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**MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR**  
Mary Kardell, of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, speaks Tuesday night about responsible alcohol consumption.

**CORRECTION**

A story in Tuesday's edition of the Skiff reported that the baseball team beat the University of Texas in the regional playoffs. The team actually defeated the Longhorns in the super regional playoffs. The error was made in the editing process.



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Software program helps campus groups stay organized

## TESTING

# Updated GRE awaits potential graduate students

By **Katey Muldrow**  
Staff Reporter

A new scoring scale, a different test format and new question types will be among the changes to the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) that will meet future graduate and business students beginning Aug. 1, 2011, according to a representative of the organization that administers the test.

Dawn Piacentino, director of GRE communications and services, said the new design for the test included features that would enable a student to mark, skip and return to questions within a section and use an on-screen calculator in the quantitative reasoning section. She said a redesigned analytical writing section would also require students to provide more focused responses to the topics given.

"It doesn't necessarily make it easier or difficult, but what it does is it more closely aligns it with the kinds of things students do in

graduate or business school," Piacentino said.

According to the Educational Testing Service's (ETS) website, which administers the exam, the GRE is a three-part test required for entrance into most graduate and business programs.

According to a press release from ETS, the new question types would show students more real-life scenarios and place a greater emphasis on comprehension within context. Another feature would require test-takers to write in some of their mathematical answers instead of choosing the answer from a list, according to the ETS press release.

Assistant Director of Career Advisement Matt Riordan said the new question format was better because of the real-life scenarios.

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According to the ETS website, the new scoring scale would change from a range of 200 to 800 at 10-point increments to a range of 130 to 170 at one-point incre-

ments. The change would help reduce the appearance of wide gaps in scores between students who score similarly.

"I think it gives a little bit better idea of how you stack up to the next person, because the margin for error is just that much less," Riordan said. "Pragmatically, I do wonder what's going to happen with the transition but in the end I think it's going to be a better measure than it was."

According to the press release, ETS also released free online test preparation materials in July so students could get acquainted with the revised exam. Prep material for the current exam was also available on the GRE website.

Piacentino said students should download the materials to increase their familiarity with the new format.

"The more familiar students are with the material, the chances are better that they can do their best when they actually sit down to take the test," she said.

According to a June press release from ETS, test-takers will receive a 50 percent discount between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30, 2011. ETS said it hoped to gain more interest in the GRE with students returning from the summer break.

## Changes to GRE test

- New test will launch Aug. 1, 2011
- More questions with real-life scenarios
- Ability to skip questions within a section and return to them later
- New answer types, including filling in a number or providing more than one response
- On-screen calculator in the quantitative reasoning section



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## TECHNOLOGY

# Student organizations employ new site for managing groups

By Wyatt Kanyer

Staff Reporter

Student participation in OrgSync, a new organization management website from the Office of Student Organizations, has already impressed officials across campus.

Jared Cobb, director of the Office of Student Organizations, wrote in an e-mail that the software featured a series of tools that student organizations could use in order to make their jobs easier and more organized. OrgSync's functions will make for better administration and smoother tracking, he wrote.

"This increase in tracking will allow me to advocate on the organizations' behalf for increased resources with university administration and/or external vendors," Cobb wrote.

He wrote that organizations will have access to their own website portal, a unified calendar for all recognized organizations and the ability to upload an unlimited amount of organizational data such as photos, files and forms.

According to Cobb's e-mail, the Office of Student Organizations has a three-year contract with OrgSync. After those three years, the office will form focus groups to determine whether or not it will renew the contract.

Beata Jones, director of the Neeley Fellows Program, said the group was one of the first campus organizations to utilize OrgSync. Jones said this was the fourth year the program has used the software.

"OrgSync has tremendous value for us in internal organization," she said. "It is very good in disseminating info to our members."

Jones said the Neeley Fellows Program taught its new members how to use OrgSync at a program orientation.

Senior education major Shannon Sanders, president of TCU Ambassadors, said she thought OrgSync would prevent confusion by improving communication between officers and members.

Sanders said, even though she had not seen all of OrgSync's tools, she would attend a training session at the end of August to learn more about it.

Tiffany Haley, president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council for the university and a senior nursing major, said she thought OrgSync would prevent excess paperwork in Greek organizations. "(OrgSync) makes it a lot easier to keep up with documents," she said. "We don't have to worry about keeping up with a huge binder all summer."

Haley said OrgSync would help the most with maintaining contact information, which highlights what she called the program's best feature: organization.

Porter Neessen, president of the Panhellenic Council at the university and a senior speech pathology major, said even though OrgSync was new to the university, she already noticed the help it provided Greek officials in minimizing the need for communication via e-mail.

"Being able to share documents and rely a little less on e-mail, which can get a little cluttered, makes things a little more organized," she said.

Neessen said she looked forward to being able to maintain electronic copies of com-

monly-used forms and documents on OrgSync for future use.

According to Cobb's e-mail, members of more than 200 student organizations at the university have expressed interest in and enthusiasm for the software.

## DRUG WAR

## Further violence rocks Mexico

Alicia A. Caldwell

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Shootouts in the drug war along the U.S.-Mexico border are sending bullets whizzing across the Rio Grande into one of the nation's safest cities, where authorities worry it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt or killed.

At least eight bullets have been fired into El Paso in the last few weeks from the rising violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, one of the world's most dangerous places. And all American police can do is shrug because they cannot legally intervene in a war in another country. The best they can do is warn people to stay inside.

"There's really not a lot you can do right now," El Paso County Sheriff Richard Wiles said. "Those gun battles are breaking out everywhere, and some are breaking out right along the border."

More than 6,000 people have been killed there since 2008, when the Sinaloa and

Juarez cartels started battling each other and Mexican authorities for control of the city and smuggling routes into the U.S. Nationwide, more than 28,000 people have been killed since President Felipe Calderon launched his offensive against the cartels

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shortly after taking office in December 2006.

Until now, communities on the U.S. side of the border have been largely shielded from the violence raging just across the river. But the recent incidents are the first time that live ammunition has landed in American territory.

In Saturday's shooting, the bullet that hit the

campus building may have flown just under a mile before lodging in a door jam. Back in June, at least seven shots fired from Juarez flew more than half a mile before hitting City Hall.

In a letter to President Barack Obama after the City Hall shooting, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said it was "good fortune" that no one was injured and insisted the shooting was evidence of the need for more border security.

And Monday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued a statement demanding more security.

"It's time for Washington to stop the rhetoric and immediately deploy a significant force of personnel and resources to the border to protect our homeland," Perry said.

Katherine Cesinger, a Perry spokeswoman, said the governor believes that more security — in the form of federal agents and even troops — could all but shut down the border to smuggling and help put Mexico's warring cartels out of business.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## OrgSync a step in the right direction

Starting this semester, the Office of Student Organizations will require all university recognized student organizations and their members to register an account with OrgSync, an organization management software. While the new system will no doubt cause initial confusion for organizations, OrgSync seems to have many features that will be beneficial in the long run.

By storing an organization's information in one place electronically, OrgSync should reduce excess paperwork, complementing the university's green initiatives. The system also allows student groups to communicate and share documents. Putting these documents in one place and encouraging communication through OrgSync will help eliminate some of the e-mail inbox clutter that plagues students.

The software also allows for better transparency in student groups. Tracking information such as the number of organizations and how many members are in each will make it easier to determine where university resources can be spent most effectively among groups with OrgSync accounts.

Some organization members have reported a few early issues with the system, but any change takes time. As long as the Office of Student Organizations continues to work with students to help them understand the software, OrgSync should prove beneficial for both the university and its students.

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## E-readers have certain merits



Judith Schomp

Feeling the beads of sweat drip down a heroine's face, seeing a beautiful sunset out of a narrator's bedroom window or hearing the sobs of a star-crossed lover is to know the world of a good book. What takes you beyond the written word to the story behind it is the author's beautifully constructed vernacular and passion for the subject. From the tales of Shakespeare's love triangles to the anguish of George Orwell's "1984," books of literary merit resonate through history and continue to affect people.

It is not so much the message, however, that is in the hot seat of discussion nowadays, but more the messenger. The overarching popularity of the electronic book has caused both relief and anguish in the world of written composition.

DailyFinance.com, a website offering hot-button news on finance, warns that it will cost much more to own a hard copy of a literary work within the next few years. Readers will spend almost 30 percent more on books than today's average hard cover price, yet the prices of virtual books will remain affordable, according to the website. This should be good news for the average college student, though, as textbooks are predicted to become increasingly more popular in their virtual formats.

Amazon recently announced that the sales of e-readers like the Kindle and Nook have surpassed real books on its website.

Of course, convenience is another relevant issue at hand. What is easier than picking up an e-reader and reading it on the way to class, on a long trip or just slipping it off your shelf for some leisure reading? It is lightweight, unable to be torn, space-savvy and leaves you more worry-free than a real book.

Conversely, I cannot help but feel the expediency of the e-book does not make up for the reverence we

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should pay to the greatest authors of the past and present. The popular maxim—too much of a good thing is bad—accurately depicts the concept of so many great writers compressed together into one electronic device. Harper Lee, Vladimir Nabokov, and William Faulkner justly deserve good-sized amounts of shelf space.

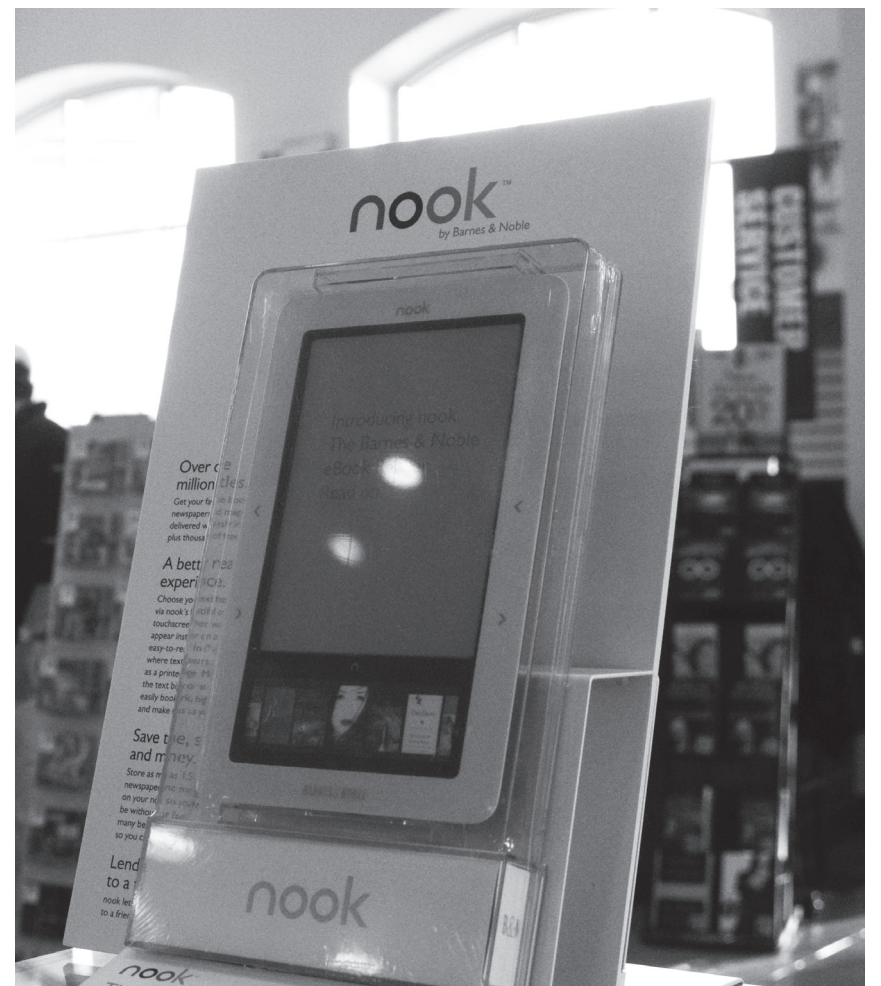
As university students, we have a

lot on our plates. Sprinting from a class in Rickel to a class in Bass in 10 minutes is a challenge in itself. The convenience of an online textbook, or easily cradled e-reader, can assist in diminishing some of the complexity of our lives and maximizing the generally small spaces we are given in our dorms or apartments.

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We do not currently have to choose exclusively between the e-book and the real book, but it is vitally important that we will always have an option.

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## PERSPECTIVES

# Mosque debate showcases religious intolerance



Chris Varano

The concept of Islamophobia has been running rampant through the debate over the construction of the alleged "ground zero mosque." First of all, the mosque is actually scheduled to be an Islamic community center, with more emphasis on education and community activities.

Former comedian and Sen. Al Franken said jokingly, "It's a community center. They're going to have a gym. They're going to have point guards. Muslim point guards."

It is not going to a training ground for terrorists or a symbol of victory on Sept. 11.

The next issue is the location of the community center, which is actually two blocks from ground zero. As someone who grew up in New York and visited the city hundreds of times, I have to say that two blocks is a longer distance than it sounds and would probably be a 10 to 15-minute walk. The Cordoba House, the name of the community center, is not being constructed on hallowed ground. It is replacing an old Burlington Coat Factory that has been out of business for years.

This debate does make a serious commentary of the status of religious relations in this country. Since Sept. 11, many Americans have cast negative and inaccurate stereotypes on Muslims in this country. Muslims are often characterized as

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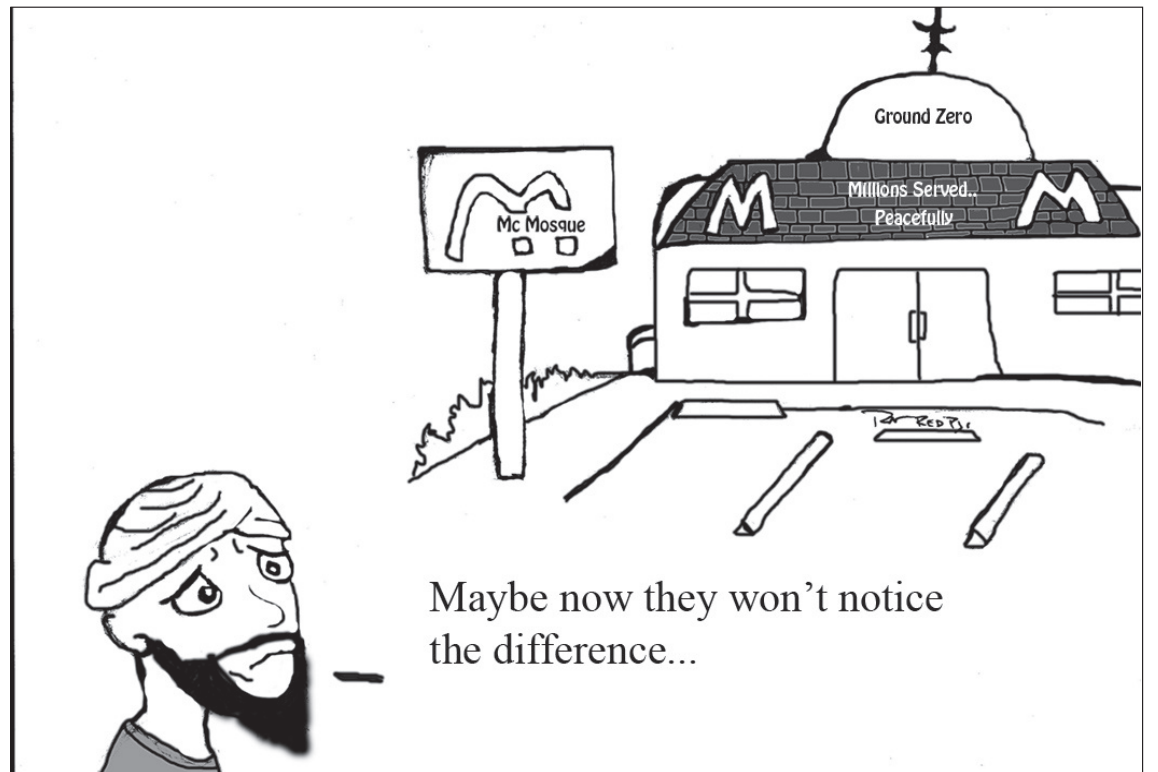
fundamentalist extremists bent on destroying the American way of life and being resentful of the freedoms U.S. citizens enjoy, one of which is the choice to practice religion freely.

These depictions could not be further from the truth. The American people cannot hold an entire group responsible for the actions and attitudes of a few. By trampling on the freedom of religion of Muslims, the American people are doing exactly what the terrorists want the United States to do—abandon the freedoms and liberties others resent.

This debate might be moot because, according to a recent Politico report, the Cordoba House seems unlikely to be constructed due to lack of funding for the project. The Cordoba Initiative has set a \$100 million fundraising goal for the new community center which, according to the report, they are not close to reaching.

However, if this community center is not built because of religious intolerance, rather than lack of finances, the United States would become a hypocritical nation that does not practice what it preaches in the First Amendment.

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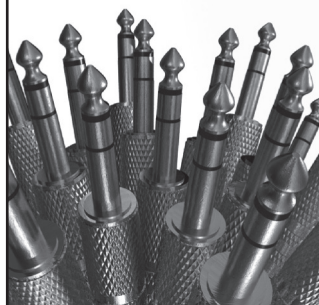
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## ALCOHOL

# Frat Responsibly begins with debate

Christa Acuna

Staff Reporter

Alcohol is the one thing missing for most 18-year-olds to feel like adults, the president of Choose Responsibility said.

Barry Seaman, president of the organization that supports lowering the drinking age to 18, spoke to fraternity members Tuesday night.

"Alcohol has become the holy grail; the forbidden fruit; the one missing tile in the mosaic in adulthood for most Americans," Seaman said.

Representatives from Choose Responsibility and Mothers Against Drunk Driving addressed both active and potential new fraternity members in the second day of Frat Responsibly week, sponsored by Interfraternity Council.

Frat Responsibly is a week of activities that leads up to men's formal recruitment and Bid Day.

While Seaman advocated giving 18-year-olds the privilege to consume alcohol legally, Mary Kardell, the representative from MADD, focused on preventing irresponsible behavior caused by drinking.

"Fort Worth Police does what they call 'no refusal weekends,'" Kardell said. "They do one starting Thursday through Tuesday. This is a time if you are suspected of drunk driving and you are pulled over, you will not have a choice of taking a sobriety test. You will have to give a blood sample."

To address the national controversy of underage drinking on college campuses, John Andrew Willis, president of Interfraternity Council and Kappa Sigma Fraternity, invited representatives from both MADD and Choose Responsibility to speak on their opposing views.

"Interfraternity Council always wants to keep our members educated on localized and relevant issues," Willis said. "We were able to get two of the nationally leading organizations on these issues in the same room. Obviously they have opposing views, but they're very civilized."

Frat Responsibly week will continue with a presentation by the Whit Cammack Foundation Thursday and will conclude with a concert by Charlie Robinson Friday.



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Barry Seaman from Choose Responsibility, a group looking to have the national drinking age reconsidered, fields questions from fraternity members and students who plan to take part in rush along with Mary Kardell a speaker for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.



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Former players Kourtney Edwards, Katelyn Blackwood and Lauren Otto, alongside rising senior Irene Hester, during a 2009 match against Baylor.

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after earning AVCA Honorable Mention All-American honors in 2009.

As for the rest of the team, Lewis said she is pleased with the progress she has seen in several players during the Horned Frogs' two-a-day workouts in the past two weeks.

"We have found some surprising people that have stood out and it's one of those things that we have to see how they do when we get in a real match," Lewis said.

Those players' inexperience will be put to the test early as the team heads

to the University of Texas tournament on Friday where they will face what Lewis said she thinks will be rejuvenated University of Houston, University of Texas and McNeese State. Texas, ranked third nationally, eliminated TCU in the second round of the NCAA tournament last year and made it all the way to the NCAA Championship game before losing to top-seeded Penn State.

### TCU vs. Houston

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## WASHINGTON

# Sherrod declines offer to return to job

By Mary Clare Jalonick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shirley Sherrod, ousted from the Agriculture Department during a racial firestorm that embarrassed the Obama administration, rejected an offer to return to the USDA on Tuesday. But at a cordial news conference with the man who asked her to leave — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack — she said she may do consulting work for him on racial issues.

She was asked to leave her job as Georgia's director of rural development in July after comments she made in March were misconstrued as racist. She has since received numerous apologies from the administration, including from President Barack Obama himself.

"I look forward to some type of relationship with the department in the future," said Sherrod.

Vilsack had asked her to become the deputy director of the Office of Advocacy and Outreach, a new position designed to bolster the department's shaky record on civil rights. He had also given her a chance to return to her former job.

"I think I can be helpful to him and the department if I just take a little break and look at how I can be more helpful in the future," Sherrod said.

The two appeared friendly as Vilsack expressed his regret that Sherrod wouldn't return to USDA.

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### Shirley Sherrod

former Agriculture Department employee

"I did my best, I think it's fair to say," he said. "There's no one in the country better suited to assist us in that effort than Shirley."

Sherrod was forced to resign after conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart posted an edited version of a March speech in which she was initially reluctant to help a white farmer save his farm more than two decades ago, long before she worked for USDA. Vilsack and others, including the NAACP,

condemned the remarks before grasping the full context of her speech, which was meant as a lesson in racial healing.

The incident proved embarrassing for the Obama administration, and Obama called her personally to express his regret. The NAACP also apologized for its reaction.

Sherrod, who said she has gotten thousands of pieces of mail supporting her, repeated Tuesday that she plans to sue Breitbart. She declined further questions on the subject.

The USDA has a long history of discrimination of black farmers who sought out loans and other aid, and the government this year settled a second round of damages stemming from a class-action lawsuit originally settled in 1999.

The department also released a list of recommendations Tuesday. Vilsack blogged on the USDA website that "we need to improve protocols for internal communications at the department, and create a set of safeguards to avoid the sort of hasty action which led to the mishandling of the matter with Mrs. Sherrod."

Associated Press writer Ben Evans contributed to this report.

## RESIDENCE LIFE

# New website offers options for roommates

By Leah Watkins  
Staff Reporter

With the expanding world online resources, “going potluck” is not a student’s only choice for finding a college roommate.

Uroomsurf.com is a website that helps college students find a compatible college roommate by using a survey system. According to Uroomsurf.com, potential roommates are put together based on percentage of their matching answers.

Leah Heefner, a freshman kinesiology major, said she found her current roommate on Uroomsurf.com.

“I honestly just wanted to see what it was,” she said. “I wasn’t going with the intention of finding a roommate.”

Heefner and her roommate, Rebeccah Gould, were matched on the site as 98 percent compatible, she said. So far they have gotten along well.

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**Leah Heefner**  
Freshman kinesiology major

Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life Heather Miller said the program could offer positive results.

“Any resource that a student can use that makes them feel empowered that they found somebody on their own, I think, is great,” she said.

Heefner said she used the site and all of its services for free when it was in its developmental stages.

According to Uroomsurf.com, the site began to charge a fee for members to upgrade their accounts and use the site’s services when it fully launched in April.

While some students credit

their successful match to the site, Director of Housing and Residence Life Craig Allen said he wants to make sure students do not feel the need to use aides such as Uroomsurf.com.

Allen said Housing and Residence Life gives students survey questions that are used to match them based on the information collected.

“It’s potluck as far as students not knowing who they are going to room with, but it’s not random,” Allen said.

Freshman chemistry major Callie Brown said she chose to find a roommate on her own. Brown said the matching system that goes into potluck is not as thorough as it could be and the survey questions the university bases its roommate assignment off of should be more in-depth.

“Connecting with somebody takes a little more than questions based on habits,” she said.

Miller said, “The whole



KATIE SHERIDAN / STAFF

Freshmen Leah Heefner, a kinesiology major, and Rebeccah Gould, a nursing major, decided to room together after discovering they were a good match according to the roommate selection website Uroomsurf.com.

point is to have a great college experience, but if you’re stressed out about your roommate then that takes away from it.”

Allen said the Office of Housing and Residence Life

staff discussed tweaking some of the questions that are asked in the roommate assignment survey. Even with services like Uroomsurf.com, only a third of freshman are coming in with a preferred roommate.

“There is no giant unmet need for a service like Uroomsurf.com on the TCU campus,” he said.

## POLITICS

## Tight battle for Florida GOP governor nomination

By Liz Sidoti  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Kendrick Meek cinched Florida’s Senate Democratic nomination by defeating political upstart Jeff Greene on Tuesday, and veteran politician Bill McCollum battled novice Rick Scott in a tight GOP gubernatorial contest as the state’s voters weighed the merits of establishment candidates vs. wealthy outsiders.

In big-name races elsewhere, Sens. John McCain and Lisa Murkowski counted on voters to reward political experience as they faced spirited Republican primary challenges in Arizona and Alaska 10 weeks before the general election.

Nominating contests in five states — Vermont also was voting, and Oklahoma held GOP runoffs — highlighted dominant themes of this unpredictable election year, including anti-establishment anger and tea party challenges from the right.

As the first polls of the night closed, Meek toppled Greene, a big-spending real estate tycoon whose links to boxer Mike Tyson and former Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss drew headlines, in the Democratic Senate nomination fight. The four-term congressman will compete against Republican Marco Rubio, who easily secured the GOP nod, and Gov. Charlie Crist, a former Republican who is running as an independent, in November.

“Floridians sent a clear message — they want a real Democrat representing them in the U.S. Senate,” Meek said. “The naysay-

ers said we couldn’t beat a billionaire, and tonight with your help, we proved them wrong.” Poking at both Crist and Rubio without naming them, he added: “Floridians want leaders who will fight for them all the time, not just when it helps their own political career or advances an extreme philosophy.”

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**Kendrick Meek**  
Florida senator

Crist, in turn, called for “independent leadership” and “not the same old partisan politicians who have brought the people’s work to a halt.” It was a not-so-subtle suggestion that his opponents were just that.

In the bitter GOP race for governor, McCollum, the state’s attorney general and a former congressman, looked to fend off Scott, who made a fortune in the health care industry and spent \$39 million of his own money on his bid. With 74 percent of precincts reporting, the two were locked in a close race.

The victor will face Alex Sink, the state’s chief financial officer who sailed to the Democratic nomination, in November.

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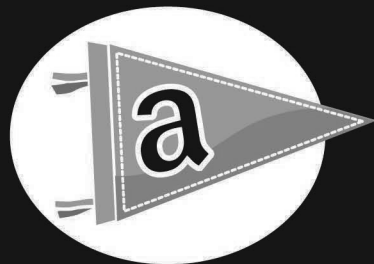
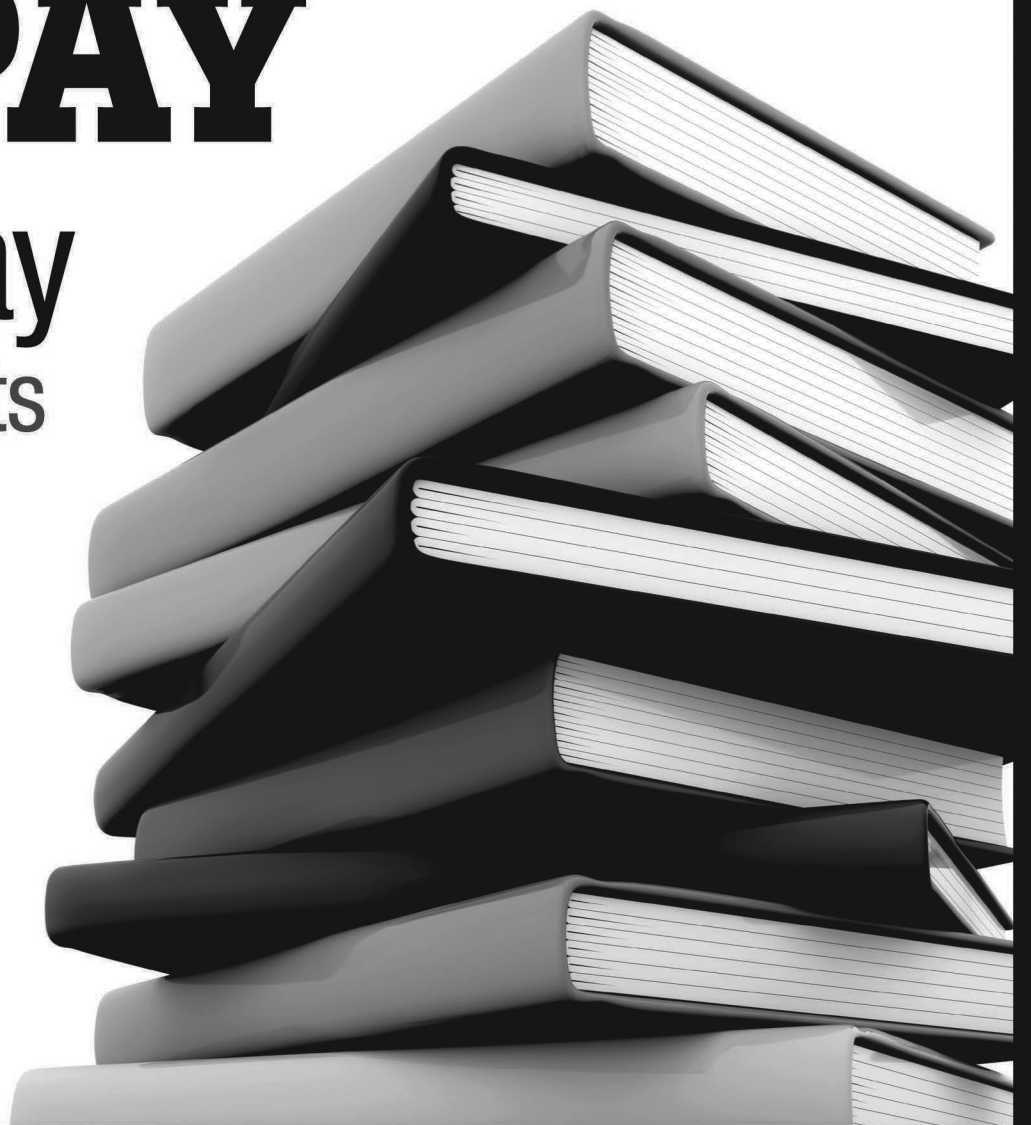
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# Passenger jet crash in China kills 43, injures 53

By Alexa Olesen  
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese passenger jet broke apart as it approached a fog-shrouded runway in the country's northeast and burst into flames as it hit the ground Tuesday, killing 43 people and injuring 53 others, state media said.

The Henan Airlines plane with 91 passengers and five crew crashed in a grassy area near the Lindu airport on the outskirts of Yichun, a city of about 1 million people in

Heilongjiang province, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The Brazilian-made Embraer E-190 jet had taken off from Heilongjiang's capital of Harbin shortly before 9 p.m. (1300 GMT) and crashed a little more than an hour later, Xinhua said.

A middle-aged man who survived the crash told China Central Television there was bad turbulence as the plane descended, then several big jolts that caused the luggage to come crashing down from the overhead bins.

"After we stopped, the people in the back were panicking and rushed to the front," the unidentified man, who had no visible injuries, said in an interview from a hospital bed. "We were trying to open the (emergency exits) but they wouldn't open. Then the smoke came in...within two or three minutes or even a minute, we couldn't breathe. I knew something bad was going to happen."

Xinhua said 43 bodies were recovered within hours of the disaster and 53 people were hospi-

talized, most with broken bones. Wang Xuemei, vice mayor of Yichun, told CCTV that three survivors were in critical condition but gave no details.

Henan Airlines is based in the central Chinese province of the same name and flies smaller regional jets, mainly on routes in north and northeast China. Previously known as Kunpeng Airlines, the carrier was relaunched as Henan Airlines earlier this year.

The last major passenger jet crash in China was in November

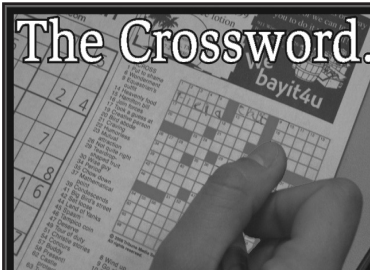
2004, when a China Eastern airplane plunged into a lake in northern China shortly, killing all 53 on board and two on the ground.

An MD-11 cargo plane operated by Zimbabwe-based Avient Aviation crashed during takeoff from Shanghai's main airport last November. Three American crew members died while four others on board were injured.

Associated Press researcher Yu Bing contributed to this story.

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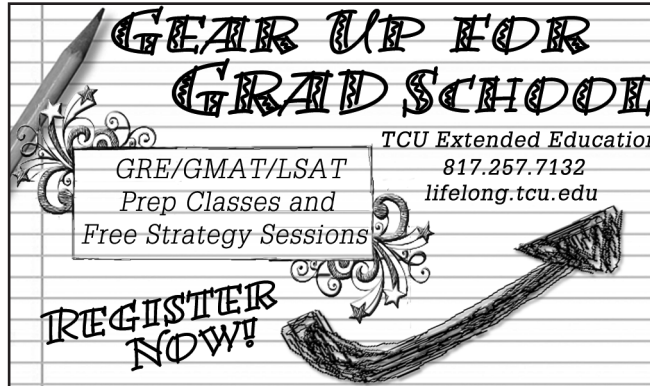
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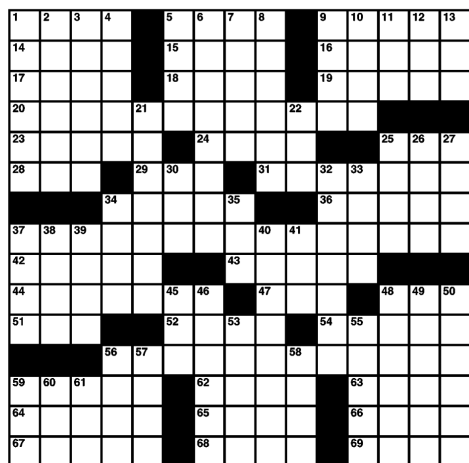


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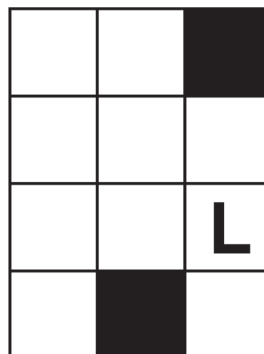
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**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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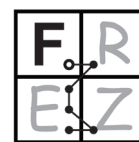
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### "Twilight: Eclipse"

How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

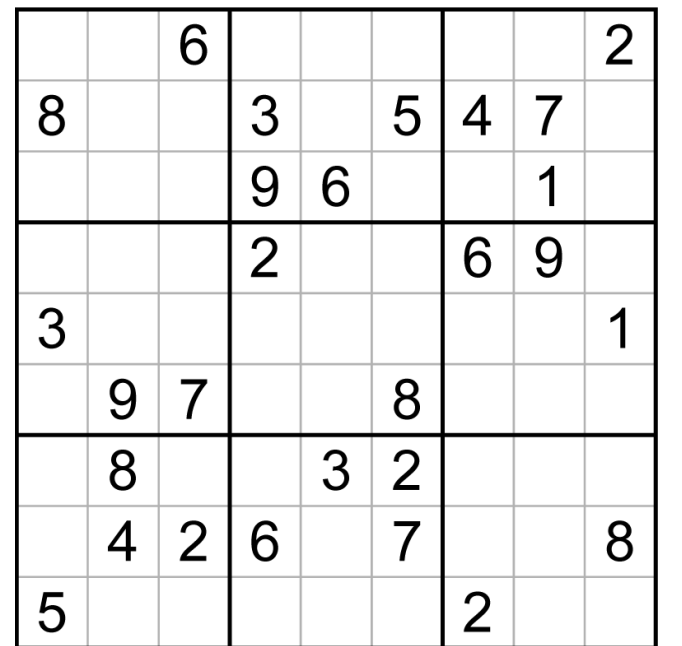


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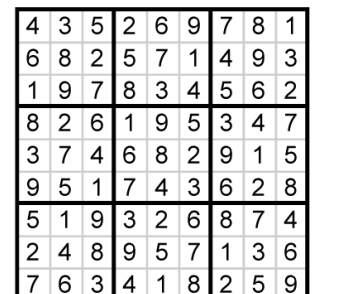
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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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# ANALYSIS Stadium renovation requires long term dedication



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Renovation plans to Amon G. Carter Stadium was made possible through donor funds.

By Josh Davis  
Senior Reporter

Athletics Director Chris Del Conte came to TCU in 2009 with a mission. He had a well-earned reputation as a fundraiser from his time at Rice University and the University of Arizona, but this was big.

This was the stadium project. A \$105 million renovation of the west and north sides of Amon G. Carter Stadium. It would be the stadium's first facelift since the upper deck was added in 1956.

And Del Conte's task was just as daunting—he had just over four months to scramble together \$90 million dollars.

"[Del Conte] organized it and made it happen," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "People think this was easy because it happened quickly, but it took a lot of time from somebody and that was his time."

Through the combined efforts of the athletic department, Boschini's administration and the TCU Board of Trustees, they announced the result on Aug. 18 with a press conference. According to Boschini, Amon G. Carter Stadium will be the only college football stadium in the country paid for entirely by donor funds.

But in order to set the stage for Del Conte's fundraising blitz, TCU needed a plan in place. Board of Trustees Chairman Luther King tapped Clarence Scharbauer, vice-chairman of the board and half of Scharbauer Hall's namesake, to get to work.

His inspiration was simple.

"Frankly, I love TCU," Scharbauer said. "I have a unique perspective as an alumni of TCU, a board member for 20 years and having had two daughters and a son-in-law go through there. So I've seen all three perspectives and have a strong passion for TCU."

The project began about four years ago, when King appointed Scharbauer to form a committee to look into stadium options. The board wasn't sure if they would be building a stadium from scratch or refurbishing what was there.

Scharbauer had the renovation crawling, but the Amon G. Carter Foundation quickly got it walking, and then brought it to a sprint with an early gift of \$15 million.

"By giving us the pledge that they did and the money they did up front, we had the money to spend to hire architects and marketing firms and things like that," Scharbauer said.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passed in 1990 said that any new construction, including modifications made after July 1992 had to be brought up to the new standards.

Therefore touching Amon G. Carter Stadium, for any construction after 1992 would have led to a financially burdensome renovation, of over \$200 million according to Scharbauer. That's one reason the stadium club was built into the John Justin Athletic Center in 2008, as opposed to being attached to the stadium.

Boschini said TCU's first concern in the final plans was taking care of the ADA compliance issues.

The main changes in the plans were the

ADA redo, the addition of elevators, points of commerce and bathrooms, Boschini said.

"There are two bathrooms, there should be 40, there's six points of sale, there should be 30 and of the two bathrooms, the women's you'd never want to use," Boschini said.

In the end, the Board of Trustees approved Scharbauer's committee's plan to modernize the stadium, while expanding its footprint to the edges of the hill. But the approval was just for fundraising, which was made tougher by the state of the economy.

"There were some skeptics [on the board]," King said. "Not that they didn't want to do it, but they didn't think in this economic environment [it was possible to raise the needed funds.]"

But while the economy put doubt in some, it wound up making the project possible.

Scharbauer said low construction costs, as well as interest in the BCS-bound football program and legwork done by the stadium committee led to their "perfect storm."

"Construction costs right now are as low as they've been in a long time, and there's a

"It was a daunting task, but I never doubted TCU and never doubted the support of our people."

Chris Del Conte  
TCU Athletics Director

lot of people wanting the work—so we had a perfect storm," Scharbauer said.

Del Conte, still somewhat new on the job, which he began last November, set out with Boschini and Head Coach Gary Patterson to fundraise.

"We had a great message to sell," Del Conte said. "[Former Athletics Director Danny Morrison] had laid a great groundwork in terms of what the stadium was going to be, we had identified individuals that could help and then [my job] was just to put the team in place to go out and do what we needed to do."

Scharbauer said some delays in getting donor paperwork completed made the school miss its self-imposed July 1 deadline for fundraising, but Del Conte had all the money committed within four months.

In the press conference to formally announce the stadium renovation earlier this month, Boschini, King, Del Conte and Patterson all took the podium to give thanks not only to the donors, but to those who invested their time in the project.

But none of them could have made the project happen without one another, according to Del Conte.

"It was a daunting task, but I never doubted TCU and never doubted the support of our people," Del Conte said. "That resonated from our chancellor. When I asked him if we can do this, he said, 'No doubt. This is TCU.' When you have that type of confidence in your Board of Trustees, from Clarence Scharbauer to our chancellor, then it can be done."



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## SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

## Oregon St., TCU anticipating game

By David Stein  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs' football team ended preseason practices with a talent show put on by the players Saturday night before continuing with the season practices, Head Coach Gary Patterson said.

Patterson said he thinks the team was excited to have a couple of days off where they were not running.

Patterson and Oregon State Head Coach Mike Riley said in a conference call Tuesday that both teams were excited for their season opener Sept. 4 at Cowboys Stadium.

"Our kids are excited," Patterson said. "Players can't wait for two weeks from Saturday, and coaches could take another month."

Patterson said having the game at such a large venue is a great opportunity because it grabs the attention of players and fans. He also said playing a team with the quality of Oregon State helps keep players motivated through practice.

"It makes a difference as you go into the last two weeks," he said.

On the philosophy of scheduling difficult games early, Patterson said that TCU always likes to play a team from one of the six BCS qualifying conferences.



Patterson

Patterson said TCU needs one game a season that seems like it can't be won. This year's game, he said, is Oregon State.

Patterson said the game will benefit more than just the football program because of the attention the national broadcast will bring to the university. It is scheduled to be broadcast on ESPN.

"I don't look at it as just a head coach, I've been here long enough

"They're hard to play. They're hard to tackle. They love the game. As far as them coming back to Texas, I'm sure it's exciting for them to get a chance to play in front of a lot of family."

Gary Patterson  
TCU Head Coach

that I feel like I'm part of TCU, and what's going to be best for TCU, and not just my football team," Patterson said. Riley said that matching up against TCU defense will require versatility from his team.

"I think...they [TCU] force you to play an all-around game defensively," Riley said. "You're going to have to be sound in all areas."

Two standout Oregon State offensive players, brothers James and Jacquizz Rodgers, are returning to their home state for the Cowboys Classic. The Rodgers' are from Richmond, a suburb of Houston.

Patterson said that coaches have a lot of admiration for the way the two brothers play football.

"They're hard to play," he said. "They're hard to tackle. They love the game. As far as them coming back to Texas, I'm sure it's exciting for them to get a chance to play in front of a lot of family."

Patterson said that with the exception of Joseph Turner who graduated last year, all of TCU's running backs from last year will play, plus redshirt freshman Waymon James. Promising freshman running back Dwight Smith missed preseason practices with an injury, Patterson said.

Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN College Football Analyst, said in an earlier press conference that the Cowboys Classic is one of the most anticipated games taking place during Labor Day weekend.

"I think it's a great game and I'm looking forward to getting back and watching these...great teams go at it on the opening weekend," Herbstreit said.

Patterson said the Horned Frogs will be playing the season with a different motto than last year's "Don't Back Down" and will follow the motto "Make it Happen."

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# SPORTS

**BASEBALL** Former baseball left mark at TCU.  
Thursday

## SPIKE IT



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Senior right side hitter/middle blocker Christy Hudson attempts to block an opponent during a 2009 match against Colorado State.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Senior outside hitter Irene Hester celebrates during a 2009 match against the University of Arkansas.

## Loss of seniors not slowing volleyball team

By Ryan Osborne  
Staff Reporter

Head volleyball coach Prentice Lewis paced back and forth along the sideline. She glared at her players when they made a mistake and wasn't afraid to make her point known.

Although this was only an exhibition match against the TCU alumni squad, Lewis displayed extreme intensity. Such devotion was the reason for one of the squad's most successful seasons last year along and even higher expectations for the 2010 season.

"We don't play any games for fun. I think I couldn't do that; I'm too serious of a person," Lewis said after her varsity team's victory Saturday night in what was the first and only tune-up match before next week's season opener.

The team won 27 matches last year but lost three key players: Katelyn Blackwood, Kourtney Edwards and Lauren Otto. Lewis is expecting seniors Irene Hester and Christy Hudson to step up and fill the leadership void left by those three.

Hester is the leader among a group of very good outside hitters, something Lewis said the team hasn't had in the past.

"It's great to have outside hitters that can put the ball away," Lewis said.

Hudson, on the other hand, will anchor the middle

See **Volleyball** 6

## ¡Vamos Ranas! Frogs expand media market

By Jennifer Iller  
Staff Reporter

As the 2010 college football season nears, Spanish-speaking residents in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex will have a new way to cheer "¡Vamos Ranas!" or "Go Frogs!" in English.

Horned Frog football will expand its broadcasting audience into the Hispanic community through a new relationship with Univision, a Spanish-language radio station.

TCU Associate Athletics Director for External Operations Scott Kull said the initiative to reach as many audiences as possible sparked the coalition between TCU and Univision.

"The Hispanic population is very important and this is another step to paint the town purple," Kull said.

The Spanish-speaking broadcast was

scheduled to stream live to the metroplex on La Voz del Pueblo, AM 1270 Univision Radio, a top-ranked Dallas-Fort Worth area Hispanic radio station.

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TCU Associate Athletics Director for External Operations

The scheduled broadcast will feature all TCU regular season football games and will supplement the Horned Frogs' regular game coverage on WBAP (AM 820 and 96.7 FM) and www.GoFrogs.com. Kull

said that the athletics department will take Univision's coverage of a bowl game into consideration should the situation arise.

Kull said the Spanish broadcast was a huge and fantastic opportunity both for TCU and La Voz del Pueblo.

La Voz del Pueblo veteran broadcaster Miguel Cruz will provide play-by-play coverage of the games with former TCU safety Elvis Gallegos.

Gallegos was a four-year letterman at the university from 2003 to 2006.

Cruz co-hosts the daily radio show on La Voz del Pueblo and has served as a sideline reporter for the Dallas Cowboys and an analyst on the Dallas Mavericks on Univision radio broadcasts.

Cruz said the new broadcast will be a great opportunity for Spanish-speaking students at TCU to gather Hispanic people around the football team.

The Spanish broadcast will be the first of

its kind in the DFW market and only the third in Texas, following in the footsteps of the University of Texas and Texas Tech.

La Voz del Pueblo was the number one sports station in the Spanish-speaking market and already carried area sports broadcasts, such as the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys. Cruz said he was very excited about the chance to break into the college football market.

The Spanish radio broadcasts will tie in with TCU's fifth-annual Fiesta de los Frogs promotion, scheduled for the Oct. 9 home game against Wyoming.

### TCU football Spanish live broadcast

Station: La Voz del Pueblo 1270 AM  
Broadcasters: Miguel Cruz (play-by-play) and Elvis Gallegos (color commentary)