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Freshman cornerback Travaras Battle tackles a Tennessee Tech player during Saturday's game. CAROLINE HARDWICK / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CORRECTION

An article in Friday's issue stated that the Lady Antebellum concert would be open to alumni, faculty and students. The concert will only be open to faculty and current students.

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Q Cinema will continue to show films instead of taking a break

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Study: Facebook use leads to low scores

By Emily Agee Staff Reporter

Students who use Facebook while studying earn significantly lower grades than students who do not, according to a new study by the Netherlands' Open University.

According to an article in *the Daily Mail*, the study revealed that people who used Facebook while studying had test scores 20 percent lower than non-users, even if it was running in the background.

Study author Paul Kirschner said

had test scores 20 percent lower than non-users.

in the article that many people believe they can successfully multi-task and use Facebook at the same time as studying, but in reality it takes more time and leads to more mistakes.

Kirschner's team studied 219 students ranging in age from 19 to 54 at an American university. Facebook users had an average GPA of 3.06, while non-users had a significantly higher 3.82 GPA.

Some students seem to be catching on to the trend and deactivating their Facebook accounts in order to be more productive. Junior accounting and finance double major Alyssa Berman closed her account for a month before finals.

"I figured since I needed to study for finals, if I deactivated my Facebook that would prevent me from using it as a mode of procrastination," Berman said.

According to the study, procrastination is a product of social networking. Non-users spent 88 percent more time studying outside the classroom.

Junior political science and entrepreneurial management major Bonnie Reay also avoided Facebook during fi-

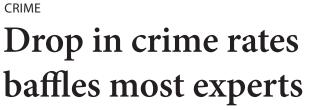
nals week. Reay said she would probably have higher grades if she did away with her account completely.

"I didn't want any distractions while I was studying so I made a rule that I couldn't access my Facebook."

Psychology professor Sarah Hill, however, doesn't think Facebook is necessarily the culprit. Hill said she felt that grades mainly depended on how easily distracted a person is.

"I don't think Facebook is responsible for worse grades," Hill said. "In fact, most professors I know are on it. I'm on it."

Full findings will be published in the journal *Computers in Human Behavior* later this year.



By Pete Yost

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent crime is down for the third straight year. Property crime for the seventh. But why? Experts are hard-pressed to come up with an explanation.

Violent crimes reported to police dropped 5.3 percent last year, the FBI said Monday, and reported property crimes fell 4.6 percent.

So explain this: Police budgets have been shrinking. Not only that, typically crime rates head up when the economy heads down.

The trend is "one of these welcome puzzles," says Richard Rosenfeld, president of the American Society of Criminology. "This is forcing us to think more seriously under what conditions economic activity influences crime."

There are no neat answers. Among the theories: As overall economic activity slows, more people who otherwise would be at work are unemployed and at home, and when they do travel they are not as likely to carry items of value, so burglaries and street robberies decline.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, when the economy went south crime rates went up. Inflation was high then, low now. Is that the difference? For the experts, it's back to the drawing board.

All of the violent crime categories decreased from 2008, as did all property crime categories.

Murder fell by 7.3 percent, robbery by 8 percent, aggravated assault by 4.2 percent and rape by 2.6 percent.

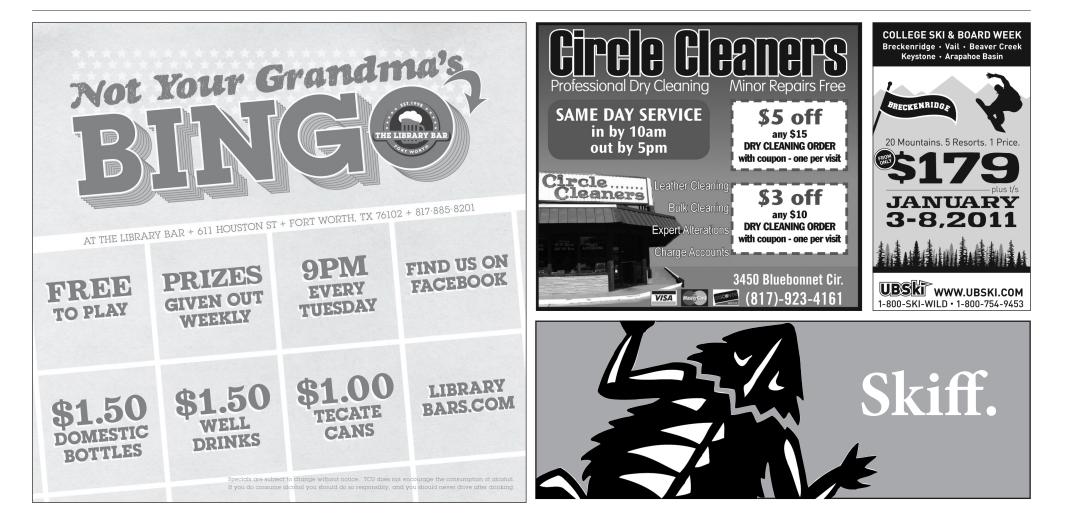
Motor vehicle theft was down by 17.1 percent, larceny by 4 percent and burglary by 1.3 percent.

The FBI said victims of property crime aside from arson lost an estimated \$15.2 billion during 2009.

Attorney General Eric Holder said that smarter policing practices and investments in law enforcement play a significant role in reducing violent and property crime. He said the Obama administration has provided an additional \$519 million in Byrne Justice Assistance Grants to support state and local criminal justice partners.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MATT COFFELT According to a new study by the Netherlands' Open University, people who used Facebook while studying



ENTERTAINMENT LGBTQ film series to continue

By Lizzie Ferguson

Staff Reporter

Q Cinema, a local non-profit organization that supports gay and lesbian films, has decided to continue its monthly movie-showings after attending this year's Vancouver Queer Film Festival and seeing the movie "Undertow," the group's founder said.

"Our goal is to show stories that are well told, they just have to be about our community. Anybody who appreciates a story well told can get something out of the films that we show."

Todd Camp

Artistic Director of Q Cinema

Alumnus Todd Camp, the artistic director of Q Cinema, said the organization originally planned on taking a break for the rest of the year after its involvement in the Rainbow Lounge raid in June 2009.

According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, the Rainbow Lounge incident occurred when the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission raided the Fort Worth gay bar where the officers allegedly used excessive force and hospitalized one man.

Q Cinema got involved in the events surrounding the Rainbow Lounge raid because Camp was celebrating his birthday at the bar with the organizations' staff the night the raid occurred.

After the incident, Camp said that the group was worn out because they were constantly giving interviews to the media while trying to continue monthly movie showing, gay bingo and their annual film festival. They made the decision to take a break, recover and rebrand Q Cinema.

However, the staff's plans changed after attending the Vancouver Queer Film Festival where, after seeing some of the films, they decided it was necessary to bring back a shorter version of its monthly film series, Camp said.

According to the *Q Review*, *Q* Cinema's newsletter, one of the films that helped change

the mind of Q Cinema was the Peruvian movie, "Undertow."

Camp said the movie was about a married man, Miguel, who cheats on his wife with another man. The movie tells Miguel's story as he struggles with whether to tell about his affair or keep it a secret.

"It touched on a lot of hot button issues that we are still grappling with here, particularly in a Latino-heavy North Texas area," Camp said. "We decided to put the film out as part of our contribution to Hispanic Heritage Month."

The film will be shown on Sept. 29 at the Rose Marine Theater, the home of the Latin Arts Association and the heart of the Fort Worth Latino community, Camp said.

Camp said he hoped to reach out beyond Q Cinema's base audience with the showing of "Undertow."

"Our goal is to show stories that are well told, they just have to be about our community," Camp said. "Anybody who appreciates a story well told can get something out of the films that we show."

Juan Martinez, senior international communications major and president of Gay-Straight Alliance, said people will get a great insight on what the Fort Worth community has to offer and get a special insight to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community by going to see "Undertow."

The organization started at the university in 1998 as a film discussion group with the help of the Tarrant County Lesbian Gay Alliance. The members showed films that had not been on DVD and discussed the films' place in indiefilm and gay history.

Q Cinema expanded in 1999 when the president of TCLGA suggested to Camp that he put on a film festival, Camp said. The film festival has been held for the past 13 years and is four days long.

Q Cinema has a lot of upcoming and new events in 2011 that they are excited about, Camp said.

The most recent Q Cinema project is the LG-BTQ History Project, for which the group will donate a lot of its archives, such as DVDs, VHS tapes, magazines and books, so that people can use and learn from the material.

Camp said that Q Cinema was also working on their film festival for next year and continuing work on their fall film series.



BETSY CRUM/ COURTESY OF Q CINEMA "Violet Tendencies" star Jesse Archer, left, with Todd Camp at Q Cinema 12.

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Students should cut back on Facebook use

recent study showed that students who use Facebook while trying to study have an average GPA of 3.06, while non-users maintained a much higher 3.82 GPA. I don't toggle to Facebook as often as many of my peers. I'm content only checking once a day to see if any of my friends have had lifechanging moments while I was away from my computer. However, the couple of times I have indulged in Facebook when I had something more important to do means I probably didn't help my studying.

Let's face it: we can't multi-task. I can barely walk and listen to my iPod at the same time. So, if students have a choice between shutting off Facebook to study or having a lower GPA, I think the choice is obvious.

It doesn't mean you have to delete your Facebook account completely. If something so important happens in one of your friend's lives that it should interrupt your studying, then that friend should contact you through such old-fashioned means as a cell phone, or perhaps, in person. That way, everybody wins.

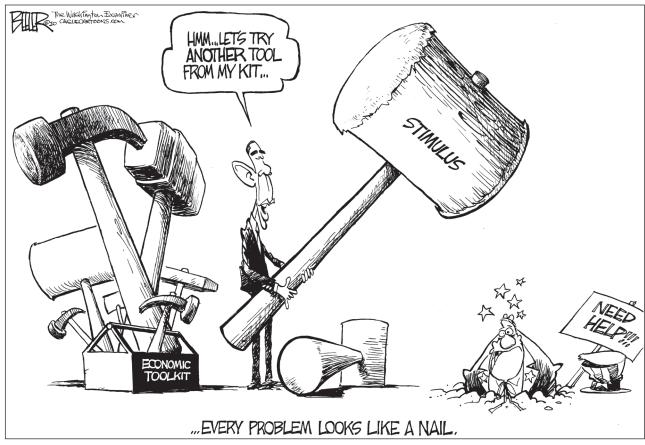
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Student vote matters now like it did in '08



Judith Schomp

The life of a college student is constantly changing — this is the time we lay the foundation for our values, opinions and beliefs. We are always trying out new majors and political views and making new friends.

Just two years ago, our nation was in the midst of one of the most exciting national elections to date. The Democrats had a solid hold over Congress, the first black president was on the verge of election and we discovered that Tina Fey had an uncanny resemblance to Sarah Palin, the Republican nominee for vice president. The youth vote, largely in favor of the Democrats, played a vital role in that election. However, the upcoming 2010 mid-term election looks to be much more evenly spread when it comes to youth voter identity.

Kirk Johnson's article in *The New York Times*, titled "Fewer Young Voters See Themselves as Democrats," explored the shift in these patterns through universities across the country. The article points out that, with such a troubled economy, young voters are more fiscally conservative, but socially liberal.

It can be scary, especially as an upperclassman or young adult in general, to be so close to taking the next step in life and focusing on starting a career. With the unemployment rate higher than it has been in a while, why not be cautious?

Although I personally lean to the left of the political spectrum, I believe that Americans — young or old, employed or not — have similar basic political motivations. It seems to me that the dominant two-party system of government is fundamentally blocking any progression on either end of this polarized partisan process.

Both parties have solid platforms that are respected for what they are, but political identification is not always black and white. Practically anything can affect a voter's habits, such as parents, personal experience with an issue or even current events, like the state of the economy.

Politics often follows a cyclical pattern that trades off phases in the majority be-

tween the Republicans and Democrats. The upcoming election may well be a transition in party control with so many seats up for grabs.

It is unendingly interesting to see the changes in voter identification, but are we, the youth vote, really as fickle as the statistics make us look?

As with the influence youth voting patterns in 2008, the youth vote could sway the election this time around. Whether impassioned by one party or another, I ask that you take a measured look at how you cast your vote.

It is always interesting to see the changes in voter identification, but are we as youth voters really as fickle as the statistics make us look?

I have no intention of swaying anyone's vote to one side or another, but I just ask that you fully weigh your options before stepping into the voting booths in November. During this exciting time in American politics, our government may sway back and forth on issues, but we don't have to.



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Funeral protesters still have right to burn American flag



Shane Smith

In the state of Nebraska, U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf recently ruled that desecration of the United States flag or the Nebraska flag is legal as long as the desecration is done in a peaceful manner. This ruling follows many lawsuits filed against the Westboro Baptist Church whose members travel around the country protesting at the funerals of America's fallen soldiers. The church members desecrate the United States through writings on signs and mutilate the American flag during protests. As much as I disapprove of Westboro Baptist Church's mutilation of our flag and its distasteful protests at soldiers' funerals, I do support the right to perform these despicable actions.

The rights of United States citizens are clearly outlined in the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, also known as the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment protects citizens' rights to peacefully assemble while having the freedom to speak their mind without government intervention. I strongly disagree with Pastor Fred Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church members desecrating the U.S. flag, but I believe in the reasoning behind this quote from Benjamin Franklin: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Just because most Americans think burning the flag is a despicable act, it does not allow us to hamper the rights of those who find the mutilation of the flag acceptable.

Franklin could not have said it any better — we must protect everyone's liberty as long as human life is not put at risk. If Americans take away certain rights from individuals to make themselves feel superior, then all Americans will begin to see their rights and freedoms slowly disappear.

As American citizens, we must protect everyone's right to speak their minds and do as they please. Just because most Americans think burning the flag is a despicable act, it does not allow us to hamper the rights of those who find the mutilation of the flag acceptable. Is burning the flag disrespectful to our country and to those who have fought for our freedom? Absolutely. The men and women who have fought for our freedom not only fought for the freedoms of those who are against flag mutilation, but also for the freedoms of those who desecrate the U.S. flag.

I cannot emphasize enough how vehemently I disagree with anyone mutilating the flag of the greatest nation in the world. In saying this, I must also emphasize how correct Judge Kopf is in his ruling to protect the freedom of all individuals, even if their freedom allows for the mutilation of the American flag.

As Americans, we must stand up for the freedoms of individuals. Our rights as human beings do not come from the government or other individuals, but from the Creator of all that we see. Free will is so important in our lives and if some chooses to mutilate a flag, then we must protect their right to do so, even if we highly disagree with the action.

Any laws that make flag desecration illegal must be changed. In the end, it is only a flag. The morals and values within the hearts and minds of United States citizens will never be desecrated, even if the flag is.

Shane Smith is a senior secondary education major from Fort Worth.

Look for genuine Christians



John Adams

What words come to mind when you think of Jesus Christ?

Now, what comes to mind when you think of Christians?

It is very likely the descriptions you just imagined are almost polar opposites. Loving, wise, forgiving, savior — all of these and other praising terms may have popped into your head as you thought of Jesus.

I venture to guess pondering Christians, however, sparked thoughts of beautiful words like crazy, overbearing, hypocritical or even white, conservative and southern. Indeed, the common perception of Christians today discourages many people from ever considering going to church.

There are a number of reasons as to why this stereotypical view of Christians is so prevalent in society today. Popular media, for example, reinforces it relentlessly in the form of Ned Flanders on "The Simpsons" or the many "Family Guy" gags that either make fun of Christians or Jesus himself.

Let it be known: I enjoy both of these shows and am saddened by the truth in some of their religious satire, but they prevent TV viewers from opening their minds to the possible existence of people that are not stock characters. What a shocking notion.

Another cause of the narrow-mindedness many people approach Christianity with is, well, their narrow-mindedness. Some individuals are so convinced of the prevailing Christian image that they exert no effort to examine what the faith is actually about. Truly, the public too often takes what they see on the news – which is aired because it is out of the ordinary – and makes quick generalizations about members of certain groups.

Finally, Christians don't help themselves very much. Many that call themselves Christians merely attend church on Christmas and Easter – the "Chreasters" – and lead the rest of their lives in a very secular manner. Others do the exact opposite, going to church every single Sunday and exemplifying the perfect "Christian," but only doing so to feel good about themselves and judge sinners.

Approaches to evangelism are also poor. No one, not even devout believers, likes answering his or her door only to be confronted with a superficial smile and an "Are you saved?" I was disgusted this summer when I went to a Christian convention and some of the event facilitators encouraged attendees to do things like give strangers a bottle of water and exclaim, "Jesus loves you." I blame no one who thinks Christians are loonies.

University students and faculty, citizens of Fort Worth: if the rest of this article went through your eyes and out of the back of your head, please absorb what follows. God-loving, compassionate, accepting Christians do in fact exist and in much greater numbers than you may imagine. They are your colleagues, your classmates and your neighbors. If you feel your life is missing something, as if you have a greater purpose than to have a nice house with a white picket fence or like the things of this world can never truly satisfy you, seek those people out and seek God.

There are hoards of fantastic churches, Bible studies and college groups very close to campus. I am already smitten with Christ Chapel nearby and the first Ignite worship service held Aug. 30 in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom was very powerful and extremely well-led. I implore you all to let go of your preconceived ideas about Christians and look hard for genuine believers and disciples. I am confident that doing so can affect your life in wonderful, awesome ways.

John Adams is a freshman psychology major from Houston.



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JASON PAN / WEB EDITOR

Senior Wayne Daniels tackles Tre Lamb of Tennessee Tech during Saturday's game.



Senior Jeremy Kerley runs the ball during Saturday's game against Tennessee Tech

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Patterson: style points and mistakes tarnish win against Tennessee Tech

By Madison Pelletier Sports Editor

TCU defeated Tennessee Tech 62-7 Saturday despite the many mistakes the Horned Frogs made on the field, TCU head coach Gary Patterson said.

"We made too many mistakes," Patterson said. "It doesn't matter what the score is."

TCU gave up many key plays due to penalties during the game, losing 75 yards in penalties alone to Tennessee Tech.

Quarterback Andy Dalton said, "It seemed like there were four penalties back to back to back...that just hurt us and we can't have penalties to stop a drive."

The Frogs lost one potential touchdown from a kick return made by wide receiver Jeremy Kerley because of an illegal block the Frogs made during his drive.

"You can't be too mad, when you've got guys blocking hard for you, things will happen like this," Kerley said. "As long as it doesn't happen again, we're good."

During halftime Patterson said he told the team they needed to start acting like the fourth-ranked team in nation. Coming out into the second half the Frogs had fewer penalties, but still lost some key plays.

Senior safety Colin Jones said the team needed to work on eliminating mistakes like penalties, and that the team tried to do this during the second half.

Despite the mistakes, the Frogs stayed strong through the duration of the game. In the fourth quarter they scored three touch-downs bringing the final score 62-7.

Patterson said he did not want to score over 60 points against his former employer Tennessee Tech because he does not believe in "style points," according to GoFrogs.com. "My problem is he is a friend of mine," Patterson said. "He is one of those guys I learned from when I was a young coach."

TCU started with an early lead against Tennessee Tech and scored a touchdown within less than five minutes of opening kickoff, made by redshirt freshman wide receiver Josh Boyce. Boyce's touchdown was his first career touchdown and the second catch of his career. Boyce finished the game with three interceptions for 70 yards.

In the second quarter the Golden Eagles pushed past the Frog defense, scoring their first touchdown of the season.

The second half started similar to the first with continuous fumbles made by Tennessee Tech. The Golden Eagles opened the second half with a fumble that was recovered by the Horned Frogs. Dalton used the turnover to his advantage and rushed 19 yards to earn his first touchdown of the game.

Dalton's rushing touchdown was his third of the season, tying his total of three from last season. Dalton broke another record Saturday and became the Horned Frog career leader in pass completions with 635 completions.

Junior kicker Ross Evans lost an extra point for the Horned Frogs by missing the PAT during the third quarter. The lost PAT broke Evans' 47 consecutive PAT streak.

The Golden Eagles continued to fumble the ball and the Horned Frogs continued to make big plays out of the turnovers. The Frogs scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to end the game 62-7.

The Horned Frogs take on Big 12 opponent Baylor 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Amon G. Carter Stadium.



JASON PAN / WEB EDITOR Redshirt freshman Josh Boyce catches the first touchdown of the game against Tennessee Tech Saturday.



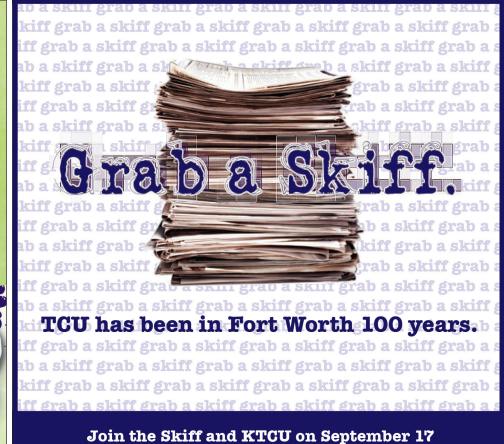
JASON PAN / WEB EDITOR Sophomore Tanner Brock and senior Colin Jones push a Tennessee Tech player out of bounds Saturday.

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Publishing company invests money in classroom technology

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Associated Press Writer

Publishing giant Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is making a \$400 million investment to back up the company's increasing emphasis on putting more technology into the nation's classrooms.

The investment announced Monday includes \$100 million in incubator money for technology aimed at supporting student achievement.

Barry O'Callaghan, the CEO of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, said his company can provide capital and product expertise to budding educational entrepreneurs. He called the fund "our own mini-Race to the Top," referring to President Barack Obama's competitive state education grant program.

"This is a new fund — we think it's a first of its kind in our industry — spawned from a ton of piloting exciting ideas we've been generating internally for the last several months," O'Callaghan said. He said the fund has already invested in a program for the Nintendo Wii video game "This is a new fund we think it's a first of its kind in our industry spawned from a ton of piloting exciting ideas we've been generating internally for the last several months."

Barry O'Callaghan CEO of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

console, though he declined to give details about it.

The Boston-based company

also plans to invest \$300 million over the next three years developing its own technology, such as a pilot algebra application for the Apple i-Pad currently being tested by 400 California eighth-graders.

The push into technology comes as nearly 40 states are moving to adopt Common Core State Standards, the uniform math and reading benchmarks developed by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association.

"Common Core standards, obviously for the publishing

business, has huge ramifications," he said. "If (states) don't have to keep changing standards, you can invest more money in various tools and platforms and the underlying professional development."

But, he said, the company will continue to develop materials that align with standards in states that haven't adopted the Common Core standards, such as Texas and Alaska.

O'Callaghan said using technology in the classroom allows students, teachers and parents to get better individualized data on students and is more "aligned to the way their brains work socially."

The pilot program in California, for example, enables students to receive instruction from an iPad equipped with the full class curriculum, including comprehension tracking tools that give students online tutoring based on quiz and test scores. The program also provides teachers with student-specific feedback. Results from the program, which is in its first year, will be analyzed before the publishing company makes the decision to make it available elsewhere.

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CAMPUS New clothing line pays workers above average wages

By Bailey McGowan Staff Writer

The university bookstore showed its support for ethical business practices by beginning to offer products from a new clothing line committed to humanitarian efforts, the bookstore's general manager said. University bookstore gen-

eral manager Llisa Lewis said that her location is one of the first bookstores nationwide to



KATEY MULDROW / STAFF REPORTER University bookstore adds clothing line that pays workers higher than average wages

carry the new Alta Gracia line. Alta Gracia's parent company, Knights Apparel offers living wages to its employees and does not allow sweatshops, according to an Alta Gracia press release.

Lewis said students had already welcomed the new products.

"When you read a tag that says, 'Thanks to you buying this garment, you're feeding my family, you've got to feel good about it," Lewis said.

Freshman ballet major Melissa Loeffelholz said she liked the idea of the new line.

"I would be more likely to buy something from the Alta Gracia line because I know that I'm supporting those families," she said.

Alta Gracia's line will sell for approximately the same prices at their competitors and is available at the university bookstore now

According to a press release sent by Alta Gracia, the company pays its workers close to \$3 per hour, more than three times the required minimum wage of 80 cents an hour. It is located in Villa Altagraica, Dominican Republic.

Donnie Hodge, president and chief operations officer of Knights Apparel, said in the release, "This is more than a new brand, it's a commitment to our workers, their families and the community of Altagracia."

According to the release,

the increase in wages allowed workers to pay for more than just their basic necessities, such as food and health care. The workers are able to send their children to school, pay off their debts and possibly help fund their own education.

Theresa Haas, director of communications for the Worker Rights Consortium, said in the release that Alta Gracia made a huge difference in the lives of the workers at its factory by paying a living wage and respecting the right to organize.

The idea for the factory began when the chief executive officer of Knights Apparel Joseph Bozich was faced with problems at one of his 30 overseas factories. He came up with the idea to open a model factory, according to the press release.

"Our vision is finally a reality," Bozich said. "We believe doing good can translate into good business."

Knights Apparel is the largest supplier of college-logo apparel in the U.S., according to the release.

"I am proud and happy to sew Alta Gracia clothes," Elba Nuris, an Alta Gracia worker, said in the press release. "Alta Gracia clothes are made in a totally different kind of factory where we earn a living wage and have the right to form a union. We have a voice at our workplace and they really listen to us.

TELEVISION Winfrey sends fans on free trip abroad By Caryn Rousseau and Don Babwin

Associated Press Writers

CHICAGO (AP) they They shrieked, gasped, they cried, they hugged — and that was before Oprah Winfrey's studio audience got a trip to Australia.

Winfrey kicked off her 25th and final season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on Monday with promised surprises. After teasing the 300 audience members with a suggestion she might take them on a trip to New York, Philadelphia or Los An-geles, she said her last season merited something "bigger."

"So I started to think about where would I most want to go," she said over the din of an audience that suddenly understood they were going somewhere far away.

"Maybe I should take you all with me to the other side of the world. We're going to Australia," Winfrey shouted.

With that, a mock-up of a Quantas Air Lines jet rolled onto stage, its door opened and actor John Travolta, who also flies airplanes, stepped out dressed as a Quantas pilot.

Winfrey, who opened

her 19th season six years ago by giving out cars to everyone in her studio audience, will take this group in December on an 8-day, 7-night trip.

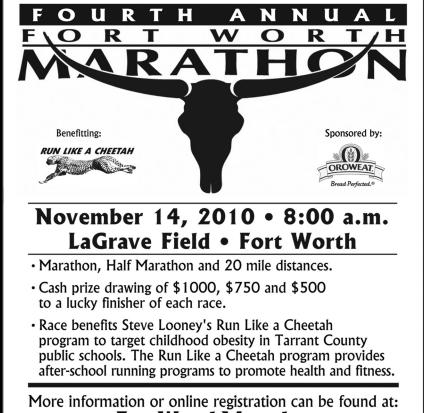
The audience was made up of some of who the program called its most loyal viewers over the years. And throughout the show, Winfrey introduced audience members, including a man named Larry who received word he'd been invited to the program via a taped message from Winfrey de-livered to his house by NASCAR driver Jimmy Johnson.

There were some sur-prises for Winfrey as well. Actor Don Johnson, who declined to appear on the program when it first aired in 1986 — when he was a much bigger tele-vision star than Winfrey — came by to explain he'd wanted to appear but "Miami Vice" bosses wouldn't let him because he was too busy.

"But understand Ι things have been going OK for you," he joked to Winfrev.

Winfrey teared up during a surprise appearance singer/songwriter from Paul Simon, who sang a song he'd written in honor of the show's 10th season with updated lyrics.

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Top 10 schools register wins, Oklahoma not in Top 5



Judge Howell

No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Ohio State posted very impressive victories over Top 25 teams last weekend to strengthen their national championship hopes and solidify their top rankings.

Alabama rocked No. 22 Penn State without Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram and possible future NFL lineman Marcell Dareus. Alabama's balance on offense is a defensive coordinator's nightmare. On its first drive, the Crimson Tide passed all the way down the field for a touchdown and on its next drive running back Trent Richardson scored from 97 yards out. On defense, Penn State drove into scoring position three times and only scored 3 points. That's a scary thought before you add Alabama's four takeaways to that performance.

Like Alabama, Ohio State rolled over a Top

25 team in No. 17 Miami. Terrelle Pryor could be one of the best college quarterbacks, not because he puts up huge numbers or sets passing records, but because he knows how to win football games. He also had no turnovers and has not committed one this year.

Unfortunately for Boise State, who didn't play a down over the weekend, Virginia Tech lost to subdivision powerhouse James Madison. Boise barely scraped by against the Hokies a week ago and this outing by Virginia Tech does not bode well for the Broncos. It will be up to the Broncos to prove they are still a BCS buster threat by beating No. 25 Oregon State in two weeks.

After beating Oregon State 30-21 in week one and jumping two places, the Horned Frogs stay at No. 4 despite a dominating 62-7 win over Tennessee Tech. That being said, the Horned Frogs did what they should have done against a team like Tennessee Tech: win.

TCU got off to a running start against the Golden Eagles, literally and figuratively, as the Horned Frog running backs combined for 270 yards with an average of 6.6 yards per carry. In addition, seven of the nine touchdowns came on the ground as six different runners scored. TCU also scored on a pass from senior Andy Dalton to redshirt freshman Josh Boyce. The TCU defense also looked impressive as it held the Golden Eagles to just 150 yards and forced five turnovers, four fumbles and an interception, which was returned for a touchdown by senior cornerback Jason Teague.

Something else that impressed me this game was how TCU did not commit a penalty in the second half, which they did eight times, for 75 yards, in the first half. The Horned Frogs will have to continue to commit fewer penalties, especially against tougher opponents, if they hope to maintain their winning ways.

Oregon, at No. 5, had a surprising higher ranking over Texas, Oklahoma and Florida. There is no doubt in my mind that Oregon is a great team, but a 48-13 win over Tennessee does not mean the Beavers are better than the teams they jumped to get to No. 5. This move would have made more sense if Oregon had defeated a ranked team or a borderline Top 25 team.

No. 6 Texas struggled early against Wyoming, which should only worry the Boise State fans, as Texas was able to come back and win 34-7. The Cowboys are better than people give them credit for and should present a challenge for Boise State this weekend.

That being said, Texas looked much better

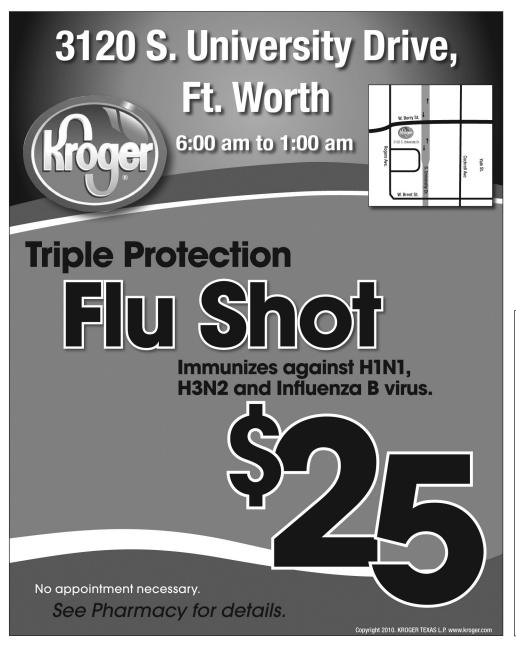
this week compared to last, when the Longhorns played Rice. Their trio of running backs, Cody Johnson, Tre' Newton and Fozzy Whittaker, looked very impressive and could end up performing some of the best running games in the NCAA.

No. 7 Oklahoma absolutely destroyed Florida State and I'm somewhat surprised the Sooners didn't jump ahead of both Texas and Oregon to fit into the No. 5 spot. When the Red River Rivalry game is played this fall, I think Oklahoma will beat the Longhorns and solidify a BCS bowl bid.

The fact that No. 10 Florida isn't ranked before both No. 8 Nebraska and No. 9 Iowa is also absolutely baffling. I know Tim Tebow is gone, but Florida is still a top team without him.

Florida, Nebraska and Iowa all played low Division I schools and dominated their opponents. While all of these schools deserve a Top 10 ranking, I'm surprised No. 11 Wisconsin and No. 15 LSU weren't ranked higher as both schools have played a tougher schedule through the first few weeks of the season.

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FOOTBALL Cowboys return two offensive line starters

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IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys expect to have their two injured starters on the offensive line back for practice Wednesday, which could be a big first step toward recovering from a loss in the season opener.

Coach Wade Phillips said it's too soon to say whether right tackle Marc Colombo and left guard Kyle Kosier will be able to play Sunday in the home opener against Chicago. Both suffered knee injuries during training camp.

Colombo would replace Alex Barron, whose holding penalty on the final play of the game wiped out what would've been a game-winning touchdown catch by Roy Williams. It was Barron's third holding penalty of the game.

Dallas lost 13-7 to Washington.

While the patchwork line still produced 380 yards, the Cowboys struggled deep in Redskins' territory. LANDO-VER, Md. (AP) — The first half ended with a fumble returned for a touchdown. The second half ended with a touchdown that didn't count.

Nothing less should be expected from a game between the Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys. The cast might change — insert Donovan McNabb and Mike Shanahan into the mix, for example — but one thing is eternal: This rivalry will always have some memorable finishes.

The Redskins came out on top this time, winning 13-7 in Sunday night's opener even though Tony Romo completed a 13-yard pass to Roy Williams in the end zone on the game's last play. Alas, the score was negated because tackle Alex Barron was whistled for holding linebacker Brian Orakpo, stopping the Dallas celebrations in their tracks and giving Washington a victorious start in its new era with quarterback McNabb and coach Shanahan.

VOLLEYBALL Frogs take tournament, MVP

By Allen Kellogg

Staff Writer

The TCU volleyball team won the Rutgers Invitational tournament under the leadership of senior Irene Hester, who was named the tournament MVP. The Horned Frogs defeated Princeton, George Mason and Rutgers to come in first at the tournament last weekend.

The team began the weekend with a 3-0 win over Princeton Friday, dominating the first set and winning 25-18. The Tigers began to come alive during the second set, but the Horned Frogs tied it up 15-15 and proceeded to go on an 8-4 run, winning the set 25-20. The last set was a back and forth battle until the Frogs pulled away at the end, winning 25-21.

The next morning TCU swept George Mason, again winning 3-0. Hester led the team to victory with seven aces. All three sets went back and forth with no team able to pull away from the other. TCU won the first set 25-19. Sophomore Meghan Horio provided the set point in the second set and senior Christy Hudson finished off the game and the Horned Frogs won the set 27-25. The final set was tied 21-21 until junior Jordan Raines had back-to-back kills to stop the George Mason rally and TCU won 25-21.

TCU pulled out a 3-2 win over Rutgers to win the tournament. The Horned Frogs racked up a quick 25-15 win in the first set. Rutgers battled back to win the second set 31-29. TCU dominated the third set with a 9-4 run to start. Meghan Horio had back to back aces to force a Rutgers time out. The Horned Frogs kept rolling out of the break and won the set on a Rutgers service error that gave the Frogs a 2-1 lead in the match. Rutgers proceeded to rally again at the start of the fourth set and won it 25-16. TCU had to keep fighting off rallies from the Scarlet Knights, but they did not give up the lead in the fifth set and Irene Hester locked up the win with a kill to give TCU a 15-13 victory. Horio was named to the all-tournament squad.

Horned Frog volleyball returns to campus Sept. 17th to host the Nike Invitational and will face Ohio University, the University of Alabama-Birmingham and UTSA.

FOOTBALL Coach: Boise players earn ranking

By John Miller

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Boise State coach Chris Petersen says it's his team, not him, that must answer any lingering questions about whether the Broncos are good enough to be ranked No. 3 in the country.

"For all that stuff, we just need to play more football," Petersen said Monday. "People will know what they have, whether this is really a good team."

The Broncos (1-0), who were idle this past weekend, were riding high after a Sept. 6 victory over Virginia Tech.

Then, the Hokies lost Saturday to second-tier James Madison.

So when the new AP Top 25 came out, Virginia Tech suddenly didn't seem like that big of a prize; Boise State held its rank but lost all but one of eight first-place votes from a week earlier.

That's prompted the question that Petersen, with a career 50-4 record, now expects but still won't answer: Is Boise State, from an obscure little burg in the southern Idaho desert, really of the caliber to be ranked behind No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Ohio State.

This kind of conjecture has become a popular parlor game for observers of the Broncos, who as members of the Western Athletic Conference — they'll be moving to the Mountain West Conference in 2011 — are now semi-regular BCS crashers, having won two Fiesta Bowls, over Oklahoma in 2007 and TCU last January.

Respect, it seems, is still hard to come by. Some contend Boise State, with now the second-longest winning streak in the country after Alabama at 15 games, is held to a different standard in the polls.

Again, Petersen isn't saying what he really thinks, if he thinks about it at all.

"Good try," he told a reporter who asked. "So much of this is just noise that can go away so fast. It's so much conversation for no reason. Now, if you're talking about us at the end of the year, then things are probably earned and deserved."

The Broncos get another shot at convincing doubters Saturday at Wyoming.

Wyoming (1-1) is coming off a 34-7 loss to No. 6 Texas.

But Boise State has recently faced tough games against the Cowboys, including a 24-14 win in 2007 in Boise and a 17-10 squeaker in 2006 at Laramie, which at 7,165 feet above sea level is so high that Petersen jokes about building a mountain inside his indoor practice facility just to get his players acclimated to the elevation.

Petersen said the Broncos' practices this week may be a little shorter, in advance of the game.

But he's pleased with their intensity.

He knows his players hear the talk of a Boise State national championship should the team go unbeaten again; it's his job to keep them from getting caught up in the hype.

"I don't necessarily think it's one of those situations where they're not going to try as hard," he said. "I think in some ways, they're going to try too hard, that they'll try to live up to these unrealistic expectations. That's what a lot of this is, unrealistic expectations."

BASEBALL

Rangers manager plays down wins

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AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington tried real hard to play down the significance of a three-game sweep of the New York Yankees.

"They're one of the best teams in the game, and we played for three days better than they did," Washington said. "It's just obvious on certain days that we can play with anybody. That's all it meant."

Except if his AL West-leading team can do that again next month, Texas could win a playoff series for the first time. Even if the Rangers again have to face New York, the team that knocked them out of the postseason all three times they made it in the late 1990s.

"You want to go into the postseason on a good note and feeling good about where everything is," said Cliff Lee, who limited the team with the top record in the majors to two hits in eight-plus innings in Sunday's 4-1 finale. "If we play like we did this series, we're going to continue to do that."

With three weeks left in the regular season, the Rangers (80-63) went into Monday's off-day with an $8\frac{1}{2}$ -game division lead over Oakland. They have a five-game winning streak since losing five in a row.

"They can hit, pitch and play defense. We knew they were good coming in," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

The potential postseason preview made for a wild weekend. The Rangers rallied to win a pair of marathon games in their last at-bat before their left-handed ace acquisition finally looked like his old self again.

"At this point in the season, where we are, if we would've swept anybody it would be big," said Julio Borbon, whose two-out bunt single Sunday drove in the tiebreaking run. "We're in a playoff mentality."

Texas won the opener 6-5 on Nelson Cruz's homer leading off the 13th, after he tied it with a homer in the eighth. Yankees closer Mariano Rivera hit a batter with the bases loaded in the ninth early Sunday morning to give Texas a 7-6 win in a game that took more than four hours to play, not counting the hour-long rain delay.

"We got away with a couple of games, honestly. They had a lot of guys in scoring position and they weren't able to get a big hit. So we caught some breaks," said second baseman Ian Kinsler, who has played only 10 games since returning from his second disabled list stint this season. "Our pitchers did a nice job."

Lee, acquired July 9 from Seattle, pitched for the first time since having an injection in his sore back after going 1-4 with a 6.35 ERA in seven August starts.

His performance Sunday was more like the left-hander who last year twice pitched Philadelphia past the Yankees in the World Series. And what the Rangers anticipated getting for their first playoff push since 1999.

"I felt great. My arm felt good," Lee said. "I'm hoping it continues to feel that way."

That certainly is what the Rangers hope, since Washington has already said Lee will start the regular season finale Oct. 3 against the Los Angeles Angels and then the first game of the playoffs. The start against the Angels will be a short one if the division title is already clinched, as expected without a monumental collapse.

If Texas and New York play again in October, the Rangers certainly won't avoid facing CC Sabathia, the 19-game winner who started Monday night at Tampa Bay, or Andy Pettitte if he is back from a left groin injury.

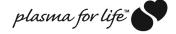
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TCU Lady Horned Frogs soccer faced off against 14th ranked Oklahoma State on Sunday. TCU went on to lose the match 4-0. Pictures clockwise starting with top left: #9 Jordan Calhoun, #11 Katie Castleberry, #2 Kaylie Garcia, #12 Kristen Berg, #23 Chelsey Wilgenburg, #9 Jordan Calhoun.

Frogs fall 4-0 to No. 14 OSU after series of defensive mistakes

By Tori Cummings Staff Writer

The TCU women's soccer team lost 4-0 against No. 14 ranked Oklahoma State University after giving up key plays from the beginning of the game, Head Coach Dan Abdalla said.

"This was a tough game because it was not a 4-0 game by any means," Abdalla said. "We gave up some goals and got behind, which really put us in a bad position."

Neither team took immediate control of the game but OSU had multiple opportunities to

score early. OSU had three corner kicks in a row around the 40 minute mark, but TCU rejected each one.

OSU continued to attack and eventually drew a foul on the Horned Frogs. On the ensuing free kick, OSU centered the ball in front of the Horned Frog goal, and goalie Kira Bartlett came out of the goal to get the ball. The ball took an OSU bounce away from Bartlett and OSU's Megan Marchesano was able to kick the ball into an open net.

The Frogs ended the second half down 1-0 against OSU. TCU came out on the attack in the second half. They had two quick corner kicks and multiple shots on goal. OSU had a few shots of its own but couldn't get any to go in until a freak play about midway through the half.

Bartlett came out of the penalty area to receive a pass from a teammate but as she kicked the ball, Marchesano came up to stop the kick. The ball hit Marchesano and she kicked the ball into the open net.

After the goal by Marchesano, nothing went TCU's way. Trying to center the ball back to the goalie, TCU overshot Bartlett and scored on their own goal.

OSU scored again with 10 minutes left to

take a commanding 4-0 lead.

As hard as the defeat was, the TCU players knew that they gave all they had and are still on track to achieve their goals, senior midfielder Nikki Wilbur said.

"We had a few unfortunate bounces today, but I think we are on the right path towards our ultimate goal of winning a conference championship," Wilbur said. "We have been working so hard and I think we are coming together as a team."

The Frogs fell to 3-3-1 while OSU improved to 5-1. The Horned Frogs travel to Tennessee to play No. 20 University of Memphis on Friday.