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Provost Nowell Donovan speaks during the spring convocation in Ed Landreth Hall on Thursday morning. Keynote speaker Kimberly Dena spoke about the impact of social media.

Honors Convocation centers on social media

By Kayla Travis
Staff Reporter

Social networking has a global effect by impacting revolutions being fought today, keynote speaker Kimberly Dena said Thursday at the 48th annual Honors Convocation.

Dena, a senior strategic com-

munication and political science/international relations double major, addressed a nearly full audience of faculty and students with her speech "The U in Revolution."

Dena told the story of Syrian-American rapper Omar Offendum, who has used YouTube as a platform to reach viewers across the globe, and

discussed how social networking has played a significant role in the protests in Tunisia and the resignation of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Facebook and Twitter have been important platforms for exchanging global information, she said.

"People revolt, technology doesn't,"

she said.

Senior religion major Lauren Patrick, said Dena's speech was thought-provoking.

"She talked a lot about social networking and how terrorist groups are using it for sinister purposes," she said. "So I think it is important to have the technology that we have to

get our issues out and use them in a positive way."

The TCU Jazz Ensemble opened up the ceremony as honors students, departmental senior scholars and faculty came down the aisle draped in the traditional academic regalia.

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University closes in on their fundraising goals.



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New plan will allow for more financial aid, raises for professors.

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Budget covers individuals, departments

By Mandy Naglich
Staff Reporter

Changes to next year's budget will include benefits for faculty, staff and students on both an individual and departmental level. TCU's Board of Trustees approved a \$406.2 million budget for 2011-2012 at its meeting Friday.

A press release regarding the board's spring meeting said the new budget: funded new faculty and staff positions to support continued student success; increased overall financial aid funded by TCU 8 percent, which matched the tuition increase; gave larger operating budgets for academic affairs and instructional support departments; and provided a salary merit pool of 3 percent for faculty and staff to preempt expected increases in health insurance and retirement expenses. The pool is the amount of money available for raises based on going above what is asked for by professors, whether that is teaching an additional class or doing additional research.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said in the release he was excited about the new budget.

"This budget allows the university to focus on its priorities of maintaining TCU's competitive advantage, intensifying the university's mo-

mentum, and strengthening the student experience," Boschini said in the release. "We will continue to move this institution forward in a manner that maintains the quality of a world-class, values-centered university experience."

Boschini was out of office and could not be reached for other comment by the time of publication.

With a larger freshman class entering the university, part of the budget aimed to increase the number of faculty and staff positions.

Ann C. Sewell, associate provost of planning & budgeting, wrote in an email the Provost was still reviewing the specifics of the number and placement of the faculty positions.

"We feel like these increases will allow us to continue providing a quality experience for TCU students, faculty and staff," Sewell wrote in the email.

Kenneth Janak, director of budgets and finances, said it was important to maintain the same student experiences in places like the library, the Health Center and the Brown-Lupton University Union.

In order to achieve that goal, the budget had to address new faculty and staff, he said.

"There are more students

on campus now and they interact with students all the time," Janak said.

Thomas Moeller, an assistant finance professor, said it was important to bring in new faculty and staff to maintain TCU's small class size. He said students have been added to classrooms every year over the last few years and it was important to get classroom sizes smaller again.

"The faculty is happy about that, seeing new staff added," he said.

In addition to the increase in teaching positions, he also said he was glad to see the 3 percent raise merit pool for faculty and staff and the increase in money raised for student scholarships.

Janak said tuition will be raised 8 percent and the budget outlines an 8 percent raise in university-funded financial aid to match the tuition change. However, he said he could not say exactly how this financial aid would be allocated.

Janak said academic affairs and the individual colleges were each given more funding to work with to help the colleges improve their specific students experiences.

The new board chairman, Clarence Scharbauer III, was out of office and could not be reached for comment.

CAMPAIGN FOR TCU

Boschini: Fundraising top priority

By Amelia Wenzel
News Now

With approximately 70 percent of TCU students receiving financial aid, raising \$100 million for the Scholarship Initiative is a priority of the university's fundraising campaign, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

The Campaign for TCU is the university's fundraising campaign, which aims to raise \$375 million by May 31, 2012, according to the campaign's website. Boschini said funding from the overall campaign will fund everything from construction to student organizations.

"It will help us enrich all of our students if money is not a barrier for anyone coming to TCU."

Victor Boschini
Chancellor

The Scholarship Initiative portion of that campaign has raised \$76.6 million of its goal, according to the website. Boschini said the initiative funds scholarships such as the Chancellor's Scholarship, and makes TCU accessible to all students. Although this scholarship is the most costly for the university, it is worth the price, he said.

"[The Chancellor's Scholarship] helps us attract some really amazing students, and then they make the student

body better for everybody," Boschini said.

The Chancellor's Scholarship awards full-tuition to students like junior business major Jeff Parent, who said the scholarship highly influenced him to attend TCU after applying.

"They sent me the scholarship voucher a month later, and my dad said 'Okay, well I think you are going to TCU,'" Parent said.

Being able to eliminate the financial complication for students will not only help future Frogs, but will also benefit the university, Boschini said.

"It will help us enrich all of our students if money is not a barrier for anyone coming to TCU," Boschini said.

Recent graduate and TCU employee Miguel Ortega said scholarships and grants at TCU gave him the ability to stay and give back to the university.

Donating is not just something for adults, but students can also help the initiative by

donating or writing a thank you note to a donor. Boschini said he wanted students to be thankful to current donors who made this initiative possible.

"I want you to remember that you are here because somebody else helped you be here," Boschini said. "Don't forget that."

According to the Campaign for TCU website, graduates carry an average debt of about \$40,000. However, Boschini said the Scholarship Initiative will help to ensure that current and future students can get the financial aid and scholarships needed to receive a private school education without money being a barrier.

Ortega, like many other alumni, is already excited to return the favor of giving.

"I mean, this was my school, and I love this school, so I definitely want to give back for other kids to have the same opportunity that I had," he said.

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Giridhar Akkaraju, associate professor of biology, accepts the 2011 Honors Faculty Recognition Award during the Honors Convocation on Thursday morning.

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In what was Director Curt Wilson's last performance in Ed Landreth Auditorium before his retirement, the Jazz Ensemble entertained the audience with its rendition of the theme song from the television show "I Love Lucy." Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Nowell Donovan, introduced 46 inductees into the Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate honor society.

Though not present for the ceremony, state Sen. Wendy Davis received this year's honors alumna award, which was presented by Andrew Schoolmaster, dean of

the AddRan College of Liberal Arts.

Davis received the award because she is an outstanding example of how TCU prepares people for important career roles and civic responsibility, he said. Graduating first in her class of 792 students in 1990, Davis has been an activist for the Fort Worth community as well as the university, he said.

"I think you might have seen a picture of Senator Davis wearing her TCU football helmet on the floor of the Senate during a little hazing of first-year senators," he said.

The climax of the event was the presentation of the 2011 Honors Faculty Recognition Award, which

was presented to a shocked Giridhar Akkaraju, associate professor of biology. After the announcement he jokingly inquired if a mistake had been made.

Senior film-television-digital media major and president of the honors student cabinet Jason Carley, said it was Akkaraju's time to be honored and receive the award.

"[Akkaraju] has distinguished himself as an outstanding resource to students at TCU since 2002," Carley said before presenting the award. "And it is due time for him to be recognized as wonderful source of inspiration to both honors students and the TCU community as a whole."

FORT WORTH

Berry Block Party begins Saturday

By Luis Ortiz
Staff Reporter

Junior Ted Wick's idea of holding a block party for the TCU community and Fort Worth will become a reality tomorrow. The West Berry Block Party is set to take place Saturday on West Berry Street.

Wick and his friends, band members of Collective Dreams, are the creative minds behind the block party that will have several nearby restaurants participating in the event as well as over 45 bands performing.

Venues include The Moon, The Cellar, Stay Wired, The Aardvark and Old Rip's.

The block party will include headlining bands such as Green River Ordinance, Nelo and Collective Dreams. Other bands and musicians will be coming from across the country to perform at the block party.

After Japan's tsunami disaster, event organizers announced via Twitter that the event will be a tsunami relief concert. The majority of the proceeds will go to Direct Relief International.

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POLITICS

Congress passes \$40 billion in budget cuts

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press

Both houses of the U.S. Congress passed hard-fought legislation Thursday that slices nearly \$40 billion out of the government budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The House of Representatives voted 260-167 in favor. The Senate followed with its approval quickly, voting 81-19.

The legislation then was sent to President Barack Obama, who has promised to sign it. The legislation calls for \$38 billion in cuts from domestic programs.

The plan cuts spending through Sept. 30, a compromise that was agreed to in the final moments before midnight last Friday when the government would have been forced to shut down for lack of appropriations to keep agencies running.

Regardless of passage of the measure, Obama and his Democrats remain locked in an ideological confrontation with Republicans, especially a nearly 90-strong freshman class in the House of Representatives that is allied with the ultraconservative tea party. Their victory in November gave Republicans control of the House and established a divided govern-

ment that has forced Obama to accept compromises on spending and taxation that have deeply angered the liberal wing of his Democratic Party.

In the House, dozens of Democrats made up for tea party-backed Republican conservatives who voted no because they felt the cuts were too small.

Obama's signature was assured. "Although the administration would not have agreed to many of these cuts under better fiscal circumstances, the bill reflects a compromise that will help the federal government live within its means while protecting those investments that will help America compete for new jobs," the White House said in a written statement.

In anticipation of approval of the \$38.5 billion in cuts over the next 5 1/2 months, Obama gave a major address on Wednesday laying out his fiscal vision to start whittling down the nation's \$14-plus trillion debt in the coming years. The speech was seen as an opening of the president's bid for re-election in 2012, a campaign that is sure to be dominated by the need to bring down the country's spiraling debt.

The debt, in relation to the

size of the American economy, has reached alarming proportions. Republicans in particular are pounding the issue, which they say endangers the country's domestic well-being and its ability to influence world affairs.

The debt has shot up over the last decade as Obama has pumped billions into the economy to stop a global financial meltdown and overcome the recent Great Recession. But the red ink also is a result of steep tax cuts implement by former President George W. Bush and vast spending required by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The plan Obama outlined in his speech at George Washington University was significantly at odds with one unveiled last week by Republican Rep. Paul Ryan, the budget committee chairman, who proposed gradually phasing out key elements of the U.S. social safety net — government programs that provide health care for Americans age 65 and older and for poor people.

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The Skiff View

New budget good, but scholarships need work

TCU's Board of Trustees has approved a new budget for the 2011-2012 school year, and it looks like they are doing a lot of things right.

The \$406.2 million budget allows for increases in student financial aid, opportunities for pay increases for teachers and an increase in the amount of faculty to account for the increase in incoming freshmen.

The increase in faculty will help ensure small class sizes and keep down the student-faculty ratio. Also, the opportunity for pay increases will help ensure that current teachers keep doing their best and are happy to lend their talents to the university.

This interest in ensuring quality employees at TCU will undoubtedly improve the academic atmosphere on campus and ensure the overall respected nature of a degree from TCU.

However, that is not to say everything is good about it. Although an increase in student financial aid is nice, and much needed, their reasoning behind it seems flawed. They state that the 8 percent increase in financial aid is to balance out the 8 percent increase in tuition.

That math simply doesn't work.

It is a noble gesture to give out more money to incoming students and to students who are currently on financial aid packages, but this leaves students who are not currently on financial aid and who are not on full scholarship paying more. It seems that they are leaving a vast majority of current students to just sit back and deal with having to pay more and more every year.

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Byrant's outburst shows lack of awareness



Andrea Bolt

Editor's note: The following article contains profanity.

Chances are, calling someone a "fucking faggot" is going to result in unhappy repercussions, and if you're Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, you're going to be fined \$100,000 and have the news splashed all over the Web and tabloids.

The issue here is not that Bryant cursed — albeit the curse was a rather vulgar one — it's that he should know better. He's been a player in the NBA for 14 years. He should be well-versed in what is and isn't appropriate on the court and what behavior the NBA won't tolerate. With the current political and social climate and with gay rights a hot-button issue Bryant should have known his words would cause a stir.

Of course, in the heat of the moment

and being momentarily angry at being called for a technical foul by a referee, one might let an angry word or curse slip. It's competitive sports, but Bryant is a professional athlete with hundreds of cameras and plenty of microphones within range. He should know better.

If the noun Bryant used would've been different, the backlash would have been on a much smaller scale. The word "faggot" has a long and painful perception as a blatant derogatory term used against homosexual men. It was probably not the best slur to use when the NBA is making attempts at promoting a gay-friendly image.

This controversy comes at a time when the NBA is trying to present a more LGBTQ-friendly front, according to a Thursday article from Yahoo! News. The NBA is teaming up with the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network to tape a public service announcement that will air during the NBA Finals.

Joe Solmonese, president of Human Rights Campaign, an LGBTQ civil rights organization, spoke with Bryant via telephone and said he applauded Bryant's heartfelt and speedy apology, according to an article updated Thurs-

day on ESPNLosAngeles.com.

"He told me that it's never okay to degrade or tease and that he understands how his words could unfortunately give the wrong impression that this is appropriate conduct," Solmonese said in a statement, according to the article.

Competitive sports and competitions in general are known to be grounds upon which vocal vulgarities slip. Emotions and athletic abilities are strained and stretched, and outbursts occur. But on a professional level and in an arena surrounded by media, one must be more in control of one's emotions and be aware of what comes out of one's mouth.

Though Bryant's words weren't meant as they were said, they were still "nonetheless wrong," Bryant said in the article.

We don't want people, especially youngsters with big hoop dreams, to think hurtful, homophobic and derogatory language is acceptable because Bryant used such language. It's not acceptable.

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PERSPECTIVES

Smartphone app could help congested commutes



Wyatt Kanyer

John Smith is frantic. His work day usually starts at 8 a.m., but he's stuck at a red light at 8:02 in the heart of downtown Seattle after his hour-long commute from Interstate 405 Southbound.

The light turns green and he speeds to the next intersection. The next light is green, but suddenly turns yellow. Smith brakes as yellow gradually fades to red. Smith is doomed to a couple more minutes at an intersection in a big city, further delaying his arrival at work.

If Smith had a smartphone or GPS, his morning might have played out differently, though.

Thanks to traffic alerts company PhantomALERT, drivers can install an alert that informs them which intersections have red light cameras.

The company also offers alerts for speed traps, speed cameras, school zones, dangerous intersections and even speed bumps, according to PhantomALERT's website.

Although the police have voiced their support for these alerts, there is a clear safety concern associated with them, especially in the case of red light cameras.

For example, if John Smith starts using the alerts, he might start speeding through yellow lights if he knows the intersection does not have red light cameras.

However, because of the various alerts Phantom Alert provides, he might also be more cautious near a speed camera or a residential area, which could increase public safety.

According to a March 10 report by WWLTV,

com, a New Orleans news channel, Seattle drivers received 23,000 tickets only one year into the installation of red light cameras in the city. Many of them have decided to install PhantomALERT's system, which costs about \$10 a month.

Smith's situation is not uncommon for Seattle drivers, especially for those who commute on I-405.

The result could be greater driving awareness — the less time drivers spend finding detours based on traffic, the more convenient and time-effective their routes will be.

According to a March 8 report by *The Daily Beast* ranking America's 50 worst commutes, I-405 Southbound to Seattle is the eighth-worst highway for commuters in the nation, behind highways in cities such as New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Therefore, Seattle drivers are often late before they even exit the highway.

In short, every stop at a red light, school zone or slow intersection makes Seattle drivers later to their destination, which is often a job.

The convenience of PhantomALERT also comes with obvious safety concerns.

If drivers are constantly seeking to avoid traffic enforcement areas, it would seem they would be distracted while behind the wheel.

But if the technology is properly utilized, drivers should know which intersections will slow them down and plan their routes accordingly.

The result could be greater driving awareness

— the less time drivers spend finding detours based on traffic, the more convenient and time-effective their routes will be.

Also, various police departments nationwide have advocated for PhantomALERT, stating it increases awareness in many drivers, especially in cities that have many traffic lights.

Not only will drivers become more aware about their surroundings based on a landmark, such as a traffic light, but they also will be more cautious when approaching certain intersections.

These factors highlight a cognitive idea called traffic psychology, which pertains to drivers' emotions and reactions when behind the wheel.

Collectively, this new technology aids in the improvement of driver awareness in that it increases cognitive activity — the more the brain is prepared to encounter certain factors, such as red lights, the more focused it will be to react to those factors.

PhantomALERT should eventually become a commonly used tool for drivers nationwide, especially in large cities that experience significant traffic congestion.

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China's block on sci-fi oppressive



Patrick Burns

"Lost," a television drama that aired on ABC for six seasons from 2004-2010, has been considered by television critics to be one of the most important shows to ever air on the medium, according to a May 2010 article on *USA Today*. What started out as a story of the crash of Oceanic Flight 815 and its passengers as they tried to survive on an island turned into one focused on science-fiction and philosophy.

The crux of the show became time travel and whether we as human beings can change the past and our subsequent future. Even after airing its final episode in May 2010, the show is still fondly remembered by its fans.

"It tapped into the imagination of a culture, in terms of people watching it, talking about it, going beyond a strict television experience," ABC Entertainment Group president Stephen McPherson said

in the *USA Today* article.

Sadly, residents of China might not ever get to view the program. According to a CNN.com article, the country began a crackdown on what types of programs can air on television and in films. The CNN.com article stated new guidelines issued in March by the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television in China said programs containing elements of "fantasy, time-travel, random compilations of mythical stories, bizarre plots, absurd techniques, even propagating feudal superstitions, fatalism and reincarnation, ambiguous moral lessons, and a lack of positive thinking" should not air on Chinese television.

Aside from the obvious oppression of freedom of speech and ability to express oneself for the citizens of China, the decision by the Chinese government is disappointing on a cultural level.

The country, while still under a communist regime, has made inroads in economic freedom with its trend toward capitalism and has become the second-largest economy in the world, according to a blog post on the Harvard Business Review. It's not like China is completely

closed to traditional Western ideals. So what's the point of stifling creativity? By limiting what writers can use for plot material, the country is potentially hindering its economic future in the entertainment market.

Movies like "Back to the Future," the first two "Terminator" movies, "Donnie Darko" and "12 Monkeys" showcase the best of what cinema can offer to the public.

I mean, is watching Arnold Schwarzenegger slowly melt away in a pool of lava as he gives John Connor a thumbs-up in sign in "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" really going to be the spark that causes revolt against the Chinese government? It's highly doubtful.

Come on, China. Let your people enjoy the freedom to watch movies about time travel. It's not going to result in the country losing its authoritarian hold on the people. If anything, its China's further repressing the their own citizens' freedoms that will be the catalyst for true freedom.

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INTERNATIONAL

Gadhafi defiant despite NATO airstrikes in Tripoli

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

Moammar Gadhafi rolled defiantly through the streets of Tripoli, pumping his fists as he poked through the sun roof of an SUV on Thursday — the same day that NATO airstrikes shook the city. The alliance's foreign ministers, while united in their aim to pressure the Libyan leader to go, argued at a meeting over whether to step up military operations that have so far failed to rout him.

Gadhafi gave no sign that

he's willing to relent, despite two months of civil war and mounting international pressure for him to move aside. Instead, his loyalists pounded rebel positions in the besieged western city of Misrata with dozens of rockets for several hours, killing at least 13 people.

The main target of the assault was Misrata's port, the only lifeline for rebels who have been trying to defend positions in the city, Libya's third-largest, against Gadhafi's forces.

Early Friday, Gadhafi's

daughter Aisha sent another defiant message from her father's Bab al-Aziziyah compound in the capital of Tripoli, badly damaged exactly 25 years ago, in an April 15, 1986 bombing by U.S. warplanes. That attack came in response to a bombing that had killed two U.S. servicemen at a German disco.

"Leave our skies with your bombs," Gadhafi's daughter told a cheering crowd, addressing the international community. "We are a people that cannot be defeated."

Wearing a green headscarf and a leather jacket, she waved to the crowd of several hundred and led them in chants from a second-floor balcony that in the past was used by her father to deliver speeches.

On Thursday, several large explosions were heard in Tripoli and a column of black smoke rose from the south-eastern part of the city, followed by the sound of anti-aircraft guns, a resident said.

Libyan state television showed Gadhafi — dressed in a black Western blazer, black crew neck T-shirt, sunglasses and a hat — standing through the open sun roof of a sport utility vehicle on a fist-pumping, rapid ride through Tripoli with dozens of supporters chasing behind him. Libyan TV said the trip came

on the same day that NATO airstrikes hit military and civilian areas in the capital.

The TV report said there were civilian casualties from the attacks. The report could not be confirmed.

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Hillary Clinton

U.S. Secretary of State

The fighting in Libya began in mid-February when large anti-government protests escalated into a civil war. Rebels hold much of eastern Libya, while Gadhafi controls the west, with the front line shifting back and forth in the middle. Three weeks of international airstrikes haven't routed Gadhafi's forces.

Gadhafi's troops unleashed three hours of heavy shelling on the port city of Misrata, which is partly held by rebels. The port is Misrata's only lifeline, and government forces fired tank shells and dozens of Grad missiles, according to witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared retaliation.

"They want to flatten the area to deploy the troops on foot and invade the city," said one of the witnesses, a doctor whose first name was Ayman. He added that a ship sent by Doctors Without Borders to evacuate 165 critically injured people to Tunisia had been scheduled to arrive Thursday morning at Misrata's port, and he believed the government had shelled the port to interfere with the humanitarian aid.

Another doctor in Misrata, who gave his name only as Khaled for fear of retribution, said some of those killed were inside their houses asleep at the time of the shelling. Among the dead were two men aged 75 and 80.

Gadhafi forces have control of a highway on the outskirts of Misrata, Libya's third-largest city.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon chaired a Cairo meeting of regional and international organizations on Libya and set three targets: reaching and implementing a cease-fire, delivering humanitarian aid and starting a dialogue on Libya's future.

"Shelling your own people is not acceptable," he said at a meeting at Arab League headquarters, referring to actions by Gadhafi's forces. "This is a violation of human rights."

At a two-day meeting of

NATO foreign ministers in Berlin, the United States and its allies put up a united front on the goals of the alliance's stalemated military mission in Libya but failed to resolve behind-the-scenes squabbling over how to achieve them.

NATO members agreed on paper with President Barack Obama that Gadhafi had to go to end the crisis, they also made clear that they would not be the ones to oust him. Although several NATO members want the alliance to commit more planes to expand the air campaign, the first day of meetings closed without any specific commitments for more aircraft.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton appealed for unity, saying Gadhafi was taunting the alliance by continuing to strike cities held by rebels seeking his overthrow.

"As our mission continues, maintaining our resolve and unity only grows more important," Clinton said. "Gadhafi is testing our determination."

The United States is resisting suggestions that it resume a large combat role to break a deadlock between rebels and better-armed forces loyal to Gadhafi.

Clinton and other top diplomats pointedly said their U.N. mandate for an air campaign does not extend to Gadhafi's exit by force.



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In this image made from TV, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi is seen in Tripoli on Thursday April 14 2011.

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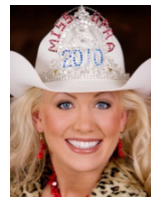
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EXTRACURRICULAR

Student trains for Miss Rodeo Texas

By Natalie Smith
Staff Reporter

After winning the title of Miss Houston-Harris County in January, junior Liz Hughes, is now training for the title of Miss Rodeo Texas in June.



Hughes

Hughes, a junior psychology major, said she grew up wanting horses and by the age of 12 had saved up enough money to buy her first horse. She then started going to rodeos and met the right group of people who were able to teach her the correct way to ride, she said.

Annette Veal, Hughes' pageant coach, said she started coaching Hughes when she was 12 years old. When Hughes was about 14, Veal helped her progress into the pageantry side of the rodeo, she said.

Hughes said the pageantry side of the rodeo consists of questions dealing with the history of the rodeo and a runway show which shows off each individual's beauty.

In preparation for each

pageant, Veal said Hughes practices riding on different horses to develop an ability to adjust to many different types of horses. She also prepares for the interviewing portion by studying the current statistics and history of the rodeo and then keeps up with the latest fashions and trends, Veal said.

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Hughes said she participated in her first pageant,

the New Boston Roundup Club, around the age of 14. Since then she has won many rodeo pageant titles, such as Little River County Rodeo Queen, Naples Rodeo Queen and Miss United Professional Rodeo Association Queen, she said.

After being defeated in the competition for Miss Rodeo USA in 2011 because of mixed feelings between the judges and losing her UPRA title after a year because of ineligibility, Hughes said she signed up to compete for the title of Miss Houston in order to participate in the Miss Rodeo Texas competition.

Hughes said she got involved with the Miss Houston pageant through word of mouth. She was running for Miss Rodeo Texas and needed another title within the state of Texas in order to compete, she said.

Hughes said the Miss Rodeo Texas organization likes its contestants to have a prior title, whether it be a state title or a title based on what ranch they practice at.

"The Houston Rodeo consists of competition from all over the state of Texas, who are chosen based on a stellar reputation and outstanding rec-

ommendations," Veal said.

Johnnie Nettles, Hughes' riding coach, said the rodeo included a two-part horsemanship component in the rodeo. First, contestants sit through a horsemanship interview, consisting of knowledge about the anatomy and maintenance of the horse. Second, contestants complete a riding portion with a standardized pattern to complete.

"Liz always does very well in the horsemanship contest," Nettles said. "She has won several horsemanship contests where she didn't win the whole thing, just the horsemanship part."

Hughes said she is now training for the five-day Miss Rodeo Texas competition in San Antonio. The competition judges horsemanship, where competitors run patterns while riding a random horse, followed by speeches, modeling, interviews, a written test, impromptu questions, on-stage questions and finally multiple appearances.

Hughes said she is now focusing on preparing for the Miss Rodeo Texas and is involved with the rodeo because of the great public speaking skills, and people skills gained from competing.

ENTERTAINMENT

Another 'American Idol' finalist booted

By Derrik J. Lang
Associated Press

Paul McDonald kept grinning despite being gouged on "American Idol."

The smiley singer-songwriter from Nashville, Tenn., was revealed to have received the fewest viewer votes on the Fox talent contest Thursday after kicking off Wednesday's film-themed performances with Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock and Roll" from "Risky Business." Jennifer Lopez requested the 26-year-old singer Rod Stewart's "Maggie May" as his swan song, and he happily obliged.

"C'mon, man, let's not get sad about this," he said after his dismissal.

McDonald was joined in the bottom three by Stefano Langone, the smooth 21-year-old singer from Kent, Wash., who powered through Boyz II Men's "End of the Road" from "Boomerang," and Haley Reinhart, the bluesy 20-year-old college student from Wheeling, Ill., who growled Blondie's "Call Me" from "American Gigolo."

Before the elimination, the eight finalists teamed up for various performances. This season's youngest remaining

singers, 17-year-old Scotty McCreery and 16-year-old Lauren Alaina, dueted on Lady Antebellum's "American Honey," and Reinhart joined Casey Abrams, the 20-year-old film camp counselor of Idyllwild, Calif., for the jazz standard "Moanin'."

"They sound like they've been doing it all their lives," said "Idol" judge Lopez.

McDonald joined Langone, 23-year-old spa concierge Jacob Lusk of Compton, Calif., and 22-year-old rocker James Durbin of Santa Cruz, Calif., for Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence" and "Mrs. Robinson." Rihanna also crooned "California King Bed," and first season "Idol" champ Kelly Clarkson performed her duet "Don't You Wanna Stay" with Jason Aldean.

McDonald, the offbeat vocalist who waltzed through the competition with his signature bright smile, raspy tone and wacky dance moves, is the first male contestant to be booted from the 10th season. Abrams was announced to have received the fewest viewer votes three weeks ago, but the judges used their one-time-only power to save him from elimination.

ENTERTAINMENT

Canada warns Sheen not to smoke onstage

By Charmaine Noronha
Associated Press

Canadian health officials warned Charlie Sheen not to smoke when he takes the stage Thursday during the Toronto stop of his "My Violent Torpedo of Truth" tour. Sheen, who has frequently puffed on a cigarette onstage during earlier tour stops, will perform his one-man show at Massey Hall for two nights.

Ontario Health Promotion Minister Margaret Best said health inspectors would be watching to ensure Sheen didn't light up onstage. She also offered Sheen help on kicking the habit, saying he should call the province's quit line.

"I would encourage him, given that he is a smoker, to call our hotline and to try and quit smoking for his own

health," she said.

It is illegal to smoke indoors in Ontario and celebrity cigarette habits have caused controversy in the past. Sean Penn lit up during a Toronto International Film Festival a few years ago, resulting in fines against a local hotel.

But Sheen may have bigger things to worry about besides butting out. His bizarre tour launched in Detroit on April 2 to an unimpressed audience, with some demanding refunds, and brutal reviews.

He's since tinkered with the show, experimenting with a Q-and-A format. While audience reception has improved, overall reviews have been mixed.

"I thought this guy's media antics before the tour launched were incredible entertainment and publicity-wise. I knew the show would either be terrible

or incredible so my friends and I are rolling the dice to check it out. Expensive dice," said Matt Repetski, who will be going to Sheen's Friday night show in Toronto.

Repetski paid \$96 (CA\$100) for his ticket. Ticket prices range from \$76 (CA\$80) to US\$105 (CA\$110), with a dollar from each ticket going to the Japanese Earthquake Relief Fund.

Sheen announced Thursday that Canadian comedian Russell Peters will be co-hosting his Toronto shows.

The actor, whose film credits include "Platoon," "Wall Street" and "Hot Shots!," has had past problems with alcohol and drugs, as well as several brushes with the law.

Sheen's recent erratic behavior and battles with "Two and a Half Men" producer Chuck Lorre prompted Warner Bros.

Television to fire him from the top-rated sitcom.

He's since filed a \$100 million lawsuit against Warner Bros. and Lorre, hit the media circuit with bizarre, stream-of-consciousness musings, and impulsively launched his "Torpedo of Truth."

A company with ties to Sheen also recently applied to trademark 22 of his catchphrases, which also include "warlock," "Rock Star From Mars" and "Adonis DNA."

Several of his buzzwords have also been emblazoned on mugs, ashtrays, hats and other merchandise available for purchase on his website.

The hard-partying star is going through a divorce with his third wife, Brooke Mueller Sheen, with whom he has twin sons (Sheen has two other children with his ex-wife, Denise Richards).

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WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

Friendly canine rides NY train; family sought

WEST BABYLON, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities are trying to locate the family of a friendly dog found riding a Long Island Rail Road train.

Train operators found the canine stowaway in

Farmingdale. Police theorize that the yellow lab mix was frightened by severe weather Tuesday night and bolted onto the train two stops earlier, in Wyandanch (WEYE'-uhn-danch).

Pat Rosen of Long Island Veterinary Specialists in Plainview says the 85-pound pooch is a "lovey" who leans in for cuddling and kisses.

The mysterious mutt was taken Thursday to the Town of Babylon shelter.

Drug store thief comes after pills, gets beans

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A pharmacist in southeastern Mississippi says some drug store burglar got a surprise when they broke into his business to steal the pain medication Lortab — the pills had been replaced with beans.

Pharmacist Mac Clark works at Fred's Drug Store in

Pascagoula and told WLOX TV the store has broken into several times in the past six months, and each time the burglars got Lortab. He decided he needed a decoy.

He put kidney beans in a large Lortab bottle. Around 6 a.m. Wednesday, the burglars came back. The only thing stolen was the Lortab bottle filled with beans.

Investigators believe the burglar cut him or herself during the break-in because they found a trail of blood leading away from the building.

Pa. Super Bowl poachers face fines, suspensions

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A wildlife conservation officer says two southwestern Pennsylvania men will be fined \$3,000 each and lose their hunting licenses for years for poaching two deer so they could serve venison at their Super Bowl party.

Officer Jason Farabaugh says misdemeanor poaching charges were reduced to summary offenses in a plea agreement reached Wednesday before a district judge in

Fayette County.

Farabaugh tells the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that 21-year-old Christopher Layman, of Uniontown, will also have his hunting privileges suspended for eight years, while 35-year-old James Donaldson, of Lemont Furnace, will lose his for five years.

Farabaugh says the men killed two deer out of season on Feb. 5 for their Super Bowl party the next day. Both men confessed to killing the deer and butchering them in a garage.

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 - 20 Hairy
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 - 22 Behaviorist and teen confidant?
 - 27 At first blush
 - 30 Teen follower?
 - 31 Infer
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 - 48 Time, for one
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 - 60 Gangster's gun, in old-timey slang
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 - 63 Children's author and roadside helper?
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- 1 Thing that endures
 - 2 Port of SW Italy
 - 3 "That's just wrong"
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 - 5 Tolkien's Skinbark and Leaflock, e.g.
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 - 42 Hoops embarrassment
 - 43 Caught one's breath
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 - 47 Spoil rotten
 - 48 Brit. military award
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 - 55 Time often named
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By Matt Matera 4/15/11

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Thursday's Solution

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"Bvlgari Quartz Watch"
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Sample

"Freeze"

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Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Tuesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Thursday's Solution

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NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

FAA official resigns after sleeping on the job

WASHINGTON (AP) — The official who oversees the nation's air traffic system resigned Thursday and the Federal Aviation Administration began a "top to bottom" review of the entire system following disclosures of four instances of air traffic controllers sleeping on the job.

FAA chief Randy Babbitt said in a statement that Hank Krakowski, the head of the agency's Air Traffic Organization, had submitted his resignation. He said David Grizzle, FAA's chief counsel, will temporarily take over for Krakowski while the agency searches for a replacement.

Babbitt moved on Wednesday to add a second overnight air traffic controller at more than two dozen airports around the country. The controllers were added hours after a medical flight was unable to raise a lone controller working at 2 a.m. at Reno-Tahoe International Airport. FAA said the Reno controller, who was out of communication for 16 minutes,

was sleeping. The plane landed safely with assistance from controllers at a regional radar facility in Northern California.

Babbitt said he would conduct a "top to bottom" review of FAA's entire air traffic system.

"Over the last few weeks we have seen examples of unprofessional conduct on the part of a few individuals that have rightly caused the traveling public to question our ability to ensure their safety," Babbitt said. "This conduct must stop immediately."

Word of Krakowski's resignation came as FAA officials were to meet privately Thursday with members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which oversees FAA's budget. Key members of Congress — including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. — have demanded FAA stop controllers from sleeping on the job.

The Reno incident was the second case this week of a sleeping controller. A controller at Boeing Field-King County International in Seattle was suspended after he fell asleep during his morning shift on Monday, the FAA said. He was

already facing disciplinary action for sleeping on two separate occasions during an early evening shift in January, the agency said.

The latest cases follow three previously disclosed incidents in which controllers have been suspended, including two episodes of controllers sleeping on duty.

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association has warned against putting controllers alone on shifts and assigning tiring work schedules.

At most airport towers, there's no bathroom in the room on top of the tower, known as the cab. With only one controller on duty, the position has to go unattended at times if the controller needs to use a bathroom. It's common for the nearest bathroom to be located down a flight of stairs.

Census: Hispanics surpass blacks in most US metros

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanics now outnumber African-Americans for the first time in most U.S. metropolitan areas, shifting the political and racial dynamics in cities once dominated by

whites and blacks.

Census figures released Thursday highlight the growing diversity of the 366 U.S. metro areas, which were home to a record share of 83.7 percent of the U.S. population. The numbers from the 2010 count already are influencing redistricting maps in many states, where political maps are being redrawn based on population size and racial makeup.

The number of a state's members in the U.S. House of Representatives is determined by its population. States delineate their own districts, often taking ethnic voting blocs into consideration.

Hispanics became the largest minority group in 191 metropolitan areas last year, their population lifted higher as blacks headed south, leaving many economically hard-hit cities in the North, and new Latino immigrants spread to different parts of the country. That is up from 159 metro areas when the previous Census was taken in 2000, when Hispanics were most commonly found in Southwest border states.

The new metro areas include Chicago, Illinois; Grand



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In this Sept. 18, 2008 file photo, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Chief Operating Officer Hank Krakowski poses in the cockpit of an FAA jet. Krakowski, the official who oversees the nation's air traffic system resigned Thursday.

Rapids, Michigan; and Atlantic City, New Jersey, whose states will lose U.S. House seats in the 2012 elections because of overall population changes. Other places seeing rapid Hispanic gains compared to blacks were Lakeland, Florida; Madison, Wisconsin; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Omaha, Nebraska, due

to the mid-decade housing boom, which attracted many new immigrants seeking work in the construction and service industries.

The Census Bureau reported last month that overall Hispanic population jumped 42 percent in the past decade to 50.5 million, or 1 in 6 Americans.

TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

Area of destructive Texas fires in severe drought

DALLAS (AP) — The area of West Texas where more than 60 homes were destroyed by wildfires in the past week is now in the most severe stage of drought.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday shows that an area from Fort Davis through Midland has fallen into exceptional drought. About 10 percent of the state is now in exceptional drought, more than double the amount from last week.

Officials say wildfires still threaten the northern and northwestern parts of Texas as strong winds combine with dry conditions.

Texas Forest Service spokesman Marq Webb said the extremely critical area for wildfires began south of Amarillo to the area north of Midland and west of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Webb says wind gusts

could reach 60 mph and no one should start fires outdoors.

Texas Senate votes for sexting misdemeanor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Senate has voted to allow prosecutors to charge teens 17 or younger with a misdemeanor, not a felony, if they are caught "sexting."

Sexting is when a mobile phone is used, often by teenagers, to send sexually explicit images or messages.

Current law says anyone who transmits an explicit image of a teen can face felony charges of possessing or trafficking child pornography.

Sen. Kirk Watson of Austin says he doesn't want teens to get labeled as sex offenders for the rest of their lives for doing something stupid. Watson's bill creates different levels of misdemeanor charges for sexting.

The bill also has been endorsed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

State senate panel gives schools more flexibility

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Educators who have begged state lawmakers for more freedom to deal with lower funding got a small victory Thursday when a state Senate committee voted to let school districts cut salaries and furlough contract personnel for a limited period.

They also agree more work needs to be done.

The bill allows districts to reduce contract employee salaries and furlough personnel for up to six non-instructional

days — but only while the Foundation School Program entitlement remains below 2010-2011 funding levels.

Public education has taken the brunt of the cuts as state lawmakers slash spending across the board to deal with a budget shortfall that could reach \$27 billion.

The bill was co-authored by Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Education Committee who spent six weeks meeting with education professionals to reach a compromise between teachers and administrators.

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SPORTS

MEN'S TENNIS

TCU plays UNLV after routing SMU

By Ryan Osborne
Staff Writer

The TCU men's tennis team beat crosstown rival SMU, 5-2, Wednesday at the Bayard F. Friedman Tennis Center and will play Mountain West Conference foe UNLV (13-9, 2-2 MWC) in its regular season finale Sunday at home.

Head coach David Roditi said he feels confident in his team as it wrap ups the regular season and heads into the postseason.

"We're finally starting to see the results of playing good tennis," Roditi said. "We all showed up today and when all eight players show up then we're a very good team."

The win versus the Mustangs was TCU's third in a row and ran the team's record to 10-12 overall and 4-1 in MWC play. The loss dropped SMU to 16-7 on the season and shortened its all-time series lead over TCU to 28-26.

The Frogs started fast and swept the Mustangs in doubles action, getting 8-5 wins from the senior tandem of Emanuel Brighiu and Christopher Price and the duos of Zach Nichols and Daniel Sanchez as well as Paul Chappell and Cameron Nash.

TCU picked up right where it left off when singles play began.

Nichols had little trouble with SMU's David Costa, winning 6-3, 6-1 in straight sets to give the Frogs a 2-0 overall match lead.

"We're finally starting to see the results of playing good tennis."

David Roditi
Head Coach

The Mustangs would respond with a straight-set win of their own when Mischa Nowicki beat TCU's Slah Mbarek, 6-3, 6-2.

The two schools would each pick up another win to run the score to 3-2 before the end of a pivotal match between Sanchez and SMU's Darren Walsh.

After Sanchez won the first set, 7-6 in tiebreaker fashion, the two battled back and forth for about 30 minutes in a tiebreaker in the next set. Sanchez survived seven match points, though, and outlasted Walsh to win the set on a 20-18 tiebreaker and clinch the match for the Frogs.

"He (Walsh) was a big server," Sanchez said. "I believed I was going to win, so I really played hard and maybe got a little lucky on the tiebreaker."

Roditi said the key to Sanchez' win was patience and toughness.

"Basically, you're taking it one point at a time [in a tiebreaker]," he said. "Daniel was down the whole tiebreaker and it takes a lot of nerve and a thick skin to withstand that kind of pressure in the tiebreaker."

UNLV last played Saturday, breaking a three-match losing streak in a 5-2 victory over Utah in Las Vegas. This past season, the Frogs defeated UNLV, 4-3, in Las Vegas. Nichols, Mbarek and Price all picked up singles victories over UNLV in the victory. The Frogs own an 8-1 all-time series lead over the Rebels and haven't lost to UNLV since the 2007 MWC Tournament.

Sports editor Ryne Sulier contributed to this report.

TCU (10-12, 4-1 MWC) vs. UNLV (13-9, 2-2 MWC)

When: Noon Sunday

Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

BASEBALL

No. 12 Frogs head west to SDSU

By Ryne Sulier
Sports Editor

There are stark differences between southern California and south-central Oklahoma. The biggest difference for No. 12 TCU might be that the Frogs haven't lost seven straight games to conference opponent San Diego State as they enter a weekend series with the Aztecs after losing their seventh in a row to OU Tuesday evening.

TCU (22-11, 7-2 MWC) started its first of a five-game road stretch with a 13-6 loss in Norman, Okla. — the Frogs are 2-8 against the Sooners under head coach Jim Schlossnagle and haven't beat OU since April 17, 2007.

The Frogs are 5-5 against San Diego State (11-22, 5-4 MWC) at Tony Gwynn Stadium in San Diego, Calif. and currently hold a 1.5 game lead over BYU and Utah for first place in the MWC standings.

The Aztecs aren't a .500 team, much less a top 25 team, but perceptions won't mean anything if TCU doesn't play well.

"We got to understand how we lose games, it's real simple," Schlossnagle said after the loss to OU. "You look at the scoreboard [and] you have to recognize that when you play bad against anybody you're not going to win; when you play bad against somebody good you're gonna get beat bad, and that's what happened."

With early season TCU baseball chatter focused on a preseason No. 1 ranking and a second straight berth to the College World Series, the Frogs must focus on taking care of their conference slate before thinking about NCAA postseason play. The Frogs are now four games off pace of their 2010 record 33 games into the season, which stood at 26-7.

In the games TCU has lost this season, fingers could more often than not be pointed at errors and untimely hitting: TCU committed four errors and had 11 hits to OU's 12, yet TCU was outscored 13-6.

"Look at the scoreboard — we had one less hit than they did, but they beat us



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Junior Erik Miller pitches against Oklahoma on Tuesday evening. Miller had the start but was pulled after giving up five runs, three earned. The team has a three-game series against SDSU this weekend in San Diego.

by seven," Schlossnagle said after the loss. "So walk five [batters], [make] four errors...whether it's Oklahoma consistently here for the last five years or it's anybody else, you're not going to win any games that way."

While the Aztecs are hitting only .242 as a team and sitting 11 games under .500, they've managed a 5-4 record against conference opponents, which could bode well for SDSU winning at least a game in the series.

This season the Frogs have had problems sweeping their three-game series, losing at least a game in six of eight weekend series on the season. Saturday the Aztecs will put Cole Swanson (2-1, 2.84 ERA) on the mound in a bid to out-duel sophomore pitcher Matt Purke (4-1, 1.47 ERA) in what may be SDSU's best chance at a win.

Looking ahead
The Frogs will have another crack at top 25 team after the SDSU series: TCU will travel to College Station to play No. 5 Texas A&M before playing three games against UNLV next weekend at Lupton Stadium. Also circle April 26 on the calendar, when the Sooners come to Lupton Stadium to play Game 2 of their season series with TCU.

Notes
Sophomore third baseman Jantzen Witte tied a school record with three doubles against OU in the Tuesday evening loss.

Junior left fielder Jason Coats will take a 13-game

hitting streak with him to SDSU.

SDSU's Cody Smith is 7-for-7 stealing bases this season.

Friday will mark the 28th time the Frogs and Aztecs have met; TCU holds a 16-10 all-time series lead over SDSU.

TCU (22-11, 7-2 MWC) at San Diego State (11-22, 5-4 MWC)

Game 1

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Probable starters: Kyle Winkler (5-1, 1.26 ERA) Corey Black (1-2, 4.80 ERA)

Where: Tony Gwynn Stadium — San Diego, Calif.

TV: CBS College Sports

Radio: KTCU-FM 88.7

GoFrogs.com: Follow GameTracker or listen live.

Game 2

When: 9 p.m. Saturday

Probable starters: Matt Purke (4-1, 1.47 ERA) vs. Cole Swanson (2-1, 2.84 ERA)

Where: Tony Gwynn Stadium — San Diego, Calif.

Radio: KTCU-FM 88.7

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Game 3

When: 3 p.m. Sunday

Probable starters: Steven Maxwell (5-0, 3.00 ERA) vs. TBA

Where: Tony Gwynn Stadium — San Diego, Calif.

Radio: KTCU-FM 88.7

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S TENNIS

TCU to play three MWC matches at USAFA

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

TCU women's tennis will take on three conference teams back to back this weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo. as the Frogs gear up for the Mountain West Conference Championships.

TCU (7-10, 2-3 MWC) will play against Colorado State (14-8, 0-4 MWC) on Friday, Wyoming (10-7, 0-4 MWC) on Saturday and Air Force (14-8, 0-4 MWC) on Sunday. Despite not having a day off between matches, coach Dave Borelli said he is confident in his team's ability.

"I think momentum is everything and confidence if everything and our team is capable of winning the last seven matches," he said. "I really believe that. I have a lot of faith in my team."

The team lost matches 4-3 to UNLV and 5-2 to San Diego State last weekend in Albuquerque, N.M. but Borelli said changing up the team's doubles lineup will have a positive impact on the upcoming games.

"We lost two very close matches last week...but we found our doubles combination which has been a struggle all year," Borelli said.

The Frogs will return to the doubles lineup they used against San Diego State Sunday.

Borelli said the team had overcome injuries that had



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Senior Katariina Tuohimaa returns the ball in a singles match against UNM earlier in the season. The team plays three games this weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo. against Colorado State, Wyoming and Air Force.

impacted them earlier in the season. Senior Katariina Tuohimaa said having a healthy team would put them at an advantage.

"There's been little injuries all throughout the season," Tuohimaa said. "Nothing too big, but if one person's hurt it will impact the whole lineup."

Tuohimaa said now that the team has recovered and everyone is in good health their performance should improve.

Tuohimaa has a 4-1 record in singles and has remained in the No. 1 spot through all five of her matches.

"I think we're all pretty excited to play here," she said. "We're pretty positive about the whole weekend, and hop-

ing to win."

CSU's Caitlin Fluegge holds the No. 1 spot for the Rams with a 5-10 record. Fluegge and Veronika Wojakowska carry a 3-6 record into Friday's match as the Rams' No. 1 doubles duo.

When the Frogs face Wyoming Saturday, in singles they will face the Cowgirls' Veronica Popovici at the No. 1 court. Popovici has an 11-5 record in singles and is 2-2 in MWC play.

Sunday the Frogs will be matched against The Falcons' No. 1 duo of Melissa Cecil and Tahlia Smoke, who are 14-7 in the spring. Christen Monreal is the No. 1 player in singles for Air Force. She has a 7-11

record in the spring.

Borelli said he did not think the change in altitude would affect the team too much.

"We're in very good physical shape, Borelli said. "In altitude, there's a tendency to be a little short-winded and things like that, but I really think we're in an opportunity here to take advantage of what our strength is."

"I think we're team number one to play in these last seven matches, and that's the honest to God truth," he said.

Notes

TCU has never lost to any of their upcoming weekend opponents. TCU is 7-0 against CSU, 10-0 against Wyoming and 5-0 against Air Force.

EQUESTRIAN

Frogs 2-0 at VENC

Staff Report

WACO — The TCU equestrian program went 2-0 in competition Thursday morning as both the Hunt Seat and Western squads scored victories over Kansas State and Fresno State, respectively, at the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championships.

"We rode really well as a team today," head coach Gary Reynolds said. "The Hunt Seat team rode great this morning and I thought the Western team performed really well against Fresno State. Senior Kelsey Huffman has come together at just the right time for us."

The No. 9 seeded Horned Frog Hunt Seat team opened the day downing No. 8 Kansas State, 5-3, at the Extraco Events Center. With the win, TCU has now won its opening round match in English each of the last two years. The Frogs, who outscored the Wildcats, 1,026-977, faced No. 1 Auburn during the night session Thursday night.

The Frogs claimed a 3-1 decision in Equitation on the Flat Thursday. Jessica Hagen got TCU rolling, upending Larissa Laffey, 132-128, while senior Milana Trimino was also victorious in the event, claiming a 135-121 victory over Meredith Finch. Haley Jacobi tallied the other point for the Purple and White on the Flat, defeating Stephanie Patterson, 127-117.

In Equitation over Fences, Taylor Frederick and Caitlin

Ader both scored victories over Catherin Avolese and Sarah Mershon, respectively.

On the Western side, No. 6 TCU opened the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championships routing No. 11 Fresno State, 6-1. The Frogs, who outscored FSU, 1,161-1,114, swept the Bulldogs in Horsemanship and claimed a 2-1 decision in Reining. With the win, TCU will now face No. 3 Auburn Friday morning.

In Horsemanship, senior Kelsey Huffman dropped Shauna Woodward, 152.5-142, while fellow senior Ashley Aikman, who was just named an honorable mention All-American, earned a 149-142.5 victory over Christa Beezley. Courtney Chown, a Pilot Point native, continued her dominance in the event this season, upending Madison Silver, 148-134.5. Chown, who was recently named an All-America honoree in Horsemanship, moved to 10-0 on the year with the victory. Finally, freshman Taylor Prince captured her first victory at nationals Thursday, defeating Sammie Jo Stone, 146-142.5.

Huffman was also victorious in Reining Thursday, defeating Sonja Koch, 146.5-133. Devin Spencer tallied the other point for the Frogs, while Kolby Simonson rode Rascal to a 139.5 draw against Jillian Tebbe.

TCU will continue action at the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championships on Friday.

TRACK & FIELD

TCU to compete coast to coast

By Katie Terhune
Staff Reporter

The TCU track & field team will be splitting up to head to opposite ends of the country this weekend for two meets. Some Horned Frogs will compete today in the 53rd annual Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. Other team members will compete Saturday at the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational, held in Gainesville, Fla.

The track & field team is coming off a good showing at the Texas Relays in Austin last weekend. Senior sprinter Jessica Young placed first in collegiate entries for the 100-me-

ter race, and was named the Mountain West Conference Women's Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week on Wednesday.

OJ Stoneham, Charles Silmon, Mychal Dungey and Mark Barnes, the competitors in the men's 4x100 relay team, ran the No. 1 time posted in the Mountain West Conference with a time of 39.38 seconds.

The Mt. SAC Relays will include running events, hurdles, steeplechase, field events and three different distance relay races. Last year at The Mt. SAC Relays, senior Rose Tanui broke the TCU women's record by running 5,000

meters in 16:13:30. Festus Ki-gen, also a senior, ran the second-fastest time in program history, completing the men's 5,000 meters in 13:52:06.

The Tom Jones Memorial Invitational, hosted by the University of Florida, will include both running and field events.

Mt. SAC Relays

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Tom Jones Memorial Invitational

When: All day Saturday
Where: Gainesville, Fla.

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BASEBALL

No. 14 Frogs head west to face San Diego State this weekend

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TCU plays two of three weekend MWC matches on the road.

NBA BASKETBALL

Terry could be X-Factor against Portland



NBA Playoff Round 1: No. 3 Dallas Mavericks (57-25) vs. No. 6 Portland Trail Blazers (48-34)

Game 1

Dallas vs. Portland
When: 8:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN

Game 2

Dallas vs. Portland
When: 8:30 p.m. Tuesday
TV: TNT

Game 3

Dallas at Portland
When: 9:30 p.m. Thursday
TV: TNT

Game 4

Dallas at Portland
When: 4 p.m. April 23
TV: TNT

Game 5

Dallas vs. Portland (if necessary)
When: April 25 at TBD

Game 6

Dallas at Portland (if necessary)
When: April 28 at TBD

Game 7

Dallas vs. Portland (if necessary)
When: April 30 at TBD

By Myka Williams
Staff Writer

It's officially playoff time in the National Basketball Association, and as Dallas Mavericks' sixth man Jason Terry is aware, his production in the postseason will play a vital role in the Mavs' success.

The Mavericks (57-25) clinched the No. 3 spot and are set to face the No. 6 Portland Trail Blazers (48-34). Game one in Dallas is set for 8:30 p.m. Saturday on ESPN.

The Mavs potentially could have had the No. 2 seed, but the Los Angeles Lakers took the two seed after beating Sacramento 116-108 Wednesday night in overtime.

Forward Shawn Marion said these games are a team effort and not only about one player, but Terry will need to be himself.

"We're going to need Jet [Terry] to be Jet," Marion said. "We're going to need everyone to be themselves. It's going to be a team effort, not only two people doing this and that. It's not just going to be on one person. We're going to need everybody to step up and help this team win."

Terry finished with 13 points alongside Dirk Nowitzki's 32 points in a 121-89 home rout of New Orleans in the Mavericks' regular season finale Wednesday night. Terry said this game was an example of the intensity his ball club needs going into the playoffs, which may be the fuel Dallas needs to go beyond the first round.

"Tonight was a great example of what we're going to do to have success," Terry said. "We have to get after it defensively, make the physical plays and not be outworked on either end of the floor."

It hasn't been a smooth ride off the court this season for Terry with the death of his aunt.

On the court, Terry was given a flagrant foul after pushing down the Lakers' Steve Blake in a 110-82 loss March 31. He was also involved in a confrontation with JJ. Barea and Coach Rick Carlisle in 107-96 win against the Clippers April 8. After making 1-of-2 free throws to tie the game on Monday against Houston with 1.5 seconds left

in regulation, Terry appeared to celebrate as if the Mavs won despite the game heading to overtime. Terry dismissed the notion, saying he was only excited the Rockets did not get a shot at the basket before the end of regulation.

But the Arizona alumnus is putting the regular season behind him to prepare for the playoffs. Terry said this may be the season for the Mavericks and that he feels his team is the team to beat in the West.

"We know our plan of attack," Terry said. "We have a good flow and rhythm to our game. Everybody says the Lakers is the team to beat, but I know seven other teams in the Western Conference that feel like they're the team to beat and we're one of them. I feel like now is the time and we're ready."

Terry is the only player to appear in every game for the Mavericks this season. The 11-year pro registered his 1,000th 3-pointer with the Mavericks in an April 10 game against Phoenix. He finished 3-of-7 from beyond the arc en-route to 17 points off the bench in the 115-90 win against the Suns.

The 6-foot-2 guard is known for clutch plays of late. Terry recorded all 19 of his points in the fourth quarter in a game at Miami earlier this season. It marked the second-highest scoring total he's posted in the fourth quarter of a game in his career. He has scored 10+ points in the fourth quarter 13 times this season, averaging 6.2 points in the fourth quarter.

Center Brendan Haywood said Terry is a spark that can provide leadership with his pro experience.

"Terry is a veteran," Haywood said. "We always need his scoring because he's a dynamic scorer and one of the better shooters in the game. That's what we need him to do, be himself and come out there to give us that pop off the bench and instant energy."

When the Blazers arrive to the American Airlines Center Saturday, a team that Dallas split a 2-2 regular season series with, Nowitzki said it's going to be a tough battle.

"We'll be ready," Nowitzki said. "It should be a fun run."

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Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry (31) goes inside to score past Portland Trail Blazers' Martell Webster (right) in the first half at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas, Wednesday, February 13, 2008.