



**STUDENT MEDIA 6**

New leadership positions announced Friday.

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**CLARIFICATION**

In Tuesday's *Skiff*, an article on the 2011 Varsity Equestrian National Championships should have reported TCU concluded its season by losing all three of its matches on Friday. The team went 2-1 in Thursday matches.

**BUSINESS 6**

Neeley Associates for 2011-12 school year were chosen last week.





## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# SGA gives money to Tau Beta Sigma for convention trip

By Sydney Hicks

Staff Reporter

After much debate, a bill passed Tuesday night to give \$300 to the TCU Tau Beta Sigma Chapter for expenses at its 2011 National Convention.

Tau Beta Sigma is a national honorary band service sorority that has served the TCU band and Fort Worth community since 1957, according to the bill. Tau Beta Sigma is one of 14 national chapters nominated as a Grace and A. Frank Martin Top Chapter Leadership finalist.

Colleen Ketchum, a representative for the sorority, said the group had played shows at Starpoint School and nursing homes in the community, and raised funds for different causes, such as Japan relief.

Caroline Wiersgalla, the vice president of external affairs, said the money would help pay for meals because the House can not give money for transportation or lodging. Kari Berdelle, a representative for the College

of Communication, said the sorority gives so much to the community, TCU and the band and since SGA cannot pay for transportation or lodging, one thing they could do is provide the sorority with food.

Hunter Sprague, a representative for the class of 2013, said this bill would bring something back to the university because the sorority is nominated for a national award, and it reflects well on TCU.

Brent Folan, student body treasurer, said he did not think SGA should pay for food because the sorority was already given \$460 for registration fees from the Activities Funding Board.

Typically, when money is given to pay for food it is \$10 per person per event, not \$150 for a five-day convention, Folan said.

The bill passed with a majority vote.

#### Bill will add outside furniture to campus

A bill passed to allocate

funds for two tables and one bench on the east side of campus.

The bill would allow \$8,000 from the House operating budget for two tables, a bench, concrete pads to place the tables on, shipping costs and plaques stating SGA funded the project, according to the bill.

The tables would be placed on the east side of Tucker Technology Center near Bass Hall, and the bench would be placed front of the library.

Trevor Melvin, the parliamentarian, said TCU had been building a lot on campus and he felt the concrete pads would take away more grass.

Jansen Harrison, a representative for the Addran College of Liberal Arts, said he felt \$8,000 seemed steep when there are already places on campus where tables do not seem to be utilized, such as the walkway between Sid Richardson Hall.

Brittany Henderson, a representative for the College of

Fine Arts, said she would like a table to do homework on in between classes because she liked to sit outside on benches doing homework but could only write on her lap.

The bill passed with a majority vote.

#### Resolution outlines representatives' jobs

A resolution passed to encourage an unofficial House operations document for the next House session.

Brett Anderson, vice president of operations, said the House had never had a document to give general outlines for representatives to do their jobs better. Anderson said the document could be updated yearly with new information.

Andrew Pulliam, the speaker of the House, said the document would be a place to put general information that would be too casual to fit in context of the Student Body Code or the Student Constitution.

The resolution passed with a

majority vote.

#### Run-off evaluation passed

A resolution passed to evaluate the feasibility to implement an instant run-off voting system during Student Body Officer Elections.

Anderson explained the new system would have students rank candidates. If an absolute majority is not reached, meaning if a student's No. 1 choice is not elected, the system would use the voter's second choice.

The system would eliminate the need for a second day of run-off voting that usually results in fewer student voters, he said.

Pulliam said resolution would not pass legislation, but call for the Elections and Regulations Committee to conduct research and see if it would be beneficial to the election and student body.

The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

#### Bill introduction resolution

passed

A resolution passed to initiate an evaluation of the bill introduction process.

Dalton Goodier, the student relations committee chair, said bills take nearly 10 days to be introduced on the House floor, even with timely issues, like relief for the Japan earthquake and tsunami.

Goodier said the resolution would look to find a way to streamline the procedure to get bills in and out of the House as soon as possible.

He said the finance committee conducts a large amount of business over e-mail, so it would not place any additional time pressure on the committee.

Graham McMillan, chaplain, said almost every bill is time-sensitive, so SGA should look for a way to get more things done.

The resolution passed with a majority vote.

The meeting was suspended for around 10 minutes when a

## HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

# University proposes additional sophomore housing by 2012

By Cathy Pham

Staff Reporter

The university has proposed additional housing for sophomores that will try to accommodate about 300 students in a residential facility in Worth Hills by 2012, according to a Board of Trustees agenda action titled, "The Sophomore Housing Facility Project."

Craig Allen, director of housing & residence life, said the project is currently only a proposal as of Thursday.

Preliminary costs for the Sophomore Housing Facility Project are around \$28 million, but are subject to change, according to the document.

An increase in student admission and renovations to on-campus housing will leave 400-500 students who want to live on campus searching for alternatives, according to a document written by Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration. The document was distributed to representatives at the

Student Relations Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 7.

The proposed new housing facility would be located at the intersection of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North. The proposal for a new residence hall occurred as a result of the delay in the Greek Village project at Worth Hills, which would provide updated housing for students living in fraternity and sorority housing.

According to the Trustee Student Relations Committee agenda, the TCU Master Plan for housing is to have two-

thirds of all undergraduates living on campus.

About 450-600 sophomore beds will be needed in the new residence halls. Factors such as parking space, funding and reuse of existing residence halls are still undecided.

According to the document by Mills, more detailed plans regarding the Sophomore Housing Facility Project and the Greek Village will take place after Kathryn Cavins-Tull, the new vice chancellor for student affairs, starts at TCU next fall.



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A proposed housing facility would be located at the intersection of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North to help alleviate the current housing crunch.

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## HOUSING &amp; RESIDENCE LIFE

## Office looks for new ways to accommodate high housing demand

By Kim Burdi  
and Cathy Pham  
Staff Reporters

Although the demand for students who want on-campus housing is higher than ever before, TCU Housing & Residence Life is trying to accommodate each student to the best of its abilities, Director of TCU Housing & Residence Life Craig Allen said.

"We have more beds than we have ever had, but at the same time we've increased beds, the number of freshmen being admitted has increased," Allen said.

Two years ago, there were a little over 1,800 freshmen who are now sophomores and as sophomores they are becoming juniors this year, he said. There is less space available for them as there has been for previous classes because there are more juniors and seniors than TCU has ever had before, he said.

Allen said halls are already set aside for incoming freshmen and they are not going to be filled up by juniors or seniors.

"Freshmen are still applying, so we haven't done anything with freshman assignments yet," Allen said.

Regardless of classification, all current students were asked to fill out a housing application if they wanted to live on campus next year, Allen said. There were about 2,200 students who applied and each student received a randomly generated lottery number that determined when he or she could sign up for housing, he said.

"Everyone had the same chance of getting a good lottery number as everybody else," Allen said. "The order in which people went were

sophomores with priority, mixed groups of sophomores with juniors and seniors and juniors and seniors were the last group."

Sophomores who are wait-listed will all eventually be guaranteed housing, he said.

Allen said on-campus housing is not guaranteed for juniors and seniors and if upperclassmen thought differently, they should have done their research. Although several hundred juniors and seniors live on campus, there are not enough beds for all upperclassmen, he said.

"There's this myth that no juniors and seniors live on campus — that's not true," he said. "We added beds in the last five years. All of Sandage and McCart [apartments] used to be graduate students and are now undergraduate juniors and seniors. We have condos at Bellaire, and there are 30 beds for juniors and seniors."

One option for students who are unable to find housing on campus, Allen said, is the GrandMarc apartments off of Berry Street.

"We partner with the GrandMarc and lease beds that we make available in our housing lottery so that's another way we've added beds," Allen said. "But even in those beds that we've added, the numbers of students have grown. As those numbers of students have grown, the freshman and sophomores are taking up more and more beds, which in effect means there are less beds for juniors

and seniors."

#### "A different environment" — The GrandMarc

According to the Housing & Residence Life website, a single room in a quad in Carter is \$3,600 per semester compared to a single room in a quad \$4,400 at the GrandMarc. This is an \$800 difference for students who chose to live in the GrandMarc instead of on campus in a dorm.

"If [students] chose to live in the GrandMarc, the cost for rent when including housing and meal plan is comparable to on campus," Allen said. "Obviously, it's different because it's a different living environment."

Overall, Allen said prices are determined based on the model of living. For example, living in Colby Hall is different than living in Amon G. Carter Hall.

Representatives from GrandMarc at Westberry Place, an apartment building located on Berry Street, wrote in a letter to the *Skiff* that they are not affiliated with TCU residential housing and questions about living on campus should be directed to housing & residence life.

Freshman music education major Kayla Poole said she could not find a group to sign up with and missed the deadline for the housing application. When she found a group of three other girls, she was not able to sign up with them and had to wait until

the second-to-last day of sign ups.

"When I went to sign up there were only three rooms left in the GrandMarc," Poole said. "I'm [going to be] a sophomore and I'm required to live on campus, but technically the GrandMarc isn't even on campus."

Poole said she emailed Housing & Residence Life to get on the waitlist for a room in Amon G. Carter Hall. She said she hoped the fourth spot in the room would become available.

"I also told them I want anything else besides the GrandMarc," she said. "Because I am a music major and the GrandMarc is kind of far from the music building," Poole said.

#### Other off-campus options

Allen said TCU Housing & Residence Life is doing a number of things to help students.

Juniors and seniors may attend an information session tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Brown-Lupton University Union about off-campus housing alternatives for upperclassmen.

In addition to the GrandMarc, there are resources in the housing office for students who are unable to live on campus, Allen said. There is a guide for off-campus living and listings for other apartment complexes in the area, Allen said.

The office doesn't necessarily point students to one

particular place, but it makes opportunities available for students to decide for themselves what might be the best place, he said.

The office can also provide students information about local real estate agents who can help them find a place to live, whether it be a house or apartment.

"We do a lot of talking to students whether they are calling or emailing us," Allen said. "We respond to questions to help students make the decision where is the best place for them to live."

Sophomore secondary education major Matthew Castaneda said he called housing because he had no idea where he and his roommates were going to live next year.

"Now it's just a waiting game," Castaneda said. "I understand that housing is trying its best and I recognize it's hard with the surplus of students."

He said he has never used the resources from the housing office, but he and his roommates have looked at other options.

"We are looking at surrounding housing and cross-checking with what TCU may be able to offer," Castaneda said. "We found a house and are looking into to it, but only because it's like our last resort."

Allen said he is always open to suggestions for the process but the reality is that until TCU has more beds, the process of signing up for housing is not the main concern.

He said a goal for TCU Housing & Residence Life is to try and find a space for all the students who want to be on campus.

Allen said if students are not able to live on campus he wanted students to always feel welcome and be a part of campus life.

"I want everybody to know that I understand how important [housing] is to students. I will do whatever I can to ease the anxiety," Allen said. "I ask for people to be patient and trust us. We want people to be happy as much as they want to be happy."

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Room needs to be made  
for upperclassmen

When I arrived on campus as a freshman, my parents said shoving my belongings into a tiny room I would be sharing with another person was a rite of passage.

I took one look at the bathrooms down the hall in Colby Hall and started a countdown till Thanksgiving of when I would be able to sleep in my own bed again. But on-campus housing offers a community and a culture I've grown to love. Three years later, I'm still living on campus and loving it.

Thinking back to freshman year, it's hard to imagine the tables turned, where dozens of upperclassmen desperately want to live on campus but had no place to go. Being turned away by Housing & Residence Life after an impersonal, lottery-style room assignment process feels like a betrayal for the upperclassmen who wanted to live on campus next year, but who did not receive an assignment.

Whether it's for safety reasons, convenience or a desire to be closer to the university atmosphere, students have every reason to want to live on campus, and the university should embrace it. Housing & Residence Life should be doing everything in its power to keep this enthusiasm alive. Building additional residence halls or purchasing additional apartment housing, like the GrandMarc, are essential to keeping the identity of the campus alive.

TCU has invested so much in a new student union and a beautiful main campus — why not let everyone enjoy it?

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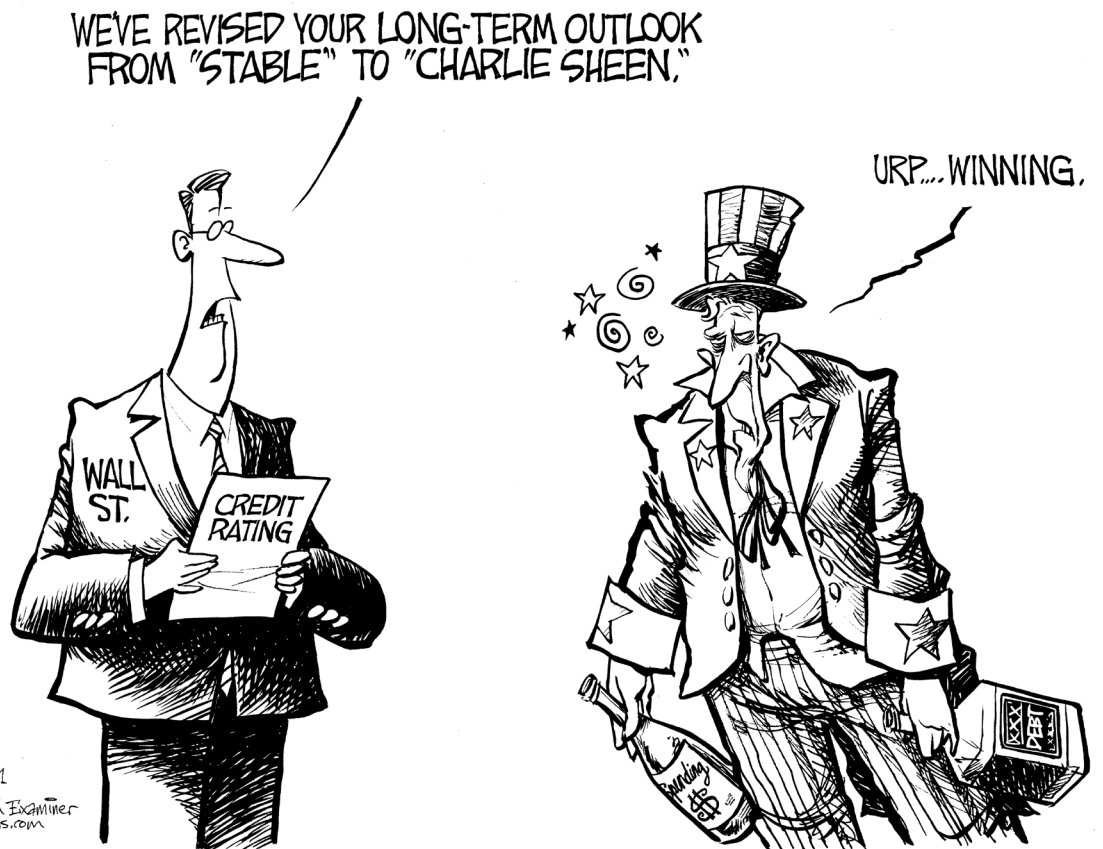
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## Real pain of breakups should be considered



Bailey McGowan

Breakups hurt, and now there might be a real excuse as to why you physically feel that way.

According to a March 2 article from *The Associated Press*, a new study by the University of Michigan shows that psychological or social events can affect the regions of the brain associated with physical pain. This means that one can literally feel physical pain from non-physical events, like breakups.

These results are just another step to helping people who experience emotional distress. Now there is scientific backing to the claims of a physical sensation result-

ing from a purely emotional event.

The study used 40 volunteers who had experienced an unwanted breakup in the past six months and who claimed to feel intensely rejected from the breakup. The volunteers then underwent a functional MRI where they were put through a series of tests.

In the tests they had to experience a variety of sensations: View a picture of their ex-partner and think about the breakup, view a picture of a friend and think of a positive experience they had with that friend, have a kind of heating pad with a comforting warmth on their arm and use the same heating pad that was hot to the point of pain but not physical damage.

The results found that the same areas of the brain that were stimulated when the volunteers thought about their ex-partner and experienced the painful heating

pad were the same.

Another aspect of these results is the justification for healthy and selfless relationships. A rule in elementary classrooms is the golden rule — do unto others as you would have them do unto you. You should never leave people in such a state that they are beyond repair.

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Breakups are never easy. This is not to say if someone is in an abusive relationship that he or she should stay — dating violence is never acceptable. Instead,

people should look to better their partners and to be as supportive as possible until the end.

Breakups don't have to be dramatic occasions. Maturity on the part of both individuals can minimize the amount of emotional stress as long as it is dealt with care and sensitivity. If people can't handle themselves in an adult manner, then they don't need to be in a relationship anyway.

In the end, though, the people doing the breaking up must think about what is best for them. While it may be painful, it is emotionally unhealthy to stay with someone else simply to make that person happy.

There is physical pain with emotional trauma. This fact makes it necessary for us to learn how to treat one another with love and respect, no matter the situation.

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## PERSPECTIVES

## Charity work can't make up for memoir's exaggerations



Andrea Bolt

James Frey infamously did it with "A Million Little Pieces," and now bestselling "Three Cups of Tea" author Greg Mortenson is being accused of it too: memoir fraud.

The *New York Times*-bestselling novel, which earned millions, is coming under fire for multiple alleged inaccuracies and discrepancies concerning timelines and events.

It is bad enough that Mortenson could have potentially exaggerated about events and then published them as reality — that is an act definitely offensive to many. As a consumer of media, I'm offended; as a reader, I'm offended; as a writer, I'm offended; as the journalist

who interviewed Mortenson for his event on TCU's campus three months ago — I'm aggressively pissed off.

The seemingly gentle man smiled, shook my hand, spoke to me with respect and with passion for his cause. He gave a few canned, corny, Gandhian quotes concerning humanity and education, but he also spoke with what sounded like genuine care and concern for the people he encountered, the children he helped, and the boy who was tragically killed by a landmine.

This same man claims that after famously failing to reach the summit of K2, he staggered into a village, delirious and dehydrated, was nursed back to good condition and then vowed to return one day and build a school. Mortenson now says this happening was a "compressed version of events that took place in the fall of 1993," according to a Yahoo! News article published Monday. And the suspenseful, uber-danger-

ous part where Mortenson was kidnapped and held hostage by the Taliban for eight days? False, according to "60 Minutes" correspondent Steve Kroft, who put Mortenson's tale through the wringer and spurred the now-nationwide skepticism surrounding the memoir.

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"It's a beautiful story, and it's a lie," author Jon Krakauer, former financial supporter and friend of Mortenson's, said in the same Yahoo! News story and to "60 Minutes." Krakauer offered compelling evidence

that Mortenson was never separated from his other mountain climbers or lost during his descent. He goes on to claim the village of Korphe, where Mortenson has supposedly spent so much time, money and has expressed great gratitude for, was not even known to him until a year afterward. The men he identified as his Taliban kidnappers? His tour guides, Krakauer said.

Kroft went on to report that half a dozen board and staff members have left Mortenson's nonprofit in recent years due to disagreements with how the money was being budgeted. The same Yahoo! News story claims the charity has only filed one public IRS return in its 14-year existence and reported spending \$1.7 million on Mortenson's book tour and promotion travels on items including private jets. Krakauer said he was told by a staffer that "Greg uses Central Asia Institute as his private ATM machine — that there's no ac-



JESSICA PETERSON/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Greg Mortenson speaks in Ed Landreth Hall earlier this semester. His book, "Three Cups of Tea," has come under fire after allegations that some of the accounts in the book are false.

counting. He has no receipts."

The rabbit hole goes deeper and deeper concerning Mortenson's schools, specifically how many of them are actually occupied and used as places of education and how many are actually even in existence. Yes, Mortenson has brought awareness to a worthy cause and built schools in remote villages for

needy children, but if half of that funding is going into his pocket and half of those schools are not even occupied, how much good is he doing? Did he even actually drink any tea, or were those cups filled with crap, too?

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## BUSINESS

# Neeley School of Business Associates chosen for 2011-2012

By **Brittany Rainville**  
Staff Reporter

TCU business students who applied for the 2011-2012 Neeley Associates program found out this past week if they made the cut.

Senior Associate Dean and Professor of International Business Bill Moncrief said the role of 16 Neeley Associates chosen each spring is to serve as student representatives and ambassadors for the Neeley School of Business.

They work for the dean's office, the Neeley Student Resource Center and are in charge of programming and recruiting students and faculty.

"When I need a student to represent the Neeley School, I call one of the associates," he said. "They are the face of the business school."

Junior marketing major Caitlin Locke was a Neeley Associate for the 2010-2011 school year. She said she applied to be an associate in order to set her-

self apart from other business students and gain the interaction and personal relationships with faculty.

Joe Askew, a junior finance major with an emphasis in real estate, was accepted as one of next year's associates. He said he had heard from previous members that it was worth taking the time to apply, so he applied and was accepted.

"I'm looking forward to being a face for the business school and getting to work with the faculty a little bit more," he said.

Locke said the major obligations of being an associate are participating in the Neeley basketball tournament and assisting during interview day for students applying to be a part of the business school.

Moncrief said the annual Neeley basketball tournament is run entirely by the associates. The associates prepare and cook all of the food for the event and organize the teams and games.

"The teams come from our clubs inside the business

school," he said. "We'll have eight to 10 teams with one faculty team, and we just have an all-day tournament and cook out."

On interview day, about 310 sophomores have interviews with 130 business professionals to determine whether or not they are accepted to the business school. Moncrief said associates are responsible for checking people in, getting people to the right rooms and working with students directly.

"Associates are the worker bees on that day, without them we couldn't get it done," Moncrief said.

Locke said interview day was her favorite part of being an associate because associates were able to help calm the nerves of the students applying.

"We gave them advice that we would have liked when we went through," she said. "It's just a great experience to help them realize what their lives are going to be like after they leave the business school and have to

interview for a real job."

Moncrief said most of the associates are seniors, but even the few juniors who make it are only allowed to serve one year.

"We don't allow them to come back for another year because of the burnout factor," he said. "We want everyone fresh."

There are a lot of positives to becoming a Neeley Associate, including the interaction with

experienced business professionals, Moncrief said.

"It certainly helps to have access to the dean, our board members, and me and my connections," he said. "It's just fun, and I think everyone in the past has really enjoyed it."

Applications for Neeley Associates are due in April each year, Moncrief said. Once applications are received, new asso-

ciates are chosen by Moncrief, three representatives in the Neeley Student Resource Center and input from the existing Neeley Associates, he said.

Askew said his advice for any students planning to apply for Neeley Associates next spring is to try to get recommendations from professors they have a good relationship with and spend some time on the essays.



COURTESY OF AISHA TORREY-SAWYER

Current members on Neeley Associates pose at an event this year. Next year's Neeley Associates were selected this week.

## COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

# Fall student media leaders selected

By **Mandy Naglich**  
Staff Reporter

Leadership positions for TCU Student Media were selected Friday.

The new leaders, Madison Pelletier, TCU News Now director; Katie Terhune, *Daily Skiff* editor-in-chief; Maddie Grussendorf, *Image* magazine editor-in-chief; and Joan Swearingen, student media advertising director, said they all are excited about the chance to change the face of student media at TCU.

Pelletier has a year of experience in student media. In fall 2010, Pelletier was the *Skiff* sports editor and was the News Now sports director in spring 2011. This time, she has control of all of News Now.

"I'm excited that now I will have a focus other than sports," she said. "I will have more direction and be able to make more of an impact."

Pelletier said she hoped to make better use of the Schief-fer School's new equipment and new studio. She said she was especially excited to use some special components, like the green screen and the interview table, in the news studio on the first floor of Moudy South.

"Students don't even know how much equipment we have,"

she said, "I want to incorporate it to make News Now better."

Terhune said she had less experience than previous *Skiff* editors-in-chief, but that she was ready to take control of the paper. She said she applied for the position to help her get experience and that she enjoyed working with the publication.

Terhune said the complete staff turnover would be a time for a "fresh start" at the *Skiff*. Developing a new student media website also would be a challenge to which Terhune said she looked forward.

"Students are busy," she said. "It will be easier to have the news all in one place and not have to worry about going to other mediums."

She said the department's larger web involvement should make news more accessible to students and incorporate more of the campus.

Grussendorf comes from a different background than some student media leaders. She is a psychology major who started off doing freelance writing for *Image*. She said she always knew magazines were where she wanted to go with her career.

"I think it's fate that presented me with this opportunity, so I'm just going to seize it and really use it to the fullest," she said.

Grussendorf said she had many ideas she wanted to implement at *Image*. She said in the future, the magazine will incorporate "all of the campus creativity." Next semester's issue of *Image* will include poetry, fiction, more photographs and other creative outlets, she said.

"I also want to include pieces from non-journalism majors, maybe a chemistry major, or an athlete writing from their own point of view," she said.

Grussendorf said ideally, the whole campus would be represented in the magazine.

Swearingen said she had been on track to be the advertising director since she entered the department. She has been the accounting executive since last August and the acting vice president of the Ad Association.

She said she looked forward to integrating advertising with News Now. It will be the first year News Now will work with the advertising department, she said.

Swearingen said her biggest challenge would be managing five people in the ad office, but she said she was not too nervous about it. She said she also hoped to work more closely with other student media publications and become a bigger part of the Schief-fer School's convergence.

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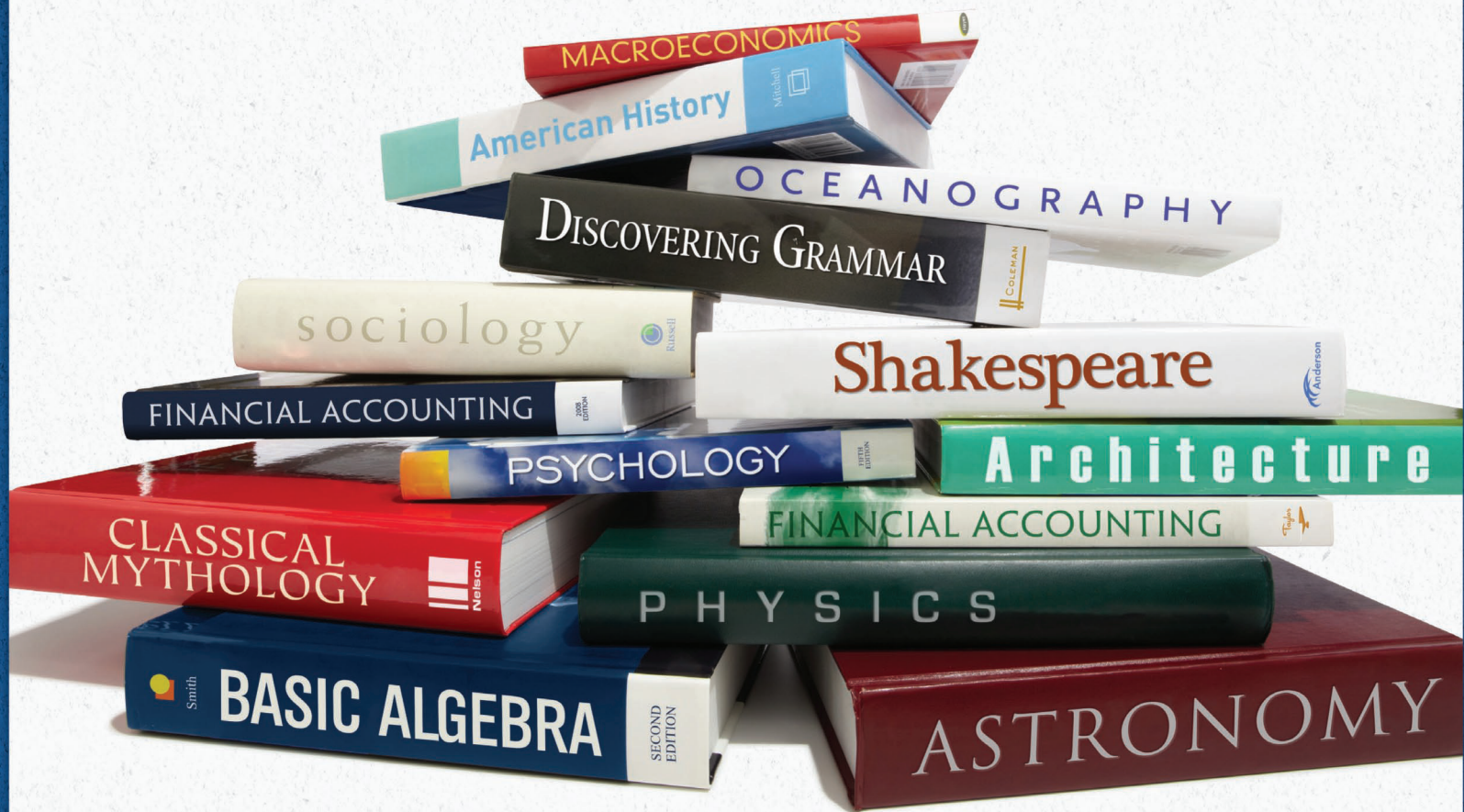


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# WEIRD NEWS

Associated Press

## Cat comes down from tree in SC after 9 days

ANDERSON, S.C. (AP) — Buster has finally come down from a 150-foot pine tree in northwestern South Carolina after nine days, but the cat's owners aren't happy with local officials.

Linda Megretto told the

Anderson Independent-Mail she expected to find the cat dead Monday, but her husband climbed a 40-foot ladder and coaxed the cat down.

Megretto says Buster stayed in the tree through two storms after becoming afraid when a neighbor chased the cat from his barking dog.

She says she called the Humane Society, fire department, police and animal con-

trol and got no help.

Sheriff's spokesman Chad McBride says there's no record she called.

Fire Chief Billy Gibson says firefighters no longer respond to such calls because of liability issues. Gibson says putting food at the base of a tree usually works.

## Lost goat wanders into Idaho music store

AMMON, Idaho (AP) — Stop me if you've heard this one: A goat walks into a music store.

It sounds like the start of a bad joke, but that's exactly what happened at the Piano Gallery in the southeastern Idaho town of Ammon.

KIFI-TV reports the goat followed a woman and her child into the store on Monday. Maybe it was looking for some sheeet music.

Clerk Lorri Bridges says the goat was just adorable. The staff corralled it in a bathroom until animal control arrived.

The goat, dubbed Beethoven for its apparent love of music, is being held at

the Idaho Falls Animal Shelter.

If it isn't claimed, someone is ready to adopt it.

## Group reports record trash haul from NJ beaches

SANDY HOOK, N.J. (AP) — A record amount of trash was picked up along New Jersey beaches last year, including a kitchen sink.

Clean Ocean Action has been doing beach sweeps for 25 years and says in a report to be released Tuesday that more than 475,000 pieces of

litter were removed from the shoreline last year.

They included a bag of heroin, a 10-gallon gas tank, five pairs of underwear, a duck caller and a plastic cow, in addition to the sink.

There also were four televisions, a plastic Easter egg with \$3 in it, a fire extinguisher, a toilet seat lid and an MP3 player.

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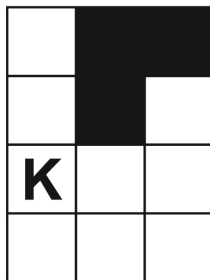
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### "Kodak Courage"

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### Tuesday's Solution



### "Hiberdating"

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

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

### Tuesday's Solution

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# TEXAS NEWS

Associated Press

## Scam targets Texans who had personal data leaked

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The state attorney general's office is warning that telephone scammers are targeting 3.2 million Texans who had Social Security numbers and other personal information inadvertently exposed to the public.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott says investigators have received reports of victims of the security leak

receiving calls at home asking to confirm Social Security numbers.

In a statement Tuesday, Abbott said the callers claim to represent one of three state agencies whose employees or retirees had their information exposed, but none of the agencies are actually making such calls.

The FBI and Abbott's office are investigating after personal data was left for a year, and in some cases even longer, on a Texas comptroller's office server that was publicly accessible.

## Kindergartner brings gun to Texas school, 3 hurt

HOUSTON (AP) — A kindergartner brought a gun to his Houston elementary school and was among three students injured by fragments when it dropped from his pocket during lunchtime and accidentally fired, officials said.

One bullet discharged about 11 a.m. in the school's cafeteria, spraying fragments at the students, said Houston Independent School District Assistant Police Chief Robert Mock.

"Either some type of chips off the floor, or it could be pieces of the round that discharged," Mock said. "They had some cuts and stuff on their legs, they don't appear to be life threatening."

Two 6-year-old boys, including the one who had the gun, were wounded in the foot, said district spokesman Jason Spencer. A 5-year-old girl also suffered a foot injury, Spencer said.

Images taken from Houston television station KPRC's news helicopter showed three children being wheeled to ambulances on stretchers. All were

sitting up and appeared to be talking with emergency personnel. Upset parents rushed to the scene.

Houston is the state's largest school district with more than 200,000 students.

## Committee approves map with more Hispanic seats

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Hispanics would get more political power in a new House redistricting proposal.

The Republican proposal was included in a map that got ap-

proval in the House Redistricting Committee Tuesday. The plan would increase the number of districts with a majority of Latino registered voters to 30, up from 29, officials said. A previous version had dropped the number to 28 Hispanic-dominated seats, Hispanic groups had complained.

Rep. Burt Solomons, the GOP chairman of the committee, said he made the change at the request of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which wants even more Hispanic seats.

# NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

## Obama administration eases pain of Medicare cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of seniors in popular private insurance plans offered through Medicare will be getting a reprieve from some of the most controversial cuts in President Barack Obama's health care law.

In a policy shift critics see as political, the Health and Human Services department has decided to award quality bonuses to hundreds of Medicare Advantage plans rated merely average.

The \$6.7 billion infusion could head off service cuts that would have been a headache for Obama and Democrats in next year's elections for the White House and Congress.

More than half the roughly 11 million Medicare Advantage enrollees are in plans rated average.

In a recent letter to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, two prominent GOP lawmakers questioned what they termed the administration's "newfound support" for Medicare Advantage.

The shift "may represent a thinly veiled use of taxpayer dollars for political purposes," wrote Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan. Camp chairs the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees Medicare. Hatch is his counterpart as ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

Seniors are among the deepest skeptics of the new health care law. A recent AP-GfK poll found that 62 percent dis-

prove of Obama's handling of health care, as contrasted with 52 percent approval among Americans overall. The poll also found that seniors are more likely to trust Republicans than Democrats on the issue, by a 51 percent to 36 percent margin.

The insurance industry says the bonuses will turn what would have averaged out as a net cut for Medicare Advantage plans in 2012 into a slight increase.

The administration says the reason for the bonuses is quality improvement, not politics.

"We are looking at whether an alternative payment incentive structure would lead to broader quality improvements across all Medicare Advantage plans, by giving incentives for a broader range of plans to improve," said Medicare spokesman Brian Cook.

Medicare covers seniors and disabled people. About one-fourth of beneficiaries are signed up in Medicare Advantage plans that offer lower out-of-pocket costs and more comprehensive benefits than the traditional program. Some of the heaviest enrollment is in states considered political battlegrounds, including Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nevada, Minnesota and Colorado.

The health care law cut \$145 billion over ten years from Medicare Advantage, partly to correct a widely acknowledged problem with overpayments to the plans. Those cuts start off modestly in 2012 and build up. Insurers were expected to shift the burden to beneficiaries in the form of fewer services and higher out-of-pocket costs, triggering an exodus back to traditional Medicare.



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Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., now the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, gestures during a news conference on Capitol Hill. Millions of seniors in popular private insurance plans offered through Medicare are getting a reprieve from some of the most controversial cuts in President Barack Obama's health care law.

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Frogs will honor seniors at last home match of season

By Emily Agee  
Staff Reporter

The 67th-ranked women's tennis team (10-10, 5-3 in MWC) will honor its seniors before facing off against Midwestern State University tonight at home for the final match of the season.

TCU is 7-0 all-time against the Mustangs and has only given up two points in the all-time series.

The Mustangs are ranked 30th in Division II, coming off a 7-0 win versus Texas Lutheran on Saturday. TCU comes off a weekend sweep against conference opponents Colorado State, Air Force and Wyoming in which it dropped only one singles match against all three teams.

Between singles and doubles play tonight, the team will honor seniors Maria Babanova, Idunn Hertzberg and Katariina Tuohimaa, who have each played for four years in TCU's tennis program. Shalini Sahoo and assistant coach Roland Ingram also will be honored. Sahoo has already graduated and will not be returning for her final year of eligibility.

Ingram was the women's coach for 19 years at TCU

before turning the program over to current head coach Dave Borelli in 2002.

**"It's an opportunity for the seniors to experience that one last shot here and kind of honor them for their four years. I just felt for what they've accomplished over four years, it would be better to have them honored on an evening where there were more people that could be there."**

**Dave Borelli**  
Head Coach

Borelli said he was glad the team's seniors had the opportunity to play a last match at home.

"It's an opportunity for the seniors to experience that one last shot here and kind of honor them for their four years," Borelli said.

The match against Midwestern State was added specifically to allow the seniors

a night to be recognized, Borelli said.

"I just felt for what they've accomplished over four years, it would be better to have them honored on an evening where there were more people that could be there," Borelli said.

The team will give out free T-shirts, wristbands and pizza to fans in celebration of senior night, Borelli said.

Tonight's match provides the team with practice before the Mountain West Conference Tournament begins April 27.

Babanova said tonight's match was bittersweet for her but that she also felt confident about the matchup.

Babanova and Tuohimaa are 3-1 at the No. 1 doubles spot since becoming partners after a recent switch in the doubles lineup.

"I'm ready to move on, but I'm going to miss tennis a lot," Babanova said.

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MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Senior Katariina Tuohimaa returns the ball in a singles match against UNM earlier in the season. The Frogs face Midwestern State today at 6 p.m. at home.

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## SPORTS

OPINION

## Frogs fans should count themselves lucky to watch such a resilient team



John Andrew Willis

COLLEGE STATION — Members of TCU's fan base have become a bit cynical as they've watched the Horned Frog baseball team struggle a bit down the stretch of the season. It's overtly apparent on fan blogs and from talking to students and alumni.

Maybe it's a result of the preseason No. 1 ranking after stealing the show in their first-ever appearance at the College World Series last season.

Maybe it's a carry-over from the familiarity with winning that the Rose Bowl Champion TCU football team brought, or maybe it's a combination of both.

Regardless of the result, Tuesday night's matchup of No. 11 TCU (26-11) and No. 6 Texas A&M (26-11) was guaranteed to be a key moment in the season. The Frogs had a chance to gain a major RPI-boosting win over the well-respected Aggies. TCU entered the game with incredible momentum following a weekend trip to

San Diego State, where they swept the Aztecs.

TCU passed the test in College Station with flying colors, never trailing in the 4-2 victory. Freshman starting pitcher Andrew Mitchell and relievers Trent Appleby, Erik Miller and Stefan Crichton were phenomenal, giving up just four hits as TCU beat the Aggies on three solo home runs and an RBI double. Mitchell recorded the win and Crichton maintained the save.

**"Even as fans have lost confidence, TCU players and coaches have remained positive and confident."**

Despite some fans losing hope, head coach Jim Schlossnagle hasn't expressed much frustration, apart from last Tuesday's embarrassing 13-6 loss in Norman to the University of Oklahoma. TCU fans are very fortunate that our coaches and student-athletes are very accessible to the media, and almost even general public for that matter. Because we know the coaches and players on such a personal level, sometimes we are surprised when they don't agree with our assessment as fans. Even as

fans have lost confidence, TCU players and coaches have remained positive and confident in their interviews and play, displaying incredible poise in fighting off a slump.

After the loss at OU, many fans would have liked to have seen Schlossnagle rest one of the weekend starting pitchers — Kyle Winkler, Matt Purke or Steven Maxwell — in San Diego, and pitch one of the veterans in College Station Tuesday evening. Instead, Schlossnagle stood by starter Andrew Mitchell, who gave up just one run on two hits.

Although Miller gave up four runs in only two innings of work when he started against Oklahoma, Schlossnagle stood by Miller and trusted him to get the Horned Frogs out of a bind Tuesday night. After relief pitcher Appleby gave up an RBI triple in the bottom of the 8th to make the score 3-2 TCU, Miller swiftly got the Frogs out of the inning without giving up a hit, leaving an Aggie runner on third base. That's what good coaches do — they stand by their players, despite outside criticism, to help them fight off adversity.

"I got him to ground out on a 3-2 changeup, and didn't even notice the train [that was passing through directly behind right field], Miller said.

"It was one of those things where you just have to forget about last Tuesday's performance. I had two good outings over the weekend in San Diego, so I had confidence going into the game."

TCU is now on a four-game winning streak, and although Schlossnagle didn't buy into the hype before the contest, he admitted it was undoubtedly a big win.

"This is atmosphere is probably the closest to what will see in a Regional or Super Regional," Schlossnagle said. "You expect [a good outing] from Appleby or Miller because they've been there, but to see the way Crichton and Mitchell played is pretty fun to watch."

Although 26-11 isn't an ideal place to be after they hype of last season's CWS appearance, with 19 regular-season games left to play, TCU is in a place that the majority of college baseball teams envy. Frogs fans are lucky to be able to share in the excitement of watching this team fight off a slump and remain strong and looking forward to quickly-approaching post-season play.



COURTESY OF THE BATTALION

Junior Brance Rivera runs to first base against Texas A&M Tuesday night. The team's next set of games comes against UNLV in a three-game series starting Thursday evening.

John Andrew Willis is a senior Spanish major from Dallas.

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## SPORTS

## OPINION

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Junior Brance Rivera gets a hit while senior Jerome Pena watches from third base against Texas A&M in College Station on Tuesday night. The Frogs went on to win the game, 4-2.

## BASEBALL

# Frogs top Aggies 4-2, Purke out indefinitely

By **Ryne Sulier**  
Sports Editor

COLLEGE STATION — On a steamy evening at Olsen Field, TCU freshman pitcher Andrew Mitchell sucked the life out of an Aggie crowd that left it with plenty of potential “whoops” in the reserve tank.

No. 11 TCU (26-11) handled No. 6 Texas A&M 4-2 off Mitchell's two-hit, no earned runs performance. Mitchell's third win of the season stretched TCU's win streak to four games.

“Getting spanked in Norman by OU obviously left a taste in our mouth,” sophomore catcher Josh Elander said. “I was reading today we haven't won here since [1994]...all the games are just as important, but obviously you are going to be ready for this one.”

Brandon Parrent (1-4) would record the loss for the

Aggies, who fell to 26-11 on the season. A&M tallied four hits and stranded four runners on the night.

Elander knocked a solo shot over the center field wall with one out in the second inning to put TCU up 1-0. It was Elander's first homer of the season. Junior designated hitter Zac Jordan would strike out swinging and senior second baseman Jerome Pena would fly out to center to end the top of the second inning.

Aggies' catcher Kevin Gonzalez hit a dribbler down the first baseline for an RBI infield out, tying the game 1-1 in the second inning. Mitchell walked Aggies' second baseman Charlie Curl, prompting a discussion on the mound. Mitchell picked off Curl, however, to end the inning.

With the balls carrying well on a balmy, breezy evening, Jordan jacked his second home run of the season over

the left field wall to give the Frogs a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning. Frogs' sophomore third baseman Jantzen Witte hit out the third homer of the night on a 2-1 count for the Frogs to put TCU up 3-1 in the sixth inning.

Witte's blast was enough for Parrent's night to be over. He would finish the night allowing six hits and three runs while tallying four K's. Kyle Martin would take the mound for A&M.

Mitchell's stellar night would end in the bottom half of the sixth after 5 2/3 innings pitched. After hitting A&M right fielder Tyler Naquin on a full count, walking center fielder Krey Bratsen and getting first baseman Jacob House to line out to right field, Mitchell would head back to the dugout allowing only two Aggie hits and no earned runs with four K's. Senior Trent Appleby would finish the sixth

inning for TCU on two pitches.

“For me, the biggest thing was a guy like Mitchell and [freshman pitcher Stefan] Crichton getting experience in this atmosphere,” head coach Jim Schlossnagle said. “It's the closest thing [to a playoff atmosphere] probably that we'll play the rest of the season until we get to a Regional or Super Regional.”

The Aggie crowd would not be silenced the entire game. In the bottom of the eighth inning with two outs, Naquin doubled to right field. With train tracks lining the outfield walls, the Aggie offense picked up steam just as the nightly locomotive rolled past the ballpark. Bratsen smacked an RBI triple over the head of Frogs' junior center fielder Aaron Schultz to cut the TCU lead to 3-2.

Junior Erik Miller would replace Appleby with a runner

on third and with two outs. Appleby would end the night having allowed two runs and a run in two innings of work. Miller, working with a full count on House and with a stomping and hollering crowd, got House to ground out to TCU senior first baseman Joe Weik to end the eighth.

Frogs' junior shortstop Taylor Featherston singled to right field to start the ninth inning. Junior left fielder Jason Coats hit an RBI single with no outs to bring Featherston home, padding the TCU lead to 4-2. Crichton would come in to the game in the bottom of the ninth to notch his second save of the season.

“For those guys to perform the way they did, you don't want to underestimate it, but you expect it from Appleby and Miller — they've been there,” Schlossnagle said. “But for Mitchell and Crichton, it's pretty fun to watch.”

**Up next**

The Frogs will return to Fort Worth to play a three-game series against conference foe UNLV. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

**Purke out indefinitely**

Schlossnagle said sophomore pitcher Matt Purke (4-1, 1.55 ERA) will be out indefinitely due to tendonitis in his throwing shoulder.

“My guess is the best-case scenario will be [Purke] takes two or three weeks off and restart, and may be ready last week of the year or the conference tournament,” Schlossnagle said. “He's gone over and above to fight through this for our team, and it's really important that this time, Matt thinks about Matt. There are a lot of elite pitchers like him who, at this time, would have been very selfish and not picked up a ball.”