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Q & A

New VC discusses leadership

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

Kathryn Cavins-Tull, the future Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, came to the university Thursday for the spring Board of Trustees meeting. She was introduced by the current Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Don Mills. In a Q&A with the *Skiff* Cavins-Tull spoke about her impressions of the university, her style of leading and how she hopes to relate with students.



Cavins-Tull

Q: What influenced your decision to come to TCU?

A: "TCU is a great school and a really unique school. I work at a small private university right now at Illinois Wesleyan, and it's a lot like TCU. The students are really smart and there's a lot of involvement on campus, and it's got a really strong reputation for being a high-level school. I love my work at Illinois Wesleyan because I get to work very closely with students. TCU offers a bigger school with more opportunities and more resources, but still [has] opportunities to actually work directly with students. There aren't very many universities in the country that are like TCU, and it was a perfect opportunity for me to go to a little bit larger school, but still have all the things I love about this work and actually working with students."

Q: Do you have any plans for Student Affairs coming into TCU?

A: "I feel like what I need to do when I get here is get out and listen as much as I can to students, and figure out what really works for TCU and what kinds of things would make life better for students here. I heard some things that I think are really workable, like getting some more resources for the health center and counseling services and also looking at expanding some of the areas in Career Services and some of the things that would make student life even better at TCU. Probably what I'll do in the first semester or the first year is to really get out and speak to students as much as I can, and listen to them and see where I can best help student life here."

Q: How will your style be different than that of Don Mills, the previous Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs?

A: "I know Dr. Mills from the field of Student Affairs; he's pretty well-known in our field. I think his style was one that was pretty accessible by students, and he's a very friendly person with a great sense of humor, so I hope I can be friendly and not take my job too seriously. It's hard for me to compare his style with mine because I don't know that much about his style. But I'll tell you about my style, and that is that I try to be at as many things as I can be. For students, if you have a big program, if there's something big happening on campus, I try to go and participate or judge and

see what student life is about. So you'll see me a lot, and I think that, like Dr. Mills, if you want to meet with me, you're going to be able to get in to meet with me. Being accessible to students is kind of the core at what Student Affairs people do, so you'll find that you'll have easy access to me."

Q: What was your first impression of TCU?

A: It's a very friendly place. Everybody has been very warm and very kind to me. I'm coming from Illinois, so it's a little different from Texas. People have been very gracious in extending their help to me, and very sort of "southern hospitality." And the campus is in great shape. I got to meet several students during my interview and then more [Thursday] and the students seem very friendly and very academically focused, but also involved in their campus. I'm really thrilled to be a part of this campus, and I can't wait to get started. I start in July, and I'm ready to go."

Q: What are you looking forward to the most?

A: "I think that the first year will be a bunch of firsts. The first orientation processes, the first Frog Camp, meeting the new students, getting to know students who have been at TCU and already have love for that. There's all those exciting firsts for me. Every time you move into a different university, that first year is like a whirlwind of trying to get to know people and to know the traditions, so I'm excited about going through all those firsts when I get here."

FINE ARTS

Seniors' artwork on display

By Maddie Tasker
Staff Reporter

This week, the Moudy Gallery of the TCU Art Galleries will showcase up to 40 pieces of original artwork created by 10 graduating seniors from the TCU Department of Art, Curator of the Moudy Gallery Christina Rees said.

The show, entitled "State of Mind," will provide graduating seniors a platform to show the best work they produced at the university, she said.

Rees, who teaches the senior exhibition class, said she worked with the students and instructors to choose which pieces each student would show. The show will feature painting, photography, sculpture and printmaking pieces.

The seniors who worked together during the senior exhibition class that all senior art majors take came up with the name of the gallery, she said.

"I think that [the students] wanted a clean, simple title that was general enough to encompass all their work," Rees said. "And right now, what connects them all is that they're all thinking about what they're going to do after graduation; that is their state of mind."

Senior studio art major Kimberly Jones said they chose the name because they thought it unified the seniors.

"We decided on 'State of Mind' because we're all graduating, and we're about to go out into the world and be artists, and you have to have the right mindset for that," she said. "So we're making a statement at our senior show."

Not only will students have the chance to display their strongest artwork, but it also will help them prepare for their futures as professional artists, Rees said.

"[The goal] is also to teach them how to put on a good, professional looking show and to have a fun and well-attended opening...also, they have to learn about artist statements, postcards, mailing lists, press releases — and they have to continue to learn how to install their own work," she said.

After graduating, senior studio art major Sarah Hopkins said she planned to pursue a career as a professional artist.

"We're all seniors, so the show will be our last chance to have the guidance of our instructors before trying to make it on our own," she said.

Hopkins said she would display some of her most recent paintings at the senior show. Other artists are Kelsey Glaser, Clint Johnson, Jones, Katie Kretchmar, Amanda McCollum, Jay Smith, Laura Willig, Melissa Smith and Kirsten Laurie.

"Every individual student brings something new to the show, and it definitely reflects their individual personalities, and every show is different because it's the way they all sort of come together to create a cohesive whole," Rees said.

Jones said the show would be a fun and useful experience for the seniors. After graduating, Jones said she planned to build up her résumé working as an artist before applying to graduate school.

"Graduate schools for art look for people that have a little bit more experience out

in the world," she said. "It's kind of rare that they take someone right out of [undergraduate studies]."

Rees said the senior art show will be a résumé builder and will help the students prepare for future art exhibits

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Sarah Hopkins
Senior studio art major

they will have.

"I think [the show is] really important [and] gets you set for doing your own shows in the future after you graduate," she said. "Whether you go to grad school or decide to become a working artist, you're going have to learn how to put on a show, and all that goes along with it."



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A cardboard sculpture of a plane dropping bombs is set up in the Moudy North building as a part of the "State of Mind" exhibit.

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ATHLETICS

Cheerleaders finish sixth, will not return to nationals next year

By Ashley Monismith

Staff Reporter

After placing sixth in the National Cheerleaders Association national competition last week, TCU's cheerleading squad learned it might have been its last trip to the event because of university athletic regulations, cheer captain Ellie Spencer said.

Because of the squad's designation as a "game day only squad," the cheerleaders will

be restricted to performing at sporting events in future years, Spencer, a senior strategic communication major, said.

Athletics Director Chris Del Conte did not comment on why the squad was classified as a "game day only" squad or why the squad could not participate in competition in future years.

Spencer said the squad competed in the competition last week in Daytona Beach,

Fla., and could have placed third if it was allowed to do basket tosses, a stunt that tosses a cheerleader into the air.

"I just really want to see our program as one of the best," Spencer said.

For all four years Spencer was part of the squad, she said the team decided at the beginning of the year whether enough members wanted to go to competition. In 2010, there were enough who want-

ed to compete, she said.

The squad began practices in August and showcased its talent in a video for NCAA to ensure a spot in the April competition, Spencer said. Then, the team began a year's worth of fundraising to compete, raising \$15,000 by itself for travel, competition fees and food.

But one week before the competition, Spencer said Del Conte notified the squad it could not compete because its

routines incorporated basket tosses, a maneuver in which cheerleaders are thrown up into the air and caught by multiple members. When one of the cheerleaders proposed the team not do basket tosses in the routines, the squad was allowed to go to the competition in Florida, she said.

The problem with basket tosses first came into play in 2005 when the squad did not have a head coach to ensure safety in the stunt, Spencer said. At the time, the university prevented basket tosses because of the lack of a supervisor, she said.

Scott Kull, the associate athletic director of external operations, said he did not know where the ban was printed and that he did not know where the public could find it.

Kull said the squad had always been a game day team and would continue to be one in the future, although he said in a Q&A on gofrogs.com he wanted the team to continue to grow in a Q&A on gofrogs.com. He also would not comment on the date of the ban of basket tosses.

But according to a September 2008 *Skiff* article, Kull was quoted as saying, "I don't know what programs have had catastrophic injuries and which have not, but my as-

sumption would be that they are related to cheerleaders being tossed in the air, and we don't do that."

In the TCU Spirit guide and handbook, the only mention of a ban of basket tosses was stated under safety: "TCU Cheer follows [American Association of Cheerleading Coaches & Administrators] guidelines and upholds all TCU modifications, such as no basket tosses on TCU property."

Spencer said the TCU squad followed the rules by practicing in an off-campus facility starting in January. The squad practiced basket tosses twice a week until the competition.

Once the basket tosses were not allowed in the squad's routine, Spencer said she knew the team had a disadvantage.

Lyndsey Evans, a sophomore journalism major, said the team did not originally receive a finalist spot. But a last-minute routine change and performance success in the Challenge Cup secured the team a finalist spot.

Evans said the team was excited to receive a finalist spot and eventually placed sixth.

"We knew we had nothing to lose," she said. "We even beat three teams who did basket tosses."



COURTESY OF ELIZABETH SPENCER

The TCU Cheer squad practicing the first day outside of the Ocean Convention Center where preliminaries for the NCAA Nationals were held in Daytona, Florida.

JOURNALISM

Student publications receive SPJ awards

Staff Report

TCU Student Publications received 18 Mark of Excellence Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists for news media coverage in Texas and Oklahoma. The awards were presented Friday during the Region 8 SPJ Spring Conference held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

The *Daily Skiff* was awarded third place in the best daily

student newspaper category, along with *DailySkiff.com* receiving a third-place award for best affiliated student publication website. "TCU News Now" was named the third-best all-around student television newscast.

In addition, four TCU students won first place in the Mark of Excellence Awards at the conference. *Skiff* multimedia editor Matt Coffelt won for best photo illustration, *Skiff*

columnist Christi Aldridge, for best general column writing, News Now reporter Maddy Foxx for TV In-Depth Reporting, and News Now reporter Kim Little placed first in TV feature photography. All four winners will now advance to the national round of competition on Sept. 25-27 in New Orleans, La.

Check *DailySkiff.com* for a full list of awards.

ADMINISTRATION

Trustees approve \$406.2 million budget

Staff Report

The TCU Board of Trustees approved the annual budget for the 2011-12 school year in its spring meeting Friday, according to a university news release.

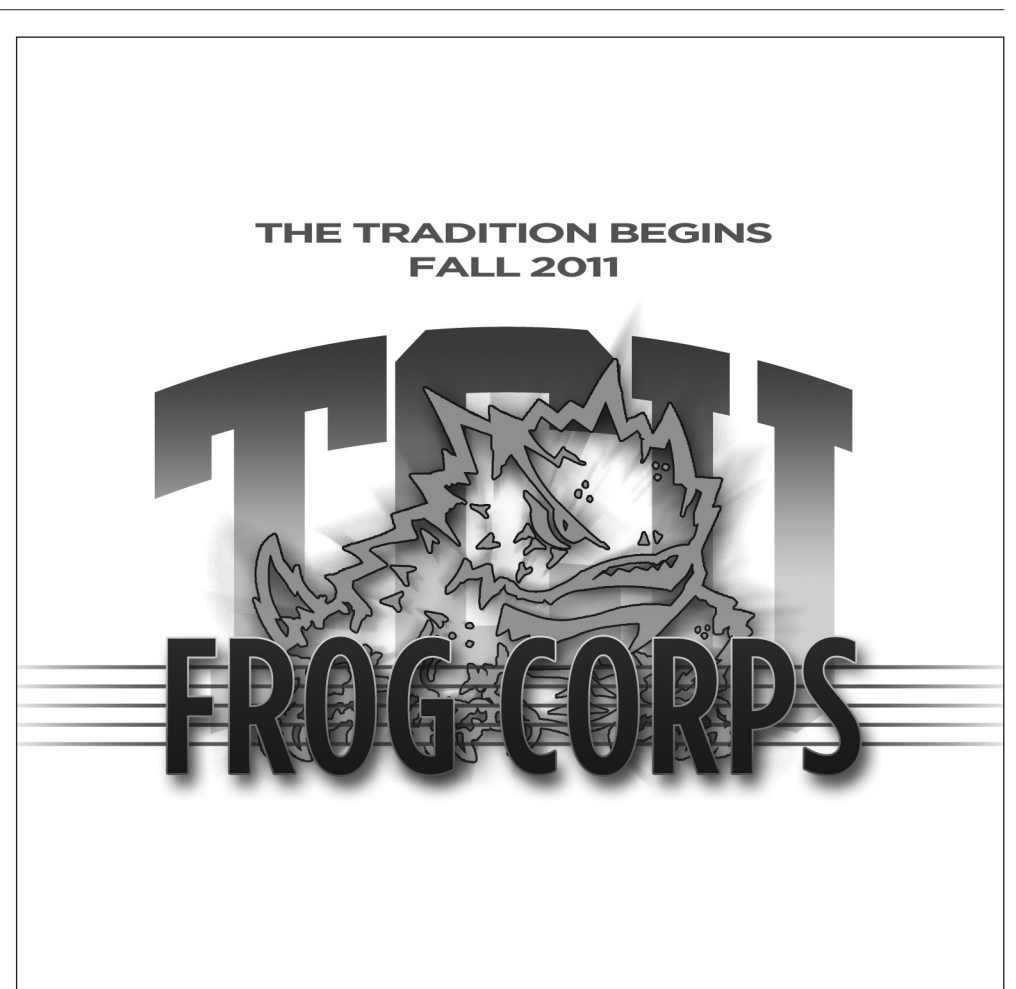
The approved budget totals \$406.2 million, according to the release, making it an in-

crease from the 2010-11 budget of \$381.8 million, according to the Campaign for TCU website.

According to the release, the new budget will include an increase in overall financial aid for students by eight percent, which matched the eight percent increase of tuition to \$32,400 in November. The in-

crease also will provide a salary merit pool of three percent for faculty and staff in addition to an increase of their benefits by \$2.3 million to offset increases in health insurance and retirement expenses.

Check the *Skiff* later this week for a more detailed report on the annual budget.



PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Season ticket plans should include opt-out

An increase in 2011 football faculty and staff season ticket sales would not be a surprise after the Frogs' Rose Bowl victory in January, but the TCU Athletics Department kept season ticket prices the same for all games played at Amon G. Carter Stadium next fall.

Season ticket prices went up by about 45 percent because of the inclusion of TCU's Oct. 28 game at Cowboys Stadium against BYU as a home contest. At the moment, all season ticket packages include a ticket to the BYU game with no option to opt-out.

That game, however, should not be a mandatory purchase for faculty and staff season ticket-holders, who may want to enjoy only the games played at Amon G. Carter Stadium. A special package that included the game at Cowboys Stadium would be a better option rather than an all-or-nothing ultimatum.

Compared to other schools, TCU season tickets are substantially lower, and we should be thankful for that. But is this increase for season ticket-holders setting a precedent for years to come?

TCU Athletics did well to keep ticket prices the same for all games at the TCU campus, but including a ticket to the BYU game in the package should not be required. The team's success may eventually require prices to be raised to include all games at Amon G. Carter Stadium, but until that happens, the department should provide options for prospective season ticket buyers.

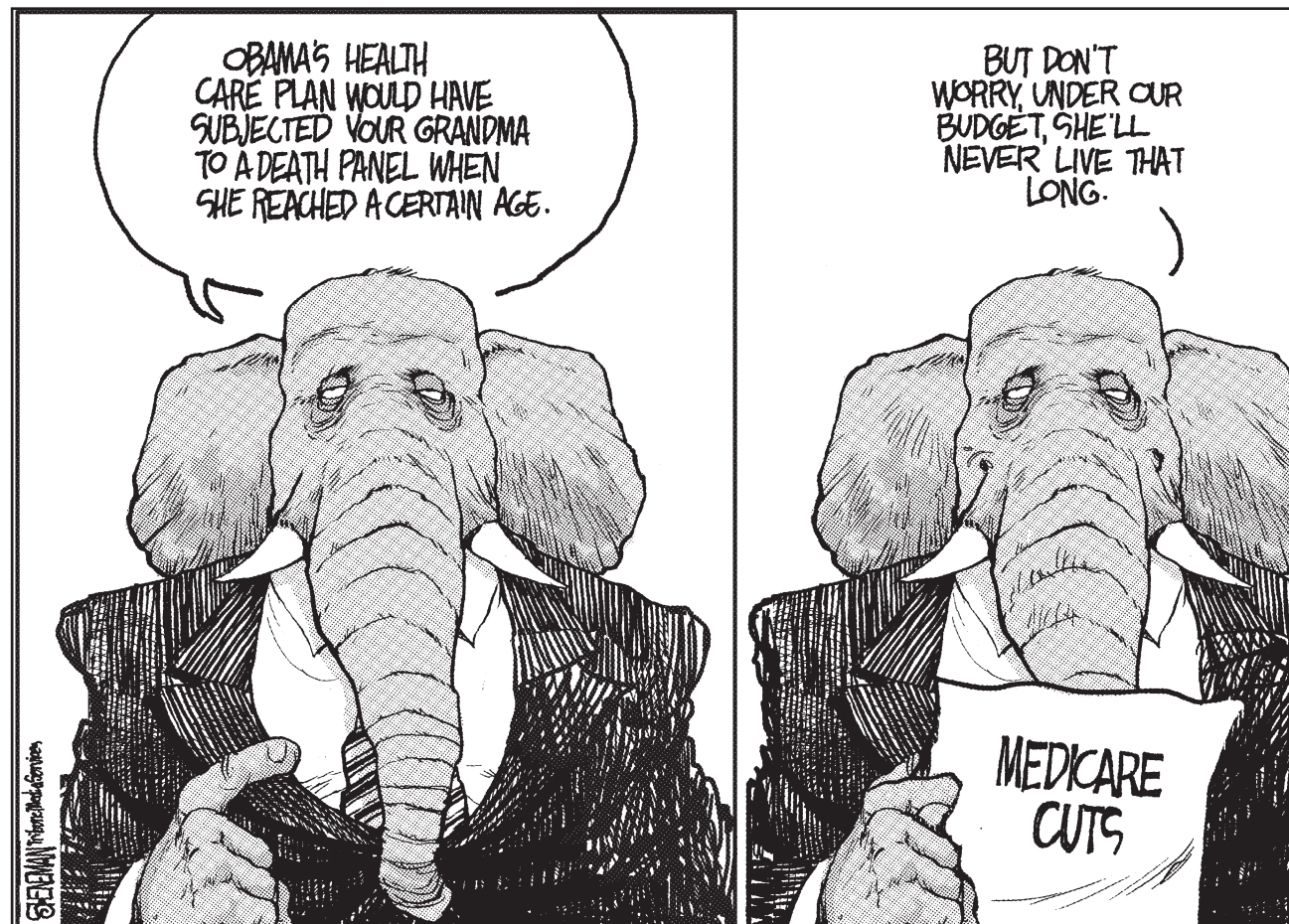
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Libraries still need to retain printed books



Bailey McGowan

A majority of college library directors would be in favor of removing print books from libraries if they had reliable, digital access to their books, according to a new study by research service Ithaka S+R detailed in an April 4 article from *Inside Higher Ed*. But libraries shouldn't be so willing to give up their print books just yet.

The reasoning behind giving up traditional books for their electronic, two-dimensional brothers is that it is potentially more cost-effective and space-saving.

While most librarians were supportive of giving up printed journals and books for their electronic counterparts, there was still a concern as to how to execute such a plan and if it would really be cost-effective.

First, librarians should consider that electronic books might not be

truly cost-effective in the future. While we are moving toward an e-book age, that doesn't make it any cheaper to buy and to keep books.

According to a March 2010 article from Gizmodo, when one buys an e-book, one essentially pays more to a publisher and less to the actual author because the cost of printing, storing and shipping is out. With this factor gone, the bookseller cannot charge as much, and in return the publishers get more money while the author's pay is cut.

But not all authors are willing to have their books published electronically. Also, there is no guarantee that these books will continue to be stored digitally. The logistics of how one will pay for the texts is still undetermined. One may end up paying for a book by limited-time subscription, pay-per-view or outright purchase.

So far, there has been no go-ahead on the Google Books project because of the potential monopoly the company would have on millions of books, especially books that do not have a clear copyright. The existence of a massive digital library isn't here yet, and while we may be moving that direction, we can't jump the gun.

A majority of librarians in the survey said they would be willing to move their books if print preservation and digital access were properly managed. That would be fabulous, except that according to the article, when books were attempted to be transferred to schools across the nation, librarians were met with protests from both students and professors.

Issues with electronic books only are that they don't support typical learning practices such as highlighting, writing in margins, and book-marking passages. The books are also bound to one device and not easily lendable. There also is an impersonal relationship between a screen and a student that only tangible books can overcome.

While it may be more environmentally friendly and potentially more cost-efficient, it is too early to move books and journals off campus. Students and faculty should be proactive in their library's decisions.

If we don't take a stand, we will lose the right to have an opinion on whether we have printed books.

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PERSPECTIVES

How should Confederate veterans of Civil War be remembered?

Allowing open discussion on vets will lead to understanding



Pearce Edwards

Controversy erupted last week in the East Texas town of Palestine after a Confederate flag was flown over the Anderson County Courthouse, bringing with it accusations of hatred, racism, and intolerance. Advocates of flying the flag declared that the banner to them represents the ideals of freedom and local heritage.

National discussion over the Confederacy and the Civil War is sensitive, but Americans must understand that the only way to effectively grasp the conflict is to allow expression and discussion through flag-flying and national forums. Only then can sincere regard for Southern heritage be separated from the hateful and race-based use of Confederate identity simultaneously present today.

Establishing what the Confederacy means positively in the 21st century is central to understanding why it should be on the table for discussion and expression. By knowing the positive, the negative can be sifted out and judged more effectively for greater equality in the long run.

In Palestine and in many other towns across Texas, Confederate memorials are almost as prevalent as courthouse squares themselves. Honoring veterans who were, in their lifetimes, parents, children and dear family members, is a social impulse that knows no national or racial boundary. Who can deny the right of a community to revere its own?

Furthermore, allowing the expression of

heritage encourages discussion. People and groups dedicated to explaining their common past become afraid and defensive when their efforts receive criticism for being racist or backwards. American democracy thrives on the honest and civil discussion of social issues. The Confederacy and the Civil War together are no different.

As any *Star Wars* fan knows, closely following fear is anger, and closely following anger is hate. According to the California Association of Human Relations Organizations, radical groups with an otherwise unpalatable agenda, like the KKK and neo-Nazi groups, can exploit peoples' fear to make them feel that they are being threatened and that they have to fight back.

Preventing honest discussion only will send the moderates who wish to respect heritage into the arms of the more accepting but angry extremists.

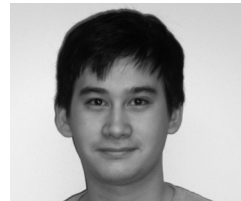
The more the common memory of the South falls beneath the axe of a history painted with the broadest of brush strokes, the more violence and misunderstanding will perpetuate. Valuing local heritage and giving social attention to veterans encourages discussion, and discussion leads to change and common ground.

A cycle of improved understanding and freedom from repression follows from this process. As light slowly dawns on a common American memory of the Civil War, those who seek to exploit the dark and hidden places will have no flag with which to conceal themselves.

So let the flag fly. The great American promise of tolerance will lead to discussion and, in time, will work for the American promises of liberty and justice for all.

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Displaying Confederate flag OK, just not on U.S. government property



Jason Lam

My home is in Chicago, but I've also lived in Arkansas and Kentucky. It is accurate to say there are a fair amount of differences between the North and the South. Today, 150 years after the Civil War began, the enduring views of the Civil War are still quite different. In Chicago, we think of Abraham Lincoln as a hero and an icon of state pride. In Arkansas, residents still talk about the "War of Northern Aggression."

Texas, obviously, is part of the South. Last week, a story from Palestine, in East Texas, highlighted this. Anderson County commissioners, in a split 3-2 vote, approved a motion to fly the Confederate flag over the Palestine courthouse on Friday, April 1. Racial tensions ran high, and there were protests. County Judge Robert Johnston asked that the flag be removed.

It is hard to argue with the underlying reason behind the flag. It was raised by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor the thousand men from the county who fought on the side of the South. War veterans should be honored. These men were Americans, even if their side did not win. It is also hard to argue that people should not have the right to fly a Confederate flag. It is a matter of freedom of speech, which is fundamental to the United States.

What is not so hard to argue is the appropriateness of the venue. The flag was being flown over the county courthouse. This is a government building, and an important one. As such, its flags should be representative of the government. The

Confederacy is not the government of the United States. Further, some of the modern connotations — specifically slavery — of the Confederate flag are not ideas that the U.S. government wants to promote.

By all means, private citizens have the right to fly the Confederate flag. An individual should be able to fly whatever flag they want. The Constitution gives people the freedom to do that. But the government should fly flags that are descriptive of the government — the U.S. flag or the Texas flag, for example. An official, important, government building should not display an icon that, fairly or unfairly, has negative ideas attached to it in our society.

By all means, private citizens have the right to fly the Confederate flag. An individual should be able to fly whatever flag they want.

This is not to say that these veterans should not be honored. It would be very appropriate to create a county memorial to the soldiers who fought for the Confederacy. The government should honor the sacrifices of American troops. There were heroes on both sides of the Civil War. They should all be honored and remembered.

The county courthouse is a vital building in the governmental system. It should fly the official government flags of the United States and of the state. These are the living symbols of the government. The Confederacy is not the U.S. government, and should not be treated as such. Flying such a controversial flag is wrong and inappropriate. Honor these soldiers and respect the right of the individual to free speech. Just keep the government flagpole representative of the government.

Jason Lam is a junior mathematics major from Chicago.

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FOOTBALL

Faculty and staff season tickets almost double in price with added game

By Heather Noel
Staff Reporter

An addition to the season ticket package for the Oct. 28 TCU-BYU game at Cowboys Stadium will mean TCU faculty and staff will pay almost double the price of last year's season ticket price.

The increase in ticket price has everything to do with adding the seventh home game at Cowboys Stadium, Sean Con-

ner, TCU director of ticket operations, said.

The faculty or non-faculty ticket prices for the six home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium stayed the same, Conner said. The difference in price from the 2010 season was the additional \$45 for non-club and \$65 for club seats at Cowboys Stadium.

This would mean faculty and staff would either pay \$120 for upper section seats at Amon G.

Carter Stadium and non-club seats at Cowboys Stadium or \$140 for lower section at Amon G. Carter and club seats at Cowboys Stadium, Conner said.

David Vanderwerken, professor of English, wrote in an email he had no problem with the increase of season ticket pricing for TCU faculty and staff.

"We have had one of the most modest prices for faculty season ticket prices for many years. If

you check the athletic websites of the last national football polls of the top 10 schools for 2010, I think you'll see what a bargain TCU has been," Vanderwerken wrote.

Non-faculty season ticket-holders also will see an increase in prices next season. Last year, a lower-level reserved seat cost \$210. Now, the same seat costs \$275 this season. Non-faculty season ticket-holders also do not have the ability to "opt out"

of the TCU-BYU game at Cowboys Stadium, according to the TCU Athletics website.

Dianna McFarland, professor of psychology and faculty senate chair for 2010-11, wrote in an email that she believed the price was fair given the addition of the Cowboys Stadium game. She added, however, that giving faculty and staff options on pricing would be nice.

"Personally I do think it to be a very smart pricing strategy to have the choice to 'opt out' of going to a single ball game that only because of location is responsible for approximately 45 [percent] of the price for attending all the games," McFarland wrote.

Kathy Coleman, instructor of mathematics, agreed that an option to only purchase tickets that included all six home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium would be ideal for her.

Coleman said she has been a season ticket-holder since 1989 but that this year could be the first time in more than 20 years that she would not buy season tickets.

"I prefer only to go to the home games at Amon Carter," Coleman said.

Coleman said she thought the extra ticket should not be a requirement, especially for people like her that would not want to attend the Cowboys Stadium game.

Conner said season ticket-holders do get a price break as opposed to buying single-game tickets, which would range from \$30 to \$40 for adults in the 2011 season, according to the TCU Athletics website.

Last year, the game at Cowboys Stadium against Oregon State was not a mandatory inclusion in the season ticket package.

Conner said the game was not a home game for TCU, but a neutral site game. TCU was not able to set the prices for the game, and because ticket prices for the single game would increase season ticket prices to more than twice the normal price, it was decided to not include the game in the season ticket package.

But next season's TCU-BYU game at Cowboys Stadium would be a home game for the Frogs. Since it is a home game, TCU was able to set the price, Conner said.

For this reason, TCU decided to add the ticket into the season ticket package. Conner said he believed season ticket holders were still getting a deal.

Ticket prices for the Oregon

State-TCU game last September ranged from \$75 to \$150, compared to the \$45 for non-club and \$65 for club seats for the TCU-BYU game, Conner said.

"[\$120 or \$140] to watch a defending Rose Bowl champion football team play seven games — you can't beat that price. It's a fantastic price," Conner said.

He said non-season ticket-holders would be able to purchase tickets for the game starting Aug. 1.

For more information on season ticket prices and seating, visit gofrogs.cstv.com/tickets/tcu-tickets-football.html.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

A picture of the current state of the construction happening on the Amon G. Carter Stadium. Cranes work to build the west side of the stadium.

Football Ticket Price Comparisons for 2010 and 2011

2011 Football Season Ticket Prices	
Lower Reserved	\$275
Upper Reserved	\$165
TCU Faculty and Staff lower section	\$140
TCU Faculty and Staff upper section	\$120
2011 Football Single Game Ticket Prices	
Adult Sideline	\$40
Adult North Endzone Reserved	\$30
Adult South Endzone General Admission	\$30
Youth South Endzone General Admission	\$20

TCU vs. BYU at Cowboys Stadium Single Game Ticket Prices	
Club seating	\$75
Non-club seating	\$55
TCU Students	\$25

2010 Football Season Ticket Prices	
Lower Reserved	\$210
Upper Reserved	\$120
TCU Faculty and Staff	\$75

2010 Football Single Game Ticket Prices	
Sideline reserved	\$40
Upper deck reserved	\$30
End Zone General Admission adult	\$30
End Zone General Admission youth	\$20

TCU vs. Oregon State at Cowboys Stadium	
End zone	\$75
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FOOTBALL

Stadium construction will cause seat relocation, decreased parking for 2011 season

By Heather Noel
Staff Reporter

The ongoing renovation of Amon G. Carter Stadium will cause seat relocation, decreased parking and a more temporary nature for 2011 season ticket-holders TCU Athletics Director Chris Del Conte said. According to current plans, the stadium will operate with 13,000 to 15,000 fewer seats than in the 2010 season, he said.

"We're just doing everything we possibly can to make it as comfortable as possible in an uncomfortable situation," Del Conte said.

The Frogs could have moved home games to an off-site location like the Cotton Bowl, he said. However, he said he believed keeping home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium was important to keep the city of Fort Worth engaged.

"We wanted to make sure that we were still in our town, that purple was in Tarrant County and that we were part

of our community," Del Conte said.

To keep games in Fort Worth, Del Conte said some season ticket-holders would have to relocate to a different seat for the 2011 season.

Current seating location and the Horned Frog Priority Points System would determine where season ticket-holders will relocate for the 2011 season, according to the renewal brochure that went out to last year's season ticket holders in March. According to the TCU Frog Club website, points are earned by annual contributions to the club, capital project gifts, the amount of money donated to the athletic department and the number of years one has held season tickets.

Season ticket-holders sitting on Row 21 and below on the lower West side, the side under construction, will remain in the same seat, while those sitting in Row 22 or above on the West side would move to mid-level West side

and to overflow on the East side of the stadium, according to a renewal packet sent to season ticket-holders.

Those with seats normally in the upper deck on the West side of the stadium would move to the new upper deck in the North end zone, according to the packet. All West side and East side "Family Value Pack" seats would move to the lower North End Zone deck.

Ken Wardle, a TCU alumnus, has held season tickets since 1999, he said. His current seats on the lower West side would not be affected by the stadium renovation.

However, his parents' seats were relocated due to the stadium renovation. Wardle said they were not as happy with their new seats on the East side.

Wardle's father had difficulty walking and the new seats on the East side were further up, he said. He said the TCU ticket office did their best to accommodate his parents, but that they still were not as

pleased with their new seats in comparison to their old seats.

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Chris Del Conte
TCU Athletics Director

Stadium construction also caused all of parking lots one and two near the stadium to be closed for the 2011 season. Attendees would need to park in alternative lots around the stadium and TCU campus, according to the packet.

Sean Conner, director of

ticket operations, said on top of the changes in connection with the stadium renovation, the addition of a seventh home game to the season ticket package would require season ticket-holders to pay a higher price for season tickets in 2011.

Conner said the change in price resulted from the addition of the TCU-BYU game Oct. 28 at Cowboys Stadium.

He said the price for the six home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium stayed the same, and the inclusion of \$55 for non-club or \$75 for club seat ticket at Cowboys Stadium constituted the difference in price from the 2010 season.

Wardle said he was happy with the inclusion of the Cowboys Stadium game in the season ticket package. He said the same ticket would have cost him about \$100 or \$150 last year and that he was fine with having this year's ticket included at \$75 and still be able to understand where the seats will be.

Del Conte believed the addition of the seventh home game at Cowboys Stadium gave more value to the season ticket package.

"We try to keep things affordable," Del Conte said. "We try to make sure we're fan-friendly and family-friendly, and we're doing the very best jobs we can. But I can tell you if you start to look around there's no one that compares to TCU in value across the country."

With season ticket renewals 50 percent ahead of last year's sales at this time, the 2011 season ticket campaign had great momentum, Del Conte said. The campaign's current success would bring sales a step closer toward the goal of selling out the stadium with season ticket-holders, he said.

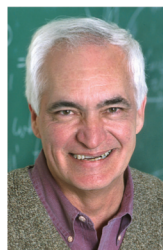
Wardle said he believed at the end of the day, the price offered a great value for the quality of product on the field and the whole experience he had with his family during each football season.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Big cat burglars: Break-in at Chicago lion house

CHICAGO (AP) — Burglars have caused an uproar at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo by breaking into the Kovler Lion House. Lincoln Park Zoo spokeswoman Sharon Dewar says the thieves stole zookeeper radios, a charger and a can of

pepper spray in the break-in early Saturday, but did not access secure areas where the lions, tigers and other big cats live. Dewar says the stolen items are worth between \$3,000 and \$3,500. Officials say the burglars left a ladder in the tiger enclosure moat, but that the burglars got into the lion house by breaking a window and climbing into the basement.

Porcupines poised to be a public enemy in Pa.
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania hunting regulators say it's time to stick it to porcupines. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is poised to declare open season on the slow-moving, razor-sharp rodents on Tuesday, citing complaints of property damage from residents. Other states allow porcupine hunting. In Pennsylvania, porcupines are listed as a protected species but can be killed by residents if they're causing property damage. Commission member Dave Putnam tells The Philadelphia Inquirer the proposal would offer residents the clear assurance they can kill troublesome porcupines. He says the animals damage log cabins and have been known to nibble on vehicle brake lines. Some animal welfare groups question the plan. One hunter tells The Philadelphia Inquirer he wouldn't consider it sporting. Tom Leete says "you wouldn't so much track a

porcupine as bump into it." **'Tall tale' helps police discover fake IDs in Pa.**
WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — Police in one southwestern city say a tall tale of sorts has led them to discover an online service that is selling fake IDs to dozens of young people. Washington, Pa. police Officer Johnathan Miller says police were alerted Saturday night when several young people tried to buy beer and other alcoholic beverages from a beer distributor on Saturday. The tip off was a fake Pennsylvania driver's license that says one of the purchasers was 54-feet tall instead of 5-feet, 4-inches tall. The Observer-Reporter newspaper says as many as 60 young people may have bought the IDs online, which even include holographs and other security features found on state drivers' licenses. Charges are pending against those caught with the IDs, which cost about \$200 each — but can be had for closer to \$100 each of purchased in bulk.

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50 Western dry lakes
52 How to turn something into nothing?
53 Effect's partner
55 Go by bike
58 Youngest to reach 500 HRs
59 Auto club offering
60 What mad people see?
62 Pint contents

"Burberry Coat"
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Friday's Solution

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NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

WH: Obama regrets vote against raising debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Monday that President Barack Obama regrets his vote as a senator in 2006 against raising the debt limit — a vote he’s now pressuring Congress to take.

Obama “thinks it was a mistake,” presidential spokesman Jay Carney told reporters. “He realizes now that raising the debt ceiling is so important to the health of this economy and the global economy that it is not a vote that, even when you are protesting an administration’s policies, you can play around with.”

The country will reach the current debt limit of \$14.3 million by May 16. If Congress doesn’t raise it, the government would not be able to make debt payments, leading to an unprecedented default of the national debt and driving up borrowing costs for the government, U.S. companies and consumers, the Treasury Department warns.

Republicans who control the House are threatening to withhold their votes to increase the debt ceiling unless Obama agrees to major spending cuts. That’s setting up a clash that could overshadow the budget

fight that nearly resulted in a government shutdown before a last-minute deal was struck Friday night.

Carney said Monday that Obama wants Congress to send him a debt limit bill that doesn’t include spending cuts or other budget items. But he stopped short of saying Obama would veto the legislation if Congress didn’t comply.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has said there’s no chance Republicans will agree to increase the debt limit unless the White House makes major concessions on spending at the same time.

Congress is forced to increase the debt limit every several years and it’s often a political fight with members of the minority party withholding their votes to extract concessions or direct criticism at the party that controls the White House.

That was the case in 2006 when Republican George W. Bush was president and Obama, a freshman senator from Illinois, declared on the Senate floor: “The fact that we are here today to debate raising America’s debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. ... Increasing America’s debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that ‘the buck stops here.’ Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today

onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem.”

Court upholds Facebook settlement over site idea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that the former Harvard University classmates of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg can’t undo their settlement over the social networking site.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday that Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss were savvy enough to understand what they were agreeing to when they signed the agreement in 2008. The deal called for a \$20 million cash payment and a partial ownership of Facebook.

The twins had alleged they were misled about Facebook’s value when they agreed to settle their lawsuit that claimed Zuckerberg stole their idea to launch Facebook.

The lawsuit was dramatized in the Oscar-nominated film, “The Social Network.”

Monday’s ruling upholds a lower court decision enforcing the settlement.

Drivers start to cut back on gas as prices rise

NEW YORK (AP) — With the price of gas above \$3.50 a

gallon in all but one state, there are signs that Americans are cutting back on driving, reversing a steady increase in demand for fuel as the economy improves.

For five consecutive weeks, Americans have bought less gas than they did a year earlier, according to MasterCard Spending Pulse, which tracks the volume of gas sold at 140,000 service stations nationwide.

For the week of April 1, drivers bought about 2.4 million fewer gallons than they did one year earlier, or 3.6 percent. That was the biggest decline since December, when people were staying home because of snowstorms.

Before the decline, demand was increasing for two months. Some analysts had expected the trend to continue because the economic recovery is picking up, adding 216,000 jobs in March.

“More people are going to work,” said John Gamel, director of gasoline research for MasterCard. “That means more people are driving and they should be buying more gas.”

Instead, about 70 percent of the nation’s major gas-station chains say sales have fallen, according to a March survey by the Oil Price Information Service. More than half reported a drop of 3 percent or more — the sharpest since the summer of



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A bicyclist passes a 76 station with fuel prices in the \$4.00 range in Los Angeles Monday, April 11.

2008, when gas soared past \$4 a gallon.

This year, gas prices have shot up as unrest in North Africa and the Middle East rattled energy markets and increased global demand for crude oil squeezed supplies. A gallon of unleaded regular costs \$3.77 on average, and only Wyoming has an average lower than \$3.50. Gas is already 41 cents more expensive than at this point in 2008, when it peaked at \$4.11 in July.

Most analysts are sticking to forecasts of a high of \$4 a gallon, though some have predicted \$5 gas.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

High winds, tornado bring damage to North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Thunderstorms brought hail, high winds and at least one tornado to North Texas, knocking down trees, breaking windows and damaging dozens of homes and business. No injuries were reported.

National Weather Service crews found damage in Alvarado suggesting that a tornado with winds of 86-100 mph touched down during the storm, which hit the area Sunday night and lasted through early Monday morning, Matt Mosier, a meteorologist with the service, told The Associated Press.

About 20 homes in Alvarado, located about 40 miles southwest of Dallas, got some kind of damage, said Jack Snow, Johnson County’s emergency management co-

ordinator.

John Rodgers, Waxahachie Fire Department battalion chief, said that in the city about 30 miles south of Dallas there is “sporadic structural damage all over the city.”

He said the roofs of several businesses downtown were blown off. Also, the roof of a hotel north was damaged.

Mosier said that the damage in the Waxahachie area was consistent with 80 mph straight-line winds.

In Prosper, about 34 miles north of Dallas, hail broke windows in homes and businesses, said city spokesman Celso Martinez.

Mosier said up to golf ball-sized hail was reported in the Prosper area.

In Waxahachie, the storm damaged Stelco Industries, a powder-coating business on Interstate-35E. Stelco owner Cliff Fischer told The Dallas Morning News that he recognized the debris from his

business on his drive in.

Overnight storm helps crews fight Texas wildfires

DALLAS (AP) — An overnight thunderstorm gave crews the break they needed to begin containing a wildfire that has scorched about 110 square miles of rolling prairies in northern Texas, while firefighters redoubled their efforts to battle blazes that destroyed dozens of homes in the west of the state, an official said Monday.

The storm brought cooler temperatures and some rain to parts of the drought-stricken state, giving fire crews added time to dig trenches and burn brush to choke off the blaze ignited accidentally Wednesday by a welder’s torch near Swenson, 175 miles west of Fort Worth, Texas Forest Service spokesman Alan Craft said. He said the fire was 50 percent con-

tained as of Monday morning.

That blaze was among the largest wildfires burning throughout the parched state that have scorched some 480 square miles in the past week.

Residents described the terror of watching the advance of the fast-moving wall of flame.

“It was unbelievable, just horrific. There were horses on fire, buildings on fire, houses on fire,” said Bob Dillard, a former Jeff Davis county judge and editor of the weekly Jeff Davis County Mountain Dispatch.

Sunday’s hot, windy conditions and low humidity, combined with withered shrubs and grasses caused by the drought, made for dangerous conditions, Craft said. Air tankers usually used to douse such massive fires could not be flown Sunday because of wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph, Craft said.

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

TCU falls to Lady Aztecs 5-2

Staff Report

The TCU women's tennis team dropped three-set singles matches at four positions and fell to San Diego State, 5-2, on Sunday at the Lobo Tennis Club.

TCU won all three doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead, but was bettered in third sets at Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6 singles. Once again Sunday, TCU played without its No. 2 singles player, sophomore Federica Denti.

"I felt really good about the doubles," TCU head women's tennis coach Dave Borelli said. "We changed up the lineup in doubles, but just lost some tough ones in singles. Once Denti can get healthy and back in the lineup, we're going to be tough. We've got some good matches coming up next weekend and I feel really good about where we are going into the final stretch."

The Horned Frogs used different combinations of doubles partners at No. 1 and 2 doubles, with both resulting in wins. Seniors Maria Babanova and Katariina Tuohimaa were 9-8 winners over No. 51-ranked Sierra Ellison and Roxanne Ellison at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, senior



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Senior Katariina Tuohimaa lobs the ball back over the net in a singles match against UNM earlier in the season. The Frogs play three games this weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo. Their opponents are Colorado State, Wyoming and Air Force.

Idunn Hertzberg and junior Gaby Mastromarino added an 8-2 win over No. 74 Alicia Aguilar and Julia Wais. Junior Shalini Sahoo and sophomore Olivia Smith also picked up a 9-8 win over Emma Cioffi and Julia Trunk at No. 3 doubles.

In singles, Smith grabbed TCU's lone win with a 6-1, 6-2 decision over Aguilar. The Bath, England, native is 4-1 in singles against Mountain West Conference foes this spring.

Tuohimaa dropped her first league match of the season at No. 1 doubles when she was

better 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 at No. 1 singles. She is now 4-1 against conference opponents.

The Aztecs picked up their other three sets wins with Wais' 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 win over Mastromarino at No. 2 singles, Sierra Ellison's 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 win over Hertzberg at No. 5 singles and Roxanne Ellison's 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Babanova at No. 6 singles.

SDSU improved to 14-7 overall and 5-1 in the MWC with the win. TCU dropped to 7-10 and 2-3. TCU returns to action April 15 at Colorado State.

FOOTBALL

Carroll touts Patterson at campus coaching camp

By Clay York

Staff Reporter

Pete Carroll knows a few things about winning in football. Carroll, the head coach and executive vice president of the Seattle Seahawks, led the University of Southern California to two straight AP National Championships and five BCS bowl victories. In January, his Seahawks shocked the defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints in the opening round of the NFL playoffs. Carroll took a break from coaching to visit TCU and share his knowledge and coaching philosophy to college and high school coaches in a free, four-hour workshop Friday.

Carroll's trip to TCU was a part of a four-stop tour of Win Forever, an organization partnering with Nike and AEG, a sports and entertainment company, according to AEG's website. Win Forever is the lead-off event for the Nike tour, which includes Nike Football Training Camps, Nike SPARQ combines and the Elite 11 quarterback camps.

TCU will host this camp for the third or fourth year in row, TCU head football coach Gary Patterson said.

"I think [Nike and Win Forever coming to TCU] says a lot about what we have been able to accomplish on a national level but also the facilities we have here and the

kind of people we have here," Patterson said.

Win Forever co-founder Yogi Roth said Win Forever is a process designed to create "new generation of coaching for the next generation of athlete" through interactive workshops.

Carroll said TCU's consistent success spawns from Patterson's coaching ability and style.

"He is an example of exactly what we're preaching about tonight," Carroll said. "About finding out who you are and what you're all about and then figuring a way to make that come to life for your coaches and your players."

Carroll complimented Patterson and said he already has his philosophy in tact. He said this year's theme, "Do it now," was a great vehicle for that philosophy.

Carroll also said Patterson has done this through several facets of football, including recruitment, tactical approaches and philosophy.

"He gets it from A to Z, how to deliver the message of a philosophy and something that is absolutely representative of who he is," Carroll said. "In doing so, he's been consistently...at the top of his game and has brought TCU to a point where they are absolutely one of the top [teams] of the college football world."

"...[Win Forever is] more than just X's and O's. Win-

ning forever is really about being the best you can possibly be and learning how to work in that direction," Carroll said. "See, winning forever isn't about winning games, necessarily. It's about finding a way to bring out the best in our coaches [and] to bring out the best in our players...The winning comes along with that."

For Carroll, winning boils down to competition and effort, he said.

"Competition for us has never been about beating somebody and rubbing their nose in the dirt," Carroll said. "It's about striving to be the best you can be."

Carroll also said the competitive mentality that defined him also breeds a sense of respect. A team's opponent challenges it to be better, Carroll said.

The workshops, however, were not about convincing the coaches to adopt Win Forever or Carroll's competition-centered philosophies. Instead, Carroll said he, Roth and the rest of the Win Forever team designed the program to get coaches to be able to communicate a clear message and philosophy with their staff and players.

"They don't have to take our philosophy at all," Carroll said. "We want to see if we can inspire some guys to find their own truth [and] their own mentality through, really, a process of self discovery."



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Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll watches his team play against the San Francisco 49ers in the first quarter at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, California, on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

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SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD

Frogs return from Texas Relays

By Jordan Daigle
Staff Reporter

Track & field head coach Darryl Anderson said in a TCU Athletics release that even though the TCU relay teams had some quality performances at Saturday's Texas Relays, one of the largest tournaments in the nation, the teams still need to keep working to get better.

The men and women's 4X100 teams and men's distance medley relay team earned top-five finishes on the final day of the 84th running of the Texas Relay's held at the University of Texas Mike A. Myers Track and Soccer Stadium

Senior sprinter Jessica Young, who already leads the nation in the 100-meters time, added some distance to her record Saturday.

"I thought we were solid again today," Anderson said in the release. "I was obviously happy with Jessica Young getting third in the 100-meter invitational race. I thought our men's 4X100 team getting fifth place and running 39.38 was good to see for where we are right now in April."

Young led all collegiate

sprinters in the final heat of the women's 100-meter invitational by placing third overall with a seasonal best time of 11.12 seconds.

Junior Cameron Parker left Austin as the best triple jumper in the Mountain West Conference after jumping a 51-9 1/4.

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Darryl Anderson
Track & Field Head Coach

All in all, Anderson said he thought it was a respectable day for the team.

"I'm pleased with our work, but we've still got to get better," Anderson said in the release. "When you start feeling like you don't have to get better, you've got a problem."

Anderson also said in the release he wants the team to be running a lot faster come

June, because that is when it's really going to count.

Freshman Franchelle Hill, freshman Veronica Jones, junior Whitney Gipson and Young finished first among collegiate entries and second overall in the women's 4x100 invitational with a 44.49 time — a season best for the track & field program. The time matched a seasonal best for the Horned Frogs. The Frogs also recorded the fastest time in the Mountain West Conference, while also ranking in the top 20 in the NCAA.

Rounding out TCU's male competitors, junior OJ Stoneham, junior Mark Barnes, senior Mychal Dungey and sophomore Charles Silmon boasted ran a seasonal-best time of 39.38 seconds to finish fifth overall in the Clyde Littlefield 4X100 relay. Texas A&M beat out Louisiana State University to win the event with the fastest time in the nation of 38.71 seconds.

"This weekend really mirrors the first round of the NCAA meet for us, because it's going to be all of the same teams," Anderson said in the release. "It was good [University of Southern California] and [University of Arizona]

were there this weekend because those are teams that we needed to see on the track and race against.

"We just need to keep moving forward. I thought this was a very productive weekend for us."

Junior Jack O'Brien, freshman Narada Jackson, senior Sean Zurko and senior Festus Kigen ran the third fastest men's distance time in program history with a 9:50.66. The team placed third overall out of 16 men's distance relay teams.

TCU's women's 4X400 squad, consisting of sophomore Quinterra Charles, senior Kristal Juarez, freshman Briyanni Thomas and Young finished sixth overall with a seasonal-best time of 3:34.87.

In the women's shot put, sophomore Kelsey Samuels placed ninth overall with a throw of 51-1 3/4.

Up next

The track & field program will split up this weekend, with most of the team traveling to Florida to compete at the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational in Gainesville, Fla. The rest of the squad will travel to Walnut, Calif., to compete at the Mt. Sac Relays.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Frogs battle back to beat UNM 5-2

By Kylie Osterloh
Staff Writer

In a Friday match that lasted more than four hours, the TCU men's tennis team (9-12, 4-1 MWC) rallied back from losing the doubles point to overcome No. 53 New Mexico (12-8, 2-1 MWC), 5-2.

The Horned Frogs secured five of the singles matches even after dropping the first set on four of those courts.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team," head coach David Roditi said. "These guys just never quit."

Senior Zach Nichols and junior Daniel Sanchez opened doubles play by securing a win against Carl Ho and Joe Wood on the No. 3 court, 8-5.

The Lobos' pair of Conor Berg and Ben Dunbar claimed a victory on the No. 2 court where they faced the TCU senior duo of Cameron Nash and Paul Chappel.

It took a tiebreaker to determine the winner in the No. 1 position and the winner of the doubles point. The No. 34 senior duo Christopher Price and Emanuel Brighiu fell to No. 79 Phil Anderson and Jadon Phillips, 9-8 (5). To lead off singles play, No. 78 Brighiu dropped New Mexico's Phillips in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3 from the No. 1 slot.

From the No. 6 position, Sanchez swiftly defeated Joe Wood in straight sets, 7-6 (5), 6-3, after securing the first in a close tiebreaker.

On the remaining four singles courts, each TCU player lost their first set.

At No. 4, a controversial line call led to the Lobos'

Berg coming up victorious in the first set, 6-7 (6). But Price fought back convincingly to come up with the win, 6-1, 6-3, securing his seventh straight victory in singles play.

With TCU up 3-1, Nichols clinched the Horned Frogs' win at the No. 2 spot by downing Dunbar, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

TCU's final point was earned by sophomore Soren Goritzka's victory on the No. 5 court against Anderson. The Wilhelmshaven, Germany native emerged victorious by overcoming a slow start, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-2.

Brigh emphasized how vital it was that the team bounced back to gain the win.

"We took care of business today," he said. "It feels good to go with a win into playing SMU."

Up next

TCU will play its final match of the season against SMU at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center tomorrow at 6 p.m.

RIFLE

Scherer grabs gold at ISSF World Cup

Staff Report

Sophomore Sarah Scherer's gold medal win at the 2011 ISSF World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Sunday gave the United States Air Rifle team its first quota in the event, which could earn the team a spot at the 2012 Olympics in London.

Scherer won a gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle. She earned a spot in the 10-shot finals after shooting a 398 to tie for first with Poland's Agnieszka Nagay. Scherer took the lead after the second final shot and held on to that lead for the remaining eight shots. Her final score of 501.5 topped Nagay by one full

point.

It was the first time Scherer qualified for the final round in a World Cup event and was even more impressive since her score of 398 in the qualifier was her highest score fired in a World Cup event.

Before heading to the Changwon World Cup, the U.S. had yet to win a 2012 Olympic Quota in Women's Air Rifle event. Scherer's finish gave the U.S. its first quota in the event for the 2012 Olympics.

However, the quota is solely for the U.S. team. Individuals still will have to qualify for the Olympic team in the U.S. Olympic Tryouts.



COURTESY OF TCU MEDIA RELATIONS

Sophomore rifle squad member Sarah Scherer poses with the NCAA National Championship trophy the team won last season.

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SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD Relay teams earn top-five finishes at Texas Relays.



Baseball America Rankings				
Rk.	Team	W-L	Last Week	Prev.
1.	Vanderbilt	30-3	4-0	1
2.	Virginia	31-3	3-1	2
3.	South Carolina	26-5	4-0	3
4.	Florida	26-7	2-2	4
5.	Texas A&M	24-8	2-2	6
6.	Texas	24-8	3-1	8
7.	North Carolina	29-5	3-1	16
8.	CS-Fullerton	23-9	3-1	12
9.	Oregon State	24-7	4-0	19
10.	Arizona State	22-9	1-3	5
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12.	TCU	22-10	4-1	15
...				
14.	Oklahoma	24-8	2-2	10

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Senior Steven Maxwell pitches on Sunday against UNM. Maxwell pitched a complete game with only two earned runs and eight hits. It was his first career complete game as a Frog.

BASEBALL

No. 12 TCU faces road test at No. 14 OU

By Landon Haaf
Staff Reporter

The 12th-ranked TCU baseball team will travel north to Norman, Okla., tonight for a showdown with No. 14 University of Oklahoma.

Tonight's game will be the first time the Frogs have played on opposing turf since March 20. TCU has played 13 consecutive home games, finishing that stretch 10-3.

Despite the implications that go along with two top 25 opponents facing off in April, head coach Jim Schlossnagle said this game doesn't make or break the season for TCU.

"No game or series defines any season in baseball," Schlossnagle said. "We have been playing good baseball, and so we look forward to the chance to continue that against Oklahoma."

"I think we are playing with confidence right now, which is good."

Jim Schlossnagle
Head Coach

The Sooners fell four spots in Baseball America's Top 25 rankings this week from No. 10 to No. 14 after going 2-2

this week.

Oklahoma lost two out of three games in its last series against Kansas State. That series followed a five-game win streak in which the Sooners put up a combined 58 runs.

The Frogs climbed from No. 15 to the No. 12 spot after a 4-1 record during a busy week.

Schlossnagle said the team was feeling good about things at this point in the season.

"I think we are playing with confidence right now, which is good," Schlossnagle said. "We have different guys giving us something different every day."

Senior Steven Maxwell was named the Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Week after his complete-game performance against New Mexico. Maxwell gave up just two runs in the game. The honor is the fifth of the season for the TCU pitching staff.

Schlossnagle said the pitching staff is in a better place now than it was a couple weeks ago.

The Frogs' pitching staff has been strong thus far, with an overall earned run average of 2.51.

The Achilles' heel for TCU pitchers this season has been the ninth inning, with the

Frogs outscored 23-7. It is the only inning in which the Frogs have a combined deficit. The Frogs' strongest inning has been the first inning, in which they have combined to outscore opponents 25-6.

The Frogs plated 89 runs over their season-long 13-game homestand. Junior shortstop Taylor Featherston said the offense has been better lately because the players aren't trying to do it by themselves.

"We just try to scratch a run or two every inning and trust the guy next to you," Featherston said.

Oklahoma is the first 2010

College World Series team the Frogs have played this season. The Sooners lost to Clemson in the second round of the College World Series last season.

The Frogs go to L. Dale Mitchell Park with a road record of 6-2 on the year, while the Sooners boast a 17-3 home record.

No. 12 TCU at No. 14 Oklahoma
When: 6:30 p.m. today
Where: L. Dale Mitchell Park, — Norman, Okla.
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