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No policy on faculty Facebooks

By Sara Neal and Allie Garner

Staff Reporters

As students receive their fall class schedules, professors with profiles on social media websites, such as Facebook, will likely receive friend requests from many of them.

According to an article in *USA Today*, the growing trend of social networking on college campuses is blurring the lines between appropriate student-faculty relations.

In March, *USA Today* reported that an East Stroudsburg University sociology professor was placed on administrative leave after a student reported two of her Facebook postings that could have been interpreted as threats.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said student-faculty interaction on Facebook caused some problems at the university this year when faculty requested students to add them as "friends." Students were uncomfortable with it, and may have felt that their privacy had been invaded, he said.

"We have dealt with it, it's not frequent," he said. "Both students and faculty are using very good judgment."

Mills said the university had considered making recommendations about appropriate social media conduct, but has no "hard and fast" policies about online student-faculty relationships in place yet, and

may never create any.

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

great way for students and faculty to communicate.

"Students have appropriate student life, and faculty have appropriate faculty life," he said. "And where those two intersect in the academic arena, then I think it's perfectly appropriate to use all kinds of technology to interact and to grow intellectually."

Geoff Campbell, a Schieffer School adjunct professor, said he routinely tells his students they are welcome to find him on Facebook.

"I view it as more of a bridge," Campbell said. "I

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Location, rent problems close nearby restaurant

By Alex Collins

Staff Reporter

After just under one and a half years in business, Los Vaqueros owners Vicki and Johnny Cisneros closed the doors of their campus-area restaurant located on West Berry Street.

Cisneros said she loved the customers from the university and that the restaurant generated a wonderful group of people. However, problems with the location, such as faulty elevators, frequent fire alarms, limited parking and high rent, forced the couple to end their lease prior to its expiration, she said.

"It was hard for us to leave," she said. "It was just little things that created big problems for us from an economic standpoint."

Cisneros said the retail management company in the GrandMarc was not able to provide the restaurant with the amenities they had agreed to, but that the company was very responsive to her e-mails and phone calls.

"The parking was an ongoing issue for us and we didn't want to take action against students who were parking in the garage because they were also our customers," Cisneros said.

Cisneros declined to elaborate on the specifics of the amenities that had not been provided, but said she and her husband had been approached about opening another restaurant very close to the former location under the GrandMarc. They are considering the possibility, she said.

Cisneros said in addition to the parking issues, the building's fire alarms would also go off periodically and customers in the restaurant would vacate, even though the alarms were false.

The cost of rent was also extremely high when compared to the cost of food items on the menu, she added.

The combination of problems caused Cisneros to spend extra time at the location on campus, a relatively small space, preventing her from working at the two other Los Vaqueros locations, she said.

"I was very overwhelmed by the amount of phone calls and e-mails and people that told me 'We hate to see you go,'" Cisneros said.

Blake Hartle, junior strategic communications major and Los Vaqueros customer, said he was disappointed by the restaurant's closing because he enjoyed the food.

"(The closing) will leave a little bit of a void and there will be some disappointment among students because I know a lot of TCU students worked there too," he said.

Susan Boze, a property manager of The Retail Connection, said she would not comment on the situation because of legal matters.

The Retail Connection is a company that manages the retailers within the GrandMarc

All discounts, pep rallies and bands playing on the days of football games will now be shifted to other Los Vaqueros restaurant locations, she said.

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think it's just another avenue for communicating that can only help."

Geography professor Jeffrey Roet said he would never ask a student to be a friend on Facebook, and would never contact a current student via a social network. However, allowing former students to "friend" him does have its advantages, he said.

"After a student graduates, it is a great way to stay in touch with former professors," Roet said. "Students who took my class in 1982 and so on have contacted me via Facebook. It was great to catch up with them."

Trevor Yarbrough, a senior geography major who is friends with Roet on Facebook, said that he thought Roet handled social networking well by not making students feel pressured to ac-

cept his friend request.

Yarbrough said that he added Roet as his friend when he took his class in spring 2008, and did not see any problem with it.

"It wouldn't bother me if there was some kind of rule against it, but I don't really see it causing that much harm in my own life," he said.

However, Yarbrough said that he could understand how students who use Facebook more often than him might run into problems.

"I know a lot of students put a lot of things on Facebook that they probably shouldn't tell anyone," he said.

Clay Knowles, a junior graphic design major, "friended" a few of his teachers on Facebook, but said it might be weird if they started commenting on his pictures and status updates.

"It depends on my relationship with them," Knowles said. "Teachers in my major, I'm closer to."

POLITICS

Tea party continues to take down GOP

By Liz Sidoti

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is the tea party the new Republican Party?

The grass-roots network of fed-up conservative-libertarian voters displayed its power in its biggest triumph of the election year: the toppling of Sen. Lisa Murkowski in Alaska's GOP primary. Political novice Joe Miller is the fifth tea party insurgent to win a GOP Senate nominating contest, an upset that few, if any, saw coming.

With the stunning outcome, the fledgling tea party coalition and voters who identify with its anti-tax, anti-spending sentiments proved that democracy is alive and well — within the Republican Party. Don't like who is representing you? Rise up, fire them and choose someone new.

The tea party has taken hold in the Grand Old Party, unseating lawmakers, capturing nominations for open seats and forcing Republicans to recalibrate both their campaign strategy and issues agenda. Out is talk of delivering federal dollars back home; in is talk of fiscal discipline.

Within minutes of Murkowski conceding late Tuesday night, Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., was among the conservative Republicans cheering Miller.

"He pulled off the upset victory of the year because he ran on principles and because Alaskans, like all Americans, want to stop the massive spending, bailouts and debt that are bankrupting our country," said DeMint.

Taking a shot at Murkowski if not the entire Republican establishment, he added: "Joe Miller's victory should be a wake-up call to politicians who go to Washington to bring home the bacon. Voters are saying 'We're not willing to bankrupt the country to benefit ourselves.'"

Murkowski, who was seeking her second full term, was the first GOP incumbent to lose her renomination bid to a tea party-backed challenger in a Republican primary.

But Utah Sen. Bob Bennett lost his job, too, fired at the state convention in May when tea party activists and other GOP



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Fairbanks, Alaska, lawyer Joe Miller along with his wife, Kathleen, meet with the press Tuesday evening, Aug. 31, 2010, after U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski conceded the Republican primary to him.

voters rallied behind Mike Lee. And tea party favorites Rand Paul in Kentucky, Sharron Angle in Nevada and Ken Buck in Colorado won their primaries over establishment-supported candidates in open races.

Now, the country's latest political phenomenon is turning its sights on the Sept. 14 Delaware Senate primary in hopes that its preferred candidate can vanquish a moderate hand-picked by GOP leaders in Washington, Rep. Mike Castle, to win an open seat once held by Vice President Joe Biden.

"Up next: Christine O'Donnell for U.S. Senate in Delaware," declared Amy Kremer, chairman of the Tea Party Express, which says it spent some \$600,000 in the final weeks of Alaska's Senate race to help Miller. The California-based group says it will shell out \$250,000 on

O'Donnell's behalf.

Afterward, the coalition's challenge will be to prove that its might is more than a fluke by ensuring that tea-party GOP nominees beat Democrats on Nov. 2.

That won't be difficult in some places. It's nearly a foregone conclusion that Miller, an attorney endorsed by friends Sarah and Todd Palin, will be a senator; Alaska is a Republican-leaning state in a clearly GOP year. Still, Senate Democrats moved quickly to see whether Miller's victory could give them an opening, conducting a poll to gauge the potential competitiveness of the race.

Even before Murkowski conceded, Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, chairman of the Democrats' campaign committee, said in an interview his organization might come into the state behind party nominee Scott McAdams.

DISASTER RELIEF

Event to raise money for Pakistan flood victims

By Whitney Gipson

Staff Reporter

The Muslim Student Association's Fast-a-thon, scheduled for Thursday night, is designed to raise money to be donated toward a flood relief fund for Pakistan, the organization's vice president said.

Zair Shah, a junior biology major, said MSA wanted students to come to the charity event to fast with them during Ramadan, the Islamic month of fasting.

Students who participate will not eat or drink during the hours between sunrise and sunset, he said.

Shah said that local businesses and mosques would donate more money for the Pakistan relief effort the more number of students attended.

Flooding in Pakistan began in late July and displaced more than 20 million people without food, water or shelter, Shah said. The disaster has caused greater damage than Hurricane Katrina, the 2004 Indonesian tsunami and the earthquake in Haiti combined, and has left one-fifth of the country submerged, he said.

The event will be in Smith Hall, Room 104 A and B. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and students will break fast at 8 p.m.

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Local businesses and mosques will make donations for Pakistan flood relief based on how many students attend

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WEATHER

Use of math improves accuracy in storm prediction programs

By Seth Borenstein

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sophisticated computer models that replaced instinct with cold, hard math have helped forecasters predict where a storm like Hurricane Earl is going about twice as accurately as 20 years ago.

And last year, they proved it: The three-day forecast was as accurate as the here-it-comes, one-day warning used to be in the 1980s. In the 2009 hurricane season, the one-day forecast predicting where a storm would hit was off by only 53 miles on average.

But Earl is the type of storm — big and in a tricky location — that can defy expectations. Its predicted track shows the eye passing just off the East Coast, dancing so close to shore that a slight wobble could turn that miss into a mess.

Even if the eye remains offshore, high winds that extend 200 miles from the center could reach inland.

A small shift could “bring the center of Earl directly in contact with the Outer Banks, hence the need for the (hurricane) warning,” National Hurricane Center Director Bill Read said Wednesday.

East Coast storms can be more predictable than those in the Gulf of Mexico because they don't usually make the sharp twists and turns taken by some gulf storms.

Still, MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel called Earl “a forecasting nightmare in a way.”

That's why Read and others emphasize that the forecast isn't a precise projection of Earl's movements. It's a line surrounded by a “cone of uncertainty.”

About one out of three times, the eye of the storm will move out of the cone, said Timothy Schott, tropical cyclone program leader for the National Weather Service in Silver Spring, Md.

“We're very confident about the track. We're confident about the intensity,” Read said.

But because of uncertainties, the track can't be narrowed to “a skinny line on a map,” he said. “That's why we have errors.”

However, those errors are nothing compared with what they used to be.

When Max Mayfield joined the hurricane

center in 1972, forecasters had some computer models, but their calculations were based more on history, not the physics of the current atmosphere.

Mostly forecasters used their knowledge and plain old “feel,” said Mayfield, who later became the center's director and is now retired.

In 1972, the average two-day forecast was off by about 450 miles; last year it was 81 miles. The margin of error used to be so big that when a storm hit the Leeward Islands — far to the southeast of the U.S. — forecasters started alerts for Florida and up the East Coast, Mayfield said.

He credits the improved forecasts to better observations of storms and improved computer models.

“We have a lot more confidence in the models than we used to,” Mayfield said.

Many — if not most — of the models now look at the shifting dynamics of the atmosphere to see what forces are guiding a hurricane. That type of calculation takes faster computers, which are now more readily available.

Hurricanes avoid high-pressure systems — which almost act like brick walls — and follow low pressure troughs, which act like bowling alley gutters guiding storms. The models essentially predict where the walls and gutters will be.

In some ways, those computer models have gotten so reliable that hurricane specialists half-jokingly grouse that they will soon become messengers instead of forecasters, said Hugh Willoughby, a professor at Florida International University and former head of the weather service's hurricane research division.

There are also more computer models churning data and making predictions, said MIT's Emanuel. That makes a consensus more likely, he said.

But the weather service's Schott said that's only half the story. Despite years of research, forecasters still have not significantly improved forecasts on storm intensity. They aren't certain why storms suddenly get weaker or stronger.

That's why planes and drones are continuously flown into Earl for more information, especially about the way energy is exchanged between the ocean and the storm itself, Schott said.



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Senior hurricane specialist Lixion Avila plots the course of Hurricane Earl at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010 as powerful Hurricane Earl wheels toward the East Coast, driving tourists from North Carolina vacation islands and threatening damaging winds and waves up the Atlantic seaboard over Labor Day weekend.

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Use caution when 'friending' professors

Facebook has always championed interpersonal communication and an open web community.

Therefore, the university should adopt a similar spirit when regulating professor-student relationships on the site. There should be no official policy barring professors to add students as "friends" or vice versa as the college experience is about the passage to adulthood with the requisite responsibilities and freedoms attached.

Faculty and staff should be cautious when adding current students as "friends" before a final grade is submitted to prevent any bias from occurring. Other than that, faculty members and students should be able to maintain professional relationships that may lead to a more familiar relationship upon graduation — simply because they stayed in touch with Facebook.

As long as the propriety and decency that is expected in face-to-face interaction is upheld during online interaction, Facebook should be allowed to become yet another medium that encourages academic tutelage and enlightenment.

While the university should not enforce a strict "zero-tolerance" policy with regard to faculty-student Facebook interaction, every participant in the online community should be expected to continually uphold the TCU Code of Conduct.

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Legacy of war in Iraq still uncertain

Jordan Rubio

Seven years, three months and 18 days since then-President George W. Bush declared major combat operations to be over, the last U.S. combat brigade left Iraq on Aug. 19. What was predicted to be a quick victory and a turning point in fostering democracy in the Middle East turned into a long war that left Americans divided at home and created instability in Iraq.

The war in Iraq is by no means over, as there are still 50,000 armed U.S. troops left there to advise Iraqi forces and protect U.S. interests, but all major combat operations have been concluded. The remaining troops can only use their weapons in self-defense or if the Iraqi government orders them to.

Though the true outcome of the war in Iraq will not be known for years, its legacy has been formed and will be one that haunts the U.S. much in the same way Vietnam does. It is the legacy of growing mistrust in authority and the mainstream media which so willingly led us to war based on false pretenses, the deepening of divisions and tensions in both the U.S. and Iraq and the price in blood, the loss of security and peace among innocent people in response to the suspicions and hysteria of their fellow man.

Iraq may one day yet become the flower of stable democracy in the Middle East, as was President Bush's dream. It could devolve into sectarian violence again. As for now, the future of Iraq remains foggy, and it will be several years before it can be determined whether the war was a success, if you can succeed in such a conflict at all.

How quickly it's forgotten that in the early stages, Iraq was a war that was supported by 60 percent of those surveyed by a 2003 Gallup poll. Whipped into a state of mass hysteria by a compliant mainstream media over the supposed existence of weapons of mass destruction, the American public demanded that U.S. forces invade Iraq and rid it of its weapons of mass destruction.

After the defeat of Saddam Hussein, however, such weapons were never found, and U.S. forces were saddled with the burden of turning an increasingly unstable country into a viable democracy.

The war caused great divisions outside of the U.S. as well. In Iraq, a brutal insurgency brought more chaos, bloodshed and further divisions into Iraq's society. As the country tore itself to pieces, uncertainty loomed in both the U.S. and Iraq itself on how to deal with the quagmire.

Division, uncertainty and growing anger grew amongst the American

public over what was seen as a failing war. Although violence and casualties have gone down since the 2007 surge, 55 percent of Americans surveyed by

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a 2010 Gallup poll still believe it was a mistake to invade Iraq.

Described as the Vietnam of its generation, the Iraq war has drawn to a symbolic close for the U.S. However, its legacy will continue to haunt both the U.S. and Iraq for years after. At the cost of nearly 4,300 U.S. military deaths, an estimate of more than 100,000 Iraqi deaths and more than \$744 billion, what has become of Iraq? What have U.S. forces achieved there?

Yet the legacy of the Iraq war for the United States has already been written. It is written in the faces of the innocents who have suffered because America was fearful, uncertain and paranoid. It is written in every explosion and death that rocks Iraq. Such is our legacy.

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PERSPECTIVES

Students over-dependent on parents



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Danika Scevers

Last week I lugged three laundry carts full of my belongings up the front steps of my dorm and down the hall to the room that would become my home for the next few months. I was accompanied by my immediate family, all of us sweating in the Texas heat and trying to beat the move in crowd to the college hot spots.

Sweat quickly turned to tears as we said our goodbyes and they drove away into the sunset, not to be seen again for many long months. I went back to my dorm to enjoy my newfound freedom and bask in the glory of college life.

At least that's how it was supposed to work. In reality, no sooner did my parents get home than I had an e-mail from my mom asking if I'd finished this essay and those applications, and telling me that she was there to help me if I needed it.

For many students, especially freshmen, this is a common occurrence as both students and their parents struggle to come to terms with their new place in each other's lives.

With access to more kinds of communication technology than ever before, some parents are overstepping their boundaries and taking their child's educational well-being into their own hands. A 2008 study by Middlebury College psychology professor Barbara Hofer found that the average college student contacts his or her home 13 times per week, mostly via cell phone calls, text messages and e-mails.

This much contact can not only be an enabler for so-called 'helicopter parents,' but can also be extremely detrimental to the growth and development of college students who, in the past, traditionally used their college years to become fully independent of their families.

Students who once asked for help and advice from professors, Resident Assistants and friends now turn to more tried and true sources: their parents. Rather than calling to say 'hi' and let families know how their college

experience is going, many students compulsively call or text home for simple matters such as advice on laundry or the best way to cook Ramen noodles. Some even e-mail their class papers home to be proofread.

All this contact adds up. When students have easy access to parents about the little things, independent decision making ceases and students begin to head straight for the comfort of home every time they are stressed or upset.

For many students, especially freshmen, this is a common occurrence as both students and their parents struggle to come to terms with their new place in each other's lives.

The distinction between what constitutes a valid reason to phone home versus what is a simple whim is something that both parents and students need to learn. If a student is constantly calling home for advice, parents can wish them luck and turn them back to the problem, perhaps following up the next time their child calls home.

"Staying close is different than being dependent," Hofer said in a Chicago Tribune article titled "Are students, parents too connected?"

The issue comes when parents enter 'regulatory' mode—reminding students of assignments and contacting the school's office with questions in place of their children, as well as talking students through conflicts with friends or professors. Admittedly, parental support can be calming, even helpful, in times of crisis. But a mishap with your laundry that causes all your whites to become a shade of neon pink isn't a crisis. It's a life lesson.

And, after all, isn't that what college is about?

Danika Scevers is a freshman pre-major from Abilene.

Plagiarism unethical and irresponsible

Claire Taussig

Digital technology makes copying and pasting easy, of course. But that is the least of it. The Internet may also be redefining how students — who came of age with music file-sharing, Wikipedia and Web-linking — understand the concept of authorship and the singularity of any text or image.

I just plagiarized about plagiarizing. That entire paragraph was not written by me. All I had to do was copy and paste from *The New York Times* website, and voila, it looks like I just wrote a brilliant synopsis on the state of plagiarism in this nation.

I did not attribute my work. I pulled a pertinent, well-written section of the article, "Plagiarism Lines Blur for Students in Digital Age," without putting quotation marks around words that were not mine. I did not give credit to the article's author, Trip Gabriel. If I had not just given you my confession and the actual source of the first paragraph, you probably would have never known. However, if I had been caught, I would have been in severe trouble.

If writing this article had been an assignment for a class, my professor may have been able to catch me through searching Google for a couple of sentences that did not look like my writing or by utilizing anti-plagiarism sites like turnitin.com. If caught, I would have received a zero on the assignment and my academic dean would have been notified. More serious repercussions would have resulted from there.

According to a recent study by Donald L. McCabe, a business professor at Rutgers University and an official from the Center

for Academic Integrity, around 40 percent of 14,000 undergraduate students surveyed admitted to plagiarizing a few sentences in written assignments.

I am sure you have seen the university's definition of plagiarism in all of your syllabi. If you have not, the handbook's definition of plagiarism is, "the appropriation, theft, purchase or obtaining by any means another's work, and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of that work as one's own offered for credit."

I would hope that at a university where we strive to be, "ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community," and sign an honor code that states, "As a member of the TCU community, I will work to actively create an environment of academic integrity. On my honor, I will not participate in any form of academic misconduct," plagiarism would not cloud our reputation.

I'm not ignorant or too idealistic to think it does not actually happen here. My professor pleaded with my class not to plagiarize this semester because she has had at least one student plagiarize in every previous semester.

We are ethical and responsible university students and we need to act like it.

'I didn't have time.' 'It was easier.' 'I don't know exactly what counts as plagiarism.' 'I thought it was common knowledge.'

These are not valid or acceptable excuses. If you were not aware of what plagiarism was before, you know now. No matter how easy or how short on time you think you are, choose not to plagiarize.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Crew to replace Programming Council

By David Stein
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association's Programming Council will fade away this semester as it transfers university programming responsibilities to the Brown-Lupton University Union in a new organization called The Crew.

Programming Council Chair Alex Collins, a junior broadcast journalism major, said the main difference between the two programs is that The Crew would have paid directors, where the PC did not. The Crew will also have directors for each day of the week and one for the weekend, instead of working as a group on one weekly project, she said.

"I think the fact that (The Crew) is more of a job offers a professional environment for the students to work in and allows for a greater incentive to produce constant programming," Collins said.

She said the set-up of the PC did not allow the greater number of events that The Crew would.

"The directors [of The Crew] have the obligation to perform three events per day, where there could simply not be those regulations on unpaid directors," Collins said.

The PC aimed to plan about one program per week, she said.

Justin Paxton, an entrepreneurial management major and leader of the new organization, said The Crew would plan a wide range of events on campus and get more people involved in the idea-generating process.

Paxton said PC will be eliminated after the semester, but would continue to plan events this semester with the help of The Crew.

"There's more of an idea-sharing space where they might get better ideas and more collaboration than just 12 people [on PC]," Paxton, said.

University Union Activities Coordinator Brett Phillips said the students formerly involved in PC would continue to work on their same roles this semester.

"It's sort of PC having a rebirth, and really trying to rebrand it," Phillips said. "It's still really connected with SGA, it's just kind of adding a new, different twist."

Phillips said that Collins would continue her current role in planning big events for Programming Council during this semester.

Freshman Crew member and international political science major, Katie Sheridan, said The Crew gave out free cotton candy at the BLUU Tuesday afternoon and had a poker night that evening, an example of events that the organization will hold in the future.

"We just make people's day better," Sheridan said. "We don't charge anything. It's just different activities each day of the week."

Phillips said nearly 125 people attended a general meeting about The Crew Monday evening, and more than 200 have already applied. There is no current limit for a maximum number of members, he said.



Freshman political science major Katie Sheridan, left, makes cotton candy Tuesday for an event put together by The Crew, while freshman child development pre-major Meg Mathews looks on.

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TRANSPORTATION

Purple Bike Program temporarily paused

By Leah Watkins

Staff Reporter

The university's Purple Bike Program has been temporarily suspended due to lack of storage and maintenance space, the program's director said.

Keith Whitworth, a sociology instructor, said that over the past year the bike program was housed in numerous buildings and at one point was located in his mini-van. During the summer the program did not have the resources to maintain the bikes properly which caused a backup in work.

"The university has been extremely helpful in getting us space and of course space is a premium at TCU."

Keith Whitworth

Sociology Instructor

Due to a lack of proper space for the program, the university allocated room in the Rickel building to be built specifically for the bikes, he said. However, the set space was recently given to the School for Classical & Contemporary Dance due to renovations on its current building.

Without a space to work with and maintain the bikes, he said, the program and the university mutually decided to temporarily suspend the program for safety. Whitworth said having the space given to another department did not bother him and that academics should always receive priority.

Until the bike program receives space in the Rickel building, Whitworth said he hoped to get approval for the use of a university van to perform mobile maintenance.

"The university has been extremely helpful in getting us space and of course space is a premium at TCU," Whitworth said.



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

A TCU Purple Bike chained outside of Scharbauer Hall. The program has been suspended temporarily due to a lack of storage and maintenance space.

Pending final approval for the van from the Capital Projects Committee, the program would move into the van and start maintenance on an estimated 35 bikes the following week, he said. However, the committee will not be able to meet to discuss approval for the van until Sept. 16. Whitworth said, if approved, the TCU Physical Plant would provide the van for the bike program.

Director of Campus Recreation Steve Kintigh said he hoped the space for the bike program would be available by next August.

He said TCU Athletics Department officials have ap-

proved a parking space for the van underneath the northeast side of Amon G. Carter Stadium. This would give students a pick-up and drop-off location for the bikes, he said.

Purple Bike Program Information Executive Officer Amber Arkel said there were a lot of international students that needed the bike program.

"They don't have the connections here to get a car or bike on their own like the local students might have," Arkel said.

She said she thought the program needed to be revived in order to meet students' needs.

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STUDY

Number of illegal immigrants in US now in decline

By Hope Yen
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants living in the U.S. has dropped for the first time in two decades — decreasing by 8 percent since 2007, a new study finds. The reasons range from the sour economy to Mexican violence and increased U.S. enforcement that has made it harder to sneak across the border.

Much of the decline comes from a sharp drop-off in illegal immigrants from the Caribbean, Central America and South America

attempting to cross the southern border of the U.S., according to the Pew Hispanic Center, which based its report on an analysis of 2009 census data.

The findings come amid bitter debate over Arizona's strict new immigration law, which was passed earlier this year but is on hold for now as it is challenged in federal court.

The study released Wednesday estimates that 11.1 million illegal immigrants lived in the U.S. in 2009. That represents a decrease of roughly 1 million, or 8 percent, from a peak of 12 million in 2007.

The study puts the number of illegal immi-

grants down to about where it was in 2005. They still make up roughly 4 percent of the U.S. population.

An increase in unauthorized immigrants leaving the U.S., by deportation or for economic reasons, may have played a factor in the falling number.

In recent years, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has deported an increasing number of illegal immigrants, reaching a high last year of more than 389,000 people, according to government figures.

States in the Southeast and Southwest saw some of the biggest declines in the number of

illegal immigrants from 2008 to 2009, including Florida, Nevada and Virginia. Arizona saw a decrease, but it was too small to be statistically significant.

It's hard to figure out how much of the decline to attribute to the bad economy and how much to federal immigration enforcement, said Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at Pew who co-wrote the analysis.

Passel said illegal immigrants now find it more expensive and dangerous to cross into the U.S. and also have less incentive to do so given the languishing job market in construction and other low-wage industries.

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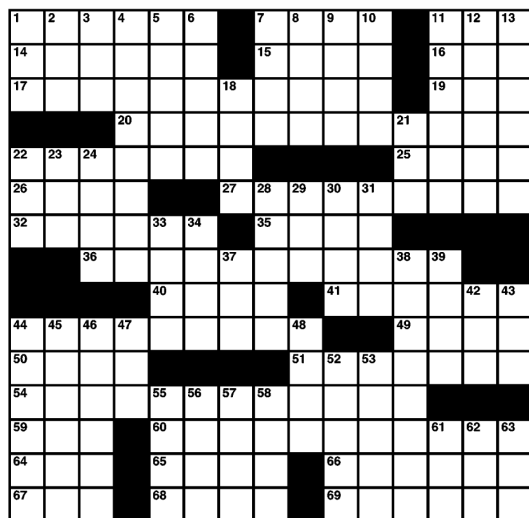
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By Dan Naddor 9/2/10

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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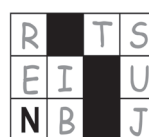
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Directions

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Yesterday Solution

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6	7	3	2	8	9	5	1	4
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INTERNATIONAL

Obama hopeful of Mideast talks

By Robert Burns
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under the shadow of fresh violence, President Barack Obama solemnly convened the first direct Israeli-Palestinian talks in two years Wednesday, challenging Mideast leaders to seize a fleeting opportunity to deliver peace to a region haunted by decades of hostility.

"I am hopeful, cautiously hopeful, but hopeful," Obama said with the leaders of Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinians beside him in the crowded East Room of the White House.

The mood appeared cordial as the leaders commenced the talks aimed at creating a sovereign Palestinian state beside a secure Israel.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shook hands warmly and thanked Obama for pressing for the renewed talks despite such seemingly intractable differences as Israeli settlement expansion in the West Bank. The two leaders begin face-to-face talks on Thursday at the State Department.

"Do we have the wisdom and the courage to walk the path of peace?" Obama asked.

In turn, each of the leaders answered positively but with qualifications. And they spoke

hopefully of chances for a breakthrough within the one-year timeframe prescribed by Obama.

Netanyahu said his nation desires a lasting peace, not an interlude between wars.

Abbas urged Israel to freeze settlement construction in areas the Palestinians want as

"We will spare no effort and we will work diligently and tirelessly to ensure that these negotiations achieve their cause."

Mahmoud Abbas
Palestinian President

part of their new state, and to end its blockade of Gaza, which is controlled by the militant Hamas movement. The settlements issue is a central obstacle to achieving a permanent peace.

"We will spare no effort and we will work diligently and tirelessly to ensure these negotiations achieve their cause," Abbas said, as translated into English.

Urging them on, Obama said, "This moment of opportunity may not soon come again."

CRIME

Police kill gunman at Discovery HQ

By Sarah Brumfield
Associated Press Writer

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — A man who railed against the Discovery Channel's environmental programming for years burst into the company's headquarters with at least one explosive device strapped to his body Wednesday and took three people hostage at gunpoint before police shot him to death, officials said.

The hostages — two Discovery Communications employees and a security guard — were unhurt after the four-hour standoff. Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger said tactical officers moved in after officers monitoring Lee on building security cameras saw him pull out a handgun and point it at a hostage.

An explosive device on the gunman's body detonated when police shot him, Manger said. Police were trying to determine whether two boxes and two backpacks the gunman had also contained explosives.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing said authorities had identified James J. Lee as the likely suspect.

NBC News reported that after its producers called Discovery's general number, a man identifying himself as James J. Lee got on the phone and said he had a gun and several bombs.

"I have several bombs strapped to my body ready to go off. I have a device that if I drop it, if I drop it, it will ... explode," the man told NBC.

He said he built the bombs in about three weeks. "I did a lot of research. I had to experiment," he said.

Manger said the suspect held the hostages in the lobby area of the first floor. Authorities said they will methodically go through the building and identify any suspicious items.

The "building is still a crime scene," Manger said. "We still have work to do."

Manger said police spent several hours negotiating with the armed man after he entered the suburban Washington building about 1 p.m. None of the 1,900 people who work in the building were hurt, and most made it out before the standoff ended.

Lee was convicted of disorderly conduct for a protest he organized outside Discovery's offices in February 2008. According to court records, he paid homeless people to carry signs and set off a scramble for money when he threw fistfuls of cash into the air, calling it "just trash."

Lee served two weeks in jail. County State's Attorney John McCarthy said Lee was ordered to stay 500 feet away from Discovery headquarters as part of his probation, which ended two weeks ago. A magistrate ordered a doctor's evaluation, but the result was not immediately available Wednesday.

"The Discovery Channel produces many so-called 'Environmental Programs' supposedly there to save the planet," Lee said in an ad he took out in a Washington newspaper to promote the protest. "But the truth is things are getting WORSE! Their programs are causing more harm than good."

In court and online, Lee faulted the Discovery Channel for shows as varied as



AP PHOTO / MANUEL BALCE CENETA

Maryland State Police troopers, walk near the Discovery Channel network building in Silver Spring, Md., Wednesday, Sep. 1, 2010. Police shot and killed a man who took two employees and a security officer hostage at the company's headquarters Wednesday, officials said. All three hostages escaped safely.

"Future Weapons," "It Takes a Thief" and "Planet Green."

A lengthy posting that could be seen Wednesday on a website registered to Lee said Discovery and its affiliates should stop "encouraging the birth of any more parasitic human infants." Instead, he said, the network should air "programs encouraging human sterilization and infertility."

Discovery Communications Inc. operates U.S. cable and satellite networks including The Discovery Channel, TLC and Animal Planet. Discovery shows include "Cash Cab" and "Man vs. Wild," and TLC airs "American Chopper" and "Kate Plus 8."

David Leavy, Discovery's executive vice president for corporate affairs, said all employees had been accounted for. "We're relieved that it ended without any harm to our employees," he said.

Melissa Shepard, 32, of Peterborough, N.H., a consultant who works in the building, said she was on the third floor with several other workers when someone announced over a loudspeaker that there was a situation in the lobby and people should stay at their desks.

After some time, they were told to move to the other end of the building. She said she was among a dozen workers who went into an office, shut the door and turned off the lights.

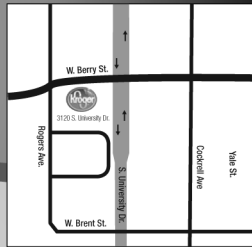
Then she said someone knocked on the door and told them to leave the building. She said there was some confusion as they were told to go to an upper floor or down the stairs.

"Finally, I screamed, 'Tell us where we need to go! ... I just want to get out of there,'" she said. "I was shaking. ... I was like, 'What do we do? What do we do?'"

Leavy said Discovery hopes and expects to be open Thursday. "The priority is going to be nurturing and responding to employee needs over the coming days as this is a scary event," he said.

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SPORTS

Patterson radio show adds fan interaction

By Ryan Osborne
Staff Writer



Patterson

The Gary Patterson Show will make its return tonight at 6:00 p.m. live from the Railhead Steakhouse.

The hour-long radio show hosted by Brian Estridge and featuring Horned Frog football head coach Gary Patterson will be broadcast on KTFW 92.1 FM as well as KTCU 88.7 FM. Tonight's show will be the first of 12 broadcasts that will primarily run

on a weekly basis throughout the season,

"We want it to be a fun, interactive show that gives you an insight into what the week has been

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Russell Scott
KTCU station manager

like for TCU football in preparation for the upcoming opponent," Estridge said.

Estridge said fans will be able to e-mail Patterson whatever questions they might have during the show and, new for this year, they will be able to watch a live broadcast of the program streamed on GoFrogs.com.

Estridge, who has been hosting the show for 12 years, nine of which were with Patterson, said he looked forward to simply being able to talk with Patterson.

"I treat it like a conversation like it's just two guys sitting on a bar

stool talking about football," Estridge said. "What you see is what you get [with Patterson]."

Estridge isn't the only one excited about the show's return. KTCU station manager Russell Scott said it is only fitting that the student-run radio station carries the show.

"I think the football team has brought so much publicity to the university and to Fort Worth and us being a part of the university it kind of is a natural fit," Scott said. "Especially considering we're not just broadcasting on campus."

Scott said because of the publicity the Gary Patterson Show brings

to KTCU, more listeners throughout Fort Worth and the metroplex will be able to become in tune with other programs the station runs on campus.

This week's Gary Patterson Show will feature special guest, senior defensive tackle Cory Grant.

Next Gary Patterson Show

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Hudson nominated for award honoring community leadership

Katey Muldrow
Staff Reporter

Senior volleyball player Christy Hudson had no idea she had been nominated for a national award until she checked



Hudson

her Facebook wall. Hudson said a friend in Minnesota was the first to tell her that she was a candidate for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, an achievement offered to volleyball players for the first time this year.

The "CLASS" in the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award is an acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, according to the CLASS Award's website. The award is given to NCAA Division I senior athletes who show achievement in four categories: community, classroom, character and competition.

"We are excited to add women's volleyball to the award program and are encouraged by the strong group of women who make up our first class of candidates," said Tom Lamb senior vice

president of marketing of Lowe's, in a press release. "These student athletes are outstanding leaders and have contributed many hours to make their universities and communities better places."

Hudson, one of 30 volleyball candidates nominated for the CLASS Award, said she was very excited about being nominated.

"It represents what I do in the classroom as well as in the community," Hudson said. "So, it means a lot more to me because it's not just specifically athletic-related."

Hudson said being involved in the community is one of her passions. She said she has been involved in many activities including reading to children through Reading Frogs, Habitat for Humanity, volleyball camps, and helping kids with Down syndrome learn to play soccer.

Hudson said helping the children learn to play soccer was her favorite community service activity because she was inspired by the looks on the kids' faces.

"I think it really helps me because I know how to work with each individual differently on the court, as far as different personalities, because I've worked

with all different ages," Hudson said.

She said she thinks being considered for the award is a good thing for the team, too, because it brings some recognition to TCU for a sport that is not always in the spotlight.

According to the CLASS Award's website, candidates will be narrowed

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Christy Hudson
Senior volleyball player

down to 10 finalists by a national media committee on Oct. 11. The ten finalists will then be placed on a ballot for fans, coaches and national media to vote on. The winner will be presented with the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award trophy at the 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship Dec. 18 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff Reporter Christa Acuna contributed to this story.

SPORTS

New uniform for season opener

By Katie Love
News Now

The Horned Frogs will open the 2010 football season on Saturday with two firsts: the team will wear the recently unveiled Nike Pro Combat uniforms and will play in Cowboys Stadium for the first time.

Nike selected 10 universities to be part of the Nike Pro Combat System of Dress. TCU was one of five teams that also wore Pro Combat uniforms last season.

Matt Lewis, athletic equipment manager, presented the Horned Frogs' Nike uniforms at the unveiling event in New York City Wednesday.

"Last year, TCU shook up college football by having an undefeated season and by wearing some of the most memorable uniforms the college world has ever seen," Lewis said.

Inspiration for the uniform came from TCU's all-time winningest football coach Leo R. "Dutch" Meyer, who was famous for saying the Horned Frog motto, "Fight 'em till hell freezes over, then fight 'em on the ice."

"This year's uniform is designed to look like we are indeed fighting them on the ice," Lewis said.

An abbreviated version of the quote appears inside the back of the jersey and on the inner cuff of the gloves, he said. The lizard-skin pattern is used throughout the uniform design, and TCU is printed on the back waistband, the right side of the helmet and is spelled out on the gloves when the palms face outward.

The helmet has two red lines down the center that represent the blood that shoots from a horned frog's

eyes when under attack. Lewis said the lines also symbolized the brotherhood that unites the team.

The new Horned Frog uniforms impressed ESPN announcer Chris Fowler.

"The bar was pretty high because last year (the) TCU uniforms that they unveiled on GameDay when I was there against Utah had the biggest wow factor," Fowler said.

Fashion plays a key role in the football world. Fowler said that recruits sometimes factor the design of the uniform into their decision when choosing a school.

Even Jerard Rabb, the Boise State University wide receiver who helped lead the Broncos to victory in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, said he liked the significance of TCU's new uniform design.

"I like how the helmet has

"This year's uniform is designed to look like we are indeed fighting them on the ice."

Matt Lewis
Athletic equipment manager

red stripes that (show) how the horned frogs spit blood out of their eyes," Rabb said.

Athletics Director Chris Del Conte said the student athletes had an overwhelmingly positive response when they saw the new Pro Combat Nike uniforms.

"I think this speaks volumes of Gary Patterson and our football programs," Del Conte said. "It speaks volumes of TCU as a whole, and that tells you how well the uniform was embraced around the country."

Back discomfort benches Lee

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rangers left-hander Cliff Lee returned to Texas on Wednesday to get a shot and have his ailing back checked out.

Lee was scheduled to rejoin the AL West leaders on Friday.

Lee is 0-3 with an 8.28 ERA in his last five starts. He gave up six runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings Tuesday night at Kansas City.

"After the game last night Cliff Lee told us he was experiencing some discomfort in his back," Rangers assistant general manager Thad Levine said. "We flew him back to Dallas to

see (Rangers team physician) Dr. (Keith) Meister. He put him through a battery of tests today and also gave him a trigger point injection in his back."

Levine said some component of the shot is cortisone, "but I wouldn't describe it as a cortisone shot."

"We'll assess where he's at then," Levine said. "We'll know definitely how it feels on Friday. I think he'd been experiencing it before yesterday but he didn't tell us about it until after the game (Tuesday). He did intimate to me last night that he'd been feeling this longer, for a longer period than he told us about."

Lee, the 2008 AL Cy Young

winner, has not won since Aug. 6 at Oakland. He is 2-5 with a 4.69 ERA in 11 starts with the Rangers since they acquired him in six-player trade July 9 with the Seattle Mariners.

Levine said Lee has an oblique injury in April with the Mariners, "but we don't think this is related."

Lee's next scheduled start is Monday in Minnesota, but whether he makes that is yet to be determined.

"We'll see how it goes the rest of the way," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He didn't have a good August. If he drops three or four wins for us in September we'll forget about that."



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Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cliff Lee throws during the third inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010, in Kansas City, Mo.

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