noted, "for manipulation to be most effective, evidence of its presence should be nonexistent."

As media-savvy consumers, we are used to being suckered by advertising agencies and marketing schemes. But with the Internet culture in full swing, a more alarming question should be raised: Are corporate marketing departments or even individual countries actively promoting themselves anonymously through popular online message boards and blogs?

Picture the following: An article published on autoblog.

com discusses the site's recent test of the new Lincoln Zephyr, an entry-level luxury sedan and discusses its merits and faults.

As with most public blogs, anyone is permitted to comment on the article's findings. In this particular instance, comments range from "Good Lord! Think they could cram any more buttons onto that steering wheel?" to "That really is an impressive-looking piece, congrats Lincoln!" But then, after a few more messages, the "interior of the Lexus is infinitely more modern, attractive, luxurious and intuitive," which sounds just like a Lexus press release.

And what of the endless discussions on message boards about politics? Topix.net, a large news database to which I am partial, allows readers to comment on virtually any news or opinion article linked to its Web site. In a discussion about the recent U.S. indictment of 50 Colombian "narcoterrorists," or drug kingpins, users from Oregon to New York made comments like, "So, that makes 90 percent of Hollywood, and 17 percent of the Bush administration terrorist supporters. How droll. What next? Street muggers are terrorists?"

Even though most of these

comments are legitimate opinions from regular U.S. citizens, it's possible that some might be on the payroll of any number of organizations.

As Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld would say, there are known unknowns, and there are unknown unknowns. Fortunately, this issue is the former rather than the latter, and as a result, we can know that a possibility of manipulation exists and be more careful in how our opinions are influenced.

Jonathan Ludwig is a columnist for The Lariat at Baylor University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

YOUR VIEW

Everyone should attempt living without technology sometimes

I would like to say something about last Tuesday's "Cut Off: Is there life without a cell phone?"

As a participant in the Leadership Center's "Leadership Italy," I and six other TCU women went to Italy for Spring Break.

We spent eight days without a cell phone, without televi-

sion, computers and Internet.

Knowing myself, I thought I would never survive. But I had no choice, and after the second day, I realized I didn't really need those things. I could do everyday things without these luxuries.

It came to my attention that I was really dependent on these things while I had

them. Without them, I was still the same person and survived eight days without these things I thought I couldn't live without.

But if I had the choice, I would have preferred having my cell phone and access to my e-mail. I missed my instant messaging, my text messaging and my "Lost."

But this was for a trip and not necessarily for "work." If I had to do this at TCU, I might not survive.

But it is worth trying once in a while. Sometimes it feels good to not get any phone calls, voicemails and e-mails. Sometimes we just need a break from our busy lives.

Cleda Wang, sophomore

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Police take a student into custody after an altercation with a Carlsbad Police officer Monday in Escondido, Calif. High school students converged in Escondido to protest proposed federal legislation that would crack down on undocumented immigrants.

Committee approves immigration legislation

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee approved sweeping election-year legislation Monday that clears the way for 11 million illegal aliens to seek U.S. citizenship, a victory for demonstrators who had spilled into the streets by the hundreds of thousands demanding better treatment for immigrants.

With a bipartisan coalition in control, the committee also voted down proposed criminal penalties on immigrants found to be in the country illegally. It approved a new temporary program allowing entry for 1.5 million workers seeking jobs in the agriculture industry.

“All Americans wanted fairness and they got it this evening,” said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who played a pivotal role in drafting the legislation.

There was no immediate reaction from the White House, and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. said he hoped President Bush would participate in efforts to fashion consensus legislation.

“The only thing that’s off the table is inaction,” said Graham, who voted for the

committee bill.

The 12-6 vote broke down along unusual lines, with a majority of the panel’s Republicans opposed to the measure even though their party controls the Senate.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., seeking re-election this fall in his border state, sought repeatedly to insert tougher provisions into the legislation, but was generally rebuffed.

“This has been a very, very important and historic debate,” he said.

Committee chairman Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania was one of four Republicans to support the bill, but he signaled strongly that some of the more controversial provisions could well be changed when the measure reaches the Senate floor. That is “very frequently” the case when efforts to reach a broad bipartisan compromise falter, he noted.

In general, the bill is designed to strengthen enforcement of U.S. borders, regulate the flow into the country of so-called guest workers and determine the legal future of the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally.

Faculty Senate reviews policies, requirements in tenure process

By TALIA SAMPSON
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate is currently looking into how the tenure process works at TCU because of inconsistencies found in the system and problems with the faculty grievance process, Faculty Senate members said.

A Rube Goldberg machine, which uses a complicated process to accomplish a simple task, illustrates the current faculty grievance process, said Stuart Youngblood, chairman of the Faculty Senate Tenure Promotion and Grievance Committee.

The grievance policy, which is outlined in five pages of the Handbook for Faculty and Staff, is incredibly hard to understand and only allows faculty who were denied tenure to complain about procedural errors, Youngblood said.

Youngblood, also a professor of management, said it was important to have a simpler policy to lessen the number of faculty grievances filed regarding tenure decisions, even though there are typically only a few cases a year.

Youngblood told the Faculty Senate earlier this month that the committee aims to have a proposal for a simpler policy by the end of this academic year.

In addition to clarifying the grievance policy, the committee hopes to clarify the university-level expectations of service and advising requirements faculty must meet to receive tenure, Youngblood said.

The committee conducted a survey of each academic department to review requirements for service and advising, and the results will be presented at the March 30 Faculty Senate meeting, Young-

blood said.

The Handbook for Faculty and Staff defines service as participation in organizations related to a faculty member’s discipline and performing well in non-teaching university assignments.

“The Faculty Staff Handbook applies to everyone, but not every department follows it exactly,” Youngblood said.

In fact, definitions of service in department tenure policy statements vary from judging science fairs to serving on department committees.

Nadia Lahutsky, Faculty Senate member and associate professor of religion, said it does not matter if there are different policies as long as faculty are doing their part to make the university work. She cautioned that first-year faculty members need to be protected from unfair service requirements.

“I’ve talked to faculty who have been here a week and are expected to start advising,” Lahutsky said.

Youngblood said clarifying elements of the tenure policy would help faculty avoid the need to use the complicated grievance process.

Tenure, which is typically coupled with promotion at TCU, is a contract that grants faculty members job security, Youngblood said.

“Tenure gives faculty security that they won’t lose their job for expressing a point of view,” Youngblood said. “It takes a monumental effort on the part of institutions to get rid of tenured faculty.”

Lahutsky said, “If you go back far enough, you used to get tenure for being here ‘x’ number of years.”

For junior faculty to receive tenure at

TCU, they must annually meet standards outlined in the Handbook for Faculty and Staff and further explained in department policy statements.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said TCU uses a teacher-scholar model that emphasizes teaching as the most important standard, followed closely by research and service.

But because one discipline may be fundamentally different from another, each department is given the right to interpret tenure standards into department-level criteria, Donovan said.

“You can’t have a one-size-fits-all for all departments,” Donovan said.

So that tenure candidates fully understand what is expected of them, faculty who already have tenure write letters evaluating a candidate’s progress each year, Donovan said.

These letters are given to the department chair and then sent to the non-tenured faculty member, he said.

He also said the department chair is expected to meet annually with candidates to review their progress and make recommendations.

Youngblood said department chairs recommend faculty for tenure to the college dean, who makes the decision whether to recommend the candidate to the provost.

“At the department level, these are people you work with who are friends,” Youngblood said. “The college can look across departments and maintain equity.”

Youngblood said inconsistency is why the Tenure Promotion and Grievance Committee is looking into how tenure policy actually functions.

Students take home honors at Ball State

By JEFF ESKEW
Staff Reporter

A team of two students from the TCU entrepreneurship program won the best effort award at the Ninth Annual Enterprise Creation Competition this past weekend at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Chris Schaum, a senior entrepreneurial management and marketing major, and Matt Jacobson, a senior finance and accounting major, were one of nine teams chosen for the finals with their idea for Time Zone Airlines, a private jet airline.

In addition to the award, they received \$800.

Schaum said he has been working on and tinkering with the concept of Time Zone Airlines, and won the intercollegiate contest at TCU.

Winning the intercollegiate competition allowed him to represent TCU at national competitions, Schaum said.

The main differences between Time Zone Airlines and Marquis Jet, a current private jet company, is that Marquis Jet requires its customers to rent the jet for a 25-hour period, Schaum said.

Time Zone Airlines operates more like a regular commercial flight, with only eight seats on the aircraft. Although customers pay by the seat and leave at a scheduled time, the airline maintains the amenities of a private jet, Schaum said.

Jacobson said he was brought on board by Schaum to help with the financial aspects of Time Zone Airlines.

Ed Riefenstahl, director for the MBA experiential learning,

was the faculty adviser for the project and said there were a couple of points that could have been stronger.

Riefenstahl said that although the front part of the business plan was clean, more time could of been spent on the financial aspect of the business. He also feels the short period of time from the project’s acceptance in the competition to the deadline for the completion of the business plan hurt their chances.

“The reason they won best entrepreneurial effort, in my opinion, is that the judges recognized that they had taken on a challenging concept, in which to start a business,” Riefenstahl said.

Riefenstahl said he felt the oral presentation was stronger than the business plan, but the winning of the best entrepreneurial effort is more helpful than the top prize.

“One of the best things about it was that all the judges saw investment potential in the market and didn’t think we were crazy for trying this,” Schaum said.

Schaum said the plan has been refined, but is a plausible adventure he would like to continue in the future.

“Obviously, a business plan is going to continually change, but we feel we are in a position to where it is actually marketable,” Jacobson said.

Out of the nine teams, five received an award, with the first place team coming from Arizona State. The winning business plan dealt with marketing and selling collegiate artists’ work online.

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8 One member of a gene pair
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10 "Star Trek" star
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12 Land measurement
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18 Like Earhart's flight
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MEN'S TENNIS

Men fall to 7-6 on season in loss to Golden Bears



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Assistant Photo Editor
TCU senior Jacopo Tezza competes during singles play against California on Monday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Poor doubles play distracted athletes later on, coach says

By CLAIRE CURRY
Staff Reporter

The No. 32 ranked men's tennis team fell to No. 26 California Monday afternoon by a score of 5-2, moving its record to 7-6 overall while California moves to 10-4. The Golden Bears were able to get a head start by winning two out of three doubles matches. California's John Pettit and Daniel Sebesen beat TCU senior Jacopo Tezza and freshman Kriegler Brink 8-2.

TCU was able to even the contest as sophomores Andrei Mlendea and Cosmin Cotet defeated Lennart Maack and Dean Wallace 8-5, but California eventually took the point as Tyler Browne and Conor Niland beat the No. 33 doubles team of Rafael Abreu and Jordan Freitas.

The Frogs did not fare much better in singles play, as California won the first three singles matches to seal the win.

The Frogs ended the afternoon on a high note, however, when Tezza came back from a 1-6 first set loss to win the second set 6-3 and was eventually victorious in the tiebreaker (10-2).

TCU head coach Joey Rivé said he felt like the doubles point loss might have stayed on the minds of the players during singles play.

"I think it bothered us too much," Rivé said. "I felt like we played singles bummed out because of the doubles (loss). We've got some young players. A lot of those things are experience."

The Frogs will participate in a double-header Wednesday versus Wichita State at 2 p.m. and Abilene Christian at 6 p.m. at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team rides four-game streak

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

It's been exactly 17 days since California's women's tennis team has played an NCAA match, yet TCU head coach Dave Borelli said the No. 9 Golden Bears will likely be as dangerous as ever in today's afternoon match.

"(California's long layoff) is both good and bad," Borelli said. "In tennis they are used to doing that. It gives you a chance to take it easy and get back on track again. If they beat us, it was a good thing (for them); if they don't, it was a bad thing."

California, whose last match was a March 11 loss to No. 1 Stanford, will have to deal with the momentum that No. 22 TCU will bring

into the game. Borelli's squad is 11-5 overall and is currently riding a four-game winning streak. The team's last match was a resounding 7-0 victory Sunday over Colorado State, raising the Frogs to 3-0 in conference play on the season.

Borelli said the Golden Bears, despite being ranked 13 spots higher than TCU, may be closer to the Frogs' level than it seems.

"They're in a group of teams that we've played with that we've beaten and lost to," Borelli said. "We have a team that's capable of winning. I truly think we'll play well tomorrow; on paper they're nine and were 22, but I certainly think we are a good team and we can play with

them. Our goal is to focus on continuing to improve."

One way Borelli has fulfilled that desire to improve has been in doubles play. Though the team's pairings have been in perpetual motion as of late, those changes are more about keeping things fresh than battling inefficiency.

"I had to make a change only because sometimes it gets stale," Borelli said. "Trying to find personalities in women's tennis is a big thing. We felt it probably would psychologically be a little bit better. I think on balance, we're better on all three doubles (teams) this way."

Today's match is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Frogs lose two of three against UCF

Senior outfielder Jerid Buttell attempts to make contact on a high pitch during Sunday's loss to Central Florida. The Frogs (12-14) were able to take the first game of the weekend series despite the efforts of UCF hurler Tim Bascom, a pre-season third-team All-American. Sophomore Jake Arrieta, who started for TCU, allowed only one run in a strong seven-inning showing. The Frogs were not able to maintain Friday's momentum heading into Saturday however, and were only able to generate one run on six hits in a 5-1 loss. TCU was able to step it up Sunday, rallying in the bottom of the ninth to tie the score and send the game into a 10th inning. The comeback fell short, however, and the Frogs eventually



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Assistant Photo Editor

lost 5-3. Sophomore pitcher Sam Demel excelled during the weekend, allowing no earned runs in an eight-inning Sunday start and recording his second career save Friday.

— Travis Stewart

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4. Jacopo Tezza (TCU) def. Daniel Sebesen (CAL), (1-6, 6-3, [10-2])
5. Radu Barbu (TCU) def. Ken Nakahara (CAL), (6-0, 6-3)
6. Dean Wallace (CAL) def. Jordan Freitas (TCU), (6-0, 6-3)

DOUBLES COMPETITION

1. Niland/Browne (CAL) def. Abreu/Freitas (TCU), (9-7)
2. Cotet/Mlendea (TCU) def. Maack/Wallace (CAL), (8-5)
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