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POPULAR CHOICE



Author's visit to campus plays role in reading pick

By Christa Acuna
Staff Reporter

The choice of books selected for university common readings was criticized in national publications, but the university's selection goes beyond the "common" in the reading as it tries to choose a diverse set of works each year, a university common reading committee member said.

According to the Inside Higher Ed website, the book selections colleges were making were too similar, left-leaning and not sufficiently challenging.

A university committee of 12 to 15 TCU faculty and staff members select the common reading material. English professor Dan Williams, a common reading committee member, said the common reading assignment is an attempt to establish an intellectual community among incoming students by having them participate in a shared discussion of a text or a series of texts read by the first week of school.

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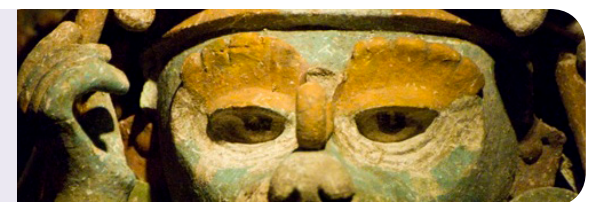
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RELIGION

Islamic views to be discussed

By Clinton Foster

Staff Reporter

One religion professor said he hopes that by educating the student body, he can help the university community take a step toward understanding the Islamic faith.

Religion professor Andy Fort said American misconceptions about the Islamic faith could negatively affect how other countries perceive Americans.

To educate students in the truth about Islam, Fort will lead and moderate a panel discussion from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Palko 130.

Fort said widespread misconceptions about Islam are very serious as they not only cause some Americans to show prejudice but also affect U.S. foreign policy and the world's view of America.

He provided the example of Terry Jones, a Florida pastor who wanted to burn copies of the Quran in protest of the ground zero mosque. He said in the eyes of the world, the actions of one pastor appeared to reflect the attitude of the entire nation.

Three university religion professors and representatives from the Muslim Student Association will provide information about Muslims in the United States and abroad.

Professors Mark Dennis, Sage Elwell and Yushau Sodiq will participate in the discussion along with Muslim Student Association president Hamza Khan, vice president Zair Shah and other MSA members.

Fort said Dennis would discuss Islam's connection with violence, Sodiq would discuss the history of Islam in America and Elwell was expected to show some images and discuss how people use images to

build prejudice.

"I feel it's part of our departmental and university mission," Fort said. "This is education that really matters."

Fort said MSA representatives would talk about what it feels like to be victims of prejudice, such as being called terrorists or being told that Muslims don't belong in America.

Khan said he is very excited to participate in the discussion. He said he hopes to show students that Islam is a peaceful religion not associated with terrorism or violence.

"Basically, the discussion's going to clear up any misconceptions there are about Islam," Khan said.

Fort said the discussion would be good for the university and he is excited to lead it. He said he hoped to increase intercultural understanding and present accurate information about Muslim people and Islam through the discussion.

"Who's afraid of Muslims?"

When: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Today

Where: Palko 130

Speaking event featuring Mark Dennis, Yushau Sodiq, Sage Elwell and Yasmine Javeed, TCU alumna.

The event will have publicity tables set up today from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. outside the east side of the library as well as in the Reed-Scharbauer Mall. The publicity tables will have flyers containing facts and information about Muslims and the Islamic faith. Refreshments will be served.

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Reading

Robin Williamson, associate director for Student Development Services and common reading committee member, said "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin was the common reading book for this year. She said Mortenson's upcoming visit to campus in January had a lot to do with this year's book selection.

According to the Inside Higher Ed website, "Three Cups of Tea" was among the top four books assigned to college freshmen this year.

According to the National Association of Scholars website article "Read These Instead: Better Books for Next Year's Beaches," universities should aim higher in choosing an intellectually stimulating book for common reading assignments. The article "found a widespread emphasis on books that promote liberal political views; a preponderance of contemporary authors; and a surprisingly low intellectual difficulty."

Political science professor Eric Cox, also a committee member, said he was not familiar with either article but said he sought diversity in style, perspectives and different works in text selections.

He said past readings included articles from multiple perspectives, different scholarly traditions and theatrical works. The goal was to be as balanced as possible in the selection of readings, he said.

Cox said the university tried to make selections that were intellectually stimulating, not political.

"We're not trying to push a view point on students, we're just trying to make students think," he said.

The NAS article said it was constructive for students to encounter contemporary authors through common readings, but a vast majority of worthy books were left out by restricting the readings to works of living authors.

"We like the idea of common reading programs," the NAS article said. "We simply want colleges to choose better books."

A national study on the Inside Higher Ed website also questioned why few universities teach classic works and texts written before

the 20th century.

At Baylor University, Keane Tarbell, associate director for New Student Programs, said he had not heard about the criticism, but said he thought some colleges were more politically and economically motivated than others.

Baylor discontinued its common reading this year because of a budget decision, Tarbell said. Selections for previous years emphasized community, faith, diversity, calling, growing up and friendship because the themes fit Baylor and the character of the institution, he said.

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Eric Cox

Political science professor

Tarbell said he thought faculty, staff and students were involved in selecting a common reading for at least the past three times a reading was assigned.

Williamson said common readings were a popular trend across the country, but the university's goal is to provide an opportunity for new students to interact with each other and faculty members in an academic setting at the college level.

"There are many different reasons for why there's a common reading program," she said. "One reason is that it is a shared experience that first year students can have as a class, so it helps builds a sense of community."

Williamson said approximately 90 percent of the students participated in this year's common reading and gave a lot of positive feedback about the personal story in the book. Students engaged in an in-depth discussion about the book to learn what the university is all about, she said.

Williams said the committee has already met to start discussing book possibilities for next year's common reading. The themes cover a wide range, he said. In previous years the common reading concentration was on the Bill of Rights.

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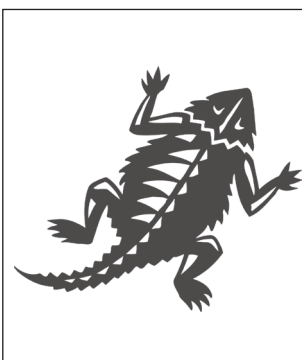
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UT SHOOTING

Incident prompts gun control talks

By Kelley Shannon

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas already lets lawmakers bring guns into the Capitol. And the governor sometimes jogs with a loaded pistol. But should people be allowed to carry concealed weapons onto college campuses?

Gun advocates argue that doing so could help put a quick end to threats like the one posed by a University of Texas student who fired several rounds from an assault rifle Tuesday before killing himself.

Under current law, college buildings in Texas are gun-free zones. But that did not stop Colton Tooley from darting along a street near the university's clock tower Tuesday, shooting off an AK-47. He then entered a library and shot himself. No one else was hurt.

Police had no evidence Tooley was targeting anyone, but there was plenty of discussion Wednesday about how much worse the bloodshed could have been — and how to ensure that scenario never happens.

“There are already guns on campus. All too often they are illegal. I want there to be legal guns on campus. I think it makes sense — and all of the data supports — that if law abiding, well-trained, backgrounded individuals have a weapon, then there will be less crime”

Rick Perry

Governor of Texas

“There are already guns on campus. All too often they are illegal,” Republican Gov. Rick Perry said. “I want there to be legal guns on campus. I think it makes sense — and all of the data supports — that if law abiding, well-trained, backgrounded individuals have a weapon, then there will be less crime.”

Perry's Democratic challenger, Bill White, said he supports the state law that lets people with licenses carry concealed handguns. But he wants individual schools to decide whether to allow guns on campus.

He said Perry's position “is the government ought to coerce campuses to allow concealed handguns on campus.”

The gunfire erupted near the scene of one of the nation's deadliest shooting rampages. Tooley started shooting near a fountain in front of the UT Tower — the same site where a gunman ascended the clock tower and fired down on dozens of people in 1966.

The Lone Star State makes it relatively easy for people to buy assault rifles like the one Tooley had, as well as other types of firearms, at gun shops and gun shows. Texas enacted a concealed handgun law in 1995, allowing people 21 and older to carry

weapons if they pass a training course and a background check.

Businesses, schools and churches can set rules banning guns on their premises. On college campuses, guns are prohibited in buildings, dorms and certain grounds around them.

Advocates for allowing concealed guns on campuses say if more people packed heat, it's more likely one of them could stop a gunman before he hurts anyone.

“There are a lot of combat veterans like me, and if we had concealed carry, the threat would be reduced significantly,” said Casey Kever, 25, a student and Army veteran from Houston who two did tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. “Instead you're left to sit there and wait for somebody to come save you.”

Opponents argue that it would make campuses more dangerous.

“I can't think of any way that the situation yesterday would have been improved by additional guns,” said John Woods, a graduate student at UT-Austin who attended Virginia Tech in 2007, when a student gunman killed 32 people, including some of Woods' friends.

Woods urged state lawmakers in 2009 to block a bill that would have allowed guns on campuses. It failed.

If a gunman is on the loose, and people try to shoot back, missed shots can pose their own danger to bystanders. And the number of guns can make it difficult for police to determine “who are the good guys and who are the bad guys,” Woods said.

He advocates preventive measures, like making mental health services available and putting locks on the insides of classroom doors.

The university has no record of Tooley, a sophomore math major, being flagged for behavioral concerns before Tuesday.

“He was not on our radar,” said Jeffrey Graves, associate vice president of legal affairs. “We checked into that as soon as we had the name. Not in any of our databases.”

Daniel Crocker, a Texas A&M student and a board member for Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, said it makes no sense to have an “invisible line” at the edge of campus, beyond which guns are forbidden. He said law-abiding citizens heed that line, and criminals do not.

“There was one fundamental problem” with Tuesday's incident in Austin, he said. “Everyone was depending on the kindness and the mercy of a deranged lunatic.”

Crocker said a growing number of campuses are allowing guns, but that they are not the majority. He said his group is also concerned with letting students defend themselves against the thousands of other crimes that take place on campuses, like rapes and robberies.

Earlier this year, Perry told The Associated Press he shot a coyote while on a morning run with his daughter's Labrador retriever. He said he was jogging alone on a trail in an undeveloped area near his rental mansion.

The governor, a concealed handgun permit holder, said he takes the gun with him to defend against snakes.



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CAMPUS

Drum Cafe to offer rhythm, unity to campus

By Katey Muldrow

Staff Reporter

The Drum Cafe of Texas will initiate the launch of a new community renewal movement tonight in the Campus Commons, a program director in Student Development Services said.

Daniel Terry, assistant director of the Leadership Center and Center for Civic Literacy, said the event will aim to strengthen the university's sense of community.

“Everybody kind of beating in the same rhythm just creates this really amazing feeling of being a part of

something that is larger than yourself,” Terry said.

Each participant would be supplied with his or her own drum to participate in an ensemble led by The Drum Cafe, Terry said. With the event, he said he hopes to show the goals of Community Renewal University, a new program created to encourage tighter connections on campus.

“It's not rocket science,” Terry said. “It's just an attempt to get as many people as possible to just be aware of how they're investing [themselves] in this community and the importance of doing so.”

The drumming event will be the

first large scale community-building event this year. It will be an attempt to get students and the TCU community in tune with the movement, Terry said.

The event begins at 5 p.m. and will be held in the Campus Commons.

Drum Cafe of Texas

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Where: Campus Commons

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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Society in need of greater understanding

When I came to college, I prepared myself to have my beliefs, ideas and pre-held conceptions challenged and turned inside out. Yet when I got here, it seemed that people were clinging even more tightly to their adolescent misconceptions, including those about stereotypes or religions.

Tonight university religion professors and representatives from the Muslim Student Association will dispel myths and negative perceptions that Americans still carry about Muslims. The discussion will push for increased cultural awareness and will include information about Islam's role as a religion of peace.

Students and faculty will have an opportunity to come to a fuller understanding of one of the most populous world religions, something that is sorely needed. It is also disheartening to think that university students, historically a group of people that has pushed for tolerance and change, even need to be told to be open to other ideas and religions.

Islam is not a religion of war any more than Christianity is a religion of intolerance. Whether or not students attend tonight's event, the ideas of tolerance that it will convey should be practiced by everyone.

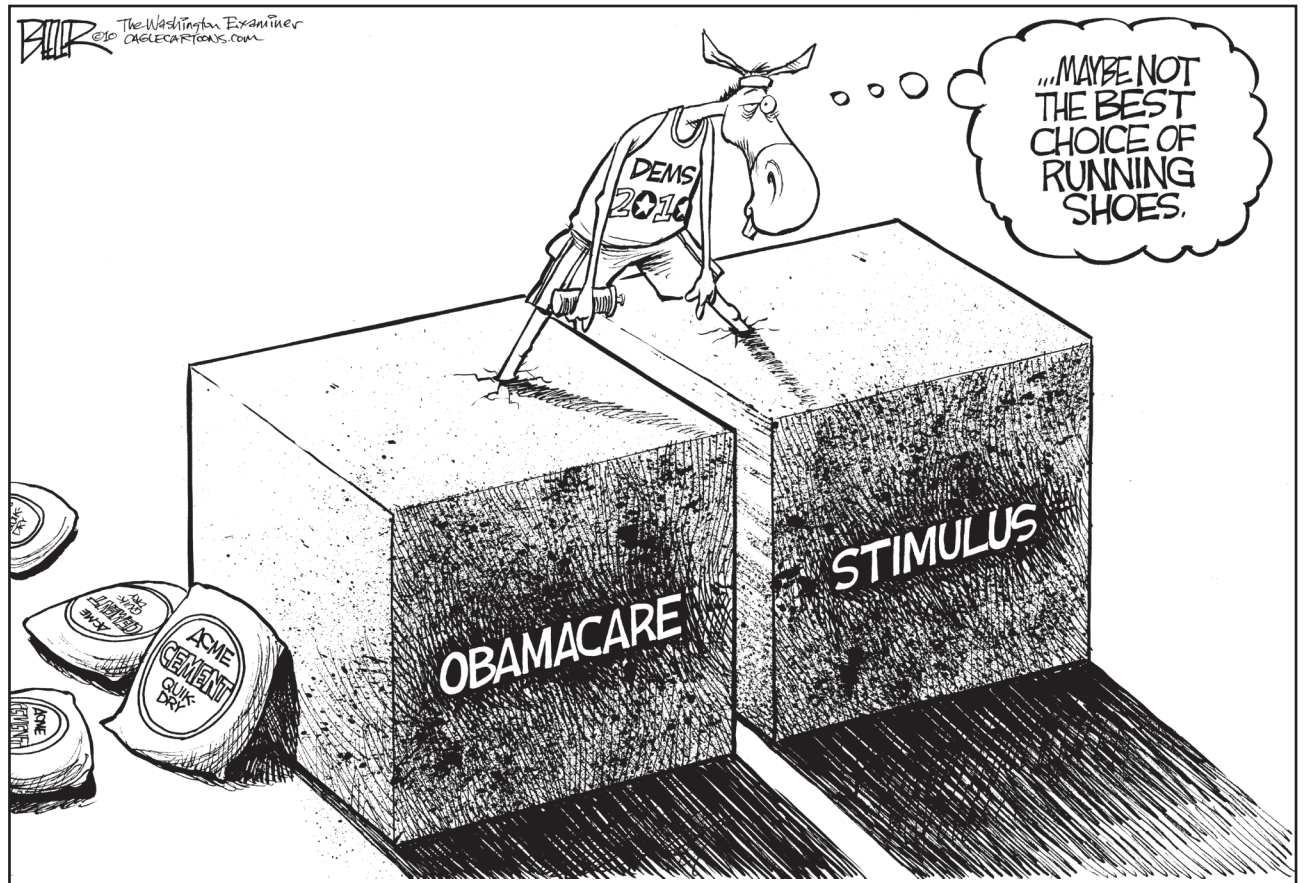
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Voters looking for change again in Washington



Alex Apple

It has been almost two years since Barack Obama was elected president. Two years ago, in a decisive victory, people of varying ages and political affiliation, from Democrats to independents and even some Republicans, united for change.

Now many of the same independent and Republican voters are calling for change again in Washington, D.C. Many of the same Democrats who ran with Obama's momentum are left to fight for themselves for re-election.

Obama's current predicament is certainly not by his own doing. Rather, he has also been a victim of unfortunate circumstances: an economic downturn years in the making, a catastrophic oil spill, and a Republican minority whose sole purpose is to block democratic progress at all turns.

However, Obama has made his own set of policies that have brought political backlash. He spent months debating

a health insurance reform bill, which allowed Republicans to create enough complaints to lower Obama's approval rating.

CNN's Ed Henry wrote that voters believe Barack Obama tried to do too much too fast, but overall they think Obama is a good man.

As I previously wrote, voters have a "what have you done for me lately?" mindset, and they want out of this recession right now.

Republicans have united to push a message that ties Obama and the Democrats to big spending and big government, and Democrats have been on their heels. The Democrats' message has been fractured, and thus their message has been lost in the process.

Bill Clinton recently spoke with *Politico* about what he would do if he were in Obama's shoes — Clinton faced a similar situation in 1994 when Republicans regained control of the House in the middle of his presidency.

Clinton said, "I would say 'I'm not bragging. I'm not asking for credit. I'm not asking you to feel better. What I'm trying to show you here is how deep this problem is, and all over the world people are having trouble doing it, and we're doing better than others are.'"

Clinton went on to say that Obama ought to say, "All I'm asking you for is two more years. You get a chance to fire

us all in two more years, but don't throw us out and embrace the policies that got us in trouble. Give us two years... See if what we're doing is working, and you can throw us out."

The question becomes, if Republicans gain control of the House of Representatives — polls show they probably will not gain control of the Senate — can a democratic president and republican Congress work together? The answer is that they will have to.

If Nancy Pelosi is no longer speaker of the House of Representatives, that could actually work well for the president. According to some political analysts, Pelosi and Congress have become so unpopular with Americans that their low ratings have brought Obama's rating down with them.

A Republican House of Representatives could be Obama's second chance. My advice for Obama would be to direct the Congress to deal with the initiatives that they want. Put the pressure on Republicans to get things done and not quarrel over small details. Americans want solutions, not arguments. If Congress cannot provide solutions, then the tide will turn and Republicans will have to answer to the American people.

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PERSPECTIVES

Health care reforms a positive change

Since the health care reform bill became law six months ago, it has been a hot topic not only on news stations but also in households.

Whether Americans support it or not, most have not read the full 2,400 page document, and therefore do not know the changes that will be taking place. The first round of these key changes took effect last week on Sept. 23, making health care much easier to obtain and receive.

Though people are in an uproar about the bill, there seems to be no reason for such commotion. The changes that are taking place this week affect citizens positively, and the insurers negatively rather than hiking premiums, causing long lines and forcing people to sit at home rather than go to the doctor. This bill is essentially forcing insurers to do their job by providing health care.

People who are insured through their jobs should not notice any of these changes taking effect until their health care plans are renewed. Under this bill, dependents with no other means of health care will remain covered under their parents plan until the age of 26, though some states already rule 28 or 29. Though this may push employers to limit the number of dependents allowed under coverage, this helps those who are unable to get health care through their employers or on their own.

For children under the age of 19, coverage cannot be denied for pre-existing conditions and this will extend to adults in 2014. It is not

illegal for an insurer to drop a client because of illness. Insurers will no longer be able to impose "lifetime dollar limits" on benefits that clients need – such as hospital visits or testing.

The people who would be paying out-of-pocket and forcing taxpayers to pick up the rest now have no reason not to have health care because they will not get denied where they previously would have.

Clients now have the ability to choose their own doctor and are no longer restricted by what insurer a doctor accepts. Also, small businesses of 25 employees or less will be given grants and tax credits to encourage them to provide their employees with health care.

Those decrying this bill as having tons of socialist ideas are going to be disappointed when they find that there has been no adoption of a socialized health care package. In fact, this bill remains solely within the confines of capitalism as we have known for decades. All it does is provide needed quality oversight and regulation in the health care industry, thus giving the consumers a fair chance to receive medical insurance.

As a result of these new implementations, health care will now be more accessible to the general population allowing for greater coverage and social equity in the long run.

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Inequality argument misleading



Michael Lauck

A phrase often attributed to former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli reads, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics." I hate to be cliché, but I think this quote is a perfect example of a situation of which I have become aware.

An article in the Sept. 29 edition of the *Daily Skiff* titled "Contrary to idea, inequality exists" included the line, "the poverty rate has climbed to its highest point in 15 years, with an astounding 43.6 million Americans in 2009 (a rate of 14.3 percent) living below the poverty line of \$22,050 for a family of four."

This statistic is misleading.

First of all, if we look at the big picture of poverty, back in 1959 around 22 percent of Americans were in poverty. Getting it down to 14.3 percent is an astonishing feat for our country. Just because we get a blip doesn't mean we are losing our middle class and we have an inequality "crisis."

Second, these statistics don't take into account in-kind transfers or things like Medicare, Medicaid, subsidized housing and the like. When you look at these statistics, the lives of those living below the poverty line have greatly improved.

Third, luck can also play a trick on these statistics. What we are essentially measuring is the worst year for a poor guy versus the best year for a rich guy. This means that those who appear to be very rich only stay like that for a short time, while those with bad luck tend to

get better in the future.

Lastly, the fact that these numbers are even looked at as shocking shows how wealthy we truly are here. The poverty line is \$22,050, but I bet a starving family in Africa or India would love to have even half of that. Many poor people in America have things people in other countries only dream of, like color televisions, microwave ovens and even air conditioning. While this is by no means the high life, it's still important to look around at the rest of the world and see what you truly have. In our country, our poor people are fat. When in human history and in what country have the poorest of the poor had an obesity problem?

What's even worse is this: what evidence does this person have to say that economic mobility is declining? The truth is that Americans are incredibly mobile. In the 1970s and 1980s for example, almost half of those in the bottom 20 percent of the income bracket had moved up by the end of the decade, according to the book "The Economics of Public Issues."

Government policy may not be helping either. The war on drugs takes a particularly hard hit on the poor. Many impoverished people are locked up on felony drug charges. Once they get out of jail they find it hard to get a job that pays well, making it even harder to get out of poverty.

Poverty is something that can, and should, be addressed in America. Some wealth distribution, with certain incentives of course, should occur along with getting rid of public policy that kills opportunities for the poor. But to say that there is rise in poverty during a recession without taking into account what those statistics really mean misleads readers into thinking the problem is worse than it is.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Museum hosts night for university communities

By Sean McDermott
Staff Reporter

North Texas students and faculty can attend a free event for university communities tonight at the Kimbell Art Museum, said an education coordinator.

The Kimbell Art Museum is hosting University Evening from 4-6 p.m. Students can go on tours of a Mayan exhibit, have refreshments and learn about available internships at the museum, Connie Hatchette Barganier said.

Barganier, an education coordinator at the Kimbell, said reservations are no longer being accepted for the event, but half-price admission to the exhibit is available from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

This is not the first University Night at the Kimbell and event attendance is growing, Barganier said.

Jennifer Casler Price, curator for Asian and Non-Western Art, said the exhibit, "Fiery Pool: The Maya and the Mythic Sea," features about 100 objects dating from 300 B.C. to A.D. 1500 that explore how the Mayans depicted the importance of water in their art.

"This is the first exhibition to focus on the importance and centrality of water to the ancient Maya," Price said. "It's a facet that has not really been investigated by scholars or archaeologists up to this point."

Price said most Mayan exhibits focus on kingship, lineage and warfare.

"Water influenced their life both from the daily point of view and with the Maya idea of the cosmos," Price said.

Barganier said the Kimbell is trying to do university evenings at least twice a year.

"We have been thrilled with the attendance and the opportunity to meet college students and find out what they are interested in," Barganier said.

The exhibit will feature an interactive component with a touch table screen called "The Fiery Pool" where one can touch objects, and images come up on the screen, Price said.

The exhibit will run until January 2nd. The next University Evening has been planned for February 10th.

"Fiery Pool: The Maya and the Mythic Sea"

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CHILD CARE

Presentation offers tips, training on parenting

By Katey Muldrow
Staff Reporter

Faculty and staff can learn to enhance parenting strategies for raising responsible and independent children in a "Lunch and Learn" event today, a Camp Fire USA representative said.

"Our final goal is to increase the confidence in the parents in their ability to raise responsible and independent children,"

DeVonna Wicks
Camp Fire Representative

DeVonna Wicks, who will present the seminar, said the event is part of the Child Care Network, a pilot program through Camp Fire USA, which partnered with the university to help faculty and staff find child care.

"This is one of the benefits with [Child Care Network] besides having a free resource and referral service to top-quality child care centers," Wicks said.

She said the seminar would offer training and tips to help parents deal with the real issues they face raising children.

The "Lunch and Learn" is from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

The presentation is for faculty and staff with children ranging in age from infants to teenagers, Wicks said.

The training would discuss topics such as task management, social responsiveness and strategies for improving responsible behavior. The seminar would also strengthen the parent's place as a values teacher, she said.

"Our final goal is to increase the confidence in the parents in their ability to raise responsible and independent children," Wicks said.

The event is free to all faculty or staff members. Wicks said 20 people had given an RSVP for the event by Wednesday afternoon, but that an RSVP was not necessary to attend.

Child Care Network "Lunch and Learn"

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Chelsey Wilgenberg, junior business major, plays putt-putt golf with Leigha Leonard, sophomore business major, Wednesday in the Campus Commons during an intramural event put on by the Campus Recreation Center.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Compensation for 9/11 cleanup crews approved



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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has approved a bill to give up to \$7.4 billion to workers sickened during the cleanup of World Trade Center site after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The 268-160 vote on Wednesday came after passionate floor debate. Democratic supporters said they were standing up for sick 9/11 heroes. Republican critics branded the bill as yet another big-government entitlement program that would boost taxes and kill jobs.

The bill would provide free health care and compensation to rescue and recovery workers who fell ill after working in the trade center ruins.

It was a second showdown for the bill, which failed to pass in a July vote.

New York lawmakers have been pushing such a measure for years. Similar legislation is pending in the Senate.

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MEXICO

Drugs, weapons seized

By E. Eduardo Castillo
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican marines captured 30 suspected Gulf cartel members and seized an arsenal of weapons during two days of raids on the border with Texas.

The marines were acting on intelligence obtained by the navy and other agencies in conducting the raids in Matamoros and Reynosa. The two cities are on the border with Texas in the northern Mexican

border state, which has been torn by drug gang battles.

Rear Adm. Jose Luis Vergara says the marines seized more than 50 guns, two shoulder-fired rocket launchers, 21 grenades and ammunition.

The navy gave no indication of how significant the arrests were in the government's efforts to destroy the Gulf cartel. The cartel is waging a bloody turf war in Tamaulipas with its former ally, the Zetas gang of hit men.



Members of the navy escort alleged members of the Gulf drug cartel as they are presented to the press in Mexico City, Wednesday Sept. 29, 2010.

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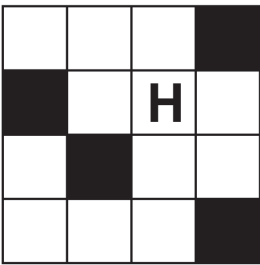
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Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once.

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Sample



"Freeze"

Wednesday's Solution



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Directions

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Wednesday's Solution

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POLITICS

Military service not seen as duty

By Anne Flaherty

Associated Press Writer

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday that most Americans have grown too detached from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and see military service as “something for other people to do.”

In a speech Wednesday at Duke University, Gates said this disconnect has imposed a heavy burden on a small segment of society and wildly driven up the costs of maintaining an all-volunteer force.

“No matter how patriotic, how devoted they are, at some point they will want to have the semblance of a normal life — getting married, starting a family, going to college or grad school, seeing their children grow up — that they have justly earned.”

Robert Gates

Defense Secretary

Because fewer Americans see military service as their duty, troops today face repeated combat tours and long separations from family. The 2.4 million people serving in the armed forces today represent less than 1 percent of the country's total population.

To attract and retain recruits, the Defense Department finds itself spending more money, including handsome recruiting and retention bonuses and education benefits. The money spent on personnel and benefits has nearly doubled since the 2001 invasion of Afghani-

stan, from \$90 billion to \$170 billion.

“That is our sacred obligation,” Gates told the audience of compensating troops. “But given the enormous fiscal pressures facing the country,” the nation must devise “an equitable and sustainable system of military pay and benefits that reflects the realities of this century.”

Gates, who plans to retire next year, has been using academic-style speeches to outline what he believes to be the nation's toughest challenges that lie ahead when it comes to defense.

Earlier this year, Gates asked whether troops were training for the right kinds of missions and called into question the utility of D-Day style amphibious landings handled historically by the Marine Corps. He has also embarked on a cost-cutting initiative to prepare for what he says are leaner days ahead for the department.

As is the case in most of these speeches, Gates on Wednesday tried to raise awareness about a long-term problem rather than solve it. He offered no solution to what he described as a growing divide between Americans in uniform and those who aren't.

“Whatever their fond sentiments for men and women in uniform, for most Americans the war remains an abstraction — a distant and unpleasant series of news items that does not affect them personally,” Gates said.

Even after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, for most Americans “service in the military — no matter how laudable — has become something for other people to do,” he added.

Gates gave his speech in front of some 1,200 faculty and students at Duke, considered one of the nation's top universities.

Like most elite colleges, only a small fraction of Duke students consider military service. With 34 of its 6,400 undergraduates enrolled in its Reserve Officers' Training Corps, an officer commissioning program known as ROTC, Duke is actually considered among the more military-friendly elite colleges.

POLITICS

Past scandals can define candidates



CHET BROKAW / ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this June 25, 2010 file photo, South Dakota Republican House candidate Kristi Noem talks to a delegate to the South Dakota Republican State Convention in Huron, S.D. The dirty laundry is piling up this campaign season.

By Andrew Miga

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's hard to see over the pile of dirty political laundry this election.

Drunk driving arrests, a teenage flirtation with witchcraft, bitter divorces, unpaid taxes — it all sounds like material for a police blotter or the parodies on NBC's “Saturday Night Live.” Yet the personal and professional revelations about some of this year's candidates could yank the spotlight from issues and define a politician.

“The stuff that works is ultimately the stuff that becomes a symbol or a metaphor for the person's deeper character,” said Democratic consultant Chris Lehane.

Candidates may be intent about talking about jobs and economic rebound this election year, but they face the prospect that the lasting image with voters is an opponent's ad or a widely viewed YouTube video of remarks about satanic altars, drinking and driving or exaggerated military records.

In Delaware, Republican and tea party favorite Christine O'Donnell has had to answer for comments she made years ago about “dabbling in witchcraft,” for an IRS lien against her property this year for unpaid taxes, which she blamed on a government computer error, and misstatements about her academic record.

Democrats are counting on the steady drumbeat of these disclosures to derail O'Donnell's candidacy. And yet some of O'Donnell's dedicated supporters have shrugged them off, blaming the media.

For some voters, relentless negative news lacks the shock impact of the past. Americans in recent years have been inundated about stories on the marital infidelities of President Bill Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and the driving infractions of a man who became president, George W. Bush.

Still, no candidate wants the story line to be whether an ex-spouse was threatened or a conviction.

Louisiana Sen. David Vitter has struggled to explain why he let a legislative aide who worked on women's issues keep his job after being charged with attacking his girlfriend. A police report said the incident involved a knife. Democrats hope the episode reminds voters of Vitter's own admission of a “serious sin” in 2007 after his phone number appeared in the records of a Washington prostitution ring.

Connecticut Democrat Richard Blumenthal had to apologize for exaggerating his military record after The New York Times reported that he wrongly said more than once that he served in Vietnam. The Senate nominee's big advantage in public polls has vanished against brash Republican Linda McMahon, a wealthy former wrestling executive who has vowed to spend as much as \$50 million of her own money.

In South Carolina, Democrat Alvin Greene is pressing ahead with his long-shot bid for a Senate seat despite being indicted in August on a felony charge of showing pornography to a college student.

In several House races, candidates have had to deal with embarrassing episodes from their past.

— The South Dakota Democratic Party launched a Web site mocking Republican Kristi Noem after reports that she racked up 20 speeding tickets and other traffic violations since 1989, including one ticket for driving 94 mph in a 75 mph zone last February. She apologized, but the issue percolated in a state where former Republican Rep. Bill Janklow was convicted of second-degree manslaughter for a 2003 car crash.

Noem is challenging Democratic Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin for South Dakota's lone House seat. Herseth Sandlin won a special election in 2004 after Janklow resigned following the crash in which he ran a stop sign and killed a motorcycle rider.

Associated Press writer Ben Evans contributed to this report.

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BASEBALL

New Schlossnagle contract to extend through 2016

By Leah Watkins
Staff Reporter

Head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle received a new contract, with a few changes, that extends through 2016, he said.

"I certainly want to stay here for as long as they'll let me be the coach," Schlossnagle said.

Schlossnagle said that he had a meeting with Athletic Director Chris Del Conte and Chancellor Victor Boschini after his return from Omaha and the Horned Frogs College World Series run.

Del Conte said he and Boschini both agreed that giving Schlossnagle a new contract was an easy choice to make.

"We wanted to make sure he was a part of our family for a long time," Del Conte said.

Schlossnagle has been the head coach of the Horned Frog baseball program since 2003. In the seven years

Schlossnagle has served as head coach, he has taken the program to seven consecutive conference championships and postseason appearances.



Schlossnagle

Del Conte said that looking at the athletic performance of the baseball team, it is clear that the team has continued to improve every year.

"I certainly want to stay here for as long as they'll let me be the coach."

Jim Schlossnagle
Head baseball coach

FTDM professor Chuck LaMendola, who also acts as the play-by-play announcer for baseball games, said that Schlossnagle has set up the program to be successful year in and year out.

"He built the program; he didn't just build the team," LaMendola said.

Schlossnagle is now under contract through 2016, which is also the year that contracts for football head coach Gary Patterson and Boschini will end. Both Schlossnagle and Del Conte said that this was purposefully done in order to tie everything to the chancellor.

"Our coaching staff feels strongly about our chancellor," Del Conte said. "We feel like as long as he [Boschini] is here, we want to be here,"

Del Conte said knowing that Schlossnagle is a permanent fixture in the baseball program for at least the next six years will reassure future Horned Frog baseball players.

Over his next six years as head coach, Schlossnagle said he would like to continue to improve the baseball program as well as game attendance and the number of season ticket holders.

Volleyball Preview



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Senior Irene Hester sets the ball against SMU last week. TCU would lose to SMU 3 games to 1.

VOLLEYBALL

The Horned Frog Volleyball team will play the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at 7 p.m. at the University Recreation Center. The game will be nationally televised on The Mtn. The Frogs lost to San Diego State last week 3-2 (11-25, 25-17, 25-27, 25-22, 12-15). In that match, senior Christy Hudson posted fourth triple-double in the program's his

tory. Hudson had 11 kills, 19 assists and 13 digs. TCU now holds a 9-6 record for the season and is 0-1 in conference play.

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FOOTBALL

CSU offense no match for Horned Frog defense



Allen Kellogg

After being leapfrogged by the University of Oregon in the polls following a less than spectacular victory at Southern Methodist University, TCU football will look to rebound at Colorado State University on Saturday in the Frogs' Mountain West Conference opener. Colorado State is coming off its first win of the year, beating Idaho 36-34 last weekend and ending a 12-game losing streak for the CSU Rams. TCU must win convincingly in order to prevent dropping further in the polls.

When TCU is on offense:

Senior quarterback Andy Dalton is coming off a disappointing game against SMU in which he threw two interceptions and had only 174 passing yards. He will look to capitalize on the Rams 98th ranked defense this weekend.

The CSU defense is giving up averages of 35 points per game and 424 yards per game. However, Dalton won't have to throw often because CSU gives up an average of just over 167 yards per game on the ground.

The Rams have not faced a rushing attack like TCU this season, so Horned Frog running backs should have strong performances and plenty of carries against CSU's defensive line is led by senior defensive tackle Guy Miller, who leads the team with two sacks. The Frogs' veteran offensive line should have no problem opening rushing

lanes and protecting Dalton. The Rams have a veteran linebacking corps, but they are not anything special. The TCU offense should have a big day against CSU and will look to fix some of the issues it faced during the SMU game.

When TCU is on defense:

The Horned Frogs looked out of place on defense against SMU, giving up a surprising 139 yards rushing to sophomore running back Zach Line.

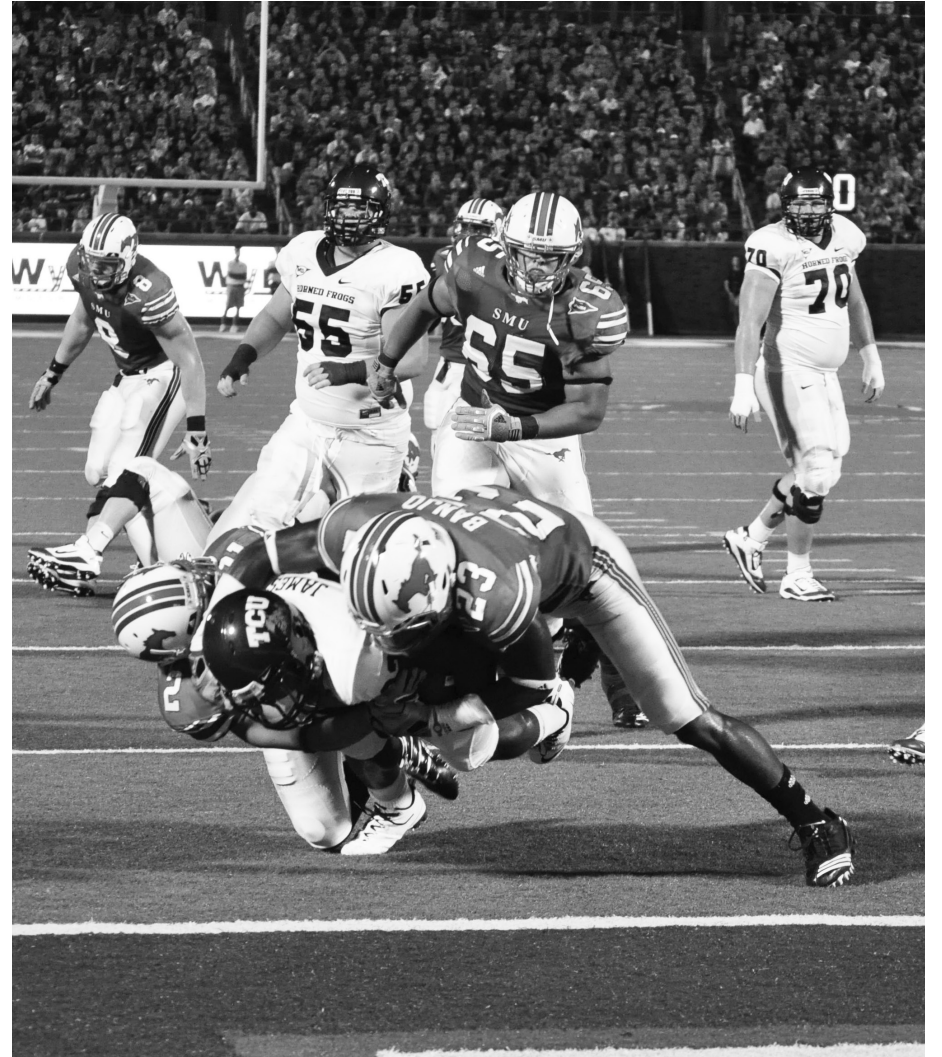
CSU running back Raymond Carter is coming off his best game of the season. He had 104 yards rushing and 120 yards receiving, including a 72-yard touchdown. Containing him will be the Horned Frogs' top priority on defense.

CSU quarterback, freshman Pete Thomas, had a solid game against Idaho throwing for 386 yards and three touchdowns, but that was only his fourth start as a collegiate quarterback. He has never seen a defense like the 4-2-5 TCU runs or anything like the speed TCU can put on the field. Despite his strong performance against Idaho, Thomas has not protected the football well with seven interceptions so far this season.

TCU did not pressure the SMU Mustangs well and they should rebound against a mediocre offensive line. The TCU secondary should also feast on some ill-advised throws by Thomas.

The CSU Rams will have no answer for TCU on offense or defense. They simply do not have the talent or coaching to compete on the same field as the Frogs. The only way TCU can lose this game is if they beat themselves with dumb mistakes, and head football coach Gary Patterson is not about to let that happen.

Allen Kellogg is a sophomore journalism major from Alexandria, VA.



JASON PAN / WEB EDITOR

Redshirt freshman Waymon James is taken down by two SMU players while scoring a touchdown during the Sept. 24 Battle for the Iron Skillet.

SOONER FOOTBALL

Twitter comments leave Oklahoma receiver suspended indefinitely

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma has suspended receiver Jaz Reynolds indefinitely after he posted what coach Bob Stoops called "insensitive remarks" on his Twitter page about a gunman who committed suicide on the University of Texas campus.

An account with the handle JazReynolds posted the message, "Hey everyone in Austin, tx.....kill yourself" on Tuesday, the day of the suicide, followed by a disregard request 5 minutes later. The account was deactivated Wednesday.

Stoops says he is "incredibly disappointed that someone connected with our team would react so callously."

Reynolds, who has no catches this season, will miss at least Saturday's game between the eighth-ranked Sooners and No. 21 Texas in Dallas.

Stoops says that the "rivalry with Texas will not come at the expense of dignity and respect."



AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN, LARRY KOLVOORD / AP PHOTO

University of Texas students gather as police respond to a shooting inside a campus library in Austin on Tuesday Sept. 28, 2010. A gunman opened fire Tuesday inside Perry-Castaneda Library then fatally shot himself, and police are searching for a possible second suspect, university police said.

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JASON PAN / WEB EDITOR

Fullback Luke Shivers carries the ball into the end zone during last Friday's Battle for the Iron Skillet against SMU. According to an article in the *New York Post*, the Big East Conference is considering adding TCU.

TCU rumored addition to the Big East

By Alex Collins

Staff Reporter

The Big East Conference is considering an expansion that could include the Horned Frogs, according to an article in the *New York Post*.

The university's traditions, academics and its recent football success make it attractive to the Big East, according to the

article. The discussion about the university's inclusion began recently, along with discussions about including other teams.

John Paquette, associate commissioner for communications for the Big East, said he could not discuss individual teams regarding membership.

"Membership issues and monitoring the college landscape is something that is ongoing with our conference and others, I'm sure," Paquette said.

Athletic Director Chris Del Conte wrote in a statement to the press, "During this period of an ever-changing landscape in collegiate athletics, there has been speculation on future conference affiliation for TCU. Our policy has always been and will remain to not respond to rumors."

Del Conte wrote, "As part of serving our student-athletes and coaches, we can assure everyone that our number one priority is to always protect TCU's best interests."

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