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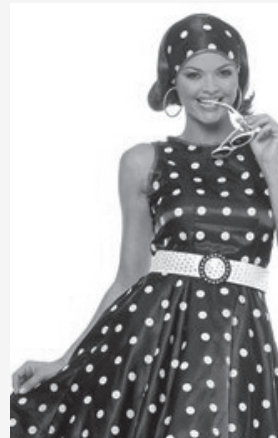


The Frogs have a big week coming up after they beat Colorado State. See where they stand. Sports, page 6

**TOP 10 BOX OFFICE**  
(millions of dollars)

1	Where the Wild Things Are	32.5
2	Law Abiding Citizen	21.3
3	Paranormal Activity	20.2
4	Couples Retreat	17.9
5	The Stepfather	12.3
6	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	8.1
7	Zombieland	7.8
8	Toy Story/Toy Story 2 in 3-D	3
9	Surrogates	2
10	The Invention of Lying	1.9

—The Associated Press



Women shouldn't show all their "treats" when dressing up for Halloween. Opinion, page 3

**PECULIAR FACT**  
DENVER — The flight of a home-made helium balloon that touched off a frantic rescue attempt for the young boy thought to be aboard was a publicity-seeking hoax, a Colorado sheriff said on Sunday.  
—Reuters

**CLARIFICATION**  
An Oct. 16 Skiff article noted that Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, spokesman for the Fort Worth Police Department, did not return a call seeking comment about a campus sexual assault report. The reporter had in fact called a central office number for Fort Worth Police public information officers, monitored by several officers, not just Mahaffey.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**



**78 66**  
HIGH LOW

Windy  
Tomorrow:  
Chance of T-Storms  
74 / 60  
Thursday:  
Chance of T-Storms  
68 / 49



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**NEWS**

For a recap of the recent Ang Lee Film Festival and a recipe for sesame chicken, check [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com)



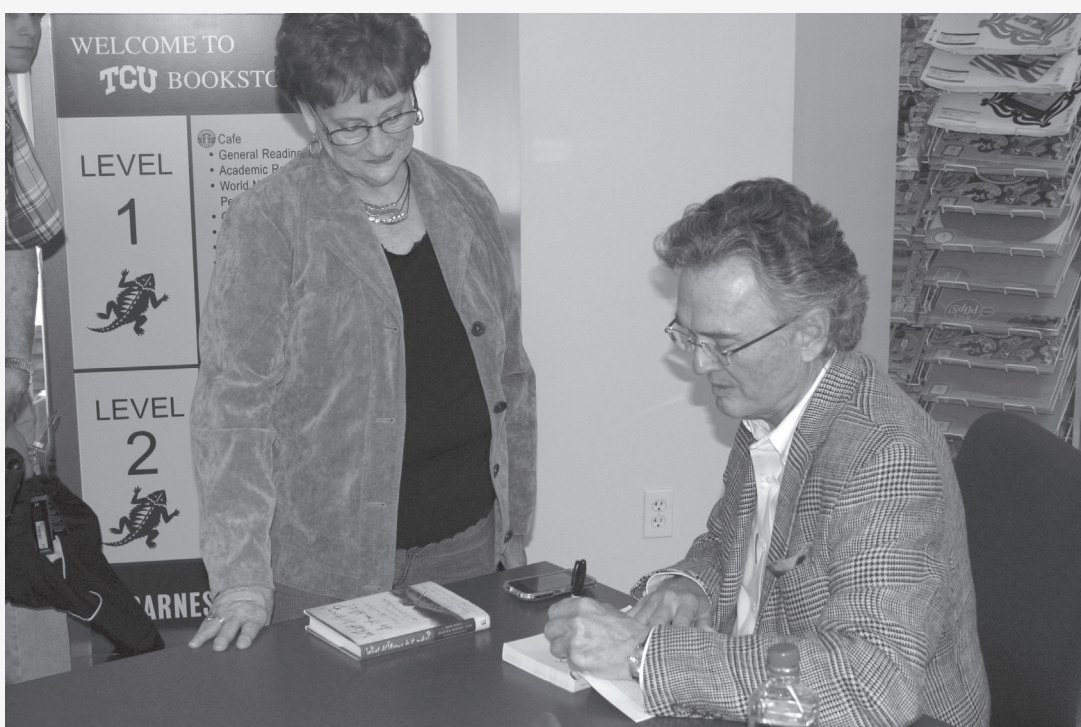
**SPORTS**

What is the Frogs' game plan for BYU? See what coach Gary Patterson has to say in his press conference. Wednesday



**EVENTS**

## BOOK BONANZA



Jo Ann Fincher of Weatherford drove to the TCU Bookstore to get an autograph of author Ron Hall and to buy three copies of his book "Same Kind of Different as Me." Hall and co-author Denver Moore were on hand to sign books and then small cards to place inside the books when all available copies sold out.

## Authors' two books sold out

By **Chandler Cochran**  
Staff Reporter

The campus bookstore sold more than 220 copies of the book "What Difference Do it Make?" on Monday afternoon when authors Denver Moore and Ron Hall, an alumnus, held a signing for the newly released title, the bookstore manager said.

Llisa Lewis, general manager of the bookstore, said all in-stock

copies of "What Difference Do it Make?" and the authors' first book, New York Times best seller "Same Kind of Different as Me," were sold within the first hour and a half of the book signing. TCU Barnes & Noble was forced to purchase more copies of the books from the University Village Barnes & Noble store, Lewis said.

Hall said he was pleased to visit the Fort Worth area since a lot of

"Same Kind of Different As Me" takes place close by. He and Moore were introduced by his late wife, Deborah Short Hall, and came together to write these books after her death in November 2000.

The first book told both authors' biographical stories, how their paths crossed and how they were influenced by God, Hall said.

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**CAMPUS CRIME**

**No arrests in sexual assaults**

The Fort Worth Police Department has not made any arrests in an Oct. 13 sexual assault case on campus or in a different sexual assault reported Oct. 1, a police spokesman said.

"The sexual assault unit is still conducting its ongoing investigation into each sexual assault," police spokesman Sgt. Chad Mahaffey said. "No arrests have been made as of (Monday), however both cases are very active and are still under investigation. Due to the sensitive nature of sexual assault investigations, public information is very limited until the case reaches a conclusion."

Mahaffey said he could not comment on whether Fort Worth Police had a lead on either case. He said each investigation is open and active.

A Fort Worth Police flier sent by the university shows a sketch of the Oct. 13 assault suspect, described by police as a tall, white male in his early 20s with straight blond hair and a mole on his right cheek. He was wearing dark blue jeans and a dark colored short-sleeved t-shirt at the time of the assault.



Courtesy of TCU POLICE  
The suspect is described as a tall, white male in his early 20s with blonde hair and a mole on his right cheek.

"(The) victim was walking to the school library from her dormitory when the suspect grabbed her and dragged her into a dark area near a building," according to a flier Fort Worth Police released to the public. "(The) suspect then pulled an object from a bag around his waist and sexually assaulted the student with the object."

When finished, the suspect put the object back in his bag and fled

on foot south on University Drive, according to the flier.

Police had said earlier that the student was threatened with a knife while walking on the 2900 block of South University Drive.

Police have not released any details of a suspect in the assault reported on Oct. 1. TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said the university continued to keep an increased number of security officers on campus over the weekend.

**Student reports burglary**

A student reported that two television sets were stolen from 2816 Lubbock Ave. early Saturday morning, Ham said. The student had guests over Friday night who left at 1:20 a.m., according to a police report.

The student left to go eat when the guests left the address and returned home at about 3 a.m. to find the TVs missing, Ham said. One of the TVs was in the living room and the other was on the third floor.

Ham said a second-floor window was left unlocked when the student left.

—Staff reporter Chris Blake

**NEELEY WEEK**

## Former student to share business success

By **Vicky Watson**  
Staff Reporter

A recent university graduate will return to campus tonight to tell students of the Neeley School of Business his secrets to financial success at an early age.

Abe Issa, president and CEO of Abe Issa Real Estate, will speak at 5 p.m. as part of Neeley Week, which is a week-long event that includes speakers and fundraisers.



Issa

Issa said he hopes to motivate Neeley students.

He said he will talk about his real estate company, its short and long-term goals as a company and its innovative sell system.

"I have a unique sell system that no one else in Fort Worth has," Issa said. "It allows me to make more money per deal."

Joe Lipscomb, a finance professor and director of the Luther King Capital Management Center for Financial Studies, said students can benefit from learning about Issa's drive and skills.

"He's learned a good work ethic and



For a list of remaining Neeley Week events, check out [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com)

salesmanship, and those are things that served him very well," he said.

By the time Issa graduated in May 2005, he was already working full time for AC Properties, he said.

"During the summer after my junior year, Dr. Lipscomb set me up on a lunch date with a real estate invest-

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**H1N1 FLU**

## Official: Vaccine delivery pending

By **Lauren Sullivan** and **Melanie Cruthirds**  
Staff Reporters

While concern about the H1N1 flu remains, vaccines for the disease are scarce but should be available on campus soon, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Texas has not received the vaccines the state requested.

"The state of Texas had originally asked for 8 million doses and right now they've been granted 142,000," Mills said. "Those are being allocated to people at risk and health care workers. We expect to get some vaccine towards the end of the month, but we don't know how much or exactly when."

Mills said the university requested about 10,000 doses. Students with pres-

**Vaccine information**

**Types of H1N1 vaccine:** Needle injection to the arm, nasal spray  
**Target groups for H1N1 vaccination nasal spray:** In Texas, for 2- and 3-year-olds  
**Target groups for H1N1 vaccination needle injection:** Pregnant women and children 4 years through 18 years of age who are at a higher risk of serious consequences  
**Number of doses purchased by federal government:** 250 million  
**Number of doses expected in Texas by the end of January:** 15 million

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**CONSTRUCTION**

## Medians undergo \$45,000 makeover

By **Lauren Sullivan** and **Josh Davis**  
Staff Reporters

Trucks, traffic cones and dirt piles make up the landscape on the median that is under construction on South University Drive.

Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects at the university, said the goal is to make the median more attractive.

"Generally we are making the median look more like TCU," Leeman said.

He said the project includes putting in more pavers for students to walk across. Rose beds will also be added.

Robert Sulak, director of landscaping and grounds, said the cost of the project is about \$45,000. Sulak said that although the property is city property, it is also part of the university. He said the city approved the plan for the median.

Leeman said the date of completion depends on weather and unforeseen obstacles, but the project should be done by the end of the month.

Andy Viehman, a junior economics major, said the changes will benefit the campus.

"The construction in general that they're doing right now is really good because it will make our school look a whole lot better. It makes more people want to come here," Viehman said. "Actually, (the median) could look really cool, because it was just a dead bunch of

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## NEWS &amp; SPORTS

## VACCINES

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ent health risks, like asthma or diabetes, and those living on campus will be the first to be given the option for H1N1 vaccination if the number of students wishing to get vaccinated outpaces the number of available doses, he said.

A survey sent out to campus residents last week aimed to help measure the on-campus attitude toward potential vaccine availability, Mills said.

"It's just to help us in planning a little bit," Mills said. "Let's say we get 1,000 doses...if only 1,000 resident students said they want to have any kind of a vaccine, then that tells us something."

Mills said there are still students going to the University Health Center with flu-like symptoms. Students should talk with their parents about the H1N1 vaccinations, he said.

"When we do get the vaccine, we want to be sure that people have talked it over with their parents, because some people don't want to get the vaccination, others do," Mills said. "We

think people ought to make an informed decision."

Al Roy, public information officer of Tarrant County, said that since May 27, 40 people have been hospitalized with H1N1 in the county.

Chief epidemiologist for Tarrant County Public Health Anita Kurian said the number of H1N1 cases has been increasing each week. Kurian said the virus shows no signs of slowing.

H1N1 vaccine doses are slowly streaming into Texas, but they are not coming in all at once, Kurian said. She recommended getting both the seasonal flu shot and the H1N1 vaccine, when possible.

Mills said he also advises students to get both vaccinations. He said there will be an on-campus opportunity on Friday for students to receive the seasonal flu vaccination.

According to the Office of Communications, the university recently received more than 1,000 doses of seasonal flu vaccine, which will be administered for free to campus members Friday in the University Recreation Center.

cal science major, said he would rather see the money spent on athletics.

"Why not make (Amon G. Carter Stadium) awesome?" Patry said. "We all care about football, and nobody cares about flowers in the median. The flowers are all going to die with the exhaust anyway."

Others hope the new pathways will ease foot traffic.

"I think it's good because it helps make the campus pretty, and a lot of people are crossing the street all at once, so I guess it gives people more places to cross the street," said Kelly Parcher, a junior business major.

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grass. Some flowers there would definitely be an improvement."

But not all students are happy about the construction. David Lawson, a junior business major, said the project is a waste of money.

"I just think we spend a lot of money on the way our campus looks, and the flowers get changed out all the time anyway," Lawson said. "I think (the money) could go towards scholarships or something more useful."

Preston Patry, a junior politi-

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tor," Issa said. "(The investor) really liked my personality and skills and saw a lot of potential."

He worked 50-60 hour weeks on top of taking 15 and 18 hours during his last two semesters, but, he said, it paid off when he sold 72 houses that year and made more than \$250,000.

Rewards for his hard work soon followed.

"They promoted me to vice president of the company at 23 years old," Issa said. "I set my own operation up and my own office. I got to hand pick my own staff and

"I have a unique sell system that no one else in Fort Worth has."

**Abe Issa**  
president and CEO  
of Abe Issa Real Estate

managers and branched the company out."

During his last year working with AC Properties, Issa started his own company, which buys and sells government and bank-foreclosed properties for profit, he said.

"This year, my company will have \$3.5 million in revenue," Issa said.

## BOOK SIGNING

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Moore was a sharecropper in Louisiana, where he lived in plantation-style conditions. He escaped and wandered the streets of Dallas a homeless man. "Same Kind of Different As Me" chronicles the unlikely friendship that bloomed between Moore and the Halls after they meet in the homeless shelter where the couple volunteered.

Hall said the second book is more about Moore's personal past and readers' response to the first book.

The hype and press from "Same Kind of Different As Me" has continued to promote the release of the second book, Hall said. Moore and he have not had to coordinate big promotions for "What Difference Do it Make?" because of the continued popularity of the first book, Hall said.

The bookstore could only confirm the book signing two

weeks in advance because of the authors' busy schedule, Lewis said. The bookstore ran an advertisement in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Sunday, which informed area residents of the event.

Students and members of the Fort Worth community attended the free event held on the second floor of the bookstore between noon and 2:30 p.m. Monday. Some brought their own copies of Hall and Moore's books, and others bought copies on site.

When the bookstore ran out of copies, Taylor Witt, event coordinator for the bookstore, offered small cards for the authors to sign, which patrons could then place inside their book after it was purchased.

Hall said he and Moore last visited the campus and bookstore in 2006 for the release of "Same Kind of Different As Me." Since then, Hall said they have participated in 500 events in 200 cities during the past three years.

## FOOTBALL

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Colorado State last Saturday. The Horned Frogs started out slowly, as they fell behind the Rams 6-0 in the first quarter.

Despite the deficit, junior wide receiver Jeremy Kerley helped TCU to a 17-6 halftime lead with a spectacular punt return for a touchdown that earned him a spot on SportsCenter's top 10 plays of Saturday and an interview on ESPN2's First Take program Monday morning.

"I want to give all the credit to my teammates blocking ahead of me," Kerley said. "They do a heck of a job."

The Mountain West Con-

ference awarded Kerley Special Teams Player of the Week honors Monday for the second time this season. Kerley racked up 159 all-purpose yards against the Rams.

Junior quarterback Andy Dalton broke the 200-yard passing barrier for the third time this season, completing 15 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns.

Early in the third quarter, Dalton connected with junior wide receiver Curtis Clay and redshirt freshman running back Ed Wesley on touchdowns of 47 and 39 yards. Wesley bowled over multiple Ram defenders as he rumbled down the middle of the field toward the endzone.

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the SMU game, the most tickets they have written in three years.

Cagle attributed the incidents to the proximity of the schools and the number of opposing fans at the game. He said the department does not write as many tickets at other games in part because of how far all the other Mountain West Conference schools are from Fort Worth.

During the games the police chief will position an officer at each locker room to ensure nothing gets taken, Bailey said. NCAA rules mandate that alumni and recruits also stay out of the locker rooms.

As for during the games, Bailey said each touchdown scored presents a possibility for a celebration gone wrong.

"We tense up a little bit, because you're dealing then with that immediate adrenaline

rush," he said. "People may not think as sensibly at that time as others."


Students often complain that police do not allow them to rush the field. McGee said a large crowd rushing the field would pose a safety threat.

"There was a small contingent of TCU fans (at Clemson), so you can let 500 people on the field and it's not going to destroy the field and it's not going to be a crowd issue," he said. "If you have 30,000 of your home crowd storm the field, you're going to have people hurt."

Cagle travels with the football team and said he has had good-natured arguments with opposing fans and has been offered food at tailgates at home games.

McGee said officers are encouraged to befriend fans to build a respectful relationship with them. He said if a fan knows the officer, the fan is more likely to show respect.

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# OPINION

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## The Skiff View

### Students can help make university safer

The campus community is experiencing a heightened sense of caution after a recent series of sexual assaults involving female students.

Last Tuesday's assault involving a female student being threatened with a knife while walking on campus grounds was a tragic reminder of the times in which we live. Terrible things done by even more terrible people can happen to students — even when they think they are in one of the safest places imaginable.

All students, faculty and staff — male population included — need to take a more active role in protecting the well-being of everyone on campus. Paying attention to surroundings, reporting suspicious people or behavior and using all of the available campus resources are just a few simple ways everyone can make the university safer.

These resources include Froggie Five-0, the campus escort service, which has seen a recent jump in ride requests. Female students should do everything in their power to avoid walking long distances across campus alone at night, and Froggie Five-0 is an easy way to do it.

Student safety is undoubtedly a top priority for university officials and those whose job it is to keep the campus safe, but they can't do it alone.

*News editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.*

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

### In defense of the unfair coffee trade



MICHAEL LAUCK

You know times are strange when people are excited about paying more for something.

Last Wednesday, Union Grounds began brewing Fair Trade coffee, a brand of coffee which cuts out the middle man and pays coffee growers more than the market price for the coffee they grow.

I have no problem with Fair Trade at all. If people want to pay more for coffee to benefit poorer people then they should do that.

When I give someone free money it's usually called "charity." However, Fair Trade activists think that when it applies to coffee, this somehow makes it called "fair."

In a spring 2006 opinion column for the Skiff, John Williamson wrote, "I mentioned that Fair Trade was not a charity. It isn't. Fair Trade calls for a fair wage for products."

Fair Trade uses its name as if "fair" means something. However, what is "fair"? Are we going to pay coffee growers \$1 more than the coffee is really worth? \$100 more?

This isn't baseball where fair and foul are clearly marked. Many people have different ideas as to what is fair and it's impossible to name something fair based on what a few people think is fair.

Second, if what free trade is doing right now is fair, then that implies that what we are doing now is unfair. If you want to say that a free market system is not the best system to base an economy on, then that's another article to be written. However, to say that

the market price for a good is unfair as implied by the name does not make sense as you are basing these values off of your own subjective views.

The university and Union Grounds should be proud of themselves though. They are still giving students the option of buying "unfair" coffee, whatever that means. Unfortunately, some in the Fair Trade movement would like to see it become public policy, with governments giving financial incentives to Fair Trade companies. That doesn't seem very fair to other coffee companies.

Through further research I have also found something very interesting about Fair Trade. If a farmer

**If people want to pay more for coffee to benefit poorer people then they should do that.**

is making a good profit off coffee growing himself because he runs a good business, then he does not "qualify" for Fair Trade. What kind of incentive does this send to coffee growers? That if you don't know what you're doing with agriculture then you get free money? This punishes success and rewards failure.

If you want to give someone \$2 dollars for coffee instead of \$1, then by all means please continue, but understand that you are not being "fair." Instead, you're being charitable, which is even more noble.

In the end, Fair Trade implies something is fair and unfair subjectively and even encourages some unfairness through unintended consequences.

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### WHERE IS VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN?



*Alissa Garrett is a graduate mathematics student from Fort Worth.*

### Keep 'treats' under wraps



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Pirates, Ghostbusters, vampires and Freddy Krueger are the names of common Halloween costumes you might see on the men's aisle. For women, the pirate becomes "sexy pirate," the witch transforms into "glamorous witch" (glamorous meaning "with less clothing") and even Freddy Krueger morphs into the sexy "Ms. Krueger" (complete with strategically placed claw slashes). For those of us not interested in the "sexy" look, finding a Halloween costume is really just an exercise in attempting to find an outfit that doesn't make us look like playmates.

Why is it assumed that every woman wants to be a "sexy" anything? If I want to be a character from Harry Potter, my only choice is a wizard costume that would make my mom blush. You certainly don't see men running around on Halloween looking like they escaped from Chippenhales. According to the Costume Express Web site, there are zero pages for "sexy male" costumes and more than seven pages of "sexy female costumes." If there were truly costume equality, I'd see men wearing those tear away stripper pants and suspenders with nothing underneath (topped off with a cowboy or fireman hat, of course).

My best friend is a children's librarian. She e-mailed me asking for ideas because she has to

wear a costume to work, and was having trouble finding something appropriate. My boyfriend said, "Oh, can't she just be a sexy librarian?"

Not helpful. And I can't help but wonder where this line of thinking comes from.

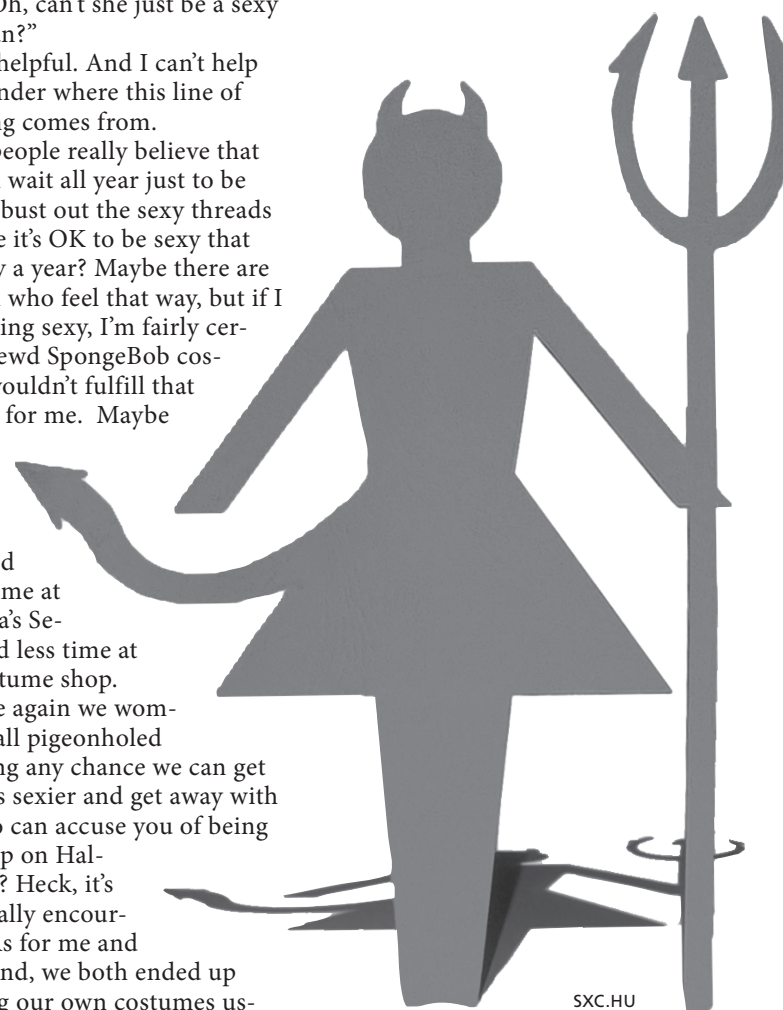
Do people really believe that women wait all year just to be able to bust out the sexy threads because it's OK to be sexy that one day a year? Maybe there are women who feel that way, but if I am feeling sexy, I'm fairly certain a lewd SpongeBob costume wouldn't fulfill that fantasy for me. Maybe these women need to spend more time at Victoria's Secret and less time at the costume shop.

Once again we women are all pigeonholed as taking any chance we can get to dress sexier and get away with it. Who can accuse you of being a trollop on Halloween? Heck, it's practically encouraged. As for me and my friend, we both ended up creating our own costumes us-

ing normal clothing. I believe that breasts and the church fall carnival I attend every year just don't mix.

Instead of making every fairy, witch, werewolf and princess look like she's about to shimmy down a stripper pole, why can't women get some more dignified costume choices? Last time I checked, being a serial killer really wasn't all that sexy anyway.

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### Respect right to unsavory speech



CHANCE WELCH

The Alliance Defense Fund Center for Academic Freedom recently issued "red lights" to TCU, the University of North Texas and other local colleges telling them that their free speech codes are unconstitutional. While the group's ideas about suppressing freedom of speech with regards to religious ideas are mostly focused on public universities, TCU is a curious case because it has "Christian" right there in its name.

The group targets speech codes that it sees as overly broad and vague and seeks to have them dropped or changed. Eliminating speech codes will help the group's goals of eliminating the vagueness of the code's language. A look at the ADF Center's Web site and the list of cases it has

argued reveals that most of the disputes in Texas involve non-discrimination policies that prevent Christian student organizations from forming because the requirement for membership, which is subscribing to Christian belief, excludes other students. One case at the University of Houston involves the anti-abortion group Justice for All, which displays pictures of aborted fetuses on posters.

There are more divisive acts of free speech than creating a Christian student organization. Take the members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., who got support from the Supreme Court to hold signs at soldiers' funerals saying such things as "Semper Fi, Semper Fags." The signs displayed the belief that the United States is deserving of our nation's soldiers dying in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq because of the government's tolerance of homosexuality.

There is free speech, and there is the kind of free speech that irritates. Whether it's the left-leaning flag burners or the right-wing tea partiers with their signs portray-

Free speech is a necessary step in our democratic process and part of that process is having to listen to things you don't agree with.

ing President Barack Obama as a witch doctor, sometimes it seems that our mothers were right in saying, "If you have nothing good to say, don't say it at all."

But free speech is a necessary step in our democratic process, and part of that process is having to listen to things we don't agree with. Sure, we can hole ourselves up in our chosen news channel's purported ideology, but eventually we're going to have to listen to someone on the other side.

Whether you are a card-carrying member of the right or left or you're too jaded to even care, we have to tolerate those who are intolerable of others. They have a right to be wrong.

*Chance Welch is a senior film-TV-digital media major from Fort Worth.*



# FEATURES



Find out why thousands of people worldwide will be dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" on Saturday, Thursday

## Prodigy's forte is piano

### Journey from Seoul to Texas made his passion crescendo

By Wyatt Kanyer  
Staff Writer

When Sahun Hong is doing what he loves, his hands are suspended between movements, awaiting their next pursuit of the black and white below them. He takes his time and makes his next approach as he plays Franz Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11, smoothly connecting the graceful and patient to the swift and deliberate. His face is solemn despite the dynamic sound that is emanating from the great instrument before him.

Hong, who goes by Sam, said his piano-playing all started when he began "banging around on the keys" with his aunt when he was a three-year-old in Seoul, South Korea. And while the average TCU student was 3 in the early '90s, Hong was 3 in the mid-'90s. He's a 15-year-old senior piano major.

"My life made me do piano at first, that's where my life went — I played piano," Hong said.

Even though it's been somewhat of a long journey for him to get where he is today, piano has directed his life's path.

His family moved to Orlando, Fla., from South Korea when he was 8 after his father decided to go to seminary there. They then moved to Fort Worth when his father decided to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hong's piano teacher in Fort Worth contacted TCU piano chair

John Owings to see him play, and the fun began.

"I was so impressed with Sam's ability and that he had an exceptional love for music," Owings said.

Hong performed as part of "Musical Awakenings," an out-

Thanksgiving of 2005, Hong's parents accepted Owings' offer, and he and his wife, Cordelia, became Hong's legal guardians.

The Owings enrolled him in William James Middle School, which had a program for the gifted and talented.

*"I'm a performance-oriented person. I need performance to find my music. It's about getting up there and sharing music with the audience."*

— Sam Hong

reach program sponsored by the Van Cliburn Foundation that travels to 28 schools in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

Although Owings and Hong's first encounter was exciting as Hong sparkled with potential, they would have to wait to meet again, as Hong's father pursued a doctoral program in California.

Unfortunately, the move there was not beneficial for Hong, Owings said. His parents tried to find a teacher, but the teacher did not work out as planned. Owings said Hong's parents would write to explain the situation.

"They said that Sam was bored and not happy with the education he was having," he said. "They wrote that Sam was depressed, that he was being put in competitions with 20-year-old students."

Owings said he could not stand it much longer, so he asked if Hong could come back to live with him in Fort Worth. In

But, again, the situation was not ideal for Hong.

"He was the star of his age group, and he was talented in school," Owings said. "But we found out later that the best teachers in that program were not there anymore."

For example, Owings said they were teaching Hong pre-algebra, even though he had already learned algebra while in California.

Hong's social experience at the school was rough, too, Owings said.

"Sam was being picked on, and he wouldn't tell us about it," he said. "When we found out what was going on, we decided it was unsafe for him to be there."

Then Owings had an idea. After he withdrew Hong from middle school, Owings decided he would homeschool him and see if he could enroll him in classes at TCU.

Owings told Ray Brown, dean of admissions, about Hong, and Brown said he would like to meet him. After they met, Brown asked Owings if Sam would be ready to go to college full time.

Then, Hong met Provost Nowell Donovan,

who decided Sam was mature enough — at age 11 — to attend the university.

As if that weren't enough, Hong auditioned for the piano faculty and was unanimously accepted, Owings said.

"Everybody agreed, 'He's only a kid, but he's mature enough,'" Owings said.

Hong said he knew the situation was different, but he knew how valuable an opportunity it was.

"It was a novelty at first," he said. "Now I realize it's a bigger picture."

However, Hong did not pursue the opportunity because he was forced into it. It was because he wanted to do it, Owings said.

"Sam has a passion for music, a true love for music," he said. "He's made the decision himself."

Owings said he remembered a time when Sam had to write a paper for a class at the university. The paper was supposed to be about where one feels at home. Hong's decision wasn't a difficult one.

"He said he felt at home on the stage," Owings said. "That's where he can be who he is more than anywhere else."

Hong said he knew piano was for him when he was about 12 years old. Now, he said, he wants to pursue performing

and teaching for his career.

"I'm a performance-oriented person," he said. "I need performance to find my music. It's about getting up there and sharing music with the audience."

And the audience appreciates his sharing, Hong said. After he plays, "they're speechless and they just clap," he said. "I guess that's all they can do."

After he graduates in 2010, Sam said he wants to enter the Artist Diploma Program at TCU, which is a three-year program for musicians pursuing a career as concert artists. After that, he said, he wants to go to the Juilliard School in New York, where Hong has already established connections there with piano great Veda Kaplinsky.

With quality teaching from instructors like Owings and Kaplinsky, Hong has acquired poise in his performance that has enabled him to avoid outside emotion that would alter his play.

"I feel like you have to be mentally or emotionally stable," he said. "I have a hard time playing when I'm mad because I feel like I'm betraying the composer."

And with his poise has come focus, he said.

"(I'm) just listening to the sound," he said. "I'm not thinking about screwing up. I just play the music, and that's

all there is to it."

That's impressive confidence for a 15-year-old, but confidence supported by years of professional performing experience. He performed with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in September and won multiple awards, including a series of first place honors in Texas and New York.

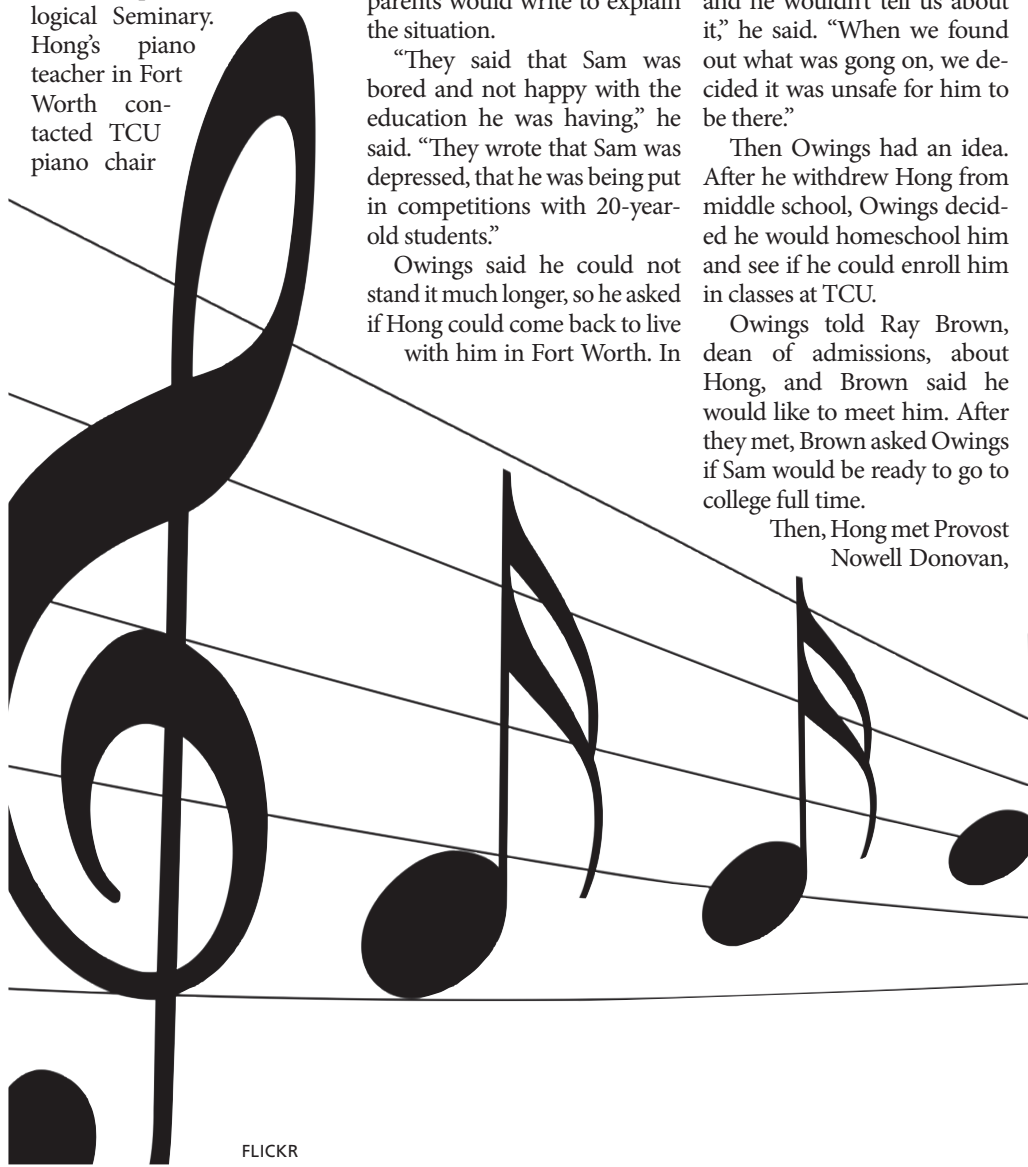
But Hong said he's just glad to be at the university, a place where he's been the recipient of plenty of support.

"One of the things that has helped me in the past few years has been to be at TCU in the music department," he said. "There are great professors and renowned professors."

And Owings said it's a pleasure to be around Hong every day.

"It's a lot of fun," he said with a chuckle. "It brings a lot of joy into our lives. It's just a real blessing."

Hong said when he first came to the university, people would ask him if he was a high school student visiting campus. Now he said he hopes he will be remembered as more than just a 15-year-old college student and instead as "someone who is passionate about what he does and puts a lot into it to achieve all his dreams."



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Courtesy of SAM HONG  
Fifteen-year-old senior piano major Sam Hong has played with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Hong's plans after graduation include entering the TCU Artist Diploma Program and then going to the Juilliard School in New York.

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Living Fort Worth  
Residents give advice to newcomers

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Though TCU's location has seen the same for almost a century, its people tell a different story.

Orange cones and yellow tape mark the ongoing campus improvements and reflect an ever-changing TCU. The Fall 2009 issue of Image is examining the timeline, goals and costs of the construction.

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

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A: Steal its chair.

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

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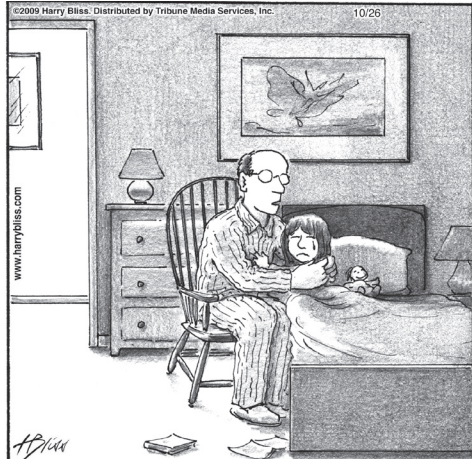
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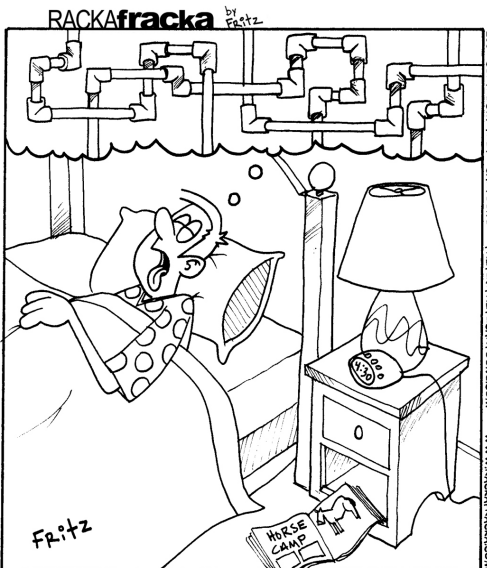
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### ACROSS

- Modify to fit
- Nile bird
- Early late-night host Jack
- ...Bismol
- it smells
- Golden Fleece ship
- Devoured every bit of
- Coke or Pepsi
- "Peter Pan" pirate
- Suffering writer's block
- Color gradation
- "Days of ... lives"
- One of the Musketeers
- Paintings by dadaist Max
- Really little
- Sport ... family vehicle
- Is bratty
- "Do it, or ..."
- Suffering writer's block
- Open fields
- Modeling session activity
- Frequently, to a poet
- Docking spot
- Black Sea resort
- Offers from a genie
- Small bill
- Favored student
- Suffering writer's block
- Pinza of "South Pacific"
- Space-saving abbr.
- Many sculptures
- Parking lot fillers
- Complexion problem
- Krupp Works city
- Decides
- Letters after pi
- Color-coded Monopoly cards

### DOWN

- Geronimo's tribe
- Route around the construction area
- Ancestors in Darwin's theory
- Spitter's sound

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By Bruce Venzke

10/20/09

### Friday's Puzzle Solved

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MIKE STONE/ AP Photo  
TCU's Jeremy Kerley (85) returns a punt for a touchdown as Colorado State defenders Pete Kontodiakos, on ground, Derek Good (26) and Scott Benedict (55) are unable to make the tackle in the first half Saturday at Amon Carter stadium.

## THE AP TOP 25

	RECORD	PTS	PVs
1. Alabama (39)	7-0	1,447	2
2. Florida (20)	6-0	1,434	1
3. Texas	6-0	1,365	3
4. Southern Cal	5-1	1,213	6
5. Cincinnati	6-0	1,163	8
6. Boise St.	6-0	1,156	5
7. Iowa	7-0	1,092	11
8. Miami	5-1	1,056	9
9. LSU	5-1	1,014	10
10. TCU	6-0	1,001	12
11. Georgia Tech	6-1	861	19
12. Oregon	5-1	849	13
13. Penn St.	6-1	753	14
14. Oklahoma St.	5-1	690	16
15. Virginia Tech	5-2	684	4
16. BYU	6-1	601	18
17. Houston	5-1	478	23
18. Ohio St.	5-2	373	7
19. Utah	5-1	350	24
20. Pittsburgh	6-1	330	—
21. Texas Tech	5-2	286	—
22. West Virginia	5-1	205	—
23. South Carolina	5-2	159	22
24. Kansas	5-1	120	17
25. Oklahoma	3-3	117	20

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## BCS STANDINGS

RANKINGS
1. Florida
2. Alabama
3. Texas
4. Boise St.
5. Cincinnati
6. Iowa
7. Southern Cal
8. TCU
9. LSU
10. Miami
11. Oregon
12. Georgia Tech
13. Penn St.
14. Virginia Tech
15. Oklahoma St.
16. BYU
17. Houston
18. Utah
19. Ohio St.
20. Pittsburgh
21. Wisconsin
22. Arizona
23. West Virginia
24. South Carolina
25. Kansas

## SECURITY

## Police presence keeps games safe

By Chris Blake  
Staff Reporter

A team with more members than any football team that will play on the field at Amon Carter Stadium is present at every home football game, but most people would not give anyone on this squad a second look.

It is the group of security officials that roam the parking lots, locker rooms, press box and bleachers.

Campus police chief Steve McGee said 17 out of 24 of the university's police officers work every home game. With three more assigned to patrol campus, very few days off exist when the Horned Frogs play at home.

The university also hires 75 to 80 police officers from the city of Fort Worth, in addition to keeping four emergency medical technicians, eight Fort Worth firefighters, a bomb squad and dozens of people from Contemporary Services Corporation (CSC), also known as "yellow shirts."

Associate Athletic Director Ross Bailey said a Fort Worth police officer would be paid about \$35 per hour to work the game. He declined to comment on the total cost of the added security, saying his office typically does not release financial information.

Bomb-sniffing dogs will sweep the stadium on the day of the game shortly before the gates open to the fans. All the security is there as a precaution, which is a testament to the TCU fans, McGee said.

## Gameday forces

- 100 Contemporary Services Corporation "yellow shirts"
- 75-80 Fort Worth police officers
- 17 TCU police officers
- 8 Fort Worth fire fighters
- 4 Emergency Medical Technicians
- 1 or 2 bomb sniffing dogs
- 1 bomb squad

"We are very fortunate we have very few incidents and very, very few arrests," he said. "It is a tribute to our fans. That's not to say they aren't having fun, but they don't cross the line."

The typical week of a home game starts with a meeting that includes directors from the athletics department, police department, food services and any other group involved in game day operations, Bailey said.

The group discusses the different promotions going on at each game, expected attendance and anything else that varies from game to game, he said.

For example, Bailey said for last season's matchup with BYU, the athletic department decided to increase security because of the magnitude of the game.

Campus police officer Randy Cagle said police made one arrest and issued 10 tickets at

## Frogs find national spotlight with win

By Chris Blake  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frog football team made its highest debut in the BCS standings in school history Sunday, finding itself at No. 8 when the rankings were released.

The No. 8 ranking plus a date with the No. 16 BYU Cougars (6-1) on Saturday will put the Frogs in an unfamiliar po-

sition: the national spotlight. ESPN's College GameDay program will broadcast from the campus of BYU in Provo, Utah on Saturday.

The Cougars' lone loss came at home when they dropped a 54-28 contest to Florida State.

With the national attention on his team, head coach Gary Patterson said he would not get caught up in trying to impress voters.

"It's about preparing your team for the second half of the season," Patterson said. "When you hold somebody under 200 yards, that's not good enough for some people. If 44 points isn't enough for some people, what do you do?"

At No. 8, TCU (6-0) trails another top 10 school from a non-BCS conference, Boise State, by four spots in the poll. The Broncos will play on the

road at Hawaii on Saturday and will face just one team with a winning record the rest of the season, when they play the Idaho Vandals (6-1) at home Nov. 14.

The Horned Frogs will face No. 18 Utah (5-1) in addition to BYU.

The Frogs stayed undefeated with a 44-6 home win over

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