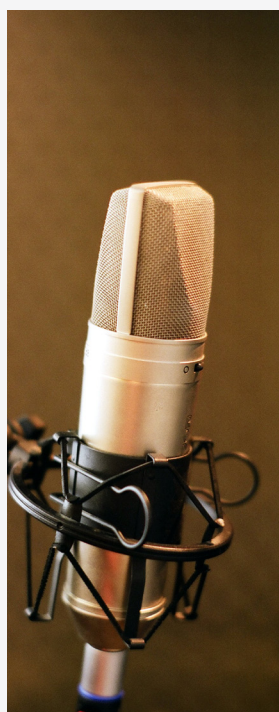


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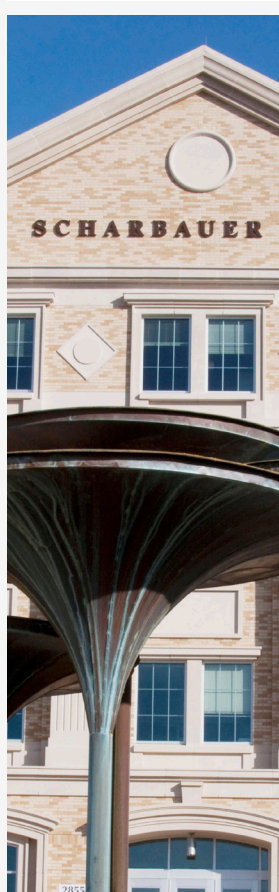
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SPRINGFIELD, Ore. - A Springfield man with colon cancer who has been told he has just months to live is selling advertising space on his urn. Aaron Jamison said he hopes to raise \$800 to help his wife Kristin pay for the cost of his cremation.

- The Associated Press

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FINE ARTS

JUST DANCE



From left, freshmen Taylor Semin and Jana Schneider and seniors Caitlin Daetwyler and Adrian Busby (background) rehearse for the Senior Capstone Concerts. The concert's theme is about what exemplifies a strong woman. Daetwyler is the choreographer of "unSPOKEN," a dance that explores a woman's strength.

Concert to debut Q&A session

By Ashley Melnick
Staff Reporter

The senior class of the School for Classical and Contemporary Dance will showcase its artistry to the public this week by featuring a new question and answer portion with the choreographers, a senior choreographer said.

Natalie Henry, a senior modern dance major, said that for the first time, all choreographers of the night will be available to answer questions from the audience about their pieces following the concert. She said the students and professors added this component as a way for choreographers to talk about their work.

Henry said the Senior Capstone Concert is choreographed and produced by all 13 seniors, ranging from the promotional to the technical and behind-the-scenes needs

of the concert.

The performances will feature a variety of university students, from freshmen to seniors, primarily from the dance department, Henry said. The senior class members will be able to showcase their creativity through choreography during the performances.

"It's a chance for seniors to put their heart and soul into something that means a lot to them," Henry said.

Seniors incorporate their daily lives into their choreography, Henry said. One senior choreographer incorporated her other major, environmental science, into a piece for the show. Other pieces incorporate favorite poetry with the dancers reciting the poem.

Laura Gill, a junior modern dance major, said she is dancing in the production and enjoys being a part of the senior pieces.

Senior Capstone Dance Concert

When: 7 p.m. tonight through Saturday. Concert A on Friday and Concert B tonight and Saturday.

Where: Ballet and Modern Dance Building, StudioB Theater.

"I think this year's Capstone Concert shows the wide variety of talented seniors that we will all miss dearly," Gill said. "Both shows are unique and eclectic, giving a glimpse of each choreographer's personality."

Summer McGowan, a senior modern dance major, said her piece was inspired by the Art in Europe Program, a study abroad program

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STREET CAR SYSTEM

Officials hire firm to study project

By Jennifer Ivy
Staff Reporter

City of Fort Worth officials moved closer to finalizing a modern streetcar system with a unanimous vote to hire engineering and consulting firm HDR Inc. to begin developing phases one and two of a three-part plan, a city official said.

David Gaspers, a senior planner in the city's planning and development department, said the company will begin planning a recommended alignment route and developing a business plan for the streetcar system as early as next week.

The business plan, which is part of phase two, would include a financial and organizational structure that would identify financial resources, capital construction costs and annual operating costs for the system, Gaspers said.

Even though the city only approved the first two phases of the plan, Gaspers said hiring the consultant is a step in the right direction.

"(The plan) maybe slows down the process," Gaspers said. "But maybe that's OK because it gives us the opportunity to make sure we are choosing the right alignment and that we are getting everybody on board."

Dana Burghdoff, deputy director of planning and developing, said the consultant would help answer the questions raised by the city council and community members.

"The key questions will be, 'What

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PHILANTHROPY

Coach donates to local food bank

By Katie Vance
Staff Reporter

Horned Frog football head coach Gary Patterson chose the Tarrant Area Food Bank as the charity to receive a \$10,000 donation as part of his 2009 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award honors.

Mary Kathryn Anderson, TAFB business development director, said the donation will benefit TAFB's Backpacks for Kids program. Backpacks for Kids is a weekend food program

for school-aged children who are at high risk for hunger.

According to the TAFB website, the program is in place at area schools where at least 80 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals.

Patterson said TAFB was an easy choice as the recipient of the donation.

"There are so many people that are hungry," Patterson said. "The food bank is a great way to give back to the Fort Worth community and to help people in need."

Patterson said donating to organizations that benefit children in Fort Worth was very important to him.

Additionally, the Gary Patterson Foundation provides funding for pro-

grams and scholarships that focus on education, life-skills, health and family issues.

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STUDENT GROUPS

Group to rename chapter after PR prof

By Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

The university's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America is in the process of re-naming the campus organization to honor a retired professor for the notable work she did both locally and nationally for public relations education, a PRSSA representative said.



Newsom

the PRSSA head faculty adviser, said Doug Newsom deserves to be a part of the student organization's title. Newsom taught at the university and was also actively involved with the Public Relations Society of America.

"I had proposed the idea to the PRSSA executive board because I believe, and other people agree, that Doug Newsom...has contributed a lot by doing the kind of work that has garnered both regional, national and international attention," George said.

According to the PRSA website, the organization is a community

of more than 21,000 public relations professionals from across the United States. Universities across the country offer the student companion group to encourage college students to uphold the standards of excellence and ethics before they become professionals.

Newsom co-founded the PRSA educator's section and is one of four members to be inducted into the College of Fellows, which is the highest achievement that any PR professional can accomplish, George

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BRITE

Jewish Studies gets new director

By Kayla Mezzell
Staff Reporter

Brite Divinity School officials found a new director of the Jewish Studies Program last week.

Nancy Ramsay, Brite Divinity School dean, said Ariel Feldman, a current Newton Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Manchester in England, accepted the position early last week and would join the staff as the Rosalyn and Manny Rosenthal Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and director of the Jewish Studies Program in fall 2011. Both posts are currently vacant.

Ramsay said Feldman could not relocate to the U.S. to begin teaching until he has completed the prestigious Newton fellowship. The classes traditionally taught by the director will not be taught again until Feldman arrives in 2011.

According to the Newton International fellowships website, the Newton fellowship is a post-doctoral research fellowship for international scholars. The program is administered by The British Academy, The Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society.

When he comes to campus, Feldman, a graduate of the University of Haifa in Israel, will be required to teach three

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said. "She is the kind of person that the PRSSA really represents," George said. "She is somebody who understands the theoretical aspect of public relations and is also involved with the practical aspect."

Newsom retired in May after more than 40 years of teaching at the university, George said. Newsom wrote three books, hundreds of articles and served as the chair of the journalism department from 1979 until 1986.

She has been president of both the Dallas and Fort Worth PRSA chapters and president of the Texas Public Relations Association, George said. She said Newsom was, and still is, someone who had a lot of clout in the public relations field.

If the national executive board supports the change, then the new name of the organization would be the Doug Newsom Chapter of the PRSSA at TCU, George said. She has sent an e-mail to the president of the Fort Worth chapter asking permission for the change.

"Doug Newsom is a very humble person who would probably say it isn't such a big deal, when it is actually an outstanding honor," George said.

Newsom said she was unsure about the honor. She said she hoped that the university had gone through the necessary steps to make sure the national board allowed the change to be made.

"I'm of course enormously flattered, but I want to make sure it is confirmed by the national board," Newsom said.

George said the Schieffer School has already passed

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Aviso George
PRSSA head
faculty adviser

the change, but she must go through a formal application process with the PRSSA national board of directors. That process usually takes between three and six months, George said.

"It is more of a formality," George said. "And since the university has already signed off on it, I am confident that the national board of directors will support the change in name."

Katie Pool, a senior strategic communication major and current university PRSSA president, said the addition of Newsom's name to the organization is a great idea.

"She was a wonderful professor who was really involved with the PRSSA on campus," Pool said. "We use the textbook that she wrote, and she is famous worldwide for her work in public relations, so it is only appropriate that we include her name in our title."

George agreed and said Newsom deserved to be mentioned in the PRSSA title because of all she has done for the university. Her dedication to the field, along with her many accomplishments, helped inspire students to become upstanding public relation professionals.

"This is a big deal for the TCU PRSSA," George said. "Her name means so much in the communications world."

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she participated in last summer.

"My inspiration for my dance was actually the photographs," McGowan said. "So during my dance I have a slideshow."

Photos of antique doors and scenic pictures will play on a big screen behind the dancers and inspire much of the movement throughout the piece, McGowan said.

Each piece is seven to 10 minutes long, featuring a variety of styles and dance genres including ballet, modern and tango, Henry said.

McGowan said the dance professors who serve as advisers and seniors have previewed the

concert as a form of feedback. Their input has contributed to the growth of the production and the learning experience for the dancers, she said.

Elizabeth Gillaspay, associate professor of ballet, said she and Susan Douglas Roberts, associate professor of modern dance, serve as the two advisers for the process showing. Gillaspay said the process showing is done a few times throughout the year and is equivalent to turning in multiple drafts of a paper for revision.

Gillaspay said the seniors have crafted dances that are fully connected to their artistic voices and that she and Roberts are thrilled to watch young choreographers emerge.



MARISA REYNOLDS / Staff Photographer
From left, freshmen Sara Paull, Laura Taylor and Alexandra Spencer rehearse senior Jesse Ligon's piece, "Inside the Linear Space."

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graduate-level courses and one undergraduate-level course in the religion department, Ramsay said.

Ramsay said Feldman will teach the same undergraduate class as his predecessor, David Nelson, who resigned from the post in May 2009 to pursue other interests.

Because of the specialized nature of the program Feldman will be entering, Ramsay said, the position has been vacant with special lectures augmenting attention to the area in the meantime.

Feldman has specialized in the Qumran Scrolls, better known as the Dead Sea Scrolls,

Ramsay said. According to the Library of Congress website, the Dead Sea Scrolls were the oldest Hebrew scripture manuscript still in existence when they were discovered in 1947.

Ramsay said faculty and staff at the school look forward to Feldman's arrival.

"People are delighted," Ramsay said. "We're very pleased. He's very talented in the areas that we need for the position, and he obviously is very well regarded."

Feldman wrote in an e-mail that he accepted the position because it provided an opportunity to teach others about his area of specialization in addition to being able to work with other first-class scholars.

"The position at Brite suits

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Ariel Feldman
director of jewish studies

perfectly my academic interests and aspirations, as they looked for a person specializing in Second Temple Jewish literature in general and Dead Sea Scrolls in particular," he wrote.

Feldman, a native of Russia currently living in Britain to complete his fellowship, wrote that the school also had a good

reputation abroad. He wrote that his colleagues described Brite scholars as both original and highly productive.

"My present colleagues have [warmly] recommended Brite to me as one of the best [institutions] of its kind," he wrote.

Feldman wrote that one concern he had was that he would not be able to obtain the necessary documents for both him and his wife to work in the United States. He also cited challenges like learning a new language and culture and settling in a new place upon moving.

"We have been through this process twice: moving from Russia to Israel and now from Israel to U.K.," Feldman wrote. "It takes time and efforts to make a new start."

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is the projected economic impact?" and "Is it sustainable to help cover the operating cost in the future?" she said.

The main concern for Fort Worth during the planning phase, which is part of phase one, would be how to pay for the streetcar system initially and how the city would finance for its future operation, Burghdoff said.

"It slows down the process, which is good, particularly to help ensure that there is a common understanding about what the

project is for and to also understand the economic impact," she said.

Burghdoff said the city council plans to hold informational meetings open to the public to answer any questions community members may have about the developmental stages of the project.

Gaspers said that at the end of phase two in November, the consultant would present findings on the future feasibility of the project to the Fort Worth City Council and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority Board of Directors in order to begin the final engineering phase.

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represents quality on and off the field. Each year the winning coach is given a \$10,000 check to be donated to a selected charity in the coach's name.

Kent Keasler, representative for the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation, said Patterson was chosen for his success both as a coach and a philanthropist.

"He has had success throughout all of his time at TCU," Keasler said of Patterson. "He is active within the community and supports a number of children's charities." Patterson's success on the field is just as impressive as his success off the field, Keasler said.

"Gary is a very deserving coach," Keasler said. "TCU is very fortunate to have him."

Kim Raines, a sophomore nursing major, said Patterson's donation demonstrates the character of the coach and the team outside of game time.

"Kids look up to athletes,"

"The fact that such a well-known coach would make children's organizations and programs a priority means a lot and sets a good example for the rest of the community"

Kim Raines
sophomore nursing major

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Anderson accepted the donation on behalf of TAFB from Patterson on April 10 at the football team's banquet. She said she was thrilled to have support for the Backpacks for Kids program.

"The TCU community has always been wonderful supporters of the Tarrant Area Food Bank," Anderson said.

She said she hoped the support from Patterson would encourage others to continue to donate their time and money to the TAFB.

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The Skiff View

SGA shows wisdom in discussion of website

Even though some Student Government Association representatives have strong feelings about the gossip website CollegeACB.com, the group acted with commendable restraint in its discussion and decisions regarding what to do about the website.

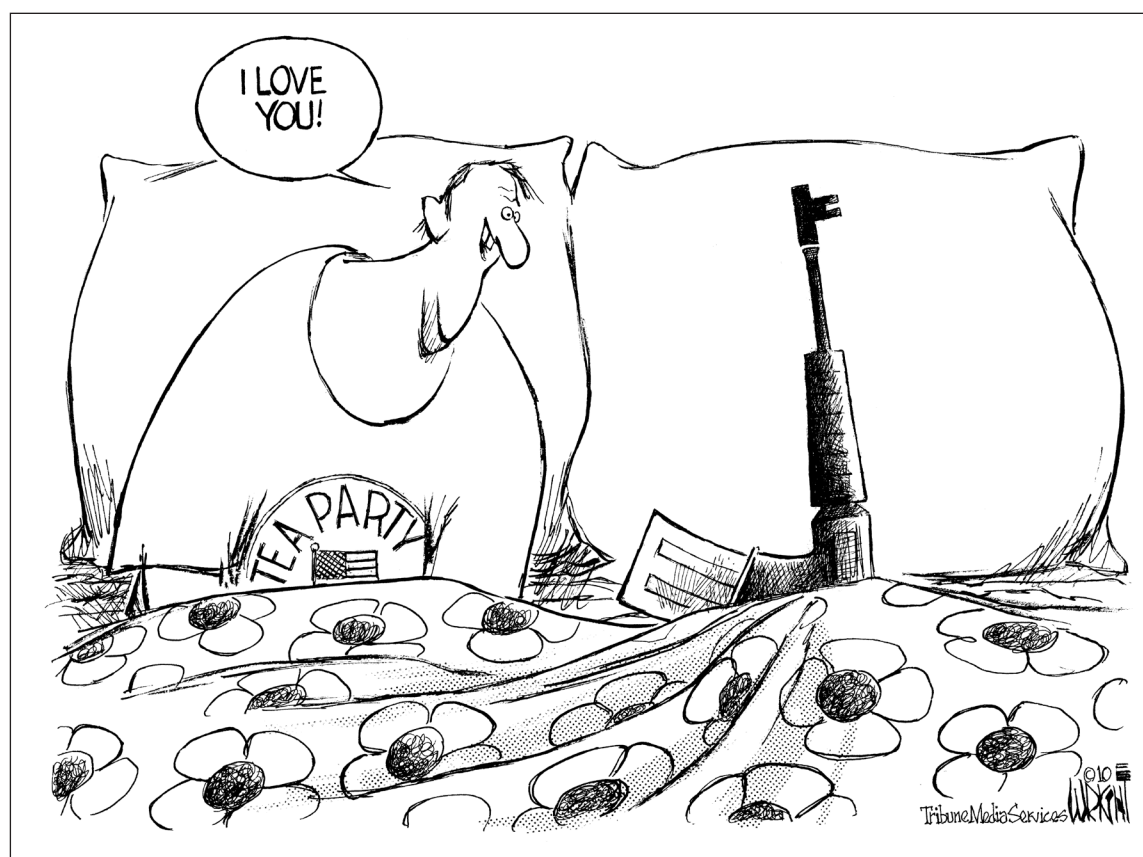
For those unfamiliar with the website, CollegeACB.com — a JuicyCampus.com replacement — lets users post anonymously about other people in message boards specific to their university. TCU is one of the schools featured on the website. The conversations are hardly intellectually stimulating. They range from “biggest man whores” to “who’s doing the most coke.”

Although it would be tempting to encourage the university to ban the website from the university’s network, SGA chose wisely in declining to go down that route. Representatives cited freedom of speech concerns as a deterrent. While it is difficult to see what value, if any, a gossip website offers to a university campus, opening the door for censorship is a slippery slope that the university must avoid. Student representatives clearly realized that when they voted against the proposal 36 to 31.

Further, banning the website from campus would not stop students from commenting on it through other networks. On the other hand, asking the university to seek legal grounds for the removal of TCU from the college list in the website is a much more reasonable way to deal with the issue. Whether that is feasible remains to be seen, but regardless of the success of this proposal, SGA should be praised for its representatives’ good judgment.

Editor-in-chief Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.

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ICC ideal judgment system



WYATT KANYER

From time to time, the U.S. government chooses to isolate itself from the rest of the world.

Particularly when it comes to judicial sovereignty, the government goes on the defensive and chooses to exclude other countries.

The ICC, which requires ratification for membership, prosecutes individuals who have committed egregious human rights crimes. According to the Court’s website, among these crimes are genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. When Americans think about an individual who has committed such acts, one name would likely come to mind immediately: Osama bin Laden.

Bin Laden is best known for his role in the Sept. 11 attacks, the largest act of terrorism in American history. Because he is the main character associated with these attacks, many Americans want bin Laden’s blood.

What is more, if American soldiers caught bin Laden tomorrow, he would be scheduled for trial in the U.S. justice system because he would be under U.S. jurisdiction.

Democrats might scream for leniency in his punishment. Lobbyists from organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union might cry for long-term incarceration versus immediate execution. Republicans might call for speedy execution or hard time in Guantanamo Bay, where they might assume bin Laden would receive some form of physical punishment.

However, because the majority of justices on the current Supreme Court are both democratic and liberal, bin Laden’s punishment might only be appropriate from a liberal standpoint, as opposed to an objective, legal one. This could ultimately lead to disagreement on bin Laden’s sentence.

Because the ICC specializes in situations like bin Laden’s — an individual committing shocking human rights violations, — it would likely prosecute from the safest point of view. It would also be a relatively international decision, since 111 countries are already a part of the court.

In case the already drawn out U.S.

judicial system cannot deal with the issue, the ICC would be there to do its job. The U.S. has been overtly stubborn in dealing with the court, which makes no sense if there is to be any consistency in assessing this crime.

President Bill Clinton signed the Rome Statute, essentially the ICC’s constitution, in 1998. He did not ratify the signature because he said he thought it would compromise the U.S. justice system’s sovereignty.

President George W. Bush revoked Clinton’s signature in 2002, mostly because he said the U.S.’ relationship with the International Court of Justice was sufficient and more effective than a potential relationship with the ICC.

But the ICC focuses on individuals, not states. Furthermore, the ICC is centered around human rights violations, which might sound like a broad subject, but would be exactly the focus needed in dealing with bin Laden.

The ICC should deal with these kind of issues because it was formed to address them. It would be a simple conclusion to a drawn out argument.

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General policy needed to discourage ‘sexting’ at work



CHRIS BLAKE

You graduate from TCU and get a job. Your employer gives you a company cell phone, which you then use for personal business like making plans to meet a friend for drinks after work. No big deal, right?

Wrong. Jeff Quon, a SWAT sergeant in Ontario, Calif., is facing charges from his employer after sexting on his company-paid cell phone. Now, a Supreme Court ruling could block personal use of employer-issued phones altogether, which seems to be an extreme consequence for a pretty minor offense.

To start, Quon was not acting intelligently when he sent erotic pictures and texts from the phone the police department issued him. Any company that gives its employees a phone is doing so for one reason: to be able to reach its employees in a timely matter.

If employers continue giving workers cell phones and laptops for work use, they will have to take the good with the bad. The good for the company is that employees will be able to work from home and

answer work related calls and e-mails immediately. The bad is that most people who are given a phone through their jobs would not, in an attempt to save money, pay for a phone reserved for their personal use. Consequently, the company phone becomes a device for personal use as well.

According to an MSNBC article, 83 percent of employers have a policy in place that prohibits the personal use of company equipment. But the line between company and personal equipment starts to blur as mobile devices become more and more advanced.

More than a quarter of companies have fired employees for misusing the company’s e-mail account, according to the article. This brings up the question of expectation of privacy.

Although it is the employer’s e-mail account, there is no harm in simple personal use. If personal use becomes excessive, that is a different issue.

Quon wasn’t exactly smart in his sexting practices, but the Supreme Court should rule in his favor to keep employers from preventing personal use of company devices altogether. Instead, companies should adopt inappropriate use policies, as opposed to personal use policies, to keep their devices clean.

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Flat tax would benefit only the wealthy

Columnist Michael Lauck is right that tax reform is needed.

Unfortunately, his proposals for much-needed tax reform are short-sighted. Neither flat nor lump sum taxes are answers for tax reformation. Repealing our present tax system for a flat tax, whether the FairTax or a lump sum tax, is hardly a benefit to anybody but the wealthy in fact. Flat tax proposals, according to Citizens for Tax Justice, increase

taxes for the bottom 95 percent. The only benefits seen are for those with an average income of nearly \$245,000. In short, the top 4 percent get a tax cut while the rest pay more. While Mr. Lauck is accurate in noting that people deserve the money they make, it is unconscionable to ask the rest of us pay more while the super-rich ultimately pay less. While we need reform, the progressive income tax in place is necessary for making sure that the least of us get a fair share of

the market game. There is every reason to believe that our tax system should be reformed. Substantial tax reform, if done right, could benefit all Americans, and possibly make taxes much lower for those most in need of a break.

James Russell is a former TCU student from Fort Worth, a graduate of the Nonstop Liberal Arts Institute and former intern with the Institute for Policy Studies’ Inequality and the Common Good project.

QUICK NEWS

GM pays back government loans from US, Canada

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Co. has repaid \$8.1 billion in loans it got from the U.S. and Canadian governments, a move its CEO says is a sign the automaker is on the road to recovery.

The White House pointed to GM’s repayment of the loan and Chrysler LLC’s posting of an operating profit in the first quarter of 2010 as signs that the bailout of U.S. automakers was working.

GM got a total of \$52 billion from the U.S. government and \$9.5 billion from the Canadian and Ontario governments as it went through bankruptcy protection last year. At first the entire amount of U.S. aid was considered a loan as the government tried to keep GM from going under and pulling the fragile economy into a depression.

During bankruptcy, the U.S. government reduced the loan portion to \$6.7 billion and converted the rest to company stock.

Airlines lose \$1.7 billion, ash blame game begins

BERLIN (AP) — Airlines lost at least \$1.7 billion in revenue during the volcanic ash crisis, an industry group said Wednesday as the debate heated up over whether European governments were justified in shutting down their airspace for so long.

Planes were flying into all of Europe’s top airports. Still experts predicted it could take days — even more than a week — to clear a backlog of stranded passengers after about 102,000 flights were canceled around the world.

Air traffic controllers lifted all restrictions over German airspace, but some restrictions remained over parts of Britain, Ireland and France.

Andrew Adonis, Britain’s transport secretary, denied that the government decided to reopen the skies to air travel under pressure from airlines.

Obama: No litmus tests on abortion for court pick

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Wednesday that he will not insist that his Supreme Court nominee pass any “litmus tests” over supporting abortion rights, but made clear he will choose a candidate who will consider personal privacy and women’s rights when ruling on cases.

“I think part of what our constitutional values promote is the notion that individuals have protection in their privacy, and their bodily integrity, and women are not exempt from that,” Obama said.

The president noted that the debate over abortion rights has long divided the country, and he chose a response that did not box him in.

Obama is in the midst of considering a nominee to succeed the retiring Justice John Paul Stevens, who will leave the high court this summer.

Government goes high-tech to redesign \$100 bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — The folks who print America’s money have designed a high-tech makeover of the \$100 bill as part of an effort to stay ahead of counterfeiters as technology advances and more dollars flow overseas, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says.

The makeover, unveiled Wednesday by Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, may leave people wondering if there’s magic involved.

Benjamin Franklin is still on the C-note. But he has been joined by a disappearing Liberty Bell in an inkwell and a bright blue security ribbon composed of thousands of tiny lenses that magnify objects in mysterious ways. Move the bill, and the objects move in a different direction.

The new currency will not go into circulation until Feb. 10 of next year.

Military supports wind power despite radar worries

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AP) — A U.S. general is trying to reassure the public the military supports wind power and other alternative energy, despite his concerns that turbines may block radar that detects threats to North America.

Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart, head of U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, wrote on his official blog this week that both commands are committed to homeland defense and clean energy.

Construction of a 338-turbine wind farm in Oregon has been put on hold while experts study whether it will interfere with a nearby radar station.

The Federal Aviation Administration, with Air Force backing, issued a notice in March that effectively bars construction.

NEWS & SPORTS

TAXES

Obama: Value-added tax remains an option

By Charles Babington
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama suggested Wednesday that a new value-added tax on Americans is still on the table, seeming to show more openness to the idea than his aides have expressed in recent days.

Before deciding what revenue options are best for dealing with the deficit and the economy, Obama said in an interview with CNBC, "I want to get a better picture of what our options are."

After Obama adviser Paul Volcker recently raised the prospect of a value-added tax, or VAT, the Senate voted 85-13 last week for a non-binding "sense of the Senate" resolution that calls the such a tax "a massive tax increase that will cripple families on fixed income and only further push back America's economic recovery."

For days, White House spokesmen have said the president has not proposed and is not considering a VAT.

"I think I directly answered this the other day by saying that it wasn't something that the president had under consideration," White

House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters shortly before Obama spoke with CNBC.

After the interview, White House deputy communications director Jen Psaki said nothing has changed and the White House is "not considering" a VAT.

Many European countries impose a VAT, which taxes the value that is added at each stage of production of certain commodities. It could apply, for instance, to raw products delivered to a mill, the mill's production work and so on up the line to the retailer.

In the CNBC interview, Obama said he was waiting for recommendations from a bipartisan fiscal advisory commission on ways to tackle the deficit and other problems.

When asked if he could see a potential VAT in this nation, the president said: "I know that there's been a lot of talk around town lately about the value-added tax. That is something that has worked for some countries. It's something that would be novel for the United States."

"And before, you know, I start saying 'this makes sense or that makes sense,' I want to get a better picture

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Barack Obama
president

of what our options are," Obama said.

He said his first priority "is to figure out how can we reduce wasteful spending so that, you know, we have a baseline of the core services that we need and the government should provide. And then we decide how do we pay for that."

Volcker has said taxes might have to be raised to slow the deficit's growth. He said a value-added tax "was not as toxic an idea" as it had been in the past.

Since then, some GOP lawmakers and conservative commentators have said the Obama administration is edging toward a VAT.

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experiences to add to their résumés, he said.

Television announcing is completely different than radio announcing, LaMendola said. Radio listeners rely on the play-by-play announcer to detail every aspect of the game, while television is focused more on analysis by the color man.

The new television deal has made it possible for more students to be involved at once, Mann said. While one student

works color commentary for The Mtn., another can fill in on KTCU's radio broadcast.

Jon Wulf, a senior FTDM major, also works as a commentator for the Frogs and serves as the co-sports director for the radio station alongside Mann. Wulf said he helped to produce material for the team's Super Regional in Austin last year, and he also got the chance to announce during the 2010 Houston College Classic at Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros.

Students interested in announcing had to start pro-

ducing material for radio broadcasts, as well as provide practice play-by-play recordings until they were ready to be on air, LaMendola said. The process allows students to become comfortable while proving they can handle the work load.

On-air announcing for baseball is no easy feat, said LaMendola, who has served as the Frog's announcer for 14 seasons.

"You have to practice the craft because nobody is born with the ability to do play-by-play," he said.

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tion to sell the team, and I take them at their word."

Meanwhile, about 35 miles down the freeway, Angels owner Arte Moreno is eagerly anticipating the All-Star game on July 13 and the chance to show off his ballpark. He cringed a little when asked whether changing the name of the team to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim from the Anaheim Angels helped the club gain the right to host the All-Stars.

"That's a tough question, but I'm not going to comment on that right now. I don't want to start a firestorm over something we don't need to start a firestorm on," Moreno said.

"It's the No. 2 media market, and there are 18 million people in the Metroplex. So you really want to be in a situation where

you can really showcase everything we have to offer here.

"I started grinding on this five years ago," Moreno added. "Every meeting I had my little presentation book and showed them why they should be coming to Southern California. People forget what a hotbed of baseball California is."

Also attending Tuesday's news conference promoting the All-Star balloting was former Angels great Rod Carew, who played in 18 All-Star games — including the previous one in Anaheim as a rookie second baseman in 1967. The NL won that year on Tony Perez's 15th-inning homer against Catfish Hunter.

Joining Carew was Angels center fielder Torii Hunter, a three-time All-Star who robbed Barry Bonds of a home run in the 2002 contest at Milwaukee — which ended in a

7-7 tie after 11 innings when the teams ran out of pitchers.

Hunter grew up in Pine Bluff, Ark., so he didn't get a chance to stuff the ballot box for his favorite player — a practice that resumed in 1970 when the voting for All-Stars was given back to the fans. But if he had the chance back then, he said he would have cast votes for Andre Dawson, elected to the Hall of Fame this year.

"He was one of my favorite players," said Hunter, who finished fourth in the balloting for AL outfielders last year. "He's one of the guys that really inspired me to play the game — watching him every day with my granddad on WGN. We watched baseball all the time. Andre Dawson was with the Cubs and hit 49 home runs one year, so that's the guy I would have stuffed the ballot box for."

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Bright. In addition, Goodell said he listened to recommendations from the quarterback's representatives, and took into account information learned by the NFL office regarding the alleged assault.

The Steelers said Roethlisberger was unavailable for comment. His agent, Ryan Tollner,

said he planned to respond later.

In a statement to police, the college student said Roethlisberger encouraged her, and her friends, to take numerous shots of alcohol. Then one of his bodyguards escorted her into a hallway at the Capital City nightclub in Milledgeville, Ga., sat her on a stool and left. She said Roethlisberger walked down the hallway and exposed himself.

"I told him it wasn't OK, no, we don't need to do this and I proceeded to get up and try to leave," she said. "I went to the first door I saw, which happened to be a bathroom."

According to her statement, Roethlisberger then followed her into the bathroom and shut the door.

"I still said no, this is not OK, and he then had sex with me," she wrote.

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By Jack McInturff 4/22/10

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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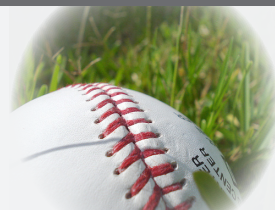
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Junior infielder Jerome Pena beats a throw at first base in the Horned Frogs' 12-7 win over Sam Houston State at home Feb. 20.

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Students get TV experience

By Thomas Koenig
Staff Reporter

University students are now getting a chance to announce games for the nationally-ranked Horned Frog baseball team not only on the radio, but on television as well.

Chuck LaMendola, play-by-play announcer for the baseball team, said that because of the deal struck with The Mountain West Sports Network last fall to air student-produced sporting events, students are now getting television announcing experience for the first

time. Students were able to call games on the radio in the past, he said.

Phil Mann, a senior film-TV-digital media major, worked his way up to becoming an on-air talent during the past four years — something he said he had always dreamed of.

"Baseball broadcasting, in general, is something I've been wanting to do ever since I was a little kid," Mann said.

Mann said he started off doing behind-the-scenes work with the team for KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice," the university's ra-

dio station, in the spring of 2007. After producing pregame and postgame material, Mann was given the chance to start working as a radio color commentator, the person who provides additional game analysis to aid the play-by-play announcer, for home baseball games.

Since the new television deal came into effect, the additional medium has provided a learning experience for everyone, including LaMendola. The work with The Mtn. is also providing students with more diverse

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TEXAS RANGERS BASEBALL

Sale of team stalled

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Major League Baseball is disappointed the proposed sale of the Texas Rangers from Tom Hicks to Chuck Greenberg's group has been stalled by a dispute involving the lenders to the team's owner.

The sides announced an agreement on Jan. 23, but creditors of the Hicks Sports Group, which owns the Rangers and the NHL's Dallas Stars, have not approved it.

"We've gone since January on this. We hoped to have it closed on or about opening day, and we're disappointed it's not closed yet," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, told The Associated Press on Tuesday before an All-Star game news conference.

"Tom Hicks and the buyer are trying to get the transac-

tion completed," DuPuy said. "The commissioner has had considerable contact with the parties, and we're working closely. We understood that because of the Hicks Sports Group debt — the parent company and not the team — that there were issues with regard to the parent company lenders.

"We've met with them, as well, and we're trying to work through that. We think the purchase agreement for the consideration being paid for the Rangers represents a fair purchase price, and we're anxious to see the deal closed as written. But I'm not going to predict."

Hicks Sports Group said in February it had retained Galatioto Sports Partners to look for new investors and explore the idea of selling a majority stake in the Dallas Stars.

Separately, Hicks and

George Gillette Jr. said Friday they had hired Barclays Bank to lead the search for a buyer for Liverpool, which they co-own under a separate entity.

Once the lenders approve the sale, it also must be approved by three-quarters of the 30 teams.

The same process resulted in the approval of Frank and Jamie McCourt when they bought the Los Angeles Dodgers from Fox. Despite the McCourt's divorce proceedings, DuPuy said MLB doesn't have any second thoughts about approving them.

"The McCourts have done a fine job operating the Dodgers," DuPuy said. "Their personal situation is sad for them, but no one has any regrets about the McCourts' ownership of the Dodgers. They have said they have no inten-

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FOOTBALL

NFL suspends quarterback

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — The NFL cracked down on one of its stars Wednesday, suspending Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for not just a few games but the first six of the season, even though he avoided sexual assault charges in Georgia.

The two-time Super Bowl winner was banned without pay for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy and was ordered to undergo a "comprehensive behavioral evaluation by professionals."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment a week after prosecutors decided not to charge Roethlisberger in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who accused him of sexually assaulting her in a Milledgeville, Ga., nightclub last month.

"I recognize that the allegations in Georgia were disputed and that they did not result in criminal charges being filed against you," Goodell said in his letter to the six-year veteran.

"My decision today is not based on a finding that you

violated Georgia law, or on a conclusion that differs from that of the local prosecutor.

That said, you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

Goodell said team offseason activities were off limits to the quarterback until he completes the evaluation and is cleared by the league to re-join the Steelers.

"Your conduct raises sufficient concerns that I believe effective intervention now is the best step for your personal and professional welfare," Goodell wrote.

Trade rumors immediately swirled, and while the Steelers declined to address the speculation, they were privately weighing whether they should consider dealing their franchise quarterback for a Top 10 draft pick if one were offered.

Sitting out all six games would cost Roethlisberger an estimated \$2.8 million, though the penalty could be

shortened to four games for good behavior.

Roethlisberger is the first player suspended by Goodell under the conduct policy who hasn't been arrested or charged with a crime.

Roethlisberger also is being sued by a woman who accused him of raping her at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino in 2008. He denied the allegation and wasn't charged.

"In your six years in the NFL, you have first thrilled and now disappointed a great many people," Goodell wrote. "I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity to get your life and career back on track."

Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether Roethlisberger broke the law.

Before acting, Goodell said he interviewed Roethlisberger on April 13 and talked to current and former players and the players' union. He also reviewed information from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Milledgeville police and talked privately with Georgia district attorney Fred

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