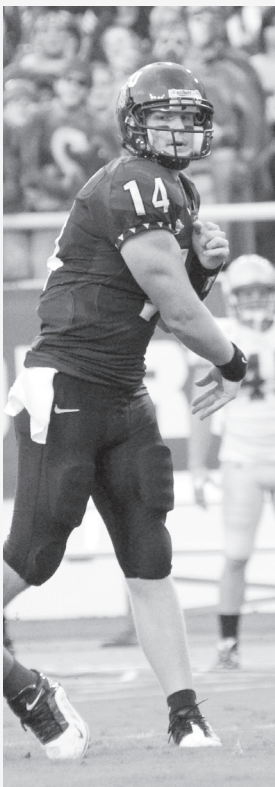


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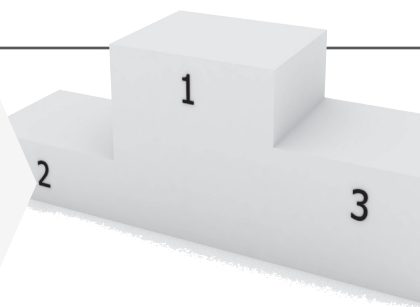
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Senior international relations and Spanish major Kristen Deptula shows off her passport Sept. 3. Deptula was jailed in Spain and banished from entering Europe after custom officials forgot to stamp her passport during a summer trip.

Photo Illustration by CHANCE WELCH

Student banned from EU

By Chris Blake
Staff Reporter

Kristen Deptula's summer trip to Spain began as an expedition to see if she wanted to live there after graduation. By the end of the trip she had been jailed overnight, confessed to entering the country illegally and had been banished from Europe for 10 years because of an arrest.

Spanish police arrested Deptula, a senior international relations and Spanish major, because they thought she had overstayed a travel visa for more than one year, the student said.

Deptula said police stopped her and two friends on July 1 in a

random passport check. Customs officials had not stamped her passport at Madrid's Barajas International Airport or at Heathrow Airport in London.

Because she did not have the latest stamp, police thought the most recent stamp was a visa Deptula received when she studied abroad in Spain in 2007.

"My friend who was translating (between Deptula and the police) ... told me, 'You have to go to the immigration detention center,'" Deptula said. "Nobody explained that was a prison."

Deptula said police put her in the back of a cruiser and warned her friends they could not follow her. She told her friends she

would see them in about an hour because she did not think she would be in trouble.

When the police later picked up two illegal aliens and put them in the cruiser with her, she knew there were problems, Deptula said.

Upon arriving at the detention center, police told Deptula to take off her undergarments and to give them everything she had on except for her dress, she said.

The only person they allowed her to have access to was a Spanish lawyer, whom she did not have. Deptula said she learned later that she should have called the

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RESIDENCE LIFE

LEAPS enlists themed groups

By Josh Davis
Staff Reporter

Freshman Interest Groups and Living Learning Communities are officially joining the TCU LEAPS project to help with the annual community service project this fall.

Rachel Siron, assistant director for Residence Life, said her office wanted to incorporate a service project into the programming of the LLCs, and LEAPS, an annual day of community service, was a good fit.

"A number of our students will participate in LEAPS anyway, so we thought it would be great for them to participate together as a group," Siron wrote in an e-mail. "We encouraged each resident assistant to choose a LEAPS service event that correlates with their respective theme area. This way, students are participating in areas that are important to their LLC."

There are five freshman interest groups, ranging from Education to Business to Service and Learning. The FIGs are communities of 20 to 25 students who choose to live in one of five different areas in Foster or Clark halls

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GREEK

Sororities launch tradition with pins

By Allison Erickson
Staff Reporter

Panhellenic Council officials are introducing a new tradition to sorority members this fall called "Wear Your Pin Wednesday."

Lindsay Ray, president of the governing council, said sorority members will wear the pins, or badges, along with their formal attire, every first Wednesday of the month to the Panhellenic Council meetings.

Ray said the pins, specific to each chapter, are for new and active members. New members will wear pledge pins, and active members, after initiation, will wear chapter pins, Ray said.

"We just thought it would be a great way to promote the Greek community in a positive fashion to show all the great things that we do," Ray said.

Natalie Swinney, president of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, said the pins are not large enough to reveal sorority affiliation, but they show overall Greek unity.

The pin-wearing idea came after the first week in September, but council members wanted to begin the tradition without missing a month, so they wore their pins the second Wednesday of September, Ray said. Swinney said members should have more opportunities to wear their pledge or chapter

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NEWS

DIVERSITY

Group honors Hispanic heritage

By Allison Erickson
Staff Reporter

The success of the first Hispanic Heritage Month carnival led to the Chi Upsilon Sigma sorority's adoption of the event for future Hispanic heritage celebrations.

The sorority hosted its first Hispanic Heritage Month carnival Tuesday in front of the 1873 Cafe & Sports Grill.

The beat of bachata, reggae and salsa music accompanied the savory smells of Salvadoran pupusas, corn and chicken tamales and ground-beef tacos at the event. National Hispanic Heritage month started Sept. 15, and as part of the sorority's "Week of Wisdom," the Chi Upsilon Sigma sorority — a Latin sorority — scheduled events throughout the week in celebration, including a showing of "Slumdog Millionaire" and a dinner at Gloria's Restaurant.

Amanda Kruse, president of the sorority, said 40 people attended the event, which was twice the number that was initially expected. The sign-in sheets sat on the food table from which stemmed a long line of event participants.

Kruse said a carnival did not have to include games but could just be a celebration of diversity.

"It's really important to us because Hispanics come in all different shapes and sizes, and most importantly, shades," Kruse said. "It's not an identity; it's more of a region where people live."

Posters of the 21 different countries representing the Hispanic heritage were placed on the patio tables with information about each country.

"Overall the weather worked out, and I really enjoyed the information on the tables about the countries be-



ALLISON ERICKSON / Staff Reporter
Sophomore communication studies major Juan Martinez twirls Student Development Services worker Beatriz Gutierrez at the Hispanic Heritage Month Carnival sponsored by the Chi Upsilon Sigma sorority.

cause it gave me a good grasp on each country's culture," said Beatriz Gutierrez, a Student Development Services employee.

International Student Services donated \$100 to the carnival's total cost of \$250, while Chi Upsilon Sigma covered the rest.

"We were just expecting another one of their events where they teach you something cultural," said Paola Solis, a member of the Sigma Lambda Alpha sorority.

Solis said the event was a good way to bring Hispanic awareness and that she would want to participate again.

Olivia Stribling, a partici-

pant with Student Support Services, said she wanted to show her support for the Hispanic community, catch up with friends and get some food.

While most people left after they ate their food, others lingered long enough to share in the dancing.

Juan Martinez, sophomore communication studies major, danced to bachata music with Gutierrez as the crowd dispersed.

"I was entertained by the music that they incorporated with their carnival," Martinez wrote in an e-mail. "Definitely made me shake my groove thang."

ing Communities are themed housing similar to FIGs available to upper-level students.

The groups were given options as to where they would be using their time helping

"We encouraged each resident assistant to choose a LEAPS service event that correlates with their respective theme area."

Rachel Siron
assistant director for Residence Life

with the LEAPS program, and they tried to choose service projects that applied to their group's theme, Breslow said.

This is the first year students have been allowed to

work on projects as groups, thanks to the use of Microsoft Sharepoint, Breslow said. The system has changed the way sign-ups for the project are done, allowing the FIGs and LLCs to get involved as a group.

Wesley Gentle, a junior music major and group leader for the Service and Learning FIG, said the group was happy to help with LEAPS. His group will be involved at a local YMCA setting up the organization's fall carnival and will return to help run it at a later date.

Gentle said his group is looking forward to helping out with LEAPS.

"I think (LEAPS) is an amazing program," Gentle said. "It gets people out in Fort Worth in places they might not generally go, which is good for the community as a whole."

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U.S. Embassy in Spain.

A reporter's e-mail to the U.S. Embassy in Spain requesting comment was not returned.

Deptula's two friends went back to their hotel to wait for her, but said they became worried after a couple of hours.

"We started to call the police headquarters around Madrid, and no one had any record of Kristen Deptula walking in or anything," said Juan Gutierrez, a sophomore marketing major. "My friend and I were freaking out."

Jeanne Deptula, Kristen's mother, got notification from a friend of Kristen's who received a text from the backseat of the police car. That put things in motion on the home front to find Kristen, who spent just over a day at the detention center.

According to a log Jeanne Deptula made that documented all communication she had during the search, she started to call her daughter's friends in either country to try to find her.

Meanwhile, Kristen Deptula sat in a Spanish jail cell with seven other women. She said each cell had room for eight people to sit on the floor, and little room to move.

"I tried talking to them, and everyone was so mean to me, except for this for this one girl," Kristen Deptula said. "In Spanish she was like, 'Sorry, bitch, that sucks,' so she wasn't exactly friendly, but she felt sorry for me."

The conditions of the cell were less than desirable, she said.

"We're in this underground dungeon in the middle of this building in Spain," she said. "It is hot. There are no windows. There is no air conditioning, no ventilation. There are bugs everywhere. It is basically the worst conditions you can think of."

Jeanne Deptula said she called the U.S. State Department and an after-hours employee answered the phone. He told her that she should wait until morning to find out more about her daughter.

"(Spain is) seven hours ahead of us. By the time we have someone show up at eight o'clock, we've got less than two hours to end up doing anything," Jeanne Deptula said. "He was so unhelpful, it wasn't even funny."

A friend urged Jeanne Deptula to call U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, who serves the 32nd

District of Texas.

Dan Branch, a Texas state representative, lives near the Deptula family, Jeanne Deptula said.

Branch said he contacted Sessions because it was a matter that only the federal government could handle, not the state.

"We have a very good working relationship with Congressman Sessions," Branch said. "He jumped right on it and all of a sudden, within literally a matter of minutes, he was contacting the state department."

Sessions could not be reached for comment.

Jeanne Deptula said the effort to locate Kristen moved much faster once Sessions got involved. Morgan Parker, acting consul general at the

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Juan Gutierrez
sophomore marketing major

U.S. Embassy in Spain, made two late-night phone calls to Jeanne Deptula to tell her that Kristen Deptula had been located and it was up to Spanish officials to release her daughter from the detention center.

The authorities released Kristen Deptula later that day after she signed some documents. Jeanne Deptula said her daughter called home when she got back to the hotel.

"I get this phone call from Kristen at about 6:30 (a.m.), and she was just the most hysterical I have ever (heard) her," Jeanne Deptula said.

She said her daughter was unable to communicate and in a state of "absolute mess."

Kristen Deptula said her two friends read her the documents she signed before she left the detention center and told her that since she signed the documents, she claimed she was illegal and that she would leave the country immediately.

She flew home after four days.

One of the documents she signed to get out of the de-

tention center stated she was in the country illegally and would not return to any of the 27 countries in the European Union for 10 years, Kristen Deptula said.

Sessions has worked on getting the penalty reduced, Jeanne Deptula said.

Branch said the student's situation could be something everyone can learn from.

"The lesson is reach out to your elected officials quickly, no matter what time of the day or night, and let us get to work for you," Branch said.

Jane Kucko, director of International Studies, said Deptula was not on a university-sponsored trip, but that the university was still concerned.

"The concern is that you just get pieces of information (about the situation), and we just really didn't know how authentic her being stopped and all of that (was)," she said.

Foreign countries are more strict than they used to be about documenting students in their countries, Kucko said. The university is careful to make sure students have proper documentation and know how to act in other countries when they leave to study abroad, she said.

"We talk to our students about (looking American)," Kucko said. "(Americans) have a certain look, just like each country has a look, so we have a tendency to stand out. I don't think it's anti-American, I think it's just obvious that's who we are."

On the way to the airport to drop his sister off for her trip to Madrid, Cameron Deptula said he joked with her that she better not get kidnapped so their father would not have to go to Spain to hunt somebody down. It's all fun and games until it almost actually happens, he said.

Two months after Kristen Deptula was held in the detention center, Cameron Deptula said he joked about the arrest with his sister.

"I said, 'I never thought you would get more street cred before I did,'" he said. "Me and my sister are total opposites. If anyone was going to get arrested it would probably be me before her."

For Jeanne Deptula, the situation does not hold as much humor.

"It was absolutely the most frightening experience I have ever gone through," Jeanne Deptula said.

Kristen Deptula said she still wants to travel, but Spain will not be on her list of places to live after graduation.

pins at her sorority cost.

Because of the variations of pins and sororities, an exact price range could not be determined.

Caressa Bateman, a freshman broadcast journalism major and Zeta Tau Alpha member, said the pins were similar to class rings. She said the opportunity to dress up drew positive attention.

News editor Maricruz Salinas contributed to this report.

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to promote opportunities for students to engage with one another, according to the Student Affairs Web site.

Bridgit Breslow, hall director of Foster, oversees four of the FIGs in Foster.

Breslow said the FIGs becoming directly involved in LEAPS should not be a huge change.

"Three of my (FIG) RAs last year were also LEAPS group leaders who were able to work with the LEAPS execs to get all of their people signed up for the same group," Breslow said. "So they had already been doing it on their own, but now (are) involved officially."

Breslow also said that the LLCs were well represented, as many students went from FIGs to LLCs. Living Learn-

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pins.

After speaking with a sorority adviser, she presented the idea at the presidents' meeting, Swinney said. The adviser liked the idea of dedicating a day to wearing Greek pins because it shows support of each individual organization and Greek organizations in general, Swinney said. "We thought that it was

very supportive of the Greek community as a whole," she said.

The pin-wearing is not mandatory, but sorority presidents encouraged their members to participate, Swinney said. She said she saw a positive turnout, which she said made the initiative a success.

The cost of pins varies among sororities and also depends on the level of customization, Swinney said. She declined to say how much

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The Skiff View

Student group efforts helpful to freshmen

The first year experience for a student can be daunting. The onslaught of tests, study groups and finding new friends brings new challenges. The individual efforts of the Freshman Interest Groups and the Living Learning Communities as groups of like-minded students have helped incoming freshmen in this respect, but recently the two have decided to team up.

The collaboration of the FIGs and the LLCs with the TCU LEAPS project is a way for students to become more comfortable in their new surroundings. The two are joining to help with an annual community service project this fall that will not only benefit the community but give freshmen a chance to interact with one another. This partnership also has the members of the LLCs working on a service project that falls into their group's theme.

Community service is an important part of the university's culture, and giving one's time to a worthy cause such as this should not go unnoticed. The projects get the students out of their dorms and off campus, opening their eyes to new people, places and opportunities.

The groups' involvement is good but that shouldn't discourage students who are unaffiliated with them. Taking your eyes off a television and getting out of the dorm once in a while can be good for some fresh air, but it can also benefit the community.

Multimedia editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Listen to Pelosi's emotional plea



During a press conference, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi expressed her concern over the hateful tone used by anti-healthcare reform activists and others who criticize the president.

"I have concerns about some of the language that is being used because I saw ... I saw this myself in the late '70s in San Francisco," Pelosi said.

She is referencing the assassinations of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone in 1978. Milk was the first openly gay man elected to public office, and Moscone was an ally in city politics.

Milk's election in 1978 caused considerable anger in California and across the nation. Milk and his friends faced multiple death threats during his campaign and after the election. Eventually these threats culminated in his and Moscone's assassinations by former city Supervisor Dan White, Milk's principal opponent.

My long explanation of the history behind the Speaker's comments leads me to this point: pay attention to Nancy Pelosi.

The Speaker is seen by most of the country as a "my way or the highway" politician. She is undoubtedly the most powerful woman in politics. Because of her demeanor, she is not well-liked by many and is often the focus of criticism. But to see a woman with Pelosi's reputation get emo-

tional at a press conference is worth taking note. Pelosi lived through the assassinations and the subsequent riots by the gay community.

How many signs have we seen on TV calling President Obama "Hitler," or calling him a socialist and the like? How many interviews have we seen where people claim that the president is a communist, that he is a closet Muslim, and so on? How much hatred has been directed at the president (and his party) in the past eight months?

To be fair, there was a great amount of criticism of former President George Bush for his actions concerning the war in Iraq and the federal mismanagement of Hurricane Katrina. But never was the criticism and protest of Bush as heated and hate-filled in such a short time as the protest against Obama.

This country was founded on the principle of freedom to protest, to speak, to write, and generally, to disagree with one another. We all enjoy and use these rights to various ends. However, just because we have these rights does not mean we should demean and spread hatred about one another to achieve our political goals.

What Pelosi offers is the path to respectful disagreement. Proponents and opponents of the president are free to disagree, but the dialogue should never turn to hateful, demeaning attacks.

Here's to hoping we can learn to talk to each other about our problems instead of shooting the other side down or, in the worst case, making those who disagree with you into something they are not.

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Bill improves animals' lives



Texas legislators introduced a bill last March that would require dog owners to spay or neuter all animals older than six months. It is about time for this kind of activism.

According to the American Kennel Club, breeders and representatives from its Texas federation have opposed the bill, stating, "Any attempt at restricting the rights any liberties of responsible breeders — especially via mandatory spay/neuter laws must be defeated."

While we cannot expect dog breeders to bow down to something that could seriously injure their means of earning a living, breeders need to take the animals' well-being into consideration first and foremost.

The American Humane Society's Web site compiled information from a study performed in 1997 that showed how many animals in shelters are euthanized due to overcrowding, disease, aggressiveness and injury.

The study reported that 64 percent of all the animals that

entered shelters were euthanized. The Web site also clarified the fact that the numbers are not indicative of overcrowding, but it has to be a contributing factor. More animals mean a higher demand for space, and I doubt shelters want to have to increase the size of their facilities and staff.

Those pet owners who are opposed to the bill are on the wrong side. They must have forgotten that animals need to be alive in order to breed. And they wouldn't be too happy if their prized animals were locked away in the pound awaiting fatal results.

It would be much more efficient for pet owners and pound employees if preventative measure were in place to protect the animals from the beginning.

I'm not saying that the breeders are being irrational. They need to make a living. But they must keep in mind that it doesn't look good if they oppose legislation meant to help the animals.

Opposing the bill presents another accusation: the owners are more interested in making money off of the animals than conducting a sound ethical measure to keep them alive.

While six months seems young, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, male cats and dogs are capable of breeding at that point. Therefore, it is a logical

time to spay and neuter.

Breeders have a good point. If dogs are spayed or neutered before or by the time they can even begin breeding, that means they would not have the opportunity to do so at all. Breeders should not say they are completely against regulations on spaying and neutering because there exists an obvious issue with over-breeding.

The legislators and breeders need to come to an agreement. Breeders should be able to breed, but only until the dog is 8- to 10-months old. That way, the females can be a couple months along, give birth and then be kept as a pet instead of living their lives as a puppy maker. Breeders get their dogs, and legislators get their bill.

The American Veterinary Medicine Association performs a periodical pet ownership report every year. Its 2007 version reported that over 37 percent of U.S. households have at least one dog. Being that Texas is an enormous state, there is probably an enormous number of dogs here, too. It is not difficult to see why Texas legislators support this bill.

If I was a Texas resident and the issue went to election, I would vote to enact such a measure.

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Bet on legal sports wagering



Recently, Delaware became the fourth state to legalize betting on sports events, joining Nevada, Montana and Oregon. Should Texas join this list?

Sports wagering would provide a new flow of income to a state during a recession, when any revenue is valuable. This reasoning caused Delaware Governor Jack Markell to push for the legalization of gambling on sporting events in his state.

The same notion can be applied to Texas. Every state in the country is seeking new forms of revenue to help balance their budgets and repair shortfalls in tax revenue. Think of the money that could be invested in Texas schools with the money from sports gambling. According to Forbes.com, there is "an estimated \$80 billion to \$380 billion illegally wagered on sporting events in the

United States each year."

Why else do many newspapers in the country list the odds and betting lines of many sporting events in each day's sports section?

Many people opposed to this action would argue that gambling is a bad habit that can ruin lives and destroy families. Then again, alcohol

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and cigarettes could do the same. States profit off of these addictive substances, so it is illogical not to legalize betting on sporting events. The crime rate would also decrease because of the lack of a need for illegal bookkeepers. Instead of going to the neighborhood bookie and placing a bet with a ridiculously high interest rate attached to it, one could walk into a state-sponsored "casino" and place a bet with a fair interest rate attached to it. There would be

no more threats of violence for lack of payment on a lost wager.

As there was in Delaware, there is going to be opposition from the major sports leagues in trying to legalize sports gambling. They feel it tarnishes their reputations and the NCAA feels there would be an increase in point shaving, when a player or players agree to intentionally try to change the score of the game in exchange for a bribe, scandals involving amateur student-athletes. The NCAA's concern is a fair one, but there have already been dozens of point shaving scandals involving student-athletes even with betting of sporting events being illegal in 47 states up until this summer. There is no way to stop point shaving because there are going to be student-athletes who are willing to use their talents for money while they are still in college.

Could the legalization of wagering on sporting events greatly change the economic and social climate of Texas? I'd bet on it.

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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

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MUSE Latest Muse album a disappointment

By Naheil Qudah
Staff Writer

Muse’s new album, “The Resistance”, released Sept. 14, contains 11 tracks that confirm the suspicion their last album gave us: they are stepping further away from rock and closer to synthpop.

As the album title suggests, many of the lyrics deal with mentally resisting the social

I was hoping that they would showcase a newly defined, ground-breaking sound that really embodied their growth as a band, and instead they basically re-released their last album.

and political pressure to throw away critical thinking. The lyrics are well-written, but they are also one of the few interesting aspects of this album.

The band stuck with the otherworldly sound that they broke in three years ago on their last album, “Black Holes and Revelations.” Unfortunately, they did nothing to freshen it up. The rhythm section on “Undisclosed Desires” will quickly sound familiar to anyone who has heard their single “Supermassive Black Hole.” The title track, “Resistance,” has definite likenesses to their last album’s closing track “Knights of Cydonia.” The fifth track, “Guiding Light,” is just a new version of their 2007 single “Invincible.” In fact, almost every track sounds like a rehashed version of a song from their last album.

Furthermore, frontman Matthew Bellamy seems to be trying to make up for the predictability of his vocal intonations by making them even more

over-the-top, creating a sad and shaky place where vibrato goes to die. The three-track symphony that closes the album seems like a cool idea, but it’s so similar to everything on their albums: opera meets rock, and Bellamy narrates in falsetto. It grows old quickly.

However, there are a few interesting elements: “United States of Eurasia (+Collateral Damage)” surprises the listener by featuring a breakdown that sounds heavily influenced by traditional Eastern music, forcing the listener to tie the oddly juxtaposed Western and Eastern sounds in with the political implications of the title. “Unnatural Selection” makes up for its boring chorus with its verses, which hold electrifying riffs and distorted vocals. “I Belong To You” takes the listener on a ride of three unexpected transitions with a great mixture of piano, synth and percussion. And while the album flaunts Bellamy’s vocal predictability, any fan will be glad to know that the singer is back at his tricks on the piano — arguably where most of his talent lies.

Regrettably, the aforementioned factors do not save the album. They are more like your favorite parts of your least favorite movie. It is completely disappointing because each member of the trio possesses a staggering amount of talent, and their work has shown stark originality in the past. Given their upcoming tour with British rock gods U2, I was hoping that they would showcase a newly defined, ground-breaking sound that really embodied their growth as a band, and instead they basically re-released their last album. It’s unclear whether they are losing their songwriting skills or if they have simply run into a musical rut. One can only hope it is the latter.

See Muse open for U2’s 360° Tour on Oct. 12 at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.



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THE INFORMANT!



Melanie Lynskey stars as Ginger Whitacre and Matt Damon as Mark Whitacre in the offbeat comedy “The Informant!” from Warner Bros. Pictures.

Damon’s “Informant!” a witty but slow film

By Chance Welch
Multimedia Editor

Even on paper, corporate espionage sounds kind of dull.

Based on the true story of Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) executive Mark Whitacre, “The Informant!” has Matt Damon playing a whistleblower who turns on his own company after he finds out they have been involved in price fixing of a food additive.

The problem is he thinks that makes him a secret agent. Worse than that, he is also lying about almost everything else.

The low-key cast is pitch perfect. Scott Bakula (Yes, Scott Bakula from the ‘80s TV show “Quantum Leap”) and “The Soup” host Joel McHale play the two FBI agents bewildered by Whitacre’s conflicting testimony and baffling behavior. Comedians like Paul F. Tompkins, Patton Oswalt and even the Smothers Brothers also make cameo appearances.

The comedy comes with a straight face and is delivered with a dry tone that could polarize some audiences. The slow and deliberate pacing of the film could also cause some to check their watches. “The Informant!” isn’t laugh-out-loud funny, but it is a pretty incredible true story of a flawed hero that has its moments.

A lot of the laughs come

from what could be the strangest use of voiceover in a film. Whitacre is usually thinking about why polar bears have black noses when he should really be thinking about how he can get out of

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the hole he has dug himself. Whitacre is a fool and a criminal but, by most accounts, a national hero too.

The upbeat and sunny ‘70s sitcom music score by Marvin Hamlisch sounds like the music playing inside Whitacre’s head; with a hint of menace, the soundtrack is perfect for inhabiting the crawlspace of Damon’s frustrating character.

Director Steven Soderbergh divides his time between making A-list crowd pleasers like the “Ocean’s Eleven” films and bucking the Hollywood mold with indies like “Bubble” and “Che.” Soderbergh seems like a man Whitacre can identify with: torn between the system he works for and his own individual dreams.

“The Informant!” is rated R and is in theaters now.

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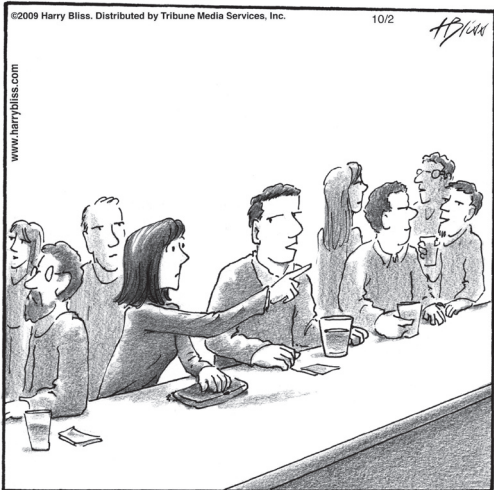
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by Harry Bliss



"Let me try — I speak bartender."



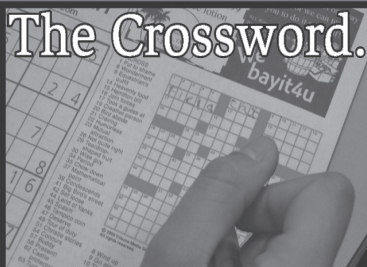
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ACROSS

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- 4 Strokes on a green
- 9 Terrible
- 14 What the Mad Hatter served
- 15 Apple's instant messaging software
- 16 No longer tied up
- 17 Uncooked
- 18 Barton of the Red Cross
- 19 Divided country
- 20 See 48-Down
- 23 Piano part
- 24 Bando of baseball
- 25 Airport waiter
- 28 Sheds feathers
- 32 Stereotypical eye patch wearer
- 34 Start of an order to an attack dog
- 37 Partner of woes
- 39 Fed. org. concerned with workplace woes
- 40 See 48-Down
- 44 Ill-advised
- 45 Pageant topper
- 46 Old draft org.
- 47 Clothes
- 50 Slow mover
- 52 Canada's smallest prov.
- 53 Fashionable boot brand
- 55 Starbucks offering
- 59 See 48-Down
- 64 Descendant
- 66 Walking ___: euphoric
- 67 Whatever
- 68 Fill with wonder
- 69 Three-card scam
- 70 Cocktail party bowlful
- 71 Chair craftsman
- 72 Wrapped up
- 73 Va. clock setting

DOWN

- 1 Vegas attraction, with "the"
- 2 Treaty subject
- 3 Went off course, at sea
- 4 Burglar
- 5 Golden State sch.

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By Jack Sargeant

- 6 "All ___ Jazz": Fosse film
- 7 Empty truck's weight
- 8 Wild guesses
- 9 Acid neutralizer
- 10 Fireside stack
- 11 Weather Channel offerings
- 12 Take advantage of
- 13 Grazing site
- 21 Golf legend
- 22 Once around the track
- 26 Pal of Aramis
- 27 Nursery rhyme trio
- 29 Fond du ___ Wisconsin
- 30 Horse's gait
- 31 Big rigs
- 33 Louis XIV, to his subjects
- 34 Subway rider's aid
- 35 Hot under the collar
- 36 Spanish dialect that's now standard
- 38 Period of time
- 41 Greek X
- 42 Paleozoic ___

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 48 Ball carrier, and clue for 20-, 40- and 59-Across
- 49 "Which came first?" item
- 51 Judge's concern
- 54 Travelocity mascot
- 56 Stock market transaction
- 57 North African capital
- 58 Exodus locale
- 60 Seep
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FOOTBALL

Frogs excited for crowd

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs face off Saturday against the Clemson University Tigers in Clemson, S.C., and head football coach Gary Patterson expects a good fight.

"(Clemson is) probably the most athletic team we've played since we played (University of) Oklahoma a year ago, so we have a lot of work to do," Patterson said.

TCU playing at Clemson presents a unique set of challenges, he said.

"The home team never gives it to you, so you've got to go play," Patterson said. "Clemson definitely doesn't do that. They play very well at home."

Death Valley, the Tigers home stadium, is a very loud place to play, Patterson said.

Junior wide receiver Bart Johnson agreed that playing away against Clemson would be difficult because of the stadium's loud nature and the home crowd.

"I hear Death Valley ... is a really loud place to play. We're going to have to do a lot of silent snap counts, a lot of stuff like that," Johnson said.

Johnson added that the Horned Frogs need to utilize more hand signals in this

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Gary Patterson
head coach

game to overcome the volume of the crowd and the stadium.

Clemson, an Atlantic Coast Conference team, sits with a 2-1 record this season, with victories over Middle Tennessee State University and Boston College. They lost to Georgia Tech University.

Both of their wins took place at home.

"Offensively, they have some weapons," Patterson said.

According to the Tigers' official Web site, senior C.J. Spiller, running back for the Tigers, leads Clemson's offense in rushing yards with a net of 176 so far this season.

Spiller also leads Clemson in all-purpose yards with 630 and a total of three touchdowns, according to the site.

As for the defense, Patterson

said the Tigers are very aggressive.

They are also very strong on special teams and have returned both kickoff and punt returns for touchdowns this season, Patterson said.

Patterson said the key for the Frogs is to continue gaining confidence as the season progresses.

While Clemson presents a challenge, Johnson said he remains excited for the upcoming game.

"You dream about this your whole life, playing in places like this in front of a big crowd," Johnson said.

"Everybody loves to coach in these kind of games, everybody likes to play in these kind of games," Patterson said.

Patterson said the Frogs plan to take this team seriously, but will go into the game with level heads.

"You get ready for the game you are supposed to win, and the big games take care of themselves," Patterson said. "For us, we are gonna go in and play hard. We don't need to put any more emphasis on the game than what it is."

While the game will not be televised, the university is showing it in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on a videoboard. Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

CLEMSON VS. TCU

Game to air in Daniel-Meyer

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Staff Reporter

TCU Athletics has organized a watching party for students, alumni and the community in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for Saturday's football game at Clemson University.

A large videoboard in the coliseum will show live coverage of the game, available from the Web site ESPN360.com, which shows live and past sporting events.

Since ESPN has the rights to coverage of the game, and it is not being shown on one of their networks, the only option for students and the community would have been to watch the game on their computers.

Zach Kulesz, assistant director of athletic marketing, said the event would allow people who don't have access to the game to enjoy it on a screen larger than a computer.

"It's the first time we've done it in awhile," Kulesz said. "It's the first time we've had a game on ESPN360 that we've broadcast in here."

According to the event flyer

on **gofrogs.com**, the event will have free admission and concessions will be available.

Jenya Felder, assistant director of alumni relations, said there will be popcorn, candy, soft drinks and other items available for purchase.

Alcohol will not be available at the event, per Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills request, because of the underage people who would attend, Felder said.

Felder said that the university is projecting a turnout of between 400 and 500 people at the event.

There was a watching party held several years ago in the Kelly Alumni Center that had 250 attendees as well as a waiting list, Felder said. This year's projection is larger because of the increase in size of the venue.

Because Charter Communications, the Fort Worth area cable provider, is not carrying the game, many alumni are expected to attend the event, Felder said.

"We are (expecting a lot of alumni), especially since the game is not televised this year,"

TCU v. Clemson Watching Party

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Felder said. "A lot of people don't necessarily have that connection (to game coverage)."

Felder said that it is the goal of the university to get alumni and the community involved in the weekend's event.

"That's part of our mission here, to actively engage alumni, parents, and friends within the community through the lives of TCU," Felder said. "We always plan events for alumni and would like to get the community involved."

Kulesz said that the team's high ranking this year is also a factor in planning the watching party for the university.

So the TCU vs. Clemson game won't be televised?!



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