

# TCU DAILY SKIFF

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## NEWS

Find out what Billy Lively, the North Texas Super Bowl CEO, will be speaking about when he visits the university. Tuesday



## SPORTS

Who will have possession of the Iron Skillet for the next year? Tuesday



## FOOTBALL

# ALL FUN AND GAMES?



(Top) SMU's marching band dropped rye grass seeds that grew into their trademark "M." (Left) A TCU student's car was tagged with shoe polish by SMU fans after the two teams met in 2007. (Right) Screaming fans hold up signs during the 2007 matchup.

## Administrators discourage pranks

By Katie Love  
Staff Reporter

Pranks between the Iron Skillet rivals go way back.

The Southern Methodist University marching band used rye grass seeds to create an "M" shape — the band's trademark formation — on the Amon Carter Stadium field in 1999, and fans painted TCU cars with shoe polish reading, "I 'heart' SMU" in 2005.

In 2007, SMU fans snuck onto the football field at the Amon Carter Stadium and to TCU's surprise, used weed killer to write "PONY" with a spray-painted up arrow. Not to be left behind, TCU fans dyed the water in a fountain on SMU's campus purple and covered the doors of

a band practice facility with stickers promoting the TCU band.

Renowned sports writer and 1953 TCU graduate Dan Jenkins said he found SMU's 2007 practical joke funny.

"I thought the weed killer was one of the greatest stunts," Jenkins said. "I thought it was hilarious and wish we thought of it."

However, some of the practical jokes between the universities have been borderline dangerous, an official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said that when TCU students slashed the tires of SMU students' cars in 2007, retaliation could have resulted in violence.

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### Prank Progression

1999 - SMU's marching band dropped rye grass seeds that grew into a large diamond-shaped "M."

2005 - More than 40 cars were marked with shoe polish with the message "I 'heart' SMU."

2007 - "PONY" followed by an up arrow was written on the TCU field with weed killer.

2007 - Fountain water on SMU's campus was dyed purple, cars were covered in shoe polish, tires were slashed and doors to the band practice facility were covered in bumper stickers promoting the TCU band.

## TECHNOLOGY

# Texting imperils language abilities

By Xan Angelovich  
Staff Reporter

Junior marketing and entrepreneurial management major Travis Kettle finds texting to be distracting, especially when he's studying.

"The constant text messaging is taking your mind off what you're doing," he said.

Yet it's so simple, it's difficult to give up.

"It's kind of a chore nowadays to call people," Kettle said. "Texting lets you send quick, easy statements."

Excessive communicating via text messaging and social networks could hurt young people's ability to read nonverbal cues, warned an author and English professor at Emory University, and some university officials agreed that effects of all-verbal communication could be detrimental.

In a Sept. 4 article in *The Wall Street Journal*, Mark Bauerlein, professor of English at Emory University and author of "The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future," argues that all-verbal communication affects people's ability to decode the "silent language" — posture, eye movements and hand gestures, for ex-

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## FTDM

# Director comes to campus Monday

By Alex Butts  
Staff Reporter

Film and television director Rod Hardy will visit campus Monday through Thursday next week to direct workshops for students in the university's film, television and digital media department.

Hardy, a native Australian, will be the Green Chair speaker for the FTDM department this year. He has directed episodes of television series such as "The Mentalist," "Burn Notice," "In Plain Sight," "Saving Grace," "Leverage" and "Battlestar Galactica."

In addition to lectures and workshops, the FTDM department scheduled Hardy to visit various FTDM classes, including Video I and Business of Media.

Hardy said he looked forward to vis-



Hardy

### Green Chair Series

**Tuesday:** Acting and directing workshop from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Moudy Building South room 164.

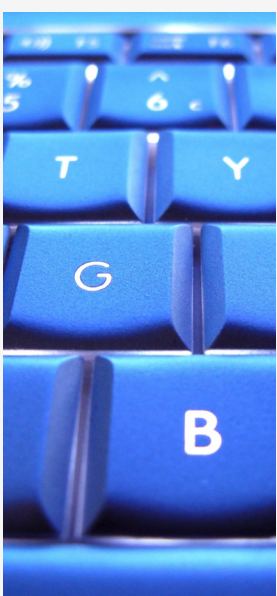
**Wednesday:** Lecture on Rod Hardy's life in the film and television industry from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Moudy Building South room 164.

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- 7 **The White Queen** by Philippa Gregory
- 8 **Dead and Gone** by Charlaine Harris
- 9 **The Girl Who Played With Fire** by Stieg Larsson
- 10 **A Gate at the Stairs** by Lorrie Moore

— The New York Times



A Web site that lets married people cheat is beyond wrong.

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## PECULIAR FACT

LONDON — Britain's High Court ordered its first injunction via Twitter Thursday, saying the social Web site and micro-blogging service was the best way to reach an anonymous Tweeter who had been impersonating someone.

—Reuters

## TODAY'S WEATHER



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Tomorrow: Chance of T-storms  
79 / 64

Thursday: Chance of T-storms  
79 / 70



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## NEELEY SCHOOL

# Applications increase 25 percent

By Alex Butts  
Staff Reporter

Tim Bludau, Emily Howard and Jeremy Shields held stable, professional jobs at successful companies. They are now students in the university's MBA program.

None of the three students are victims of the economy. None of them were laid off. They just wanted to further their educations, they said.

Bludau said he returned to school because he thought he hit a ceiling at his previous job. He worked as a senior project manager for a small company

that specialized in technology solutions for public and private utilities, he said.

"I had topped out," Bludau said. "I had moved up quite a few steps but I hit a ceiling, and I knew I wasn't going to go anywhere else."

In addition to hitting a ceiling, Bludau said he did not like the position he held at the company as a project manager. Working with utilities, he found himself in situations where he was held responsible for something he had no control over.

Bludau said he needed a change. Peggy Conway, director of MBA

admissions, wrote in an e-mail that applications to the Neeley MBA program increased by 25 percent for the fall compared to the previous year. Admissions admitted about half of the applicants to the program, she said.

"While our entering class is larger this year than last, the most significant difference is in our selectivity," Conway said. "Our new students are not victims of the recession, but talented professionals who are choosing grad school over promotions and/or significant job responsibilities to better

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## FAMILY WEEKEND

# Kids' activities added to program

By Kim Little  
Staff Reporter

Younger siblings of students should look forward to a new event the Programming Council planned this year for Family Weekend, a Programming Council representative said.

Family Weekend Student Director and junior strategic communication major McKenzie Zieser said the Programming Council's Family Weekend Committee scheduled a Future Frog Camp event designed for younger siblings of students Saturday during Family Weekend. Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to attend the event.

Zieser said about 450 families are registered for Family Weekend this year, which is about 110 more than last year.

Parents can drop off their children while they attend the Faculty/Family meet-and-greets on Saturday, Zieser said.

Programming Council has a lot planned for the Future Frog Camp event.

"They are going to make signs and shakers for the game against SMU that day," Zieser said. "Then we are going to have a movie afterwards."

Programming Council will play "The Incredibles" in the auditorium,

Zieser said.

The committee will also provide activity coloring books for the children whose parents registered them to come to the event, Zieser said.

Programming Council communication liaison and senior graphic design major Sarah Reed created the activity coloring book. She said the book has word searches and a story with illustrations of landmarks on campus and around Fort Worth.

Zieser said five female students from the Family Weekend Committee volunteered to watch over the chil-

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## NEWS

## TEXTING

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ample — that humans acquire through face-to-face interaction with one another.

David Whillock, dean of the College of Communication, said text messaging has a direct effect on students' interpersonal relationships because readers have no idea if a person is stereotyping, talking down or patronizing them. Students may not be able to pick up on twitches, hand signals or voice inflections because of a lack of oral communication, he said.

"A lot of people in your generation are having problems with communication because they don't observe," Whillock said. "If I tell you something, and I'm lying to you and I have a certain body position, you can't read it. You may believe it to be true."

Kelly O'Brien, director of the Center of Professional Communication at the Neely School of Business, said there are other concerns that apply to university students. O'Brien said that because texting has become the preferred method of communicating, it has minimized opportunities for face-to-face interaction.

"I think it could have a potential consequence of not being able to have important conversations face

to face when we really need to have them," O'Brien said. "Nothing is going to ever be able to replace the synergies of two people sitting down face to face."

In his article, Bauerlein cites 2008 Nielsen Mobile findings that teenagers sent and received 2,272 text messages on average each month. He also cites a National School Boards Association estimate that middle and high school students devote an average of nine hours per week to social networking.

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**Kelly O'Brien**  
director of the Center of Professional Communication

Students' use of texting has developed into an obsessive habit, Whillock said. The need to be connected has become a primary concern, and if a person isn't connected, it begins to talk about his or her self-worth, he said.

John Thompson, executive director of Career Services, said constant social networking and texting have changed the work environment. Because students hide behind

texting, they lack social skills and the ability to sit down and simply talk to someone, he said. In the work place, text messaging should be kept personal, and students should be conscientious about interacting face to face with people every day, Thompson added.

O'Brien said constant texting could create a negative perception of students when local business people visit campus.

"What do people think when they come on campus, and we're preoccupied by a device, instead of looking at the opportunities around us?" O'Brien said.

Constant texting also created potential problems with writing skills, Thompson said.

"Students don't write as rich as previous students have," Thompson said. "Students used to use real words and use real sentences."

Whillock said the immediacy of text messaging afforded people the opportunity to spread their social networks. However, employers might assume there were issues taking away from work if people constantly tried to stay socially connected, Whillock said.

"Wean yourself off of it a little bit, especially when you get into the workforce," Whillock added. "Addiction is a terrible thing, and we are addicted to this technology."

## KTCU honored by city

**By Chandler Cochran**  
Staff Reporter

Campus radio station KTCU 88.7 The Choice, in its 45th year of operation, was honored with a proclamation from the Office of the Mayor that makes this month KTCU month.

"We went for the whole enchilada, and we got it," said Janice McCall, assistant station manager for KTCU.

According to the City of Fort Worth Web site, a proclamation from the mayor's office is the highest form of recognition available and is utilized to "showcase the events, programs and people that make Fort Worth one of the most livable cities in the nation."

KTCU received a similar award for its 20th year of broadcasting in 1984. It was this plaque that inspired KTCU director Russell Scott and McCall to apply for the proclamation.

Previously employed as an accountant, McCall joined KTCU in her current position in March. Scott said McCall did all the work, making phone calls and filling out applications.

Originally, the station's appli-

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**Russell Scott**  
KTCU director

cation was denied. McCall received an e-mail from the mayor's office just a few days ago that said the proclamation was ready to be picked up.

"I was very pleased and surprised whenever I got to City Hall (Wednesday) morning," McCall said.

Since Scott took over the station three years ago, its format has changed to become more consistent, he said. When he took the job, each hour of the show had a different personality, he said.

"We came up with a hybrid format that we thought would appeal to Fort Worth...not just TCU," Scott said of his decisions to change the station.

The station is marketed to adults a few years older than

college age during the day, Scott said. Later at night, when more college students generally listen, the station changes its style to one that is more alternative.

Scott said he has received great feedback from listeners about the station's formatting. Despite changes in the last few years, KTCU still broadcasts TCU sports games like football and basketball.

Richard Allen, professor and chair of the film, television and digital media department, said Scott and McCall are professionally minded and able to utilize the station's strengths to make the community more aware of what the station has to offer.

"It's not surprising that the city would recognize us with a plaque like that and make that kind of proclamation," Allen said.

McCall said that in honor of KTCU month, the station plans to get students, staff and other listeners to share and record their favorite memories of the station to play back through each broadcast.

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"Not too many years ago, we had pretty serious physical violence happen between members of the SMU student body and the TCU student body," Mills said, referring to two off-campus incidents in Dallas and Fort Worth in which TCU and SMU students fought each other. Mills said he could not remember the dates of the incidents.

Damage done to both campuses can be seen as harmless fun, but the situation can escalate into something serious, Mills said.

Even though he found the 2007 SMU stunt funny, Jenkins said he remembers a time when the campus focused on the football games and not the jokes.

"They were more concerned about the football game," Jenkins said. "They were real football fans, and almost every student went to the games in those days."

Lori White, SMU's vice president for student affairs, said she and Mills facilitated the development of a letter to promote positive spirit at the game. White and Mills obtained signatures from TCU Chancellor Victor Boschini and SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

"I was happy to partici-

pate in the letter with Dr. Turner, in that I am all for any measure that will help people from both schools enjoy the rivalry and also act responsibly," Boschini said.

SMU's student newspaper, The Daily Campus, ran

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**Patrick Kobler**  
SMU's student body president

a copy of the letter in the advertisement section of its Wednesday issue. The Skiff also ran a copy of the letter on the second page of its Thursday issue.

White said she witnessed many rivalries similar to the one that exists between TCU and SMU while working at other universities. When fans destroy property or do something illegal, the friendly rivalry has gone too far, she said.

Hannah Wenzel, senior strategic communication manager, said she thought pranks had an entertaining and fun factor to them. Wenzel said that as long as pranks do not cause harm, she does not

consider them to be a serious problem.

Mills said he asked both band directors to remind their members of sportsman-like conduct. He said he asked the student body presidents to be in communication and find ways to alleviate any unfriendly tension between the two schools.

"I expect them (TCU students) to cheer as loud as they can for their team, boo the refs when they think they've made a bad call, and after it's over, to put their arms around their friends from the other school and enjoy each other's company," Mills said.

Patrick Kobler, SMU's student body president, said he thought both schools took proper measures to ensure the best quality of sportsmanship.

"I am a big supporter of rivalry and team competition and spirit," Kobler said. "As long as pranks are kept smart, clever, and in good taste, I don't have a problem with it."

Open dialogue took place between both university presidents, said Kelsie Johnson, TCU's student body president. Johnson said that pranks seemed like high school controversies that should not be happening at the university level.

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iting the university.

"I have no expectations, but I have an understanding in my head that we'll have fun," Hardy said.

Hardy said he planned to cover everything, from the importance of using instincts in the film industry to the good and bad aspects of the industry.

"My job is not to be didactic and to say, 'You must do things this way,'" Hardy said. "My job is to just explain how my life and career has been put together, and hopefully others will find some common ground or some spark of information that may help them through their careers."

Greg Mansur, a FTDM instructor who planned Hardy's visit, said Hardy will visit the university in between directing episodes of "The Mentalist."

Hardy said a FTDM professor asked him to be

the Green Chair speaker at the Lonestar Film Festival in Fort Worth in spring 2009.

"The timing was just perfect," Hardy said. "I could fit it in between doing episodes of 'The Mentalist' and other television productions in Los Angeles."

Richard Allen, department chair of FTDM, said watching a director who was right in the middle of working on a popular television show would benefit FTDM students. He said Hardy will offer an interesting perspective on how the television industry currently operates.

"As long as the Green Chair brings whatever they do best to the students, then the students are going to get something out of it," Allen said.

Mansur said on a show like "The Mentalist," every minute is worth tens of thousands of dollars to the cast and crew, so Hardy's

time is important.

"The fact that he's coming here to give us five days of his life, well, we need to take advantage of it," Mansur said.

Julie Harrison, a sophomore FTDM major, wrote in an e-mail that she thinks Hardy's visit would provide a great opportunity for students to hear a professional director's experiences in the film industry.

"From what I have heard, Rod is a great person and a spectacular director," Harrison wrote. "I believe that you will also find a lot of interesting things from what he has to say."

Hannah Huchton, a junior FTDM major, said Hardy's visit would give credit to the university.

"I was really surprised because he's such a big name and he's established in two countries, Australia and the United States, so it's like he's made it," Huchton said.

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dren for the Future Frog Camp event. Members from Alpha Phi Omega, the fraternity service organization, will be there as well, Zieser said.

President of Alpha Phi Omega and junior habilitation of the deaf major Samantha Kern said 10 to 12 APO members will be volunteering at the event.

"We are just going to be in there to oversee everything and make sure everything goes smoothly," Kern said.

Zieser said Future Frog Camp will be held in the Student Organization Area on the first floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union.

Megan Affrica, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, said she thinks having this event for children is a good idea.

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position themselves for future opportunities and/or career changes."

Howard, who worked as a senior sales manager in the hospitality industry, said she chose to return to school because she wanted to work for a non-profit company. She said she did not have the finance and accounting experience necessary to work at a non-profit company.

"One person does so much more than just what their basic task is at a non-profit because the funding is just not there to hire more people," Howard

"It gives them something to do instead of sitting there listening to stuff that really doesn't pertain to them," Affrica said.

In addition to adding a program for siblings, Programming Council made efforts to make the weekend more affordable for families by reducing costs by about 60 percent, Zieser said.

Instead of having an expensive dinner Friday night, the council organized an opening reception with finger foods to reduce the price, Zieser said.

There will also be new All-Access buttons for Family Weekend, Zieser said, because the council will not be selling individual tickets for each event.

"They can basically get into every event that SGA and Programming Council

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**Megan Affrica**  
sophomore fashion merchandising major

is putting on campus, with the exception of the football game," Zieser said.

According to the Family Weekend Web site, exceptions to the All-Access button include theater show "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," TCU Stars, Fall Breakaway 5K, Post-Game Coffee and Snack Attack Food/Beverage, Brunch with the Chancellor and Off-Campus Excursions.

said. "I needed a background in things like accounting and finance to be able to read financial statements and understand a lot more."

Shields said he also thought he needed to further his education after working in real estate as a commercial broker. He said he wanted to apply the skills he learned in real estate to his education in the MBA program.

All three students said they were able to return to school based on a combination of financial help.

Shields said he depended on scholarships and student loans to pay for the MBA program.

Bludau and Howard said they

both received scholarships but were also using some personal savings. Their parents also helped out some, they said.

William Cron, associate dean of graduate programs, wrote in an e-mail the benefits of an MBA are worth the money it costs to return to school to receive one.

"The primary benefit is personal growth along with a high level of involvement and satisfaction with their professional growth," Cron said. "How does this come about? I would argue by being involved in addressing better opportunities and working and networking with interesting people."

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## The Skiff View

### Gen Y too reliant on digital communication

Texting, blogging and checking your social networking site of choice all have a place, but that place is not the classroom.

When students text or browse the Internet all through class, they are probably distracting the other students in the class and they are definitely disrespecting the professor. But even this is not the extent of the problem with our generation's dependence on digital communication.

A scholar from Emory University and some officials on campus warn that the young men and women of Generation Y may lose important interpersonal skills because most of their communication comes in the form of texts, e-mails and other all-verbal media and not from face-to-face conversations. Being able to read into hand gestures, vocal inflections and other body signals is a necessary and valuable skill. This is not to say that these avenues of communication are bad. Sending a text is one of the most convenient ways of reaching someone quickly, and many are glad to have Facebook to keep in touch with friends who live far away. But students have to remember that these methods of communication cannot replace an actual face-to-face conversation with someone.

Everything in life is better in moderation, and communicating via text and social networks is no exception.

Associate editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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

### Adultery site lowers standards for spouses



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

The Internet has made everything easier. With one click of the mouse, you can order a new pair of jeans, check the weather for the week, pay your phone bill or cheat on your spouse.

Ashley Madison is a dating Web site that isn't like Match.com or eHarmony. What makes it different? There are no single people on this dating site. Ashley Madison matches married people who want to cheat on their spouses.

Surprised? In a country where the divorce rate seemingly skyrockets higher ever year it seems like promoting affairs would only exacerbate an already bad situation. With the economic downturn, couples that were stressed before are in an even worse situation. The commercials for Ashley Madison have the tagline "Life is short. Have an affair."

This seems to really place less emphasis on marriage in a culture where the institution has already been made disposable by quick divorces, ridiculous week-long celebrity marriages and Las Vegas chapel weddings. People of our generation aren't taking marriage as seriously as our parents did and these ads only prove that. According to the Web site, Ashley Madison boasts a subscription rate of over 4 million members, with 70 percent of those being male. This is truly sad. How many of these

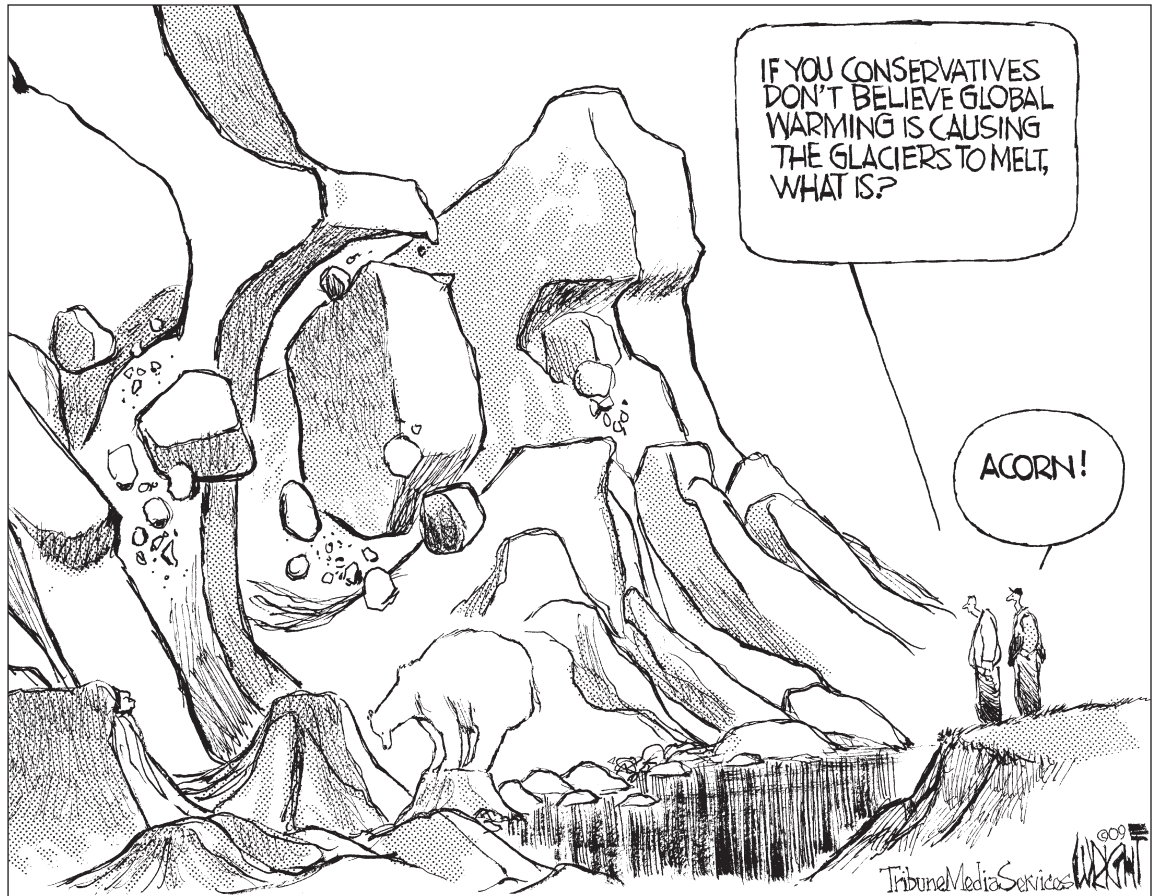
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wives being cheated on have no idea their husband is trolling for a mistress on the Internet?

Critics say that Ashley Madison is promoting adultery and making it easier for people to cheat. When I did a search to look the site up, the slogan "Looking to cheat?" popped up above the address for the site. I am honestly flummoxed at the idea of someone sitting down at the computer and typing "cheat on spouse" into a search engine. Four million people are doing what in many Americans' minds is considered the worst disservice you can do a marriage, especially one that is struggling. Ashley Madison proclaims it is helping keep marriages together, because the unhappy spouse that gets to cheat will be satisfied enough in the outside relationship that it won't be necessary to divorce. I don't know about these people, but if I found out my husband was cheating with some trollop he met on this site, I'd walk out the door first and ask questions later.

We need to bring back respect for marriage. People should look at marriage as the serious commitment it is meant to be, and honor that. If you can't honor it, you should be searching "divorce lawyer" instead of Ashley Madison.

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Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.

### Think before eating out



DANNY PETERS

I am sure the owners of Fuzzy's Taco Shop, Buffalo Bros and Red Cactus miss me. Why would a handful of restaurant owners miss a young college male with a gorilla-like appetite? This is because I used to be one of the aforementioned restaurants' best customers.

Last year, my daily lunch routine consisted of walking from class to one of the previously mentioned restaurants and, after my meal, a bloated walk to my next class (I can't even mention Market Square's food, as that will require a separate piece.) This routine would eventually cause me to gain over twenty unhealthy pounds of fat even though I worked out every day. I thought that was enough to keep me healthy and in relatively good shape. I do not know why I didn't understand that unless one has the metabolism of an 8-year-old child, he or she can't eat unhealthy food daily and not expect to gain weight. I see people every day drinking drinks that are basically sugar water, eating low-quality restaurant food and

gaining weight, just thinking that it is "natural" and they cannot do anything about it, or the just as awful mindset of: "it's in my genes, I can't help it". This illogical disconnect between eating unhealthy and low-quality food and gaining unhealthy weight is truly one of America's biggest problems.

Once the school year was over and I started to eat at home every day, the connection became clear. All the restaurant food I was eating was making me fat. Eating home-cooked and nutrient-dense food helped me lose all the fat that I got from eating out every day during the school year.

I hate to blast the local restaurants, but has anyone ever walked out of Fuzzy's after eating one or two of their delicious, albeit absurdly unhealthy tacos thinking "gee, I am really glad I had that?" I used to walk out of Fuzzy's bloated and with a slight case of nausea due to the low quality of ingredients they use and also the lack of vital nutrients in the food. One cannot live on simple, high-GI carbohydrates, artery-clogging and fatty proteins, and cheap, nutrient-lacking iceberg lettuce.

This ingestion of low-quality foods and a sedentary lifestyle has truly created an obesity epidemic in America with only one solution. Either put down the

One cannot live on simple, high-GI carbohydrates, artery-clogging and fatty proteins, and cheap, nutrient-lacking iceberg lettuce.

fork or start to eat healthy. Obesity cannot be cured with the current quality of foods the average American eats and a slovenly lifestyle in general.

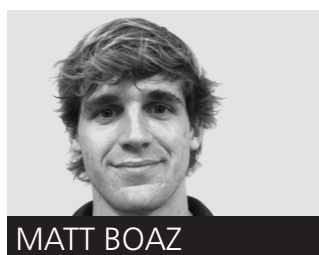
The next time you stuff your face with that burrito or juicy hamburger, think of the consequences to your waist line and your heart. If only everyone lived by the mantra: "lift weights, do cardio, and eat healthy or the terrorists win."

Danny Peters is a junior psychology major from Fort Worth.



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### Asian culture deserves study



MATT BOAZ

The East Asian states have long held a mystique over the American people. In grade school, young children fawn over the yin-yang, a popularized cult symbol indicating balance, but more often wear it simply to "look cool." Beyond this is the introduction in recent decades of yoga and common phrases involving "channeling one's chi" and "centering oneself."

But few understand the origins of these references and, to the chagrin of educators everywhere, are not bothered in the slightest by this lack of knowledge. While ignorant of many of these statutes and differentiations myself until recently, I think that these are particularly important issues that should be incorporated into what is considered a "well-rounded education" by any standards.

Whether we like to acknowledge it or not, other nations and cultures have an overwhelming amount of understanding of many of the intricacies of American culture. They understand the actions of our government and the role of television, social-networking and music within our society. But something that qualifies as a universal issue is religion. This social manifestation is

present across all civilizations and its qualities tend to share similar aspects regardless of cultural influence. Therefore, it is crucial that something so vital to everyday life not be overlooked.

Within every group of people, a list of behavioral norms is implicitly present. In every group of friends, classroom, club, team, etc. there is an appropriate set of interactions and terminology. However, these differ greatly and someone in the Underground Literary Society may not necessarily feel comfortable participating in a conversation about fantasy football.

But so it is, and we are all aware that these other activities exist. On an academic level, there is an equivalency for the variety of studies that exist on campus. Though students do not take courses in every discipline, they are at least minutely cognizant that engineering involves mathematics and that the religious buildings are of a different brick.

Now, herein lies the problem with standard education standards. I have taken U.S. history a total of seven times in my scholastic career. And throughout all of this academic bombardment, I find myself disillusioned with the fact that I've only had one semester of world religions, and this was an opportunity seized only by my own initiative. It thus remains a peculiar question as to why an education system finds the need to dally upon its own history and greatness. The media and governmental economic assessments should allow the

As anyone who has traveled internationally knows, business and its corollaries are not conducted exclusively on U.S. terms.

population to remain secure in its opportunity for success. But, as the world's communication and technological infrastructures continue to shrink, we find ourselves interacting with a wide new variety of cultures and expectations. As anyone who has traveled internationally knows, business and its corollaries are not conducted exclusively on U.S. terms.

As the international community continues to strengthen itself, rising powers such as China, Japan and South Korea are beginning to gain prominence among the recognized leaders in economic impact. Though China considers itself a communist state, it is also home to the founding of Daoism. Several dynasties in the recent history of the state actually considered themselves endowed to rule with a "Mandate of Heaven." Understanding of these regions is soon to be an integral process in post-graduate success, whether in the business world or not. Therefore, it certainly wouldn't harm students to spend a little more time meditating on the Eastern realm and a little less time chopping down cherry trees.

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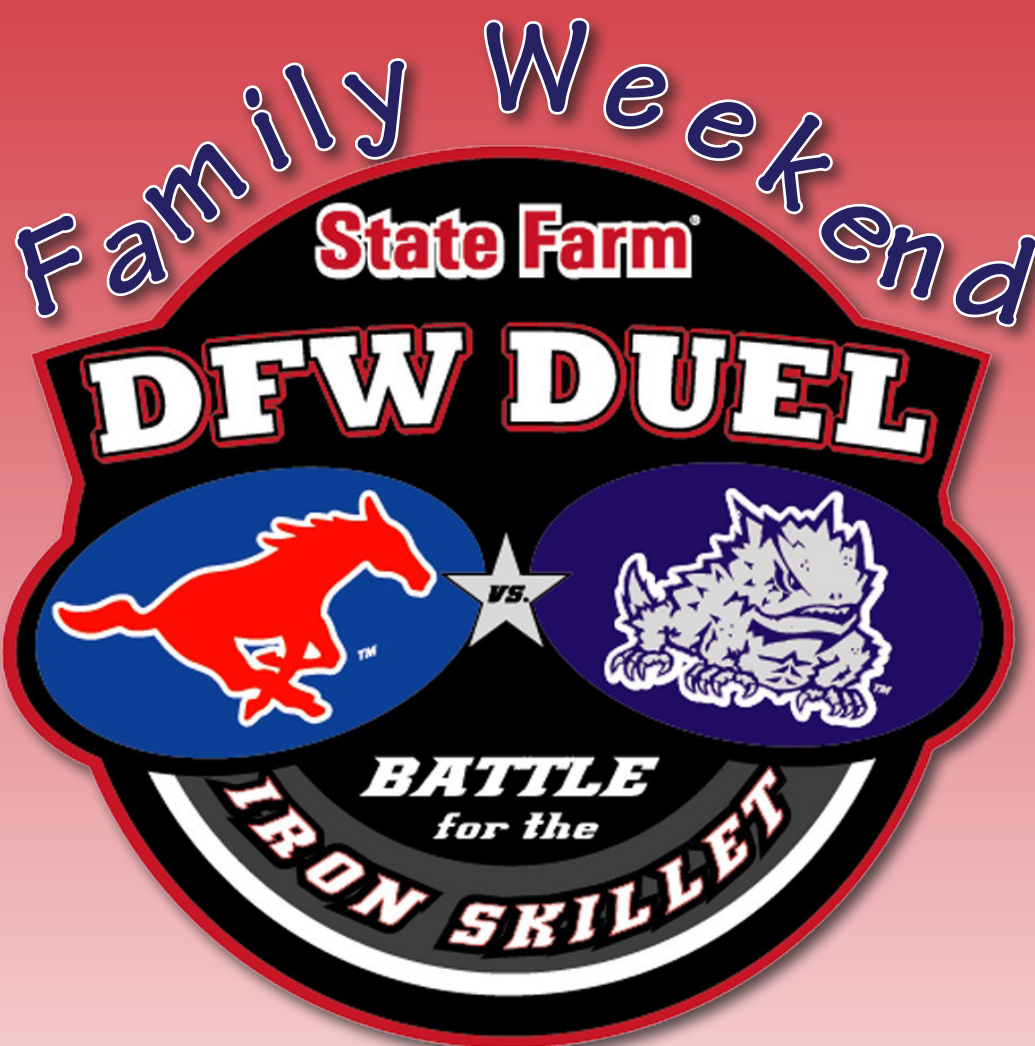


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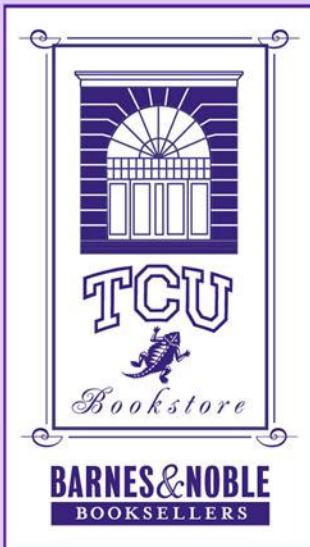
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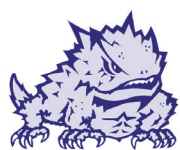


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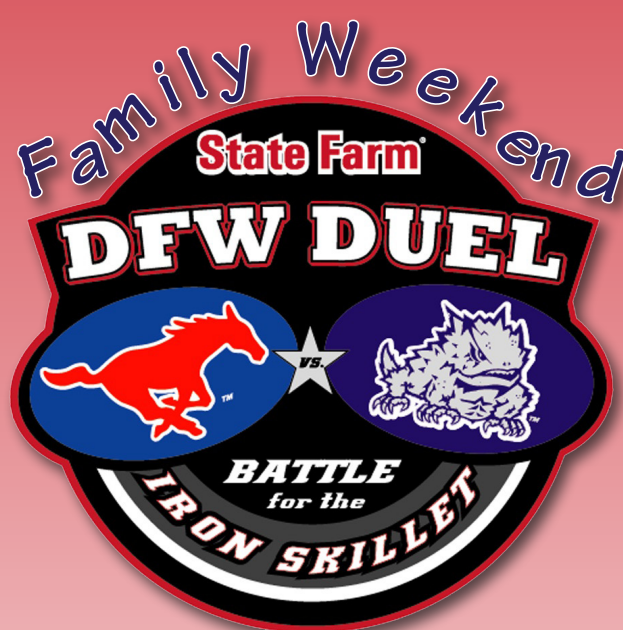
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A seasonal flu shot is administered in Boston on Thursday. The largest U.S. supplier of seasonal flu vaccines says it is running behind on shipping those vaccines, partly because of the crunch to produce millions of doses of the swine flu vaccine.

# Seasonal flu vaccines low, swine flu vaccine to blame

By David A. Lieb  
Associated Press Writer

Waiting for the swine flu vaccine? Well, you might have to wait a bit longer for a seasonal flu shot, too.

The biggest makers of seasonal flu vaccines in the U.S. are running into delays or cutting back shipments — partly because of the crunch to produce millions of doses of the new swine flu vaccine.

Drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur said it has shipped more than half of the 50.5 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine ordered and it could be November before some U.S. customers get the rest of their shipments.

Novartis AG and GlaxoSmithKline PLC said Thursday their shipments are on schedule. But they've told customers they may get about 10 percent less than ordered.

The three companies account for about 100 million of the nation's expected 114 million doses.

The delay and cutbacks have

already forced some doctor's offices to turn away patients and others to cancel clinics around the country. In Lyon County, Kan., the health department canceled next week's drive-thru flu shot clinic because it used up the doses it received in August and hasn't received any more.

**"People may have to be patient and persistent."**

**Tom Skinner**, spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

cause it used up the doses it received in August and hasn't received any more. The Jefferson City Medical Group in Missouri has depleted the partial shipment of vaccines it got for young children at its clinic.

The delay isn't surprising nor cause for big concern, said Tom Skinner, spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 70 million of the expected 114 million doses already have

been delivered, he said.

Typically fewer than 100 million Americans seek winter flu shots every year. But health care providers say early demand appears to be higher this year, because of public attention to the swine flu pandemic.

Also, vaccinations for seasonal flu started unusually early this year, Skinner said. October is the traditional time when seasonal flu vaccine clinics open. Outbreaks can happen earlier, but the flu usually peaks in January or later.

"People may have to be patient and persistent" to find out when they can get the seasonal vaccine, he said.

Right now, the swine flu is the dominant virus, and it requires a separate vaccination.

Five manufacturers are scrambling to crank out plenty of vaccine against swine flu — what scientists call the 2009 H1N1 strain — and the first doses should be given early next week.

DALLAS

# Gentleman's club owner involved in award mix-up

By Linda Stewart Ball  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Newt Gingrich's conservative group gave — and then rescinded — a business award to a popular topless club in Texas, the proprietor said Thursday.

Dawn Rizos said she was looking forward to receiving the promised "Entrepreneur of the Year" award at a Washington, D.C., banquet from American Solutions for Winning the Future, which the former U.S. House speaker chairs.

After all, Rizos is the owner of The Lodge, which was named the Best Overall Club in America last year by ED Publications, which sponsors the gentlemen's club industry's annual convention and trade show.

But before she had a chance to dine on lobster bisque with Gingrich at the Oct. 7 awards dinner with some 50 other business leaders, the honor was yanked away. The group apparently confused Rizos' business, which is legally called DCG Inc., with one by the same name in Virginia.

"I honestly thought that Mr. Gingrich wanted to honor our company because it's very successful," Rizos said. "Really, what's two more people to dinner? How rude!"

She wondered how such a mistake could have occurred and questioned the about-face.

"I just don't understand why this is so taboo," she added. "You can see racier things on MTV than what goes on in this club."

Rick Tyler, a spokesman for Gingrich, declined to comment. Dan Kotman, American Solutions' press secretary, did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

A fax Rizos received from

American Solutions in early September explained that she was being honored for "your success in building your business and recognition of the risks you take to create jobs and stimulate the economy."

The Lodge, which has about 150 employees, mainly waitresses and kitchen staff, contracts with an additional 570 dancers or entertainers. It awards a college scholarship annually to an entertainer.

In the letter, American Solutions promised Rizos that she'd "dine privately with Newt," and have his ear on ways to "turn this country around."

After she confirmed her reservation, she was asked to join Gingrich's Business Defense and Advisory Council and pay an annual \$5,000 fee, which she did. A Sept. 16 letter signed by Gingrich thanked her for her contribution and said he looked forward to presenting her with the award.

But a phone call Tuesday from an event organizer ex-

plained that there had been a mistake, and Rizos was no longer welcome. The caller, Michael Johnston of InfoCision Management Corp., said American Solutions meant to honor a company called DCG in Virginia, said Mike Precker, The Lodge's public relations manager.

Akron, Ohio-based InfoCision, which helps nonprofit groups raise money, did not immediately return voicemail and e-mail messages.

Of several companies in Virginia with DCG in their names, none contacted by The Associated Press said it was being honored by Gingrich's group. Ken Schrad, a spokesman for Virginia's State Corporation Commission, found a DCG Inc. operating in the 1990s, but said it had long since disappeared.

American Solutions — the political arm of Gingrich's lucrative empire as an author, pundit and consultant — plans to reimburse Rizos the \$5,000 she paid along with the costs of the airfare she booked to fly to Washington.



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Dawn Rizos, an owner of the gentleman's club The Lodge, is shown in her office in Dallas. Rizos says the decision by Newt Gingrich's conservative group to rescind her business award and dinner date is just plain rude.

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TCU

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down the Mustangs' spread.

The game will be close through the first half, but the Frogs will take control of the game in the third and never look back sending Peruna back east with its tail between its legs, sans its favorite cooking utensil. The Best Dressed Band in the Land will play a melancholy rendition of "Varsity" after the Frogs beat the Mustangs by a 21-point spread.

Sports editor Travis L. Brown is a news-editorial journalism major from Dallas.

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thrown three interceptions in eight games. If SMU is going to pull off a the upset, Mitchell will need to have his best game as a Mustang.



















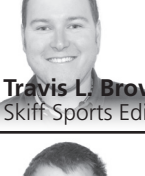

















The nature of a rivalry game and SMU's loss to Washington State this season after leading by three possessions almost ensure the team won't look emotionless or unprepared.

While I will not predict an upset this year, I am willing to predict that the game will be closer than most expect.

Unlike last year, the fans, players and coaches have hope that SMU can produce a winning season. A win over TCU would certainly turn hope into belief and give the SMU football program a lift.

In this game, TCU has everything to lose, and SMU has nothing to lose. Desperate and hungry teams are dangerous. If TCU looks past this game to next week, Saturday will spell trouble for the team's undefeated season.

Zack Wehner is a senior staff writer for the SMU Daily Campus.

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## Chicago makes final push for 2016 Olympics

By Nancy Armour  
AP National Writer

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Want a picture with Oprah? She's holding court in the restaurant. Interested in talking to a Dream Teamer or a Perfect 10? David Robinson and Nadia Comaneci are roaming the halls. How about a meeting with the first lady? If you're an International Olympic Committee member, it's a good bet Michelle Obama could work you in.

With the hours dwindling before the 2016 Games are awarded, Chicago leaders were doing another hard sell Thursday, trying to win over a few more voters and hold onto those who already like them.

"Everybody is thinking posi-

tively about their own city," said Anita De Frantz, one of the United States' two IOC members. "The question is, can anybody make a better case for a better city?"

Chicago may be considered the favorite going into Friday's IOC vote, but plenty of cities that were sure things have wound up watching someone else celebrate. Not to mention that Rio de Janeiro has a compelling argument, asking the IOC to take the games to South America for the first time while Madrid has the backing of former IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, still an influential figure. Tokyo has pushed the safety and financial security aspects of its proposal.

"There are four great choices," Robinson said. "Obviously, we're



AP PHOTO  
Bryan Clay, a reigning U.S. Olympic champion, speaks during a news conference held by the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid team in Copenhagen on Thursday. The IOC will choose the winning city in a vote today in Copenhagen.

here to talk about the merits of Chicago."

The first lady spent a second day of one-on-one meetings with IOC members in a private suite at the official hotel, breaking only to attend the opening ceremony at Copenhagen's dazzling opera house.

Russian swimming great Alexander Popov, now an IOC

member, spent several minutes chatting with her. After getting his picture taken with Mrs. Obama, he was ushered off to meet with talk show star Oprah Winfrey and Mayor Richard Daley.

The sit-downs and meet-and-greets may be brief, but they give the first lady an opportunity to share her story — she grew up

on the city's South Side, near where most of the venues would be. She also assured IOC members of Chicago's sincerity to use the Olympics as inspiration for children who might not otherwise have reason to dream big.

"She really is amazing. Besides the significance of an African-American president and first lady, she's impressive at any level," said David Robinson, who admitted he was a little star struck after meeting Mrs. Obama on Wednesday afternoon. "With her education, with her dignity, the way she carries herself, she's tremendous."

While Chicago's "co-captain" (that's what Winfrey has nicknamed her) spent most of the day out of sight — she also had lunch with the Queen of Denmark — the other big stars were out for everyone to see.

As word spread that Winfrey would be arriving at the IOC hotel, the lobby filled. IOC members may rub shoulders with impressive folks every day, but even they were eager to catch a glimpse of Winfrey, who ranks second only to Angelina Jolie on

Forbes' Celebrity 100 list.

Winfrey couldn't take more than a step or two without someone asking for a photo or to shake her hand, and she happily obliged. Making her way into the restaurant, she chatted up IOC executive board member Gerhard Heiberg and Sam Ramsamy, an IOC member from South Africa.

"Whoever's there, I'll talk to them," Winfrey said.

Ditto for that long lineup of Olympians and Paralympians who came to Copenhagen to show their support. While they spent most of the week at clinics for local school children, media events or hobnobbing with Chicago supporters, they were more than happy to schmooze with IOC members, too.

"There are so many people around. So really it's us trying to make ourselves available if they want to say hello," said Robinson, who spent several minutes Thursday talking with Ramsamy. "There are some cases where they may want to stop and take a picture, great. But they obviously have a lot of people to meet, a lot of things on their agenda."

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by Harry Bliss



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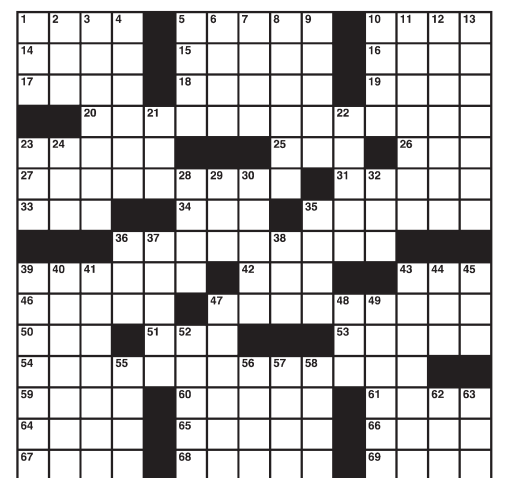
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  - Capricious notion
  - Informed about
  - Rod Stewart's ex
  - Parade honoree
  - Sugar and spice product?
  - Turbine part
  - ...Z: classic Camaro
  - Grouch in the army?
  - Upright, for one
  - Campfire leftover
  - Tell stories
  - Small-time hood's pottery?
  - Hardwood tree
  - Downing St. VIPs
  - Small island
  - Cheeky
  - Accident in a qualifying race?
  - Ford failures
  - "Bad" cholesterol, briefly
  - "The Gold Bug" author
  - Hedron of "The Birds"
  - Family insignia for designer Edith?
  - Clod chopper
  - '70s-'80s Pakistani leader
  - Analyze grammatically
  - Jalopy used as a trade-in?
  - Evening, in ads
  - Concur
  - Singer Redding
  - River near Kassel, Germany
  - Like Chicago, so they say
  - Where the Jazz play
  - Belgrade native
  - Pair in the middle of dressing?
  - Very small



- DOWN**
- Morning container
  - Prefix with center
  - Old Viking descendants of northern France
  - Separate, as chain parts
  - Indian cover-up
  - Congee, as blood
  - Pro
  - Arctic jacket
  - Martin and Magdalene
  - Spinning sound
  - Harbingers
  - Mary O. Henry endings
  - Farce
  - Express's opp.
  - Scorches
  - Very quietly, in music
  - Periodic table suffix
  - Old ColorTrak TVs
  - Cholesterol-reducing grain
  - Repealing series
  - ...di-dah
  - Like worn tires
  - 36 With it
  - "My Fair Lady" flower seller
  - Old vitamin bottle abbr.

By Jack McInturff

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40 Carbon  
41 Phantom  
43 Italian jewelry designer Elsa  
44 CIA predecessor  
45 When the French fry?  
47 Traditional Scottish dish  
48 Yr.-end auditor  
49 Inform on, slangily

52 Really impressed  
55 Chef's secret ingredient, perhaps  
56 Fish-eating birds  
57 Give up  
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## Where will the Iron Skillet call home after this Saturday?

The Frogs will make a statement with their win over SMU

A win could put more faith into an improving SMU program



TRAVIS L. BROWN

The 2009 edition of the Battle for the Iron Skillet should be different than in past years. SMU is playing its best football under head coach June Jones and his spread offense. The TCU secondary is still the weakest link in the Frogs' game plan, so don't be surprised when the Ponies put points up on the board. But the Mustang faithful won't be singing the "Pony Battle Cry" in celebra-

tion all the way back east.

The Frogs have the 2005 loss in the front of their minds and will come out with more of a purpose in this game than they have in past years. If there's such a thing as a non-top 25 statement game, this is it.

SMU has allowed its opponents an average of 4.2 yards per carry so far this season. If TCU's halfback rotation can just match the average, they will score every drive. SMU has not seen a rush defense anywhere close to TCU's and after trying to catch Clemson's C.J. Spiller, anything SMU throws at the Frogs will be handled with ease.

The biggest question mark is TCU's defensive secondary.

If there's such a thing as a non-top 25 statement game, this is it.

They allowed FCS opponent Texas State to stay in the game way too long, allowing 219 yards through the air. The secondary seemed to have things a little more under control last week, but it's hard to tell if they've made permanent adjustments because of the sloppy conditions in Clemson. Going into conference, this will be the game during which the secondary gets its act together and makes a statement, shutting

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ZACK WEHNER

The odds of a colossal upset occurring in Fort Worth on Saturday are slim. The Horned Frogs may even be looking forward to their next game against Air Force given the nature of TCU's win last season in Dallas. Who would blame them given the past?

After all, the undefeated Frogs hold a No. 11 ranking in the AP and play a team that averages 3.67 turnovers a game.

However, this game does resemble another rivalry game between the Mustangs and Frogs that ruined TCU's chances for a perfect season.

After starting the 2005 season with a huge win over Oklahoma, the Frogs visited rival SMU. The Mustangs beat TCU 21-10 and were the Horned Frogs' only loss of the season.

Maybe TCU was drained after beating Oklahoma or looking ahead to its next game against Utah. Whatever the reason, 2005 proved that an upset can happen in this rivalry.

TCU has played three straight games and has an important game against Air Force next week. The reasons for TCU to come out of the gate

For TCU to lose, SMU will have to play a perfect game.

slow are numerous.

SMU will have to play a perfect game to beat TCU.

There is one key aspect of the game that should worry TCU fans if it starts going SMU's way: turnovers.

The SMU defense may give up a lot of yards, but it has forced enough turnovers to be ranked second in the nation in turnovers forced.

However, the same applies for SMU's offense. SMU quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell has

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Senior forward Lizzy Karoly moves the ball forward at the game against Texas Tech on Sept. 5.

## Soccer has tough start to conference play

By Chris Blake  
Staff Reporter

Mountain West Conference play will start Saturday for the women's soccer team when they will head to New Mexico to take on the Lobos.

New Mexico, 8-1-2, suffered its first loss of the season last weekend to Northern Arizona. Horned Frogs head coach Dan Abdalla said the Lobos are one of the teams to beat in the MWC.

"They're a hard working, very disciplined team; they defend great," Abdalla said. "You always know whenever you play them you're going to be in for a great battle."

Abdalla said the team would need to buckle down during conference play.

"It's been about making sure that we pay attention to the little details on everything," Abdalla said. "Anytime you get into conference play, it really comes down to who's sharper in both boxes, so we got to make sure that we're paying attention to those things."

Saturday's match could be high scoring as the Frogs and the Lobos rank first and second among MWC teams with 2.18 and 1.91 goals per game, respectively. Individually, sophomore forward Jennifer Williams leads New Mexico on offense with eight goals and five assists for 21 points.

The Horned Frogs, 7-4-0, concluded their nonconference schedule with two home wins last weekend by a com-

bined score of 9-2 over Stephen F. Austin and Texas Woman's University. Sophomore forward Jordan Calhoun netted a hat trick against SFA, junior forward Jackie Torda scored twice against TWU and senior forward Lizzy Karoly scored one goal in each contest.

The high scores in the two games could be attributed to the team's switch to a set that featured four defenders, four

"Anytime you get into conference play, it really comes down to who's sharper in both boxes."

**Dan Abdalla**  
head coach

midfielders and two forwards. Abdalla said the team would still use both a 4-4-2 and 4-5-1, a set in which a midfielder is substituted for one of the forwards.

Injuries have plagued the team in the first half of the season, but Abdalla said a couple key players would be back in the mix on Saturday.

Abdalla said sophomore midfieler Chelsey Wilgenburg would return against Lobos and junior defender/midfieler Cheryl Martin would be available to play a full 90-minute game for the first time since the end of the 2008 season. Sophomore defender/midfieler Lindsay Holmes status is questionable.

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