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NEWS

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SAY YES TO DRUGS



Terry Nelson, a retired Department of Homeland Security official and the director of training for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, speaks in favor of the legalization of drugs in Palko Hall on Tuesday. Visit dailyskiff.com to see the story.

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- 8 Use Somebody Kings of Leon
- 9 She Wolf Shakira
- 10 You Belong With Me Taylor Swift

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RESIDENCE LIFE

Movie theater installed in Sherley

By Austin Pearson
Staff Reporter

After a \$16 million renovation, Sherley Hall returned this semester with substantial upgrades for residents ranging from a baking center to lounges with pool and foosball tables, but most notably a movie theater in the basement, a university official said.

Director of Residential Services Craig Allen said the idea of a movie theater popped up during renovation. The building had extra space in the basement after the renovation.

"We got student feedback, and they loved the idea," Allen said. "Architects drew it up, and now we have it in place."

The basement could not be made into residential space because it would have been too expensive and difficult to convert it into rooms given its location below ground, Allen said. The cost would have been too significant to excavate and redo the basement with student rooms, he said.

A price breakdown for the theater wasn't available because it was built in to the overall cost of the project, Allen said.

The theater has 24 seats and can hold at least 12 more standing or sitting on the floor, Allen said. The projection screen was built into the wall, with an LED projector and a surround

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ADMISSIONS

Applicant 'friending' discouraged

By Jourdan Sullivan
Staff Reporter

A recent survey by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions revealed that 71 percent of admissions officers at some of the nation's top universities have received MySpace or Facebook friend requests from prospective students seeking a competitive edge, but admissions staff at the university said they do not respond to such requests while the student's admission status is still pending.

Lauren Nixon, an admissions counselor with a Facebook page, said that she, as well as at least three or four other admissions counselors, has received friend requests from prospective students.

Nixon said she will accept a student's friend request only after the student has been admitted to the university. The request would be left pending if the student was not accepted, Nixon said.

The Kaplan survey showed only a small number of admissions officers consider an applicant's social network profile and that the information on these sites may not be beneficial to the prospective student. According to the survey, 21 percent of the schools surveyed had developed policies regarding university officials' relationships with prospective students on social networking sites.

Elizabeth Rainwater, director of admissions marketing and commu-

nication, said she knew of no policy that had been discussed at the university. For now, the university's policy is demonstrating professionalism, she said.

"I think it's just sort of assumed that, unless they are an admitted student, we don't want to give anyone false hope," Rainwater said.

Victor Neil, director of Web site management, said he also knows of university admissions counselors who have Facebook accounts, and that the admissions counselors do look at the university's Facebook page.

The social networking sites are used more for general information

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NEELEY SCHOOL

Professor named co-editor of journal

By Vicky Watson
Staff Reporter

A business professor is bringing recognition to the university through his involvement in a prestigious marketing academic journal, a Neeley official said.

Robert P. Leone, a marketing professor at the Neeley School of Business, was named co-editor of the Journal of Marketing this summer and began the position Sept. 1.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of the Neeley School of Business, said it's outstanding for the university to have an editor from this journal on campus.

"The Journal of Marketing is the top journal in the field of marketing," Moncrief said. "The goal of every researching professor is to land an article in that journal."

The journal is published by the American Marketing Association, which is the largest marketing association in North America with nearly 40,000 members, according to the AMA Web site. Leone is one of two co-editors of the bimonthly journal, according to the Web site.

The journal reviews about 600 papers a year, Leone said. The co-editing position is a two-year appointment, he said.

To fill the co-editing position, the association forms a committee that includes anonymous members and is chaired by the vice president of publica-

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Is "Twilight" valid literature or a bad influence on young girls?
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PECULIAR FACT

MILAN — Italian fashionistas on Wednesday hit back at foreign media reports that their latest creations were for "bimbos" inspired by the sex scandals surrounding Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's private life.

—Reuters

TODAY'S WEATHER



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ROTC

University ranks 12th in national poll

By Anna Waugh
Staff Reporter

The university's ROTC program has been ranked No. 12 in the nation by a Washington Monthly magazine report.

The magazine evaluated a pool of 258 colleges in several categories and ranked ROTC programs "by percentage of students who serve in ROTC," according to its Web site.

Kevin Carey, policy director for Education Sector, the nonprofit that helped collect the national data, said the fairest way to rank colleges was by the percentage of the total student population in the ROTC program. Carey said that information was the only publicly available data provided by the colleges that could be used for comparison. Carey said 1.7 percent of the university's population is in ROTC.

Lt. Col. John Agor, professor of military science, said the program has more than doubled over the past five years from 50 to 60 cadets to a current total of 176. The program also counts with the partici-

pation of a few additional cadets from Tarrant County College not included in that number.

"The ranking shows that we're a big part of the TCU community," Agor said.

Annie Hawes, a senior nursing major, said she has seen the program grow exponentially since her freshman year. She said the ranking is a reflection of the increased recruitment and retention efforts put into the program by the instructors.

"That's a pretty big accomplishment seeing as how we're such a small school with such a large number of participants in the program," Hawes said.

Bruce Jasurda, chief marketing officer for the U.S. Army Accessions Command and TCU alumnus, said the ranking was impressive. He said the program's growth can be attributed to the strength of its leadership.

"Lt. Col. John Agor is one of our best," Jasurda said. "He gets the program and he gets what the pro-

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NUMBERS

ROTC Enrollment

70	number of cadets in 2004
63	number of cadets in 2005
73	number of cadets in 2006
91	number of cadets in 2007
124	number of cadets in 2008
176	number of cadets in 2009

NEWS & SPORTS

CRIME

Students report two car burglaries

By Kim Little
Staff Reporter

Two vehicles parked in the soccer stadium parking lot were broken into Monday, a TCU Police official said.

TCU Police Lt. Ramiro Abad said personal items were taken from their cars sometime Monday afternoon.

The owners reported the theft to the TCU Police when they came back to their cars that afternoon, Abad said. They were missing personal

property, he said. Abad declined to elaborate on what was stolen.

There are no suspects for the break-ins, Abad said. Abad said he could not give the names of the victims.

He said the incident should encourage students and visitors to avoid leaving items visible in their cars.

"It's not going to matter if it is a Mercedes or a Honda; the people are after what's in there," Abad said. "They are going after the property."

FACEBOOK

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than strictly for admissions purposes, Neil said. Students and parents have used the university's Facebook site as a way to get a quick response to pressing questions, he said.

"We've had people who are coming to campus and need a map, and they've waited to the last minute or things like that," he said.

Though some universities, such as Hofstra University in New York, created admissions-specific social networking accounts, new media specialist Amy Peterson said she manages TCU's Facebook and Twitter sites differently.

"We use Facebook as a way to have a conversation with current students," she said.

Peterson said she relays questions from Facebook that she is unable to answer to the admissions office, but the admissions counselors have no direct contact with the students who asked these questions.

Prospective students sent more questions regarding deadlines, financial aid and general admissions questions to the university's Twitter account, Peterson said.

"(Twitter) gets used a lot as a help place, like a help desk," Peterson said.

Rainwater said the university's Facebook fan base spanned wider than prospective students. Most of

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Elizabeth Rainwater
director of admissions marketing and communication

the fans on the university's Facebook site are college students or alumni.

However, admissions counselors do promote the

university's social networking sites, Rainwater said.

"As part of our marketing process we send an e-mail out to all of our prospective students that we have e-mail for...and we provide them with direct links to the Facebook fan page, the Twitter page and the Flickr page, which we actually use really frequently," Rainwater said.

Rainwater said that the addition of an admissions-specific Web site would make finding information confusing.

"We really feel like, in terms of communicating students, the official university Facebook page that Amy Peterson manages is just a central location for all information," Rainwater said.

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making a decent compromise with the student body.

Fans are generally hurt in two ways when rushing the field gets out of hand, but both are pretty easy to remedy as well.

First, move an officer next to the goalposts. While it does look like a lot of fun to climb up and try to tear them down, it's a surefire way to get someone hurt, and they are a sizable financial investment. I don't want to see TCU fans tear up our home stadium; I want them to see them having fun with the team.

The other way people could be at risk is from the flood of fans stampeding on the field. Making students move to the endzones to climb on to the field will let officers control the flow of fans as well as keep the drop significantly

lower than right in front of the student section.

When TCU e-mails out a friendly reminder that our fans get compliments within the conference, and we should keep it that way, they show faith in our students. As long as students continue to behave (mostly) like good, albeit rowdy football fans, the university should reward them.

This year, Utah will come to play in Fort Worth on Nov. 14. If we continue to play like we did against Clemson, we ought to be looking at that game as our final major BCS-worthiness litmus test.

We'll see if our team is worthy of being treated like one of the big boys that night. Our fans should be tested as well. Give us a chance to celebrate like the big boys.

The students deserve a chance to make memories out there, too.

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sound system, he said.

The theater is open to Sherley residents and any guests or other students they might bring, he said.

Ben Schmidt, freshman film-TV-digital media major and Sherley resident, said the theater has been a laid back place to hang out, to meet people and to watch movies.

"I love that it's no big deal," Schmidt said. "You don't have to reserve a time or anything. You just go in, pop in a DVD and go for it."

Resident assistant Hannah Knipp, a sophomore social work major, said the movie theater has been a great resource and helped bring the Sherley community together.

Allen said the theater has been used for more than

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freshman film-TV-digital media major

watching movies. Students can hook up gaming systems, run their computers and watch TV, he said. It is more of a home entertainment system than a movie theater, and students have responded well to it and have put it to good use, he said.

Future building projects would have their own unique features, but space would dictate what the university will do with the features in a building, Allen said.

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tions, Leone said.

"I had been nominated probably twice for (Journal of Marketing) and twice for Journal of Marketing Research in the past, in the 1990s and early 2000s, and not been selected," he said. "When I got the call this summer, I was very pleased. It was a nice surprise."

The journal calls itself the "premier broad-based academic journal in marketing." Leone said the broad part of that title is very important.

"We have a lot of very specialized journals," he said. "Journal of Marketing focuses much more on the broad corporate organization of marketing and how it can help organizations."

Leone is benefiting as a professor by learning about other marketing issues and

research that's being done all around the world, he said.

"It's already come into the classroom because I've probably used a handful of examples out of these papers this semester," he said. "They're fresher, they're newer. The students enjoy them more than something that happened in 1975 or 1985."

The position requires a lot of his time, but Leone said he is very comfortable with the process he has set up to work on it.

"You have to really become disciplined in saying, 'Here are the blocks of time I've got my journal hat on and here are the blocks of time I have my student-teaching hat on,'" he said.

Leone had his first article published in the journal in 1980, he said. He has also served on the review board, which assists editors in reviewing manuscripts.

ROTC

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program offers students."

Jasurda, who supervises all of the Army's recruiting, advertising and marketing programs, said the university has one of the most successful ROTC programs in the country.

"The program has grown

by leaps and bounds," he said.

"It's gotten very broad acceptance with the students attending TCU, and it's going to be the Army's challenge to grow with that enrollment to make sure that we have the right resources."

Jasurda said he feels proud of his university and the ROTC on campus. The challenge for the university now is

how to respond, he said.

"We'll always have room for quality students who want to be part of the Army ROTC program, and our challenge is to figure out how we manage that growth," Jasurda said.

The top three schools were Florida Institute of Technology, Texas A&M University and Clarkson University in New York.

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The Skiff View

University right to hold off 'friending' students

Chances are Facebook has connected you with a growing number of new users. With its rising popularity it's possible that your parents, your employer and now even your college recruiter might have become your newest friend.

It's good that the university is changing with the times and getting its name out through the use of Facebook. The social networking site is a good place to approach students outside the stuffy confines of an office.

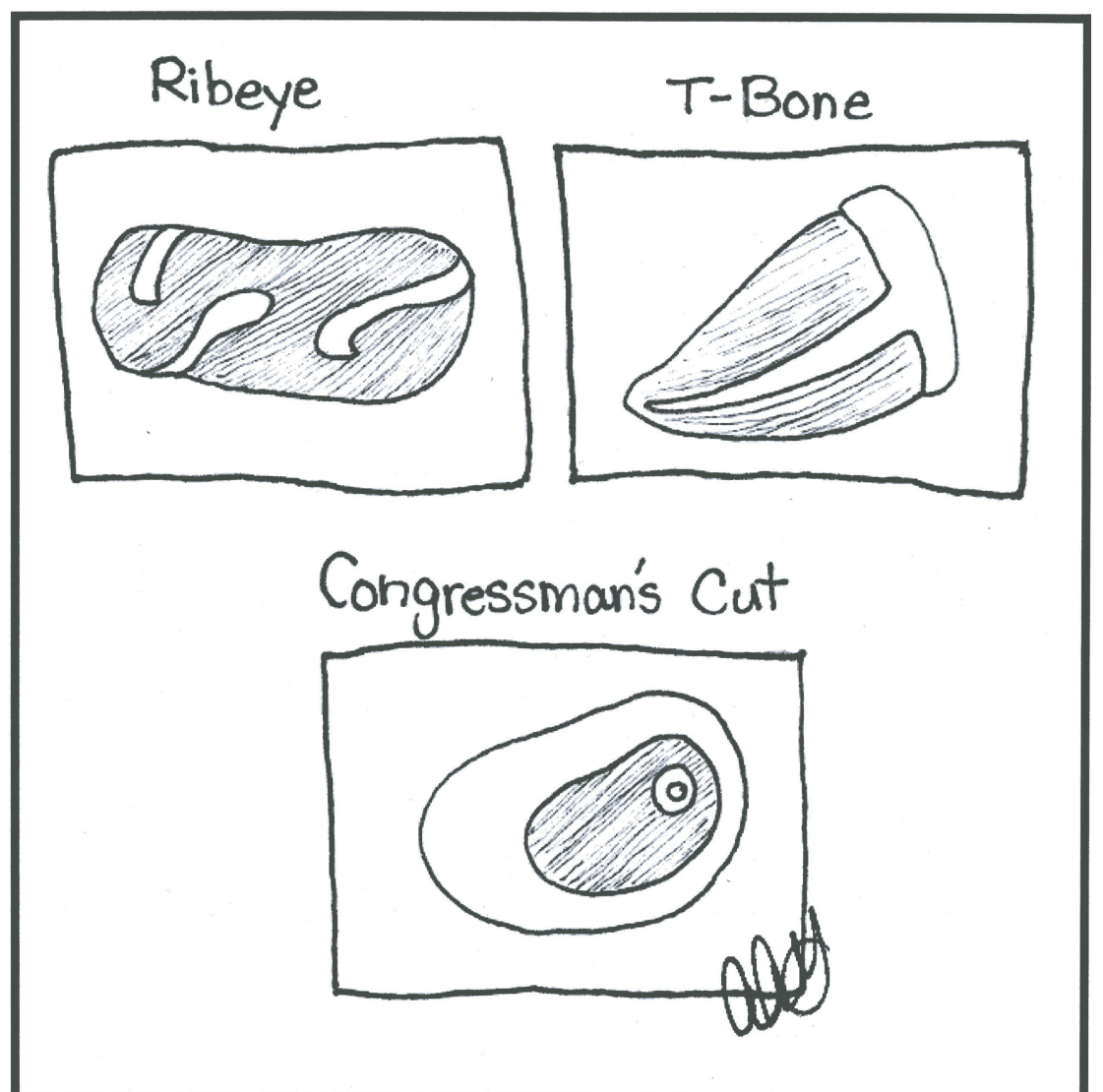
Admissions officials marketing the university on Facebook as a way of making conversations with prospective students is fine, but when it comes to the relationship between recruiter and student, there should be some policies over conduct.

Some prospective students might even think they are in an advantageous position by sending friend requests to admission officials. Admissions staff members have made it a point to accept friend requests only after the student in question has been accepted into TCU, so as not to give anyone the wrong impression about his or her chances of admission.

This will keep recruiters from bringing these outside relationships into the decision-making process of admissions. The thought of personal preferences and hidden biases in these situations is troubling, but thankfully out of the question when it comes to TCU.

Multimedia editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

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



Alissa Garrett is a graduate mathematics student from Fort Worth

Musician provides insight into racism's presence



KERRI FECZKO

Once you clear the confetti, turn off the synthesizers, sweep up the glitter and turn down the lights — then you can judge the raw talent and personality of musicians.

Following the Dave Matthews Band's lively and ecstatic concert in Los Angeles that seemed to sway the crowd with a sense of unity and passion, CNN caught up with Dave Matthews right when former President Jimmy Carter's allegations hit the press.

Carter asserted that racism was the core of some of the negativity that had recently been aimed towards President Barack Obama. The 42-year-old singer-songwriter, who had split half his childhood between the United States and Af-

rica during the apartheid, revealed an exclusive outlook on the promise of racism in society today.

It is beyond refreshing to see someone who has a strong influence over an entire generation using his voice to talk about something else other than himself.

"I found there's a fairly blatant racism in America that's already there, and I don't think I noticed it when I lived here as a kid," Matthews said. "But then I went back to South Africa, and then it's sort of thrust in your face, and then came back here — I just see it everywhere."

It is difficult to decipher what is more striking: the fact that racism is still prominent almost 150 years post-slavery, or the epic realization that there are actually some music artists who are politically and actively involved with today's societal

issues beyond my humps and blaming it on the a-a-a-a alcohol.

It is beyond refreshing to see someone who has a strong influence over an entire generation using his voice to talk about something else other than himself. Especially issues like racism that still affect both teenagers and adults today.

On Sept. 23, the Chicago Tribune published a story about a black human rights activist who found a noose on her front porch after being robbed the week before of her personal belongings costing up to \$13,000. This did not happen 80, 10 or even one year ago. It happened seven days ago.

Still think racism is extinct? Already exposed for his distinct music style and insightful lyrics, Dave Matthews separated from the useless, unaware species of celebrities who maintain complete oblivion to what is going on in the world around them.

"We give the podium to a lot of people who shouldn't have the po-

dium," Matthews said.

Finally the celebrity genius offers perceptive and constructive viewpoints that can influence people to get involved in issues like preventing and extinguishing racism instead of promoting drugs, sex and alcohol that seems to be the theme of a lot of songs today.

Ultimately, America has a two-

fold mission. We must repair efforts to create real equality while simultaneously making a conscience endeavor to only hand the microphone to those who will use it to evoke reform, not ratings.

Kerri Feczko is a sophomore broadcast journalism and political science major from Flower Mound.



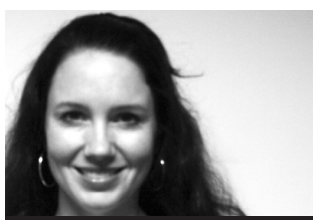
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POINT • COUNTERPOINT

Is 'Twilight' a modern love story or a threat to feminism?

The romance of Twilight is a genuine representation of young love

Twilight teaches girls to devalue themselves so they can be loved



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Is "Twilight" unrealistic romantic drivel, sending false hope to teenage girls everywhere about the complexities of love? I don't think so. People that think the series is cheesy are just plain cynical.

Yes, Bella becomes very passive around Edward. But isn't that what most women do when they are in love? Don't the men that capture our hearts become huge, almost ridiculous parts of our world?

Critics say that Bella is too willing to give herself over to Edward and gives him too much control. But intentionally or not, control in a relationship usually cedes to one person.

I know when I am in love, I am willing to do anything for my beloved, including give up my life. Bella intends to give up her life to be with Edward, which some women find repulsive and weak. Isn't that what we mean when we say we'd die for someone? It's the same concept, albeit not as dramatic — we won't have to

decide whether to stay mortal or not. I have to wonder when people stopped believing in love and romance. Clearly, I am not the only one who still does.

Take away the vampire equation and you have another romantic movie. Does the mortal/immortal factor make it harder to swallow the romance? We all swooned at the end of "Sex and the City," cried at the end of "Knocked Up," and fantasized about being Molly Ringwald being whisked away by Jake Ryan in "Sixteen Candles."

We love love, so what is the big deal? It's OK to glorify romance, because we all know what real life is like.

These young girls we fear for should be given the benefit of the doubt. They know a tall, handsome vampire isn't going to come along and rock their world. However, they may fall in love and feel their world turn upside down.

Sighing along to a romantic movie just feels good. Anyone seen the original "An Affair to Remember?" Watch that and tell me you don't believe in romance. It feels good for the same reason listening to sweet songs and smiling when you get a mushy text message feels good. We are humans and we all want to be loved, feel wanted and feel like there is

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someone special out there for us. And we don't even need to worry about him growing fangs while we make out.

If you think the love in "Twilight" is trite, corny or overdramatic, then clearly you have never been in love yourself.

Christi Aldridge is a senior strategic communications major from Hillsboro.



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LIBBY DAVIS

I'd like to snap my fingers in the faces of the general public. You are glorifying a book about a vampire who knocks up his 18-year-old wife and takes over her existence.

That said, I wouldn't insult something I haven't read. I did read the first two books of the "Twilight" series, skimmed the third and looked up a summary of the fourth book online. And I kept asking was, "Why?"

I understand the idea of a fairy tale romance. There's nothing better than the thought of a man whisking a girl away from her problems.

But "Twilight" is a fictional abomination that should be destroyed.

For those lucky enough to have not read the series, I'll summarize. Edward Cullen is an insanely gorgeous vampire played in the movie by the not-so-handsome Robert Pattinson. Bella Swan, played by the slack-jawed Kristen Stewart, is his vapid love interest. Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl. Boy turns girl into vampire so they can have sex without him killing her by accident.

Vampires, I can allow. Crappy romance is to be expected. But Stephenie Meyer veils a sexually frustrated girl's intentions with the idea that once you are married, you're mature enough to live on your own, be an eternal bloodsucker and have a baby at the tender age of 18. Clearly, Bella is a role model for children everywhere.

Most who cling to the idea of waiting for the perfect man will inevitably associate their worth by how their boyfriend views them. "Twilight" is not a series that empowers young women. It teaches them to hike up their skirts and spend their days cleaning kitchens, popping out children and waiting for their man to rescue them.

"Twilight" is a fictional abomination that should be destroyed.

I'm not even a bra-burning feminist, but Meyer missed out on a golden opportunity to enlighten female youth. Instead of living on her own, Bella goes straight from high school into the eternal embrace of her lover.

In the second book "New Moon," Edward left Bella because he is afraid of hurting her. Instead of moving on, Bella desperately tries to get his attention by nearly killing herself in the hopes that Edward's psychic sister will pick up on it and tell him.

Maybe the idea of sending an e-mail is getting out of date. However this only endangers girls by telling them that a guy will love them if they jump off a few cliffs. No romance is worth that. In five years, no one will give a crap about "Twilight."

Until that time, young women of the world, snap out of it. Stop waiting for a man and rescue yourselves.

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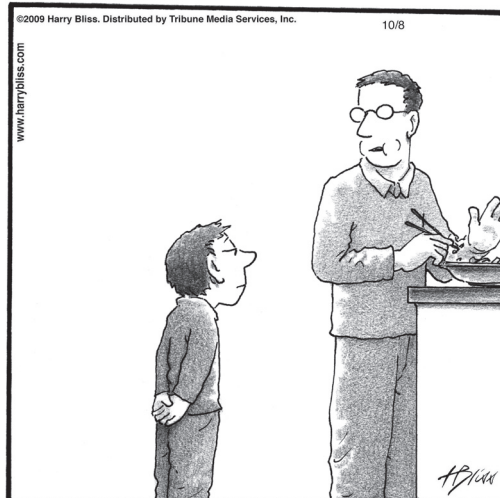
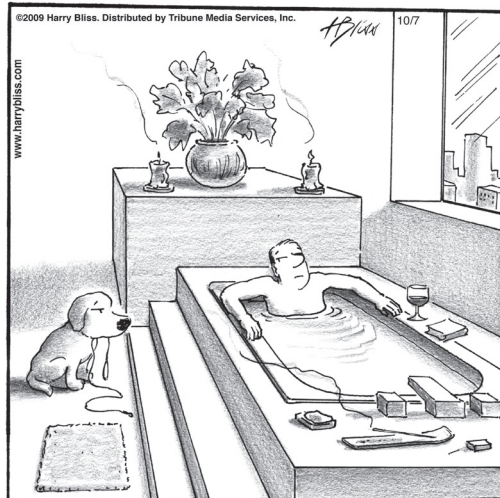
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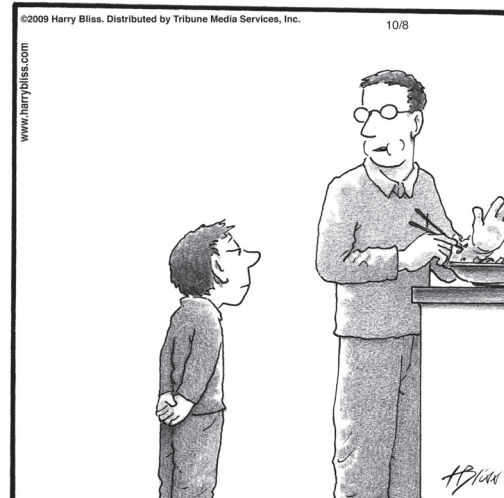
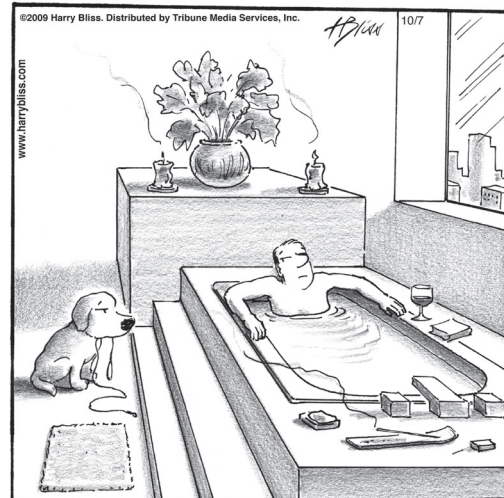
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TCU fans rush the field after the Horned Frogs' win against Air Force at home last year. LINH DANG / Staff Photographer

Rushing field not a crime



JOSH DAVIS

A funny thing happened when TCU fans ran on the field at Clemson - nothing.

No police, no security, not even campus police riding on ridiculous three-wheeled Segways stood in our way. The only thing resembling a warning was on the JumboTron, politely requesting we did not damage their athletic facilities.

If only we got this kind of treatment of home.

Last year, after the Frogs began to bang on the BCS door with a huge 32-7 home win over then-No. 9 BYU, our fans didn't exactly receive the same welcome on our own field. Any fans who dared jump on the grass at Amon Carter Stadium were rewarded with a swift trip to the dirt, courtesy of the Fort Worth Police, only before having a knee placed in their back and their wrists twisted until they were deemed not to be a threat. After the first wave were cut down with Omaha Beach-like efficiency, everyone else decided there were better ways to spend a Thursday night.

It should have been on of the greatest memories of my college career, but I had to wait a year to get it in South Carolina. It shouldn't take the kindness of away-game fans for

TCU students to experience the unrivaled rush of celebrating with the student athletes on the field.

As the rain drowned away the ball of nervousness that a four-point win brings, it turned the fans to complete revelry. For a few minutes, the release of endorphins made everything a blur. It was loud, and wet, and purple and will

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live on as one of my favorite fuzzy memories. Only one game, the upset at Oklahoma in 2005, compares.

It truly felt epic. Even though there were only about 50 TCU fans on the field, all of South Carolina heard us Saturday. If they hadn't already come up and introduced themselves, that is.

What really put Clemson over the top was their fans. As many have said in the days after the game, those fans were the nicest I've ever encountered, before, during and after the game. They were quick to offer a "good luck," advice on where to tailgate, a cold beer or just a "Welcome to Clem-

son." It was unreal, certainly not what I had been told to prepare for, and didn't take away from the atmosphere inside. Letting us celebrate the win traditionally on the field was far from their first classy move, but certainly the biggest.

It's a shame TCU won't extend the same welcome to its students.

I understand the university's motivations. I know the athletic department is concerned about the safety of players and coaches, injuries to fans, and, of course, the precious goalposts. But realistically, all of those concerns can be solved with the assistance of the same helpful law enforcement officers who introduced students to the turf last year.

Ross Bailey, associate director of athletics for operations, said the main concern he would have with allowing fans on the field would be the safety of opposing players and coaches. He said it would be too easy to have a situation like this year's Oregon-Boise State punch, but with a fan.

Placing the usual row of police in front of the student section does work. So, keeping with that, the police would make sure the field was cleared of members of the opposing school and any coaches or players who stayed on for interviews had a police escort to the locker room. It would allow the athletic department to protect its priorities while

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BCS BUSTERS BATTLE

Three teams have one debate: Busting the BCS

The Frogs' best is yet to come



TRAVIS L. BROWN

As TCU notched its third win of the season, taking down Clemson in Death Valley, the Frogs have been thrust back into the BCS spotlight.

The way the polls sit right now, the Frogs would most likely not get a bid to a BCS bowl because of Boise State's No. 5 ranking after a big win against the rising University of Oregon.

Head coach Gary Patterson knows the Frogs still have one big positive up the their sleeve that will push them to the top of the non-qualifiers. It is as simple as one statement Patterson made during his

post game press conference after the team's victory over Clemson - the Frogs have not played their best football yet.

It's a good thing that there is still over a half of a season to play because the Frogs are just now unifying and playing up close to their potential on both sides of the ball. And they still have room to improve.

Boise State and Houston really have reached their peak this season with no real challenging team to beat until it is time to go bowling. The Frogs still have to face a high quality Mountain West Conference team that includes a 3-1 Air Force team and Wyoming, who gave Texas a run for its money a few weeks ago. That doesn't even include Utah, who is at the edge of the top 25 and No. 20 BYU, who beat the University of Oklahoma in week one and will continue to rise back up in the rank-

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ings with every game they win.

While Boise State is the higher-ranked team at this point, the Bronco's stock has nowhere to go but down. The Frogs are on the rise and as long as they stay unbeaten, will find themselves playing in January for the first time in many years.

Travis L. Brown is the sports editor for the Daily Skiff.

Boise State statistically leads the BCS buster pack



KIRK BELL

Every college football season reveals new non-automatic BCS qualifiers. The cream of the underdog football world starts to rise to positions of potential greatness in the eyes of fans. The one team that has set the pace for all others year-in and year-out has been the No. 5 Broncos of Boise State University.

Statistically the Broncos are superior to No. 11 Texas Christian University and the No. 12 University of Houston in key areas.

All three teams boast talented quarterbacks. But sophomore BSU quarterback Kellen Moore has emerged as an athlete who

has ice running through his veins. When he guides a receiver into the end zone - averaging 2.5 touchdown passes per game - he simply grins and saunters off to the sidelines and gets ready to do it again.

Moore is currently the second most efficient passer in the country with a rating of 177.51. But most importantly he knows how to put the Broncos into a scoring position. They have averaged 38.6 points per game with Moore behind center. He has thrown for 35 touchdowns through his collegiate career, which is less than one-and-one-half seasons old.

The Broncos also claim several national top honors in many categories including: No. 7 scoring offense (45.0 ppg), No. 11 turnover margin (+1.5), No. 7 team passing efficiency (166.82), No. 2 team interceptions (9), No. 5 defensive passing efficiency (83.69), No. 7

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kickoff returns (32.71) and No. 9 team punting (40.73). That does not include the multiple categories in which BSU touts top-25 honors. And all of this with only four active seniors on the roster, two of whom are expected to be NFL draftees, cornerback Kyle Wilson and tight end/fullback Richie Brockel.

This isn't the end of BSU dominance. Just wait until the 2010 season.

Kirk Bell is the athletics editor for the Boise State Arbiter.

Houston's C-USA crown should be enough to get the bid



PHILLIPE CRAIG

With top-10 teams falling every week, mid-major conference upstarts are starting to see the light at the end of the BCS tunnel. Three schools have a fighting chance at cracking the ever-exclusive club this season - Texas Christian, Boise State and Houston. But it's still a very young season.

Each team has its roadblocks, and in the Cougars' case, three consecutive hurdles come in the form of road games.

That being said, if the Cougars can emerge unscathed from the road trip, which includes a trip to Starkville, Miss. to take on Mississippi State, they may have the clearest path to the promised land.

The Cougars host Conference USA bottom feeders SMU and Memphis along with a rebuilding Rice program, all of whom should provide little resistance.

The biggest key for the Cougars may be its ability to dictate the style of play and wear down opponents with aerial attacks. UH has a proven leader in quarterback Case Keenum and an abundance of young players who have passed early-season tests. They may be too young to know they are not supposed to be in

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contention for a BCS bowl, and as they say, ignorance is bliss.

The Cougars have to know that winning out-of-conference games means nothing if they don't win the C-USA crown. If they stay focused on their pre-season goal of winning a C-USA Championship, the ultimate bonus prize may await them in January.

Phillipe Craig is the sports editor for The University of Houston's Daily Cougar.

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