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TCU football head coach Gary Patterson talks with professor of mathematics Efton Park about the statistics behind whether or not it is best to punt the ball or to go for the first down depending on the line of scrimmage.

Patterson teams with math prof for stats and football talk

By Kim Burdi
Staff Reporter

In a crowded room in the Tucker Technology Center, professor of mathematics Efton Park and TCU head football coach Gary Patterson teamed up Wednesday to discuss the mathematics behind the decision to go for it on fourth

down.

Park examined whether it was mathematically best to punt, kick a field goal or go for a first down depending on the line of scrimmage in a football game. He pieced together his information from the research compiled on the website advancednflstats.com. All the fourth down decision values

were based on only the first and third quarters of games to prevent the data from being skewed by close games going into halftime or by the final result of the game, Park said.

"I love mathematics, and I love football, so I thought a place where they came together would be interesting, especially with the

great [TCU football] season," Park said. "I thought there would be a lot of interest in the TCU community to talk about it, and [Patterson] graciously came over to join me."

After Park mathematically explained what would be best for a team, Patterson shared what statistics meant to him as a coach.

"We use statistics all the time,"

Patterson said. "Football is the same as any other business. We use computers and we use numbers. We run [numbers] to find out if there are any advantages."

Patterson said statistics help but that other factors play a role in the final decision of whether to go

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DANCE 2

Senior dancers choreograph annual concert.



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Market Square offers tools for healthy eating.



FINE ARTS

Senior dance majors to present own dance pieces in final show

By Heather Noel
Staff Reporter

A group of 14 seniors from the School for Classical and Contemporary Dance will take the stage this weekend in the Senior Dance Choreography Capstone Concerts for a farewell dance performance.

Elizabeth Gillaspay, an associate professor of ballet, said the concert would showcase what the dancers have learned over their last four years in the dance program.

"[The dance concert is a] beautiful representation of the peak experience of their four years here, a representative experience of how they are pulling together all of the things that they have learned and encountered," Gillaspay said.

She said each of the 14 seniors would choreograph their own dance piece and that together they would produce the show.

Senior ballet major Brie Lowry said students divided

into teams to cover the different aspects of concert production, from the technical side of getting the theater ready to creating

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Elizabeth Gillaspay
Associate Professor of Ballet

promotional flyers and putting together the program attendees will receive at the performance.

Gillaspay said although the pieces would fall within the styles of ballet or modern dance, the concert would

bring together a collection of individual interpretations.

Lowry said her piece dealt with friendship. She said it was a concept she had been thinking about for a while, but she finally got to cast the right dancers and put the idea into motion this semester. She said the piece resonated with her emotionally as she choreographed it as a testament to her own personal friendships.

"I make pieces for my dancers, not for myself, and I wanted this piece to be for my dancers and really be something they would cherish," she said. "And that means something to them and myself."

Senior ballet major Hayley Mansfield said students worked toward the event during the whole spring semester. Since January, students had been formed their ideas for their pieces and began weekly rehearsals that lasted up until the performance, she said.

Mansfield said her piece

will consist of classical ballet. She said she chose classical because it reflected her deep passion and appreciation of the style.

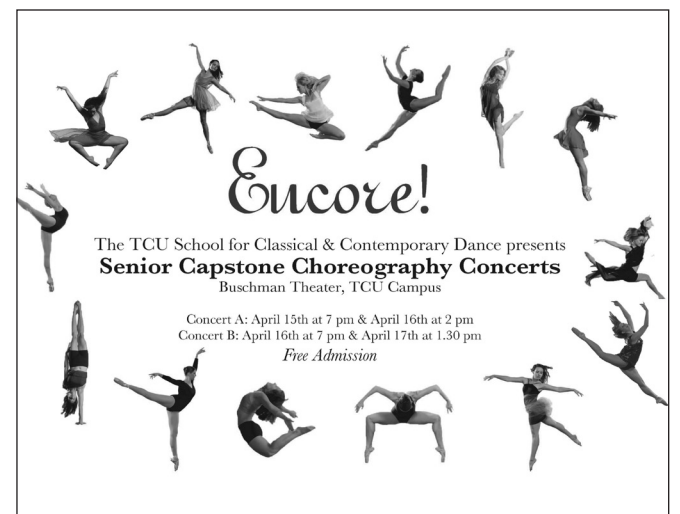
Gillaspay and Susan Douglas Roberts, a professor of dance, provided consultation throughout the semester for senior dance students crafting their pieces of choreography.

Mansfield said the concert usually was held in a studio space within the dance building. Because the building is under construction, the performance was moved to Buschman Theatre.

She said having the performance in the theatre gave it a more professional feel because of the theatre's stage and the theatre's space for a larger audience.

The only element of the concert not produced specifically by the dance seniors was the lighting design, which was done by the lighting design class taught by Roma Flowers.

The elements of craft, artistic statements and how to



bring points of view forward through the dance choreography would all shine through at the concert, Gillaspay said.

Mansfield said the group was divided with one half of students performing in Program I on Friday and Saturday and with the second half performing in Program II on Saturday and Sunday.

Gillaspay said it was a wonderful process to see a student create a piece of

choreography from idea all the way to the final performance.

Senior Capstone Concerts

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for the first down. He mentioned other factors as well, like the variable of momentum from game to game.

"Some games you have to take more chances for an opportunity," Patterson said.

Junior mechanical engineering major Allen Grammer attended the event and said he enjoyed learning about the scientific side of football.

"I don't doubt the accuracy or validity of the finding, but the predetermination that comes from making plays based on efficiency calculations seems like it would take some of the fun

away from playing," Grammer said.

"Statistics and mathematics are important. They get used in places where you might not expect them."

Efton Park
Professor of Mathematics

Grammer said he wondered how the feel of coaching would change if a coach made decisions solely on statistics of the game. He said it would be like pilots flying on autopilot instead of having the ability to fly themselves.

"I thought it was interesting to see football, usually played with so much passion, broken down into something as cold and austere as mathematical probabilities," Grammer said.

Park said mathematics tells people certain things and that their gut tells them certain things.

"There's other things that come into making a decision about football or anything in life," Park said. "It's just one piece of the puzzle."

Having more information is always better even if one decides not to use it, he said.

"Statistics and mathematics are important," Park said. "They get used in places where you might not expect them."

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DINING SERVICES

Innovative healthy eating options at Market Square possible with planning

By Bryn Zimmermann
Staff Reporter

Choosing to eat healthy at Market Square is in students' hands, and TCU Dining Services provides resources to help, Kelly Raw, district marketing coordinator for TCU Dining Services, said.

"We make sure to have a really good variety of things at the salad bar and fresh fruit every day," Raw said. "All of our nutritional info is on our website, so if students are concerned, or if they are not really sure what they are eating or how many calories they are eating, they can look that up."

Raw said she was proud Market Square offered students a wide variety of foods to choose from.

Even though students can look up different foods' nutritional value, sophomore movement science major Katie Dalton said she only eats specific foods after finding out the nutritional information of a grilled cheese sandwich.

"I've started to really embrace the salad idea there because I feel like that's my only options these days," Dalton said. "I know that the calorie count exists, but I'm too afraid to look it up. Once I found out a grilled cheese was 440 calories, I was not about to look anything else up."

According to the TCU Dining Services website, a grilled cheese sandwich has 300 calories.

Freshman nutrition major Millie Pool said she was afraid of trying different foods in Market Square for fear of consuming unhealthy items.

"I am getting tired of eating sandwiches and salads every day," Pool said. "But I am scared to try the other stuff because I don't know what they are putting in it exactly."

Pool said she hoped Market Square could provide more options that are both made in-house and that are healthy.

"I think you can still make healthy foods taste good," Pool said. "Some of the op-

tions that they change out every day aren't very healthy, and I think that they could make them healthy and still taste good."

Sophomore movement science major Nicole Toomey said she thought it was hard to find foods she could eat on a daily basis.

"I don't really like [Market Square] because I am a vegetarian, and I feel like they don't really have that many options unless you want to eat pasta and vegetables all day," Toomey said. "There is nothing wrong with that except that it kind of gets monotonous."

In addition to the salad bar, Toomey said there are other good choices but it was sometimes necessary to go through all of the stations to find them.

Stephanie Dickerson, nutrition counselor for TCU Dining Services, said students may have to shop from section to section to put together a balanced meal but that there were many different foods to choose from.

She said the key to eating healthy in Market Square as well as anywhere else was proper planning before eating. A link is available on the dining website to help students develop their own plans, she said.

"You can click on the items that you are interested in having," Dickerson said. "You have to plan. You can always eat healthy at Market Square. We have lean meats, fruits and vegetables and whole grains."

Raw said students might overlook portion control when eating in Market Square as well. She said students might underestimate how many calories they consumed at a meal because they ate more than one serving size. Checking the serving size when looking at the other nutritional facts online is just as important, she said.

Raw also said TCU Dining Services has constantly worked to get different options and recipes, including more gluten-free options for students with gluten intolerance.



REBECCA PHILP / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

William Rematore serves freshly made stir fry to a student in Market Square. Stir fry is just one of the many fresh food options served.

ACADEMICS

Honors Convocation today at 11

Staff Report

In addition to senior research presentations and the Honors Banquet, Honors Week will include the annual Honors Convocation this morning.

All 11 a.m. classes will be dismissed for the convocation, which will feature John V. Roach Honors College laureate Kimberly Dena as the keynote speaker. Dena, a political science and strategic communications double major, won the third annual Honors College Oratorical Contest and will deliver her speech titled "The U in Revolution."

According to *Skiff* archives, convocation began featuring student speakers in 2009.

The program will also include announcement of the



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Honors Professor of the Year, chosen by honors students, and other awards. State Sen. Wendy Davis will be unable to attend the convocation like originally planned, so Charles Boswell, her Fort Worth district director, will accept her Honors Alumna of the Year award and deliver a brief statement on her behalf.

The TCU Jazz Ensemble and Honors students Erik Danielson and Duy Nguyen will perform music for the ceremony.

Annual Honors Convocation

When: 11 a.m. today

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium

All 11 a.m. classes will be dismissed and all students, faculty and staff may attend.

49th Annual Honors Banquet

When: 7 p.m. today

Where: Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom

The convocation will be followed by the 49th annual Honors Banquet at 7 p.m. which will feature food, awards and keynote speaker Bill Moncrief, 2010 Honors Professor of the Year and senior associate dean of the Neeley School of Business.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Presentation combines positive university traits

Mathematics professor Efton Park and head football coach Gary Patterson teamed up — pardon the pun — on Wednesday to discuss Park's mathematical analysis of fourth down statistics. The study determined, based on numbers from the Advanced NFL Stats website, what the best action would be on a fourth down from a certain yard line in a football game based on probability of success.

Statistics have always had their own place in sports, and in-depth analysis of statistics can bring fans, players and coaches more enjoyment and a better understanding of the details of the sports we obsess over. Park's analysis allows for another area of scrutiny for coaches to study and to help them make sound decisions during games, ones backed up by numbers rather than an educated guess.

It is great that Patterson decided to provide a coach's perspective on Park's analysis as well. With all of the success the TCU football team has seen in recent years, it might be easy to lose sight of how important academics are for student-athletes, but Patterson's actions in this case demonstrate he still deems performance in the classroom to be as important as performance on the field.

The very best of TCU was on display in Park and Patterson's presentation — academic research and athletic excellence — and the fact that both parts can combine on campus so well speaks volumes about the quality of TCU overall.

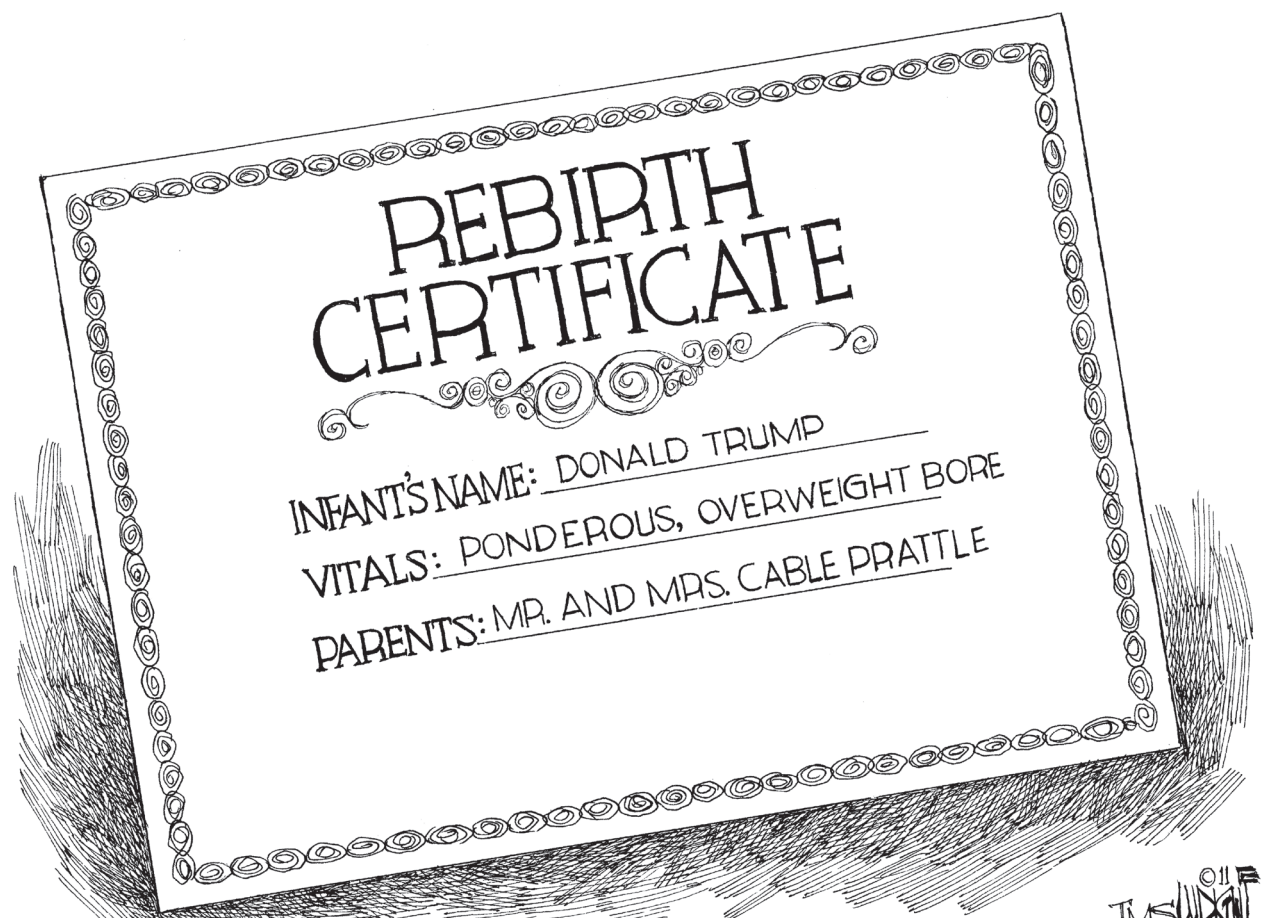
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Influence of social media continues to expand



Danika Scevers

This Easter, Catholics may be looking beyond their baskets full of chocolates and candies to a gift a little more unorthodox — the Vatican's new web portal full of media content specifically created to be tweeted, linked or reblogged.

Set to debut as the culmination of an aggressive social media campaign, the website will follow the successful launch of Vatican accounts on websites such as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook. According to an *Associated Press* article about the start of a Facebook site commemorating the upcoming beatification of the late Pope John Paul II, the Vatican hopes to reduce miscommunications within society at large by collecting Vatican-related media in one place and grouping it according to topic to allow for ease of movement throughout the site.

The move of this traditionally conservative entity to social media reflects a larger

trend within our society.

Last year, Facebook alone saw substantial increases in users, with the largest demographic being 35 to 54-year-olds and the second largest being those 55 or older, according to an iStrategyLabs report by Peter Corbett. What can't seem to be decided on, however, is whether that growth is having a positive or negative impact on users.

Critics point to the alienation that talking through a computer screen causes, arguing that social media reduce the development of proper communication skills necessary in the world today. That separation during communication causes its own set of issues. People may feel safer when they are not face to face with another individual and may, for example, begin cyberbullying. Feeling safer also leads to very public posts about the more private details of a person's life. The 24/7 access to contacts and information increases both banality and the trend of instant gratification.

Perhaps one of the most worrisome issues is the risk of addiction to and dependence on social media. For example, while researching for this column, I discovered that focusing on social media is a surefire way to be distracted by it, sometimes for hours on end, with sites such as mylifei-

savage.com and stumbleupon.com.

But even with all of the negatives, social media still serves overwhelming positive needs within our society. All day, all-the-time access to other people and to information enables users to be productive at all hours of the day and night without worrying whether the library will be open. Being interconnected with people all over the world encourages the flow of ideas, globalization and tolerance for other cultures and points of view, and a person can maintain contact with an acquaintance that is physically distant.

In addition, the use of social media provides a common way to categorize information. Worldwide, people look up videos and songs on YouTube, other people on Facebook and information on Google. This base of common knowledge provides further grounds to establish international connections and friendships and further contribute to the globalization of cultures and knowledge.

Esther Dyson said it best: "The Internet is like alcohol in some sense. It accentuates what you would do anyway. If you want to be a loner, you can be more alone. If you want to connect, it makes it easier to connect."

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PERSPECTIVES

Functionality, not speed, now driving device choices



Varun Pramanik

In a March 3 column on Engadget, Joshua Topolsky wrote, "It won't be a debate about displays, memory, wireless options — it will be a debate about the quality of the experience...It's not the RAM or CPU speed, screen resolution or number of ports which dictate whether a product is valuable; it becomes purely about the experience of using the device."

The new decade brought with it the term "Post-PC devices." What are Post-PC devices? Most experts point at mobile devices like smart phones and tablets.

Looking at just the past four years, it's amazing to see the jump that portable devices have taken. A phone is no longer a device that only lets you place calls, send text messages and perform a few other actions. Now, you can pull out your phone and access the entire Internet, listen to music, watch movies and run a number of powerful, high quality applications like UrbanSpoon, Shazam, iMovie and Angry Birds.

Consumers are no longer looking for just a brand — like BlackBerry — or just

a phone with a checklist of hardware features. Increasingly, the hardware specifications are becoming less important to consumers. Consumers want an experience, not just a device. We want our devices to come with the ability to perform a wide variety of actions and provide us with access to a wide variety of services.

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This is a trend that Apple appears to have accurately predicted and acted to take advantage of and is something Apple's competitors are slowly realizing. As Topolsky wrote in his column, "What that means is that while Motorola and Verizon will

spend millions of dollars advertising the Xoom's 4G upgrade options, CPU speed and high-resolution cameras, Apple need only delight consumers and tell them that specs and speed are the domain of a dinosaur called the PC."

In a recent advertisement for the iPad 2, the narrator says, "This is what we believe — technology alone is not enough. Faster, thinner, lighter — those are all good things. But when technology gets out of the way, everything becomes more delightful, even magical. That's when you leap forward. That's when you end up with something like this."

And it's not just tablets and smartphones that are leaving behind the necessity to compete solely on the basis of hardware features. The soon-to-be-completed Blue Waters supercomputer at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign isn't trying to be the fastest supercomputer out there, according to an April 3 article from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. What matters more is the ability to perform complex simulations and solve difficult problems faster.

This has raised a problem for researchers, because supercomputers that don't make the Top 500 ranking in terms of speed alone are being given less attention and thus are likely to



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Kindergarten teacher Amy Heimerl tries out a program for learning letters on an iPads Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in Auburn, Maine. Five kindergarten teachers were given iPads to try out in preparation for next year when nearly 300 kindergarteners will be given their own iPad2s.

receive less funding for their construction and operation as providing money to a "ranked" project is much more prestigious for donors.

As Jeffrey Young writes in *The Chronicle* article, "Like [lead developer of Blue Waters] Mr. [Thom] Dunning, some leaders now argue that a single test of top computing speed often doesn't reward clever software designs — and that software is increasingly the bottleneck that slows simulations that might otherwise lead to scientific

breakthroughs, such as understanding that tornado or the intricacies of a biological cell, which are two of the tasks that the new machine here, called Blue Waters, will undertake."

As the world moves toward devices that do more work rather than boast a greater

hardware capability, this problem will need to be addressed, and consumers will see a new breed of devices that are less of a device and more of an experience.

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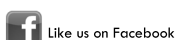
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CAMPUS

Vosters in top 50 for Sheen internship

By David Stein

News Now

"@kanyewest will follow you."

With that simple statement, senior marketing major Mike Vosters began his run to become a social media intern for Charlie Sheen.

**Vosters**

Monday, Vosters advanced to the top 50 in the competition, which originally included over 81,000 applicants.

If he is selected for the position, Vosters would work eight weeks in the summer, according to the internship's website. Although Vosters said he was unsure what he will have to do for the fourth round, he said he was excited to start working to move on in the process.

The prompt for the initial screening to apply was to answer, in 70 characters, why he should be selected for the internship. Vosters said he mentioned Kanye West because West has over 3 million followers on Twitter, but follows no one.

"At this point, my mindset is go for it," Vosters said. "There is no other option but to actually get this. I don't

know what it is, but there's just something inside me that says, 'Go for it.'"

He applied as a joke after his friends suggested that he should apply, Vosters said.

A few weeks later he said he received an email that he had advanced to the second round. After submitting résumé information, he later learned via another email that he had moved on to the third round, where he said things got serious.

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Mike Vosters

Senior marketing major

"I started looking at applicants and there were radio hosts; these people are incredibly qualified," Vosters said. "It's definitely an honor to be a part of that group."

At the next level, he chose to answer one question out of three, asking how he would raise money for a natural di-

saster campaign through social media if he was part of an aid organization.

Instead of just answering the question, Vosters said he just did it — by starting a campaign to raise money for disaster relief in response to the Japanese earthquake. The website generated about \$575 in 48 hours, Vosters said.

"I can't believe the amount of support I was able to generate in 48 hours," Vosters said. "[It was] a huge testament to the TCU community and how they care for their own."

Vosters said he has a job lined up with an advertising agency in New York for next fall that will not conflict with the internship if he is selected. However, he said he's not focused on that right now.

"I'm just thinking about getting there in the first place," he said. "If it happens, my life will definitely be changed forever, and I wouldn't stop smiling for a long period of time."

After the whole process, Vosters said he was very grateful for all the help he has received from his peers.

"I'd like to thank the TCU community, faculty, friends, family — everybody," Vosters said. "They really helped me through that last round, and helped me raise money, putting it out on social media."

NATIONAL

Obama: Cut spending, raise taxes

By David Espo

Associated Press

President Barack Obama coupled a call for \$4 trillion in long-term deficit reductions with a blistering attack on Republican plans for taxes, Medicare and Medicaid on Wednesday, laying down markers for a roiling debate in Congress and the 2012 presidential campaign to come.

Obama said spending cuts and higher taxes alike must be part of any deficit-reduction plan, including an end to Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy. He proposed an unspecified "debt failsafe" that would go into effect if Congress failed to make sure the national debt would be falling by 2014 relative to the size of the overall economy.

"We have to live within our means, reduce our deficit and get back on a path that will allow us to pay down our debt," the president said in a speech at George Washington University a few blocks from the White House. "And we have to do it in a way that protects the recovery, and protects the investments we need to grow, create jobs and win the future."

Obama's speech was salted with calls for bipartisanship, but it also bristled with attacks on Republicans. They

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President Barack Obama outlines his fiscal policy during an address at George Washington University in Washington, Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

want to "end Medicare as we know it," he said, and to extend tax cuts for the wealthy while demanding 33 million seniors pay more for health care.

"That's not right, and it's not going to happen as long as I am president," he vowed.

Obama spoke to an audience that included Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., author of the House Republican budget that drew repeated presidential scorn. The Budget Committee chairman later told reporters he had been excited

to receive an invitation to the speech, believing the administration was extending an olive branch.

"Instead, what we got was a speech that was excessively partisan, dramatically inaccurate and hopelessly inadequate to addressing our country's pressing fiscal challenges," Ryan said. "What we heard today was not fiscal leadership from our commander in chief. What we heard today was a political broadside from our campaigner in chief."

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Frog Feature

Getting to know Cindy Rodriguez, administrative assistant in the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life

By Kaileigh Kurtin

Staff Writer

Cindy Rodriguez, the administrative assistant in the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (RSL), loves her work and the people she is surrounded by every day. She has worked for TCU for seven years and encourages students to come to RSL as a place to talk to ministers, pray, mediate and meet other students, among many other things.

How long have you worked for TCU, and when did you start?

I started here seven years ago; it was in July, so right after the school year ended. I have enjoyed it. I came from Radio Shack where I had been for 16 years working in corporate offices. I thought, 'You know it is time for a change.' I could see it coming. And I always thought TCU was a great place, so I thought working here would be awesome.

Did you choose to work for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life or just TCU in general?

TCU in general, I came to see what was available just as a

chance. This was one of the two places that had called me for an interview. I just really loved it...

What are some of the things provided by RSL that students may not know about or have overlooked?

We have an awesome prayer room and anybody can use. [They can] come in for some quiet meditation or prayer, whatever they would like. We have ministers that are here full time for counseling, just to sit down and talk if they need somebody to talk to. It is a great place to work. It is a wonderful place to meet people from different backgrounds, religiously and culturally, that maybe you would not meet anywhere else.

What is your favorite part about your work?

The people! Not just the people I work with, but the students; talking to the students everyday to see what is going on. Sometimes I have to take off my "mom hat" because I have two grown daughters who are now married and have their own families. I hear students saying, 'I'm going to go out, I will meet you at 11.' I'm like, 'What? You are going out at 11? Oh wait, I'm not your mom.' I have to put that aside, so I have to take off the 'mom hat' and say, 'Oh great, y'all be careful!' It is a lot of fun being around young people, and like I said, the people I work with are really awesome. It is a great place to be.

Do you associate yourself with a religion or a belief?

I've grown up Catholic and that is my faith tradition. But I love learning about all the other faith traditions, of how basically it is the same down to the very bottom. One of my daughters was not sure if she wanted to be Catholic, so she said, 'I do not know if that is right for me.' I said, 'As long as you believe, as long as you believe in something, that is all that matters. Whether it is as a Catholic or as whatever you choose to be, as long as you believe — that is what is important to me.' She looked around and went to church with friends and stuff and decided she would stick with being a Catholic.



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During finals time, do you have any advice to students about how to stay stress free?

I do see a lot of students that come through that are really, really stressed, and I tell them to just take care of themselves, whether it is eating right or trying to get enough sleep. I know there are not enough hours in

the day for everything that you have to do, and I understand that. But really try to take care of yourself as much as you can. If you need a place to nap, we have a sofa right here if you can't make it back to your dorm. Come and sit for a while and take a little nap. Tell me what time you want me to wake you up, and I will wake you up for you to get to your next class.

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Pa. students: Ethics seminar had exotic dancers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Students at La Salle University in Philadelphia say exotic dancers were part of a professor's extra-credit symposium on business ethics.

Officials at the private Roman Catholic school

say they are investigating the March 21 seminar, which ended abruptly after the business school's dean showed up.

Students say the dancers kept their clothes on. Sophomore Brad Bernardino tells WPVI-TV that one dancer gave a lap dance to assistant management professor Jack Rappaport.

Rappaport did not respond to an emailed request

for comment.

La Salle spokesman Joseph Donovan would not comment on Rappaport's status while the investigation continues. Students say they have a new teacher.

The seminar was held at a satellite campus about 10 miles from La Salle's main campus.

Man to leave glass apartment at MOA Saturday

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — A Twin Cities man is about to move out of a glass apartment that's been his home at the

Mall of America for the past month.

Forty-five-year-old Scott Jorgenson has been living on display at the Bloomington mall since March 18. On Saturday, he steps outside the 20-by-30-foot box for the last time.

Jorgenson has been walking, working out and eating healthy meals as part of a new project created by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

"The Human Do.ing" is part of the Blue Cross "do" campaign, aimed at getting Minnesotans to live healthier lifestyles.

Jorgenson weighed 254 pounds when he went into the box. His final weight will be announced Saturday.

Supporters can join Jorgenson that morning for his final walk in the mall.

Ore. legislative prank becomes Internet sensation

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Who says government has to be boring?

A dozen state lawmakers in Oregon are convinced it doesn't need to be. They slipped the lyrics to Rick Astley's 1987 hit "Never Gonna Give You Up" into

their speeches on the House floor last year. And they did it right under the noses of colleagues, journalists, lobbyists, staff and the public.

The video was released on April Fool's Day and went viral this week, attracting more than 780,000 views and comments from fans cheering the politicians eager to have a little fun while doing the people's business.

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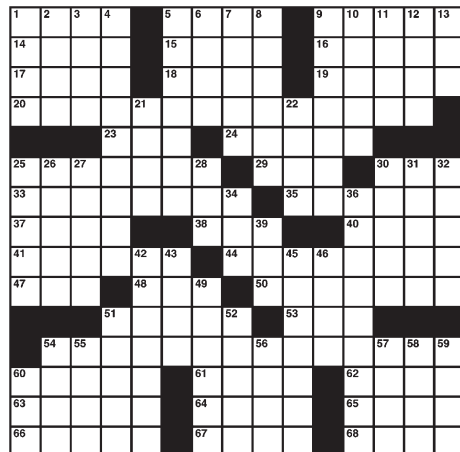
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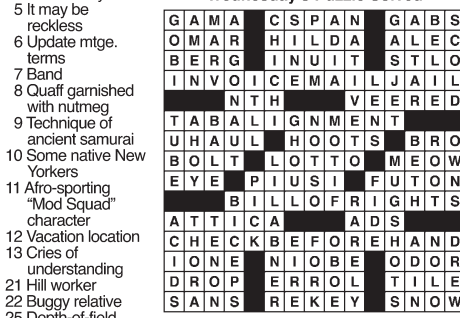
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- 29 Guff
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- 35 Change genetically
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- 40 Foreshadowing
- 41 Service station vessel
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- 50 Radius, e.g.
- 51 San ___: San Francisco Bay city
- 53 Airline to Copenhagen
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- 60 Centipede maker
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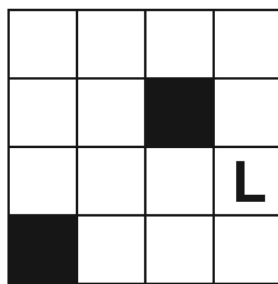
By Daniel A. Finan

4/14/11

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- 9 Technique of ancient samurai
- 10 Some native New Yorkers
- 11 Afro-sporting "Mod Squad" character
- 12 Vacation location
- 13 Cries of understanding
- 21 Hill worker
- 22 Buggy relative
- 25 Depth-of-field setting
- 26 Outfit again
- 27 ___ Gay
- 28 George Strait label
- 30 Actor's day job?
- 31 SEC school that retired Peyton Manning's number
- 32 Pasta al ___
- 34 Santa's 21-Down
- 36 O.K. Corral town
- 39 It's usually uplifting
- 42 Diced and served in a mushroom cream sauce
- 43 "Don't look at me!"
- 45 Hall of fame
- 46 Ally Financial Inc., formerly
- 49 City on the Rhone
- 51 Jerk
- 52 Stare master?
- 54 Ratatouille, for one
- 55 Doll's word
- 56 Did some selling out
- 57 Mashhad is its second-largest city
- 58 Airing
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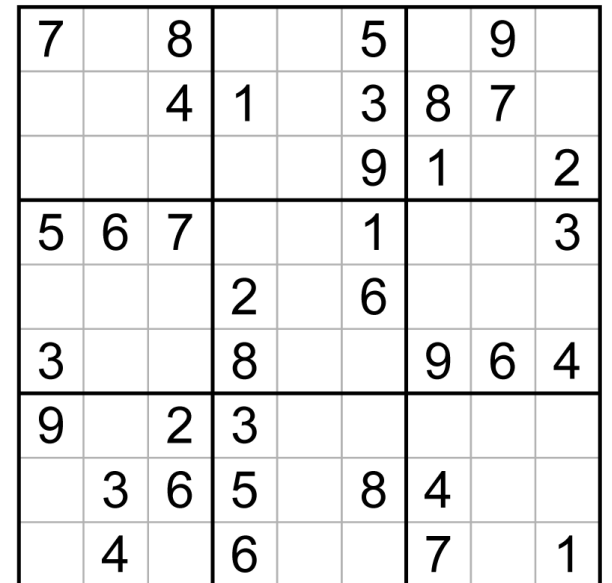


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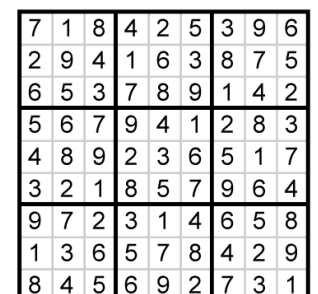


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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Team has high hopes for 2011 recruits

By Landon Haaf
Staff Reporter

The TCU basketball team is moving on from the 2010-2011 season and looking toward the future, in pursuit of new recruits and beginning off-season workouts.

The Frogs are preparing for their last season in the Mountain West Conference before making the move to the Big East Conference.

The national collegiate spring signing period is between April 13 and May 18.

The Frogs didn't land any new recruits on the fall signing day, so their work for the 2011 season will be done during the month-long signing period this spring.

Looking to the signing period, junior guard J.R. Cadot said it is important to make new recruits feel like a part of the program immediately.

"We have to really embrace everybody and make them feel like it's a family here so we're all on the same page," Cadot said. "Last year we weren't all on the same page, and that's why we fell apart."

Cadot said the upperclassmen on the team know the

importance of embracing new players and maintaining team chemistry.

Freshman guard Jarvis Ray said he plans to use his experience from last year's recruiting process to help new signees.

"We've got to let them know what we expect of them," Ray said. "And we expect them to have a good mentality and to be ready to work."

According to ESPN.com, the Frogs have a list of six new recruits that are considering TCU among their top schools. That list includes two forwards, three guards and a center.

Head coach Jim Christian was unavailable to comment on the specifics of the recruiting process until after recruits have been signed.

Freshman political science major and TCU basketball fan Michael Millican said he hopes to see a different strategy in recruiting.

"I think we need to focus on bringing in players from the state of Texas," Millican said. "There is a lot of talent in the Metroplex and around the state and I don't feel that it is utilized as much as it can be."

Millican said he attended almost every home basketball game during this past season. ESPN.com's list of potential TCU recruits has one player from Texas considering the school.

Off the recruiting trail, sophomore center Cheick Kone said the players focus on their workouts, and see prospective recruits only when they come for a visit.

Kone said workouts include weekly conditioning and strength training for the team as well as individual work on the court.

Everyone has their own weaknesses to address, and that is one of the focuses of the early part of the off-season, Kone said.

The Frogs have a core of several players who will still be on the roster when the team begins Big East play.

That group includes freshmen Thomas Montigel, Amric Fields, Zack Price, Ray, and sophomores Kone, Nikola Cerina and Garlon Green.

Cadot said the future is bright for the core of young players and their confidence should continue to grow as they progress.

"These guys just need a couple more pieces going into the Big East and they'll be fine," Cadot said.

Cadot said the young players' confidence will shoot sky-high as they keep playing and gain experience.

"We have a lot of confidence going forward, but we have no choice but to have a lot of confidence," Ray said.



Christian

WOMEN'S GOLF

Frogs swing for 5th conference title

By Natalie Smith
Staff Reporter

The No. 32 TCU women's golf team is on its way to the Mountain West Conference Championships in Arizona in hopes of winning the conference ring and a team title.

Head women's golf coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said even though the team has never played on the Heritage Course at the Wigwam Resort Red in Litchfield Park, it has the players to win.

Seniors Melissa Loh and Prisela Campbell and juniors Brooke Beeler and Rachel Raastad will compete in their third Mountain West Conference Championship while freshman Sanna Nuutinen will play in her first.

"We are a good enough team to where we can beat anyone at any given day and at any given time," Raastad said.

Raastad, the runner-up with a 5-over-par 221 in the 2010 MWC Championships, said the team was very excited for the tournament and that TCU was one of the favorites.

Even though it will be Nuutinen's first championship tournament, in three of the last four MWC Championships, the top finisher for TCU was a freshman, including current teammates Loh and Beeler in 2008 and 2009, respectively.

Beeler is currently ranked No. 51 in the nation. She won the Alamo Invitational while finishing as the runner-up

in the Windy City Collegiate Classic and also at the Central District Invitational.

TCU last won a conference title in 2007 after recovering from a six-stroke deficit. The program has finished first or second in 11 of the last 13 conference tournaments.

Loh was also named a National Strength and Conditioning Association All-American her senior year. She has dropped her stroke average from a 78.6 as a freshman to a 75.9 as a senior.

Ravaoli-Larkin said the team has played fairly well this year and that it has had an up-and-down spring.

"From our last tournament going into conference we have gained some momentum," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

In 17 years as TCU's head coach, Ravaoli-Larkin has led the Frogs to three championships in three different conferences.

Ravaoli-Larkin said the team wants to be doing better than it is because it has had some rocky tournaments. But the team is moving forward and looking toward post-season play.

Raastad said, "What we do every day is going to determine what we are going to do in the tournament and if we are going to meet our goals."

Now that TCU will be in the Big East Conference starting in 2012, Raastad said the move would not have much effect on the women's golf team.

TCU has won a conference championship in the Western Athletic Conference (1998), Conference USA (2002) and the MWC (2007).

"I think the team will be getting some amazing changes, and I think change is important," Raastad said. "We need to change platforms to realize where we are going so we can increase the level of the program."

Ravaoli-Larkin said moving to the Big East will not have a direct impact on women's golf, even though the locations of its conference tournament and the teams they will be playing will be different.

"It is great for TCU and great for [TCU] Athletics, but it won't have a direct impact on sports like golf," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

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Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this article.

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

Off the mound: Quirks of Matt Purke

By Madison Pelletier
News Now Sports Director

Sophomore pitcher Matt Purke started playing baseball when he was six years old, and for the past 14 years he said he hasn't put the ball down.

"I was like every little kid and wanted to play all the time," Purke said. "As I grew up I played multiple sports but as I got into high school I saw that [baseball] was more my thing."

Purke said he started playing baseball late, while other kids started at the age of four and five. Throughout his childhood, Purke played multiple sports, but as soon as he started playing in high school, he realized baseball was the right direction.

His late start didn't affect his performance on the mound. Purke was the 2010 Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Year and helped lead the team to its first College World Series appearance.

In his two years at TCU, Purke has lost only one game, making his record 20-1. Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said Purke's energy and confidence help drive him through the games.

"[He's] the ultimate team guy and when you have a re-

ally good player, one of your best players, is a team player then that helps the club be better," Schlossnagle said.

Junior outfielder Jason Coats said Purke is a great teammate to the other players. Coats said Purke goes out every day and competes as hard as he can, which drives the team.

"I was like every little kid and wanted to play all the time. As I grew up I played multiple sports but as I got into high school I saw that [baseball] was more my thing."

Matt Purke
Sophomore pitcher

"He's one of the best teammates I've ever had," Coats said.

Sophomore infielder Jantzen Witte said Purke's energy drives the team and motivates everyone to work hard.

"He wears his hat a little sideways and wears his goggles on the field," Witte said. "What can I say, he's a funny guy"

As far as Purke's perfor-



LINDSAY WEAVER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore Matt Purke pitches against Air Force during TCU's series earlier this season. The Frogs fell to Oklahoma on Tuesday night but have a three-game series against SDSU this weekend.

mance off the mound, Witte had one more detail that makes Purke the teammate he is.

"Something juicy about Matt Purke that no one knows is he looks like Harry Potter and listens to Ke\$ha," Witte said.

Purke said listening to music before the game helps him prepare, and his playlist does have some Ke\$ha on it.

"I mean there's some, there's some, it's been there...she's got a nice beat and that's really what you look for when you try to get yourself in the zone so I have fun with it," Purke said.

Witte said you don't talk to Purke before the game because he is in the zone. Witte said Purke can do whatever he wants when he gets out there and has as much energy as he does.

Purke said he hopes his future will grow beyond pitching in a Horned Frog uniform. Purke said he has aspirations like every other little kid's dream.

"When you start playing baseball...you want to be on a MLB team, play under the lights in front of 50...60 thousand people and that's the goal and that's where we're headed," Purke said.

TEXAS RANGERS

Hamilton staying upbeat with shoulder injury

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

Josh Hamilton was in the clubhouse with his Texas teammates, trying to stay hopeful a day after finding out he could miss two months with a broken arm.

"Obviously, I'd like to be out there playing with them, but it'll be fun to watch them the next few weeks," Hamilton said. "I'll work hard and do what I need to do to get back as soon as I can."

Hamilton broke his upper right arm on a headfirst dive into home plate Tuesday at Detroit.

The Rangers put him on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday, but the reigning AL MVP is expected to miss six to eight weeks with a non-displaced fracture of the humerus bone at the top of his right arm, just below the shoulder. He isn't expected to swing a bat for a month.

Hamilton tried to score from third on a foul pop.

He called the daring dash "stupid" after Tuesday's game and said third-base coach Dave Anderson told him to go. He said Wednesday he doesn't hold Anderson responsible for the injury.

"People are going to say that I'm throwing my coach under the bus or whatever, but I'm just telling you what happened," Hamilton said. "I listened to my coach and went. I don't blame Dave for this happening."

Texas recalled infielder Chris Davis from Triple-A Round Rock.

Hamilton hit .359 with 32 home runs and 100 RBIs in 2010. He's hitting .333 this season, and his spot in the lineup will be difficult to fill. Manager Ron Washington said the injury likely will mean a bigger role for outfielder David Murphy, who started in left field Wednesday against the Tigers.

Michael Young takes Hamilton's No. 3 spot in the batting order after hitting fifth for eight of the first 11 games.

The injury occurred Tuesday after Adrian Beltre lifted a foul pop near the Tigers' dugout.



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BASKETBALL

With the season over, TCU focuses on recruiting and off-season workouts.

SPORTS

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Frogs head to Arizona to compete at the MWC Championships.

EQUESTRIAN

TCU enters varsity nationals confident

By Emily Agee

Staff Reporter

For the fifth straight year, the TCU equestrian team was invited to compete at the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco.

Both the Western and Hunt Seat teams will participate in the competition beginning today. Last season, the Frogs finished fourth, setting a school record of the highest finish in program history.

The sixth-seeded Western team will begin tournament play versus No. 11 Fresno State at the Heart O' Texas Fair Complex. The Frogs finished fifth overall at the 2010 National Championships.

"We have worked really hard this year, mentally and physically, preparing for the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, and I believe this will be the year that all our hard work will pay off," senior All-American Ashley Aikman said.

In 2008, the Frogs won the Varsity Equestrian Western National Championship in just the team's second year of competition.

In its third straight appearance, TCU's Hunt Seat team enters the tournament as the No. 9 seed. The Frogs will face No. 8 Kansas State in the opening round. A win for the Horned Frogs would mark only the second victory in their history over the Wildcats.

This year's equestrian team boasts the program's first-ever All-American recipients. Junior Courtney Chown was named an All-American in Horsemanship, while sophomore Callie Selchau and Ashley Aikman received honorable mention All-America honors.

The team also will have the benefit of getting coaching from a former equestrian national champion: assistant coach Kindel Huffman.

"We just arrived in Waco and feel very motivated, excited and pumped up," Huffman said. "This is what we have worked for all year long. We are ready to beat any competitor that comes our way."

Huffman and her sister Kelsey, another equestrian national champion, have provided a championship foundation for the

program.

"The one thing that I've always said about Kindel Huffman is that she is a winner, and she wants to win, and she knows how to win," head coach Gary Reynolds said. "She's done it. That's something that you can't teach or buy or sell. That was one of the most important things for me in a coach, and when I had to hire a new assistant coach, I wanted a winner. She's definitely brought a lot to this Hunt Seat team and put so much of herself in to them."

In terms of leadership on the team, Kelsey Huffman has provided as much help as asked from the younger girls on the squad.

"It is an incredible feeling to be on a team where I know that every single girl has worked so hard and knows they are ready to take on anyone," Kelsey Huffman said.

Kelsey Huffman's said her advice to her teammates was to remember the only thing they can do is get ready to ride because they can't count on the horse being prepared.

Reynolds said, "It's always huge, that senior leadership that Kelsey provides, that experience she's had at large horse shows. Her having been to her third national championship now, the younger girls on the team just look to her so much for advice and experience."

With three All-Americans, a pair of sisters with national championships under their belts and quality wins on the season against top 5 ranked Oklahoma State and Auburn, Reynolds said the team was ready to compete.

"This is the hardest working team I have ever seen," Reynolds said. "I am so proud of this team — they are ready."

Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this article.

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Senior Kelsey Huffman rides her horse after a practice at TCU's home ranch October Hill.

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