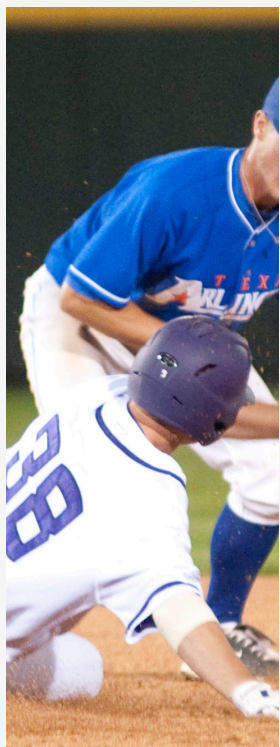


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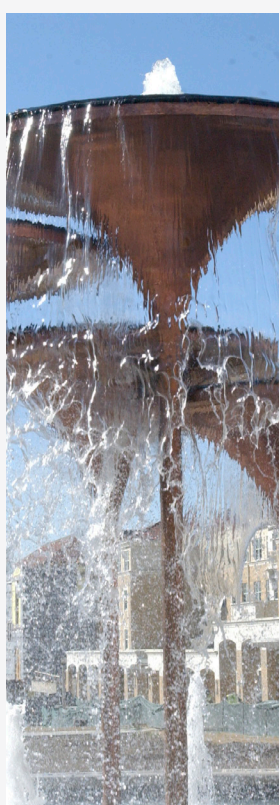
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Greek organizations are helping members of the Fort Worth community through service projects.
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NEWS

The TCU Heal Hunger Campaign will feature a week of activities and donations in an effort to help end hunger, poverty and homelessness.
 Tuesday



SOCIAL MEDIA

FACE TO FACE

Chatroulette

Partner

Welcome to the world of Chatroulette!

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Social site commonly misused

By Chilton Tippin
 Staff Writer

A new Web site that allows users to connect randomly with one another via webcam has exploded in popularity, but many experts find the site to be disturbing and warn that it's a paradise for predators, according to a press release from the Texas Attorney General's office.

Chatroulette connects people of all ages to one another for private, anonymous chats. A "next" button on the top of the screen allows users to cycle at will through the 20,000-plus viewers who are logged on at any given time.

Some experts say the site is cause for concern because many of the users perform sexually explicit

acts, and there are very few filters to keep children from accessing it.

The Texas Attorney General issued a consumer alert in early March warning parents to keep their children off the site.

An undercover investigation by the Cyber Crimes Unit of the Texas Attorney General's office revealed that nearly half of the randomly selected users "immediately exposed themselves and conducted sexually explicit acts on camera."

According to a study that reviewed 2,883 chat sessions and was posted on TechCrunch.com, a Web site dedicated to profiling new internet products and companies, Chatroulette is 89 percent male, 47 percent American and 13 percent appear to not be wearing

any clothes whatsoever, are displaying explicit nudity or appear to be committing a lewd act. One in eight spins reveals something "R" rated, according to the study.

According to Jamie Kelly, director of media relations for Cornell University, a Russian teenager created Chatroulette in December 2009.

According to TechCrunch.com, the Web site quadrupled to 4 million users in February.

Kelly said the quick explosion in Chatroulette's popularity can be attributed to journalists constantly being on the lookout for new trends in media usage and the viral spread of information on other social networking sites.

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CAREERS

Experts: respect a must for business

By Wyatt Kanyer
 Staff Reporter

College graduates seeking jobs will find opportunities if they seek a balance between being respected in the workplace and being well-liked by employers, a university career services official said.

John Thompson, executive director of Career Services, said the media has created an inaccurate image of a successful business person as someone who is materialistic. As a result of this perception, young entrepreneurs have approached their careers from a financial gains perspective, he said.

But the business world does not like arrogance, Thompson said.

"The concept is that (arrogant people) are the guys who are really successful because they get to the top," he said. "In reality, that's absolutely not so. It may happen occasionally, but we get hit by an asteroid occasionally, too."

Arrogance is on one end of what he called a continuum for employ-

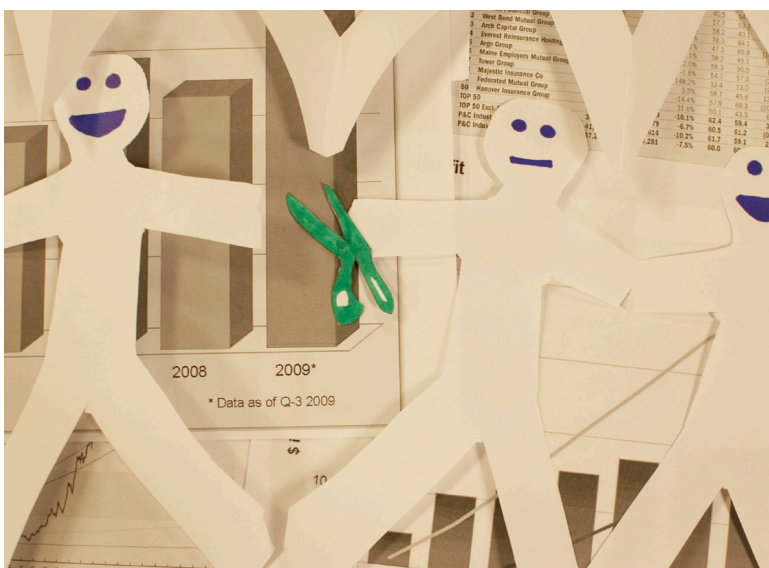


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

ees. The other end consists of those who constantly defer to others, those who some would call the "nice guys" of business and who Thompson said would struggle in business.

"(People who defer) will survive, but it won't be a very happy existence

for them," he said.

According to a study on career-builder.com conducted by Christine M. Riordan, dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund reaches \$50,000 in weeks

By Kayla Mezzell
 Staff Reporter

While it would not be unusual to take more than two years for a scholarship to reach the endowed level, it took two months for the scholarship established in memory of a student who died in January to exceed the required amount.

The scholarship, created in Amanda Bebout's name, had reached \$56,098.50 by March 17, which exceeded the \$50,000 necessary for a scholarship to become endowed.

David Nolan, associate vice chancellor for university development, said scholarships can take as long as five years to reach the endowed level, and it is unusual for a scholarship to reach this level so quickly.

He said before a scholarship reaches the endowed level, any funds collected are stored in a general account. After reaching the endowed level, he said, the funds are moved to a separate account where interest collected from investments would allow the university to award funds in perpetuity.

DeVonna Tinney, development director for Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, where Bebout studied, confirmed that the scholarship had reached the endowment level, but said the amount that will be awarded for each annual scholarship has not yet been determined.

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LATINO/A STUDIES

Lecture to focus on new regions

By Cameron Lakey
 Staff Reporter

Audience members who attend the third annual Latina/o Studies Lecture will hear a different perspective about Latin American studies from previous years, said Miguel Leatham, a professor associated with the event.

Margarite Fernandez Olmos, a professor in the modern languages and literatures department at Brooklyn College, will speak tonight at the event sponsored by the TCU Latina/o Studies minor.

Fernandez Olmos, who has authored, translated, co-authored or co-edited 12 books about Latin American culture, particularly Caribbean people, will offer new insights to the lecture series that had previously focused on Hispanic culture, said Leatham, who teaches courses in the minor.

Third annual Latina/o Studies Lecture

When: 7 p.m. tonight
 Where: Palko Hall Room 130

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of Denver, being too nice in a business setting had a negative effect on salary increases and the number of promotions employees received.

That does not mean a business person has to be ruthless, Thompson said, but he or she must be tough.

"If you're tough, you're able to take the slings and arrows that people throw at you and you won't fold," he said.

Good businesspeople are tough-minded in that once they set a direction, they stay on target, Thompson said.

Once respect is established, businesspeople also remain firm in their principles, Thompson said.

"(Good businesspeople) are strong in (their) convictions about being fair, about looking

at both sides of an issue, about making a contribution to your organization, you can be a nice guy and do that," Thompson said.

Furthermore, good businesspeople come from nice employers.

David Minor, the William M. Dickey Entrepreneur in Residence at the Neeley School of Business Entrepreneurship Center, said employers who encourage employees to be driven are more likely to conduct effective business strategies.

"Employers that create a culture in their workplace that is positive and that is caring of their people finish first," he said. "Nice guys finish first in business."

Minor used Southwest Airlines as an example of a company that has been recognized for its nice guys. The company's slogan is "Southwest Cares,"

and its Web site features one of the company's central credos: "Above all, employees will be provided the same concern, respect, and caring attitude within the organization that they are expected to share externally with every Southwest customer."

Thompson said having a perspective like Southwest's can help new college graduates get jobs.

He said he has asked college graduates seeking jobs what surprises them the most about the business world. Based on their responses, he said, they are surprised by how difficult it is to get employers to like them. However, that should not be the goal, Thompson said.

"Your job is not to make people like you," he said. "Your task is to make people respect you, and then they'll come to like you."

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Tinney said family, friends and faculty and staff members sent in a total of 57 donations, two of which exceeded \$10,000 each.

Tinney said she would not release the names of the donors because it was a "private matter."

Paulette Burns, dean of Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said she thinks nursing school faculty donated to the scholarship because they have close relationships with their students and because nurses are in a helping profession.

"I'm really excited and I'm very pleased that her family chose to honor her this way," Burns said. "It's a

great way to honor a child and a friend and a family member. It's a very positive step."

Sharon Bebout, Amanda Bebout's mother, said she is pleased that the scholarship reached the endowed level so quickly, and she said she thinks it got to that level because many people cared about her daughter.

"I think everyone that knew Amanda knew how passionate she was about nursing," she said.

Sharon Bebout said she hopes the scholarship will be used to help another student who shared her daughter's love of nursing.

"I know it will be," Sharon Bebout said. "It will be used to benefit someone else that has the same dreams and passions that Amanda had."

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David Colon, an English professor and former student of Fernandez Olmos, said her experience as a Puerto Rican-American is something unusual even for the Latino community in Texas where many citizens are of Mexican descent.

Fernandez Olmos, who is also of Puerto Rican descent, said her lecture titled "On Becoming Latina in the U.S., a Personal Journey: 'What's in a Name?'" will be a reflection of her life as a Latina in the United States and why she chose certain areas of study in her career.

"When I started my life they called me one name and the names kept evolving," Fernandez Olmos said. "I wasn't born a U.S. Latina; I was born a Puerto Rican in New York and then I was something else and something else. As the years go on you find that people have different names for you and you have to decide how you want to use that."

The Latina/o Studies Lecture Series was created as a way to publicize the new minor and to represent Latino and Hispanic-American issues on campus, Leatham said.

Fernandez Olmos said noting the rich Latino heritage tied to culture in America, not just in Texas.

"Look around," Fernandez Olmos said. "These are not only our neighbors, but these are people that have been in this country longer than almost anyone else except Native Americans. When Latinos say I didn't come to the United States, the United States came to me, they were right."

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"It really speaks to the power of Twitter and Facebook," he said.

Aaron Kenny, chief technical officer of InternetSafety.com, said Chatroulette is dangerous because of its anonymous nature as a video chat forum.

"Even with social networking sites, you have some control, he said. "On this site, predators can come out in a completely anonymous way, and there's no history of who they chatted with." Kenny said traditional social media sites allow people to control the sphere of who they talk to.

"The anonymous nature of this site is kind of like sending your kid out in the street in

New York City and saying, 'Go chat with whoever you like,'" he said. "No parent would do that."

Carole Lieberman, a media psychiatrist from the American Board of Psychiatry, said she thought many people use the site in perverted ways because they are anonymous and because they have sexual perversions.

"It seems that those people are on another planet where they are just lost in their own loneliness," she said.

Lieberman said the people on the site perform the lewd sexual acts because of several psychological reasons.

"These people want attention," she said. "They want a sex partner. They want love. They want a friend. They want someone to recognize they exist."

Pamela Bolen, a leading expert in dealing with Internet addictions, said she thinks performing sexual acts on Chatroulette stems from a sexual addiction.

"It starts off at a very small — maybe even kind of benign level — then it grows," she said. "It's very addictive. The same part of the brain that is stimulated by cocaine is the same part that is stimulated by sex."

Andrey Ternovskiy, the 17-year-old creator of Chatroulette, said in an interview with The New York Times that the site was not intended to be an outlet for sexual predators.

"I myself enjoyed talking to friends with Skype using a microphone and webcam," Ternovskiy told The Times. "But we got tired of talking to each other eventually. So I decided

to create a little site for me and my friends where we could connect randomly with other people."

"I didn't advertise my site or post it anywhere, but somehow, people started to talk to each other about the site. And the word started to spread," he said in The Times interview. "That's how the simultaneous user count grew from 10 to 50, then from 50 to 100 and so on."

According to The New York Times interview, investors offering sums in the millions have approached Ternovskiy looking for a piece of the site.

Kenny said the creation of Chatroulette underscores the entrepreneurial nature of younger generations.

"There's this kid, he's 17, and he just wanted to do something, so he did it," Kenny said.

Brownie Porterfield, a senior communication studies major, said he has accessed the site a couple of times with his friends.

"I was told by a friend to check the site out because it was funny," he said. "At first I thought it was very awkward, then after seeing all the perverted stuff, it made me feel dirty."

Porterfield said it disturbed him to see older men doing lewd or perverted things on some web cams and young children on other sessions.

"Since I'm close to my cousin who's in 7th grade, I know I wouldn't want her to be exposed to something like this," he said. "She's a good kid. It could corrupt her mind."

Preserve Tradition

TCU Student Body Fee Proposal

Currently, TCU students pay \$24 student body fee each semester. This fee covers expenses such as:

- major programming events
- limited funding for student orgs.
- student services
- SGA operating expenses

This fee has remained constant since 2005 - BEFORE the creation of the Campus Commons and the two-year residential living requirement, which changed the culture of our campus. Over the past few years, SGA has been forced to seek alternative funding for traditional events and cut back on a number of services offered to students.

To meet the needs and wants of today's TCU students, a consistent and reliable source of income is necessary to provide world-class programs, events, services, and leadership experiences on campus.

SGA is proposing this income be generated through an increase in the student body fee from \$24 to \$45 per semester. For more information visit sga.tcu.edu or contact SGA with your questions at sga@tcu.edu

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The Skiff View

Users should know risks of Chatroulette site

Trendy live-chat Web site Chatroulette.com has received a bad rap as another Web site that allows pornographic material to proliferate cyberspace. The only rules the Web site mandates are that users are over the age of 16 and it prohibits pornographic behavior. Users who witness offensive or graphic images can report the offending user. However, with open web cam lines, minimal restrictions and global access, the site is a haven for sexual predators.

On the other side of the spectrum, musician Ben Folds put on a personal concert for Chatroulette user Merton on March 20, according to MTV's Buzzworthy Blog. Celebrities claiming to have used the site include Ashton Kutcher, Jessica Alba and Chris Brown. Some people have legitimate social issues and perhaps feel the anonymity provided by Chatroulette allows for an easy, non-threatening way for them to make acquaintances.

They could encounter any manner of offensive pornographic images or they could have a conversation with a movie star. As with virtually anything on the Internet, people should know that certain risks always apply.

Opinion editor Andrea Bolt for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Bad economy means grads to face tougher competition



KAYLA MEZZELL

When we graduate, we will face stiff competition from more than just our peers.

According to a New York Times article, university graduates will also face competition from experienced professionals now willing to work for lower salaries. Because of the dramatic rise in the unemployment rate, overqualified individuals now fill many jobs that might traditionally be filled by recent college graduates.

Now lower-paid positions intended for those with undergraduate degrees could be filled by those who have earned master's or doctorate degrees. They are willing to take lower salaries and less than ideal positions because they are desperate to find work.

I understand that these people have mortgages to pay and mouths to feed, but so do recent college graduates, though the only mouth might be their own. Like many people, I set a resolution this year to lose a few pounds, but the starvation diet was not exactly what I had in mind.

Not only are jobs far more difficult to come by, but now we have to compete with those with far more experience. And many of us have student loans to repay.

When I took out my first student loan, I worried I would find a job that would not pay enough for me to repay it quickly. Now, I wonder if I will be able to repay it at all.

According to a New York Times article, university graduates will also face competition from experienced professionals now willing to work for lower salaries. Because of the dramatic rise in the unemployment rate, overqualified individuals now fill many jobs that might traditionally be filled by recent college graduates.

According to the article, many companies have avoided hiring overqualified applicants in the past because these people have often left those positions quickly after being miserable in a position that could never challenge them.

Many of these people are currently happy with their new, easy jobs but that is because they have been given free rein in their respective positions. Some of these people have come to companies in order to help reorganize them. When they have completed the reorganization and the monotonous daily routine begins, it's quite possible that the overqualified will vacate these positions.

It's this fact that gives me hope. However, I wonder if they will abandon these jobs in time to salvage my credit score.

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Students should know, appreciate university's Disciples of Christ ties



PEARCE EDWARDS

If one talks to any TCU student or staff member about their experience at the university, the subject of future potential will inevitably come up. Maybe they will express excitement for the end results of big, multi-year construction projects around campus that will bring (and have already brought) a cutting-edge learning and living environment for students. Perhaps the conversation will turn to an eager anticipation of the upcoming football season, when hordes of purple-bleeding fans will clamor to see their Horned Frogs vault into the ranks of BCS victors, or even to the national championship itself.

Through these many conver-

The university must realize its fundamental resonance with the mission of the Disciples of Christ denomination and embrace the intangible bonds it shares.

sations, there exists at TCU an unmistakable attitude of the collective membership in the university striding confidently into the future, embracing progress with every step. Perhaps, though, that collective mindset should carefully consider the nature of the path on which it walks and the path it traveled to arrive at the present. An understanding of TCU's future is inextricably tied to the knowledge

of its past. A simple daily walk around campus reveals pieces of that heritage.

What do Clark, Waits, Sadler, Moudy, Tucker and Colby have in common? Beside being build-ings every student will see at least one of every day, they are also the names of historical TCU leaders. All of these leaders served as ministers in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the denomination affiliated with the university. Beginning with Addison and Randolph Clark more than a century ago, many great leaders from the denomination worked tirelessly to ensure TCU's progress, and their work has made it a thriving university today. Yet, a significant generation of prominent

Even as TCU strives to act in the global community, so does the Disciples of Christ denomination, as its current mission statement expresses a desire to be "a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." The Disciples' ethos still holds its roots. Many staff members and professors attend worship at University Christian Church, Disciples students stay active in many TCU activities and the steeple of Robert Carr Chapel and Brite Divinity School, still the highest point on campus, thrusts upward into the beautiful Texas spring sky.

Where does TCU go from here? The university must realize its fundamental resonance with the mission of the Disciples

and direct leadership by the Disciples is ending, as the last Disciples chancellor ended his service in 1998, and longtime Director of Choral Activities and University Christian Church Choirmaster Ron Shirey passed away in 2009.

As the Disciples of Christ denomination follows the national trend of declining mainline Protestantism, it is not the tangible bonds between the Disciples and TCU that hold strong as they once could. Intangibly however, the Disciples' belief in fostering learning in all its followers and a spirit of discernment honed by a pursuit of truth resonates strongly with the university's mission to educate its students to be "ethical leaders and responsible citizens."

of Christ denomination and embrace the intangible bonds it shares. An ocean away, Shanghai urban planner Ruan Yisan speaks of a rapidly modernizing China that seeks the cutting edge when he says, "There is nothing wrong with improving people's lives, but we should not throw our heritage away like a pair of old shoes."

TCU should draw from that lesson and don the shoes of its heritage to stride confidently into the future. When looking at the statues of Addison and Randolph Clark, the hardy frontier Disciples ministers of old, notice that they too are walking forward. Do so with them.

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QUICK NEWS

Seniors fear health care re-make will hurt Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seniors aren't breaking out the champagne for President Barack Obama's health care law, and for good reason.

While Democrats hail the overhaul as their greatest health care achievement since Medicare, seniors fear it's a raid on that same giant health care program to pay for covering younger, uninsured workers and their families.

There's no doubt broad cuts in projected Medicare payments to insurance plans, hospitals, nursing homes and other service providers will sting, but, keenly aware that this is a congressional election year, Democrats structured the law so virtually all the cuts start next year and take effect only gradually. For this year, the law provides a sweetener. More than 3 million seniors who have been falling into a Medicare prescription coverage gap will get a \$250 rebate.

Hutchison ends back and forth on her career plans

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texas Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison said Wednesday she is staying in the Senate, ending a series of back and forth announcements during the past year about her career plans.

The state's senior senator, flanked by Republican leader Mitch McConnell and junior Texas Sen. John Cornyn, told reporters she will serve out her third term, which ends in 2012. She had previously said she would resign her seat in 2010 regardless of the outcome of the March primary battle for governor against incumbent Rick Perry, which she lost.

"Something has happened in our country that no one could anticipate," she said, noting "massive debt," health care legislation she opposed and the general direction of the nation. "It has caused me to look at the resignation in a different way."

Chechen rebels say responsible for Moscow bombings

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — Two suicide bombers killed 12 people, including nine police officers in southern Russia on Wednesday, the same day a Chechen militant leader claimed responsibility for deadly subway bombings in Moscow that shocked the nation two days before.

Doku Umarov, who leads Islamic militants in Chechnya and other areas, said in a video posted Wednesday on a pro-rebel Web site that Monday's twin suicide attacks were an act of revenge for the killing of civilians by Russian security forces. He warned that attacks on the Russian cities will continue.

Umarov's statement was posted after Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed to "drag out of the sewer" the terrorists who plotted the subway bombings, which killed 39 people and injured scores of commuters during rush hour.

Colo. casino says \$43M prize message was mistake

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado woman who won \$42.9 million off a penny slot machine saw her jackpot disappear when the casino said the payout message was an error.

Now Colorado gaming authorities are trying to find out what caused the phony fortune.

The false jackpot message went to Louise Chavez Friday while she was playing penny slots in the Fortune Valley Casino in Central City. The machine announced she'd won \$42.9 million — a far richer sum than the posted top prize of \$251,000.

Fortune Valley doesn't dispute that the machine told Chavez she'd won millions. But the casino says workers immediately told the gambler the message was an error and reported the mistake to the Colorado Division of Gaming, which regulates casinos.

Yale student plunged from Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP) — The man who plunged to his death in an apparent suicide jump off the Empire State building was a junior from Yale University.

Twenty-one-year-old Cameron Dabaghi from Austin, Texas, jumped from the 86th floor Tuesday. That floor has an observation deck open to the public.

He was dead when rescue workers arrived at the 102-story skyscraper shortly before 6:30 p.m.

The university said in a statement that it was extending support to the student's family and friends, and making counselors available.

The Empire State Building is the third-tallest building in the U.S. More than 30 people have committed suicide at the building since it opened in 1931. The most recent was believed to have been in 2006.

NEWS

Refueling debate, Obama expands offshore drilling

By Ben Feller
Associated press writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shaking up years of energy policy and his own environmental backers, President Barack Obama threw open a huge swath of East Coast waters and other protected areas in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico to drilling Wednesday, widening the politically explosive hunt for more homegrown oil and gas.

Obama's move allows drilling from Delaware to central Florida, plus the northern waters of Alaska, and exploration could begin 50 miles off the coast of Virginia by 2012. He also wants Congress to lift a drilling ban in the oil-rich eastern Gulf of Mexico, 125 miles from Florida beaches.

Still off limits: the entire Pacific seaboard. And in a nod to conservation, Obama canceled oil exploration in Alaska's Bristol Bay, deeming the area a national treasure.

For this oil-dependent nation, the decision could start to reshape far-reaching economic

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Brendan Cummings
Senior council, Center for Biological Diversity

and national security policies, affecting where the U.S. gets the fuel for its cars, heating and energy-gulping industry.

For a president on a roll following a big health care win, Wednesday's drilling declaration was both aggressive and pragmatic. Even with a push for cleaner energy sources and efficient cars — and with promises of protection for ecosystems and coastal tourism — the nation still needs more oil, Obama said.

"The answer is not drilling everywhere all the time," Obama said in an event at Andrews Air Force Base. "But the answer is not, also, for us to ignore the fact that we are going to need

vital energy sources to maintain our economic growth and our security?"

Inside politically conscious Washington, Obama's announcement was viewed, too, as a play to win Republican support for a comprehensive climate change bill. Obama needs Republican help to move legislation through the Senate that would limit carbon emissions, a key priority, and his decision on drilling drew at least a bit of Republican applause.

Republican George W. Bush pushed for years to expand offshore drilling. He and Congress lifted bans on some drilling in 2008, when gasoline prices hit record levels. But Obama's plan is narrower than Bush's, which also would have opened up oil and gas leasing areas off California and in the North Atlantic.

Obama got a predictable pummeling Wednesday from environmentalists, who sarcastically compared him to Sarah Palin, the former vice presidential candidate whose oil-promoting speech at the Republican National Convention in 2008



In this 2003 file photo, angler Andy Hails, of Montgomery, Ala., checks the fishing lines on his boat as he trolls the Gulf of Mexico near a natural gas well off the Alabama coast near Gulf Shores, Ala. President Barack Obama announced his new offshore drilling policy Wednesday.

famously drew chants of "Drill, Baby, Drill!"

Any big changes to environmental policy — particularly oil drilling — tend to touch off the bitter debate that Obama says he wants the country to end.

His support for exploratory drilling in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas north of Alaska, for example, drew outrage from the Center for Biological Diversity as a threat to polar bears. "Short of sending Sarah Palin

back to Alaska to personally club polar bears to death, the Obama administration could not have come up with a more efficient extinction plan for the polar bear," said Brendan Cummings, the center's senior counsel.

SUSTAINABILITY

Green buildings can boost profits

By Steve Brown
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Even with the economy and real estate business in the tank, building owners are looking for ways to make their properties more eco-friendly.

But the driver in the decision to build and operate more energy and environmentally efficient properties has as much — if not more — to do with saving dough as hugging trees, real estate industry leaders said at a Tuesday meeting in Dallas.

"The fact of the matter is this is just good business — making buildings perform better," said Dan Probst, an energy and sustainable development expert with real estate broker Jones Lang LaSalle. "We are not building a lot of buildings today."

"It's all about making existing buildings perform better."

Probst was one of a series of speakers at a seminar sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, the North Texas Commercial Association of Realtors and the Real Estate Council.

Industry leaders say they have observed a shift in attitudes toward eco-sensitive real estate.

"Today people simply expect it," said Michael Buckley, a real estate professor at the University of Texas at Arlington. "Cost savings is going to drive things."

Buildings with environmental and energy design features have almost 4 percent higher average occupancy and save significantly on utilities, the latest data shows.

Corporate America is more interested in the concept.

"Their shareholders, customers and employees care about it," Probst said.

Developers of Dallas' new convention hotel are already on board with sustainable development. They are seeking environmental savings certification for the property.

"We basically have to look at every single decision made about in that building," said developer Jack Matthews. "We spent 10 hours in the last month looking at the laundry alone."

"I want to do it because it's the right thing to do," he said. "And it's about saving money."

Where's the ladder?!

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BASEBALL

HOME STRETCH



Sophomore Jason Coats slides into second base in the Horned Frogs' 10-3 win against the University of Texas at Arlington on Tuesday night. MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer

Frogs face rival SDSU at home

By **Kim Burdi**
Staff Writer

The Horned Frogs are now 18-5 with an 11-1 record at home this season. After a dominating win Tuesday against the University of Texas

at Arlington, the Frogs prepared to continue their five-game home stretch.

Tonight, the Horned Frogs are set to host a Mountain West Conference rival, San Diego State. TCU baseball

will continue its stretch of home games with a three-game weekend series against the Aztecs.

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COMMENTARY

Strong play could end with pennant



TRAVIS L. BROWN

If the Texas Rangers keep playing like they have in their past three Spring Training games throughout the 2010 season, they actually could have a division pennant in their sights. However, the key word in that sentence is "if."

If the pitching staff can eat innings and give the offense a chance to take over ballgames, the Rangers will be successful. But the rotation has had a makeover this offseason, taking a chance on some young guns and bringing in veteran Rich Harden to lead the group of very green arms.

The Rangers have to have another near 20-win season from Opening Day starter Scott Feldman to support unsure totals from a group of inexperienced pitchers, especially Colby Lewis and C.J. Wilson, who will make his first appearance outside the relief corps. Harden will have to find the control he lost during Spring Training and stay in the game for more than five innings to support the bullpen.

The next "if" facing the Rangers in 2010 is if the team can stay healthy. Already the team has faced injuries to catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia and second baseman Ian Kinsler, who might be looking at starting the season on the disabled list. The team has to be worried about injury prone players like Josh Hamilton, who has battled nagging injuries all last season and throughout

the spring. For the Rangers to make a run to the playoffs, Hamilton needs to put up numbers like he did in 2008.

Yes, Texas brought in another huge bat with Vladimir Guerrero, but he is known for swinging at anything that leaves the pitchers hand, and he won't put up the numbers everyone is expecting. It's one thing to be successful in Arlington off Rangers' pitching of the past as a member of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, it's another thing to be successful against good opposing pitching.

Finally, the Rangers can sit on the top of the American League West if they can get production out of key young players like Chris Davis, Elvis Andrus and Julio Borbon. Anything less than the numbers they put up last season would put major holes in the Ranger's lineup and initiate many killed scoring opportunities.

The other "if" surrounding the Rangers will come true if these ifs are not resolved. If the Rangers perform any less than outstanding to begin the season, Ron Washington's days as a major league manager will be done. Washington should already be on a short leash with the organization after his admitted cocaine use last year. A few seasons ago his job was on the line, but he was given a second chance then. Now after this third chance, anything but a march to the playoffs will be unacceptable and Washington will be out of a job.

If the Rangers can manage all this uncertainty, than this could be a season to remember in Arlington.

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DUKE LACROSSE

Former Duke coach dismisses slander claims

By **Mike Baker**
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The former Duke University coach who was fired after a stripper falsely accused three players of rape in 2006 has ended his slander lawsuit against school officials, both sides said Wednesday. Attorney Jay Trehy said for-

mer coach Mike Pressler was dismissing his claims. Both sides declined to discuss details but Duke officials apologized to Pressler for any "adverse consequences" that two media stories had on the coach or his family.

"Coach Michael Pressler is an excellent coach," said Duke spokesman Michael Schoenfeld in a statement. "He did a great

job building the Duke men's lacrosse program, while maintaining a 100 percent graduation rate in his 16 years."

Pressler had settled with the school when he was fired after three of his players were accused of assaulting an exotic dancer during a team party. Both sides agreed not to make disparaging comments about

each other, but the coach later complained about comments that a Duke spokesman made to Newsday and The Associated Press in 2007.

Pressler now coaches at Bryant University in Rhode Island and for the 2010 U.S. men's lacrosse team as it prepares for the world championships in England.

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