



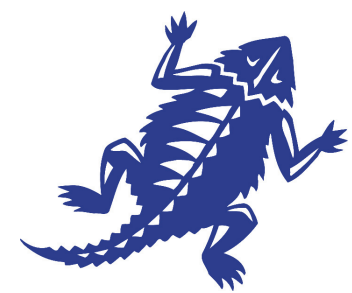
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## Requirements to run for vice president amended

By BILLY WESSELS  
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association rejected a bill to establish caucuses within SGA and approved a bill to change the credit hours needed to qualify for student body vice president Tuesday night.

Lindsay Beattie, elections and regulations chair, said she introduced a bill to create caucuses in an effort to have all representatives in a constituency get to know each other better and get more work done.

"Hopefully this will get people working on legislation a little bit more," said Beattie, a senior English major, before the bill was rejected.

Another portion of that bill would have required the caucuses to meet every two weeks, but David Young, a senior entrepreneurial management major and SGA member, said he feels meeting that often is unnecessary.

"I think it would be more effective to have less meetings," Young said. "It allows more flexibility within the members."

After the first vote of the evening, SGA Vice President Jace Thompson introduced a bill to amend the credit hour requirement for a student body vice president candidate, which he said would allow more people to run for the position.

Before this bill was passed, all candidates were required to have the same qualifications as candidates for SGA president. These qualifications require candidates to be members of the undergraduate student body, have attended the university for a minimum of three

full semesters, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, have served a minimum of one semester in SGA and have completed 60 credit hours. The accepted bill now reduces the required credit hours for the vice president from 60 hours to 45 hours.

"This bill is simply allowing the vice president of the student body to not have to have 60 hours to run," said Thompson, a junior entrepreneurial management major.

However, he said a candidate for vice president will still have to meet

all of the other requirements.

"More people running for student body positions will have better competition and better leaders at those positions," he said.

### HOW SGA VOTED

- 17 - 14 Against bill to establish caucuses
- 21 - 7 Approve bill to amend the credit hour requirement for student body vice president

## Hispanic Heritage Month ends with cultural feast, jazz band

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

TCU students and faculty members sampled Latin American delicacies while listening to a Latin jazz band Tuesday as part of an event that marked the end of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Greg Trevino, director of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, said this event gave people a chance to integrate a little bit of Latin culture into their daily routine.

Trevino said the department has organized several events in the past to promote Hispanic Heritage Month; however, this was the first time the department had organized something that involved both food and music.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Tre-

vino said before the event started. "I'm looking forward to see what the crowd reaction will be."

The event, which took place at noon in the Student Center Lounge, had chairs set up and different foods to sample. Eight main dishes and three sweet dishes were offered, including miniature fajitas and empanadas.

The lounge filled with more than 50 students, faculty and staff within the first 10 minutes of the jazz band's performance. There was also a line for food that stretched from the corner of the Student Center Lounge to the side entrance of the Main. The Latin food was provided to show the Hispanic origin of Tex-Mex food, and the band intended to show that "everyone can embrace the

style of music and appreciate it," said Sarah Elizondo, one of the chairs for the event.

"I was here for lunch but I found a better one," said Luke Yuan, a junior finance and supply chain major.

Trevino said Mambo Machine, comprised of eight TCU students, was chosen to perform after its performance last spring at the TCU Latin Arts Festival and its performance earlier this semester at the Construction Kickoff Celebration.

Pablo Benavides, founder of Mambo Machine and graduate student in instrumental performance, said the band had been playing for TCU events and in different nightclubs for three semesters.

Trevino said this event was also supported by the Programming Council.

Giovanni Guerra, Programming Council director of lectures, films and forums, said the council supported the event because it was different and educational for students.

"It's a part of our mission to educate the students, and informing them of different cultures is a way of doing that," said Guerra, a sophomore international relations major.

Elizondo said the event celebrates "the music, sounds and the whole atmosphere of the Hispanic culture."

Trevino said an event like this gives students an opportunity to learn about Hispanic cultures.

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ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Senior engineering major Cameron Summers plays "Oye Como Va" during a performance by Mambo Machine in the Student Center Lounge Tuesday. The performance, along with the food tasting, marked the final event of Hispanic Heritage Month.

## Club to cast for fall film projects

By CORTNEY STRUBE  
Staff Reporter

Before all of TCU's aspiring actors, actresses and dancers go to Hollywood, the Student Filmmakers Association is encouraging them to audition tonight for three upcoming film projects, said the association's president.

Jonathan Nicholas, the SFA president, said this semester is SFA's second year on campus as a film club, though, he said, the association only made one film due to a smaller budget last year.

This semester, SFA is working on three, five-minute films, one of which will be a music video, said Nicholas, a senior radio-TV-film major.

"No Vaseline," the music video project, portrays a college student listening to an Ice Cube song on his iPod while walking to class, Nicholas said.

"The main character of the

video has created his own little world," Nicholas said. "The strange thing is that everyone he walks by or encounters is singing and dancing to the same song playing on his iPod."

Nicholas said "No Vaseline" needs background actors and dancers of all ages.

The other two films, "Road Trip: The Adventures of Chris and Jeff" and "The Internship," are also about college students, Nicholas said.

The first film is about two college men who are swindled into giving a woman a ride home in the middle of the night, Nicholas said.

"The ride turns into an awkward 45-minute road trip," Nicholas said.

The second film is about two friends who decide to intern for a film director, he said.

"The main characters discover the director may not be who he says he is," Nicholas said.

Nicholas said SFA is looking for a varied group of individuals who are interested in learning about and participating in the film process.

While auditions are open to students, faculty and staff, Nicholas said SFA is looking for a large student presence in each film.

"We are looking for the student body to play a large role in our three projects," Nicholas said.

Rebekah Fear, a junior radio-TV-film and theatre major, said involvement in the films will be a unique experience for students.

"You don't get this kind of opportunity every day," Fear said. "To make a film is a wonderful experience."

Fear, who is in charge of auditions and casting for the film projects, said the filmmaking process might seem time consuming.

## WORK IT OUT



KATIE RUPPEL / Staff Photographer

Senior math major Elizabeth Ruppel lifts weights at the leg press Tuesday afternoon at the Rec Center.

## Fitness ranking questioned

By LAURA FLORES  
Staff Reporter

TCU is ranked No. 8 in the nation for fitness, according to Men's Fitness magazine, but some who work at the University Recreation Center question how the ranking was decided — and how legitimate it is.

The Rec Center is comparable to those at other schools, but the ranking may not accurately portray the overall fitness of universities, said Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation.

"It's not exactly Sports Illustrated or Time," he said. "But we appreciate the offering, and if anything, it brings attention to the culture of fitness and the TCU facility."

The ranking is conducted by the Princeton Review, which sends a survey to students around the nation.

Ben Zelevansky from the Princeton Review said between 60,000 to 70,000 students who have answered the survey in the past were sent the survey.

He said the survey is made of 26 questions that are separated in to two categories: questions about the personal fitness of students and the university's aid in fitness. The answers to the questions are then used to determine a letter grade for each university.

Questions include asking students about their drinking, smoking and fast food habits

and their opinion of the university's availability of healthy food, gym hours and an on-campus nutritionist.

"Baylor's grades are higher than ours, but we ranked higher than they did," Kintigh said. "I don't get it." Zelevansky said the grades are not connected to the overall ranking, because the grades only break down the answers to the questions. He said certain parts of the categories are weighted heavier than others in deciding the overall ranking of the schools, which explains how a school could receive higher overall grades and still be rated slightly below another.

According to Men's Fitness, TCU received a C- for student smoking, drinking and consumption of fast food, an A- for sleep and exercise, an A+ for gym hours and a B for culture of fitness. Baylor University, which was ranked ninth, received an A- for intake, a B- for sleep and exercise, an A- for gym hours and an A for culture of fitness.

"I would guess we participate well in fast food, cigarettes and alcohol — it happens," Kintigh said. "It doesn't surprise me students eat fast food, and I've heard students are known to drink."

Ryan Ray, a senior speech pathology major, works at the Rec Center and said she heard about TCU's ranking when her mother called

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### AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held today at 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Moudy South Room 164.

For more information contact Rebekah Fear at [r.j.fear@tcu.edu](mailto:r.j.fear@tcu.edu).

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### WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, 84/58  
THURSDAY: Partly Cloudy, 67/44  
FRIDAY: AM Clouds / PM Sun, 71/52

### PECULIAR FACT

Alberta - A man suspected of stealing a loaded beer truck was nabbed after a police dog followed a trail of beer and clothes to find him hiding on top of a porch, Edmonton police said Tuesday.

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**FITNESS**

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to tell her, but said she didn't really understand the method for ranking.

Ray said she thinks the Rec Center serves another purpose in addition to just exercise.

"I think it's kind of a social thing," Ray said. "Do a little working out, do a little socializing."

Asia Lloyd, a senior communication studies major who also works at the Rec Center, said she thinks students work out not only for health but also for the sake of appearance.

Lloyd and Ray both said they see an increase in visits to the Rec Center at the beginning of school, after Winter Break and before Spring Break — or what they call "swimsuit season."

Hours for the Rec Center run

from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m., Monday through Friday, Ray said. The busiest time for the Rec Center is between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., she said.

Senior finance major Barrett Campbell said he works out four times a week, lifting weights and running on the indoor track.

Campbell said working out is a stress reliever but also said some students might work out to look good.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Rec Center was reconstructed because of the student interest in having a good facility.

"I think if you were to have a gym that had only weights or only aerobics, it just wouldn't appeal to many students," Mills said. "We have lots of ways to exercise and fit people's needs. So if you want to exercise and stay fit, it's not hard to do that."

Adding to its fitness, TCU has an on-campus nutritionist and the food on campus is part of a Body, Mind and Soul program.

This means students have the option to see what they want to eat, said Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services. The balance program uses color and labels to tell students what foods contain what ingredients, he said.

TCU also has a nutrition calculator online that creates a list

of food intake and allows students to calculate calories.

"Our part is only one part of the puzzle," Flores said. "It's a matter of offering items in wide range. It's a matter of what students chose."

Despite reservations from some students and faculty, Mills said he appreciates the ranking.

"I like being in the top 10 in everything," Mills said. "I think its great."

**HERITAGE**

From page 1

"Here's a chance for you to look at the pride of the Hispanic culture and the importance of diversity here at TCU," Trevino said.

Hispanic Heritage Month at TCU began Sept. 19 and involved a series of events every week, which came to an end Tuesday.

**AUDITION**

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radio-TV-film major.

Goble wrote and is directing "Road Trip: The Adventures of Chris and Jeff."

"As far as films go, the process is a tremendous learning experience for everyone, from the directors and producers to the actors and dancers," Goble said.

**Sudden rainfall gets mixed reactions**

By RASHI VATS  
Staff Reporter

The 24-hour change in weather from Monday's clear skies to yesterday's thunderstorms has meant both good and bad things for students and faculty.

Melissa Pecorello, a junior psychology major from New York, said she has experienced a lot of rain, but not like the conditions in Texas.

"The weather patterns here are really weird," said Pecorel-

lo, who commutes everyday. She also said she had a hard time driving on the slippery highways yesterday.

Eric Brast, assistant director for the ranch management program, said the much needed rain will recharge fields and help some of the fall wheat planting to germinate and grow.

"We are about 20 inches behind since the fall of 2005," Brast said.

Freshman communication

studies and religion double major Heather Santi said the rain makes her want to sleep in and not go to class, but she understands why Texas needs the precipitation.


"Even though I don't like rain, I am excited it's raining because I know we need it," Santi said.

The rain caused heavy traffic conditions, but no car accidents on campus were reported, said TCU Police Sgt. Mike Hanvey. "Unfortunately we issue

more fire lane citations than normal," Hanvey said, "because students tend to park in places where you are not allowed to park since students don't want to walk in the rain."

Today's forecast is sunny with a high of 84 degrees but tomorrow is expected to be cooler with a high of 67 degrees, according to weather.com. This weekend there are a few predicted showers, isolated thunderstorms and lows in the 50s.

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Two pretzels were walking down the street ... and one was assaulted.

THE SKIFF VIEW

## Busy work wastes valuable time

When students graduate from high school, they look forward to college being a breath of fresh air: there wouldn't be any more quizzes, worksheets or busy work.

If only that were true. Many professors seem reluctant to end class on the belief that students were actually paying attention. So they take it upon themselves to assign two worksheets due for the next class and prepare a pop quiz.

Hard comprehensive quizzes may be a good way for professors to ensure students are learning the material, but for students it only amounts to a hassle. Even easy quizzes are a waste of time because they don't challenge the student intellectually.

College life is busy enough for students; they have work, term papers, projects, midterms and finals. The last thing students want is more work in the form of tedious worksheets and worthless pop quizzes.

Disliking busy work isn't about laziness; it's about not wanting to waste 20 minutes on a worksheet, which will count for very little of the final grade, if at all.

Worksheets should be optional practice for students, not a requirement. Pop quizzes should either count for more or be used as sparingly as possible.

Fewer tests, which count for a larger percentage of our final grade, allow us to better manage our lives and our time.

Larger research papers and projects take more time; many all-nighters are spent and pots of coffee consumed but at least it's a challenge.

Students can focus on the big picture in the form of larger papers and tests. Smaller grades don't help us any more than hurt us.

Homework, busy work and quizzes make us feel like high school students, instead of adults. It's a waste of students' time as well as the teacher's time.

*News editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.*

BY RICKY ANDERSON



## Fear of rejection keeps couples from openness in relationships

Ever since I wrote about our culture as a society of waiters and how technology has weakened our interpersonal relationships



Anahita Kallianivala

COMMENTARY in my first Skiff article, I couldn't help but notice how this breakdown of communication transcends formal encounters to matters of the heart, often damaging our intimate relationships.

"Don't write about the same thing twice." That's the first thing your editor will tell you from the list of opinion article do's and don'ts. But sometimes, there are issues that affect so many of us so often they simply cannot be left alone.

Lately, I've had many friends dealing with rejection or suffering from a broken heart, and although I'm no expert, I work the Rejection Recovery Hotline 24/7, so I hear a lot of different stories. The one thing they all have in common is a lack of honesty. Because people don't say what they really mean, we are forced to read and deci-

pher signals, whether or not they were meant for interpretation.

The cliché solution: "Honesty is the best policy."

But this time, it's deeper than honesty equal to admitting you spilled the grape juice on the white carpet. Let me explain by starting with the problems created by holding back.

Especially in romantic relationships, we are so quick to assume the negative — we'd rather convince ourselves that people don't like us instead of convincing ourselves they do. And this is understandable; it's easier to face rejection when you expect it. But there seems to be a problem with not reading the subtle signals of warmth and love, and yet we can easily detect the subtle signs of disregard, hatred or contempt.

This is where honesty plays a part. Both parties, men and women, are guilty of keeping their feelings inside and/or fighting the motivation to say what is on their minds. Imagine what a field of daisies our world would be if guys would just ask their burn-

ing questions, prepared, of course, for truthful answers; and women would actually say what they want people to know instead of assuming men have mind-reading powers.

Yes, I know it's not that easy. But the reason is because people are unwilling to do it.

In my experience, I have yet to meet a woman who would say she would rather play the guessing game for the duration of a relationship than be momentarily vulnerable to the opposite sex, by ending a conversation in a resolution. Women want to be honest, but they just aren't given a venue.

I truly urge men to ask women in their lives the questions they want to be answered, because in establishing an open relationship — not of the Facebook kind, but of the truthful kind — you'll be amazed at the wealth of knowledge available at your fingertips.

Women really are open books; guys are just too intimidated by the dust to look inside the covers.

*Anahita Kallianivala is a freshman English and psychology major from Fort Worth. Her column appears every Wednesday.*

## Have merit in political opinions

Being liberal once meant being radical and perhaps original. But now it seems to stand for being trendy — at least in Austin at the recent Austin City Limits Music Festival. Granted, it was Austin, and beyond that, it attracted people from Sixth Street in Austin.

But still, both edges of the political spectrum can fall into this trap, and you see it all over college campuses, even at good ol' conservative TCU.

In fact, being "trendy liberals" may contradict what they actually stand for.

At Austin City Limits, I noticed an overwhelming number of young people who were supporting things that seem to be the trend.

Anti-Bush. Anti-war. Anti-religion. Displayed on bumper stickers, T-shirts and posters.

Bush's popularity is obviously dropping — but this is nothing new — and trendy liberals apparently don't recognize this. They just keep sporting the same anti-Bush memorabilia, lacking novelty and not improving the state of our nation.

This mindless opposition of liberals to conservatives and conservatives to liberals has gone beyond civil debate and is dividing the nation.

We have been given the gift of freedom of speech, so people's views should make a difference.

There were people who attended the Austin City Limits Music Festival who demonstrated character and depth, but most seemed lacking in both freshness and imagination.

Walking around the festival's boutiques and seeing the bumper stickers on cars, I saw the same political views over and over — just worded in different ways.

Our divided nation is starting to look more like cult followers than individuals.

It's hard to be idealistic in this day and age, but negativity isn't going to help anything either.

Just conforming to what others say and do is not a contribution.

If you are going to have radical views — whether liberal or conservative — have radical ideas that inspire, not divide.

*Jacquilee Killeen is a senior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock.*



Jacquilee Killeen

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to express my agreement with the article in the Oct. 10 Skiff titled, "Smoking at football games ruins experience." I have a more egregious complaint, spitting tobacco in the stands. My wife and I watched with

disgust as a young man repeatedly spit his chewing tobacco in the aisle of section C during the Texas Tech University game. Is there not a regulation covering this?

*Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts.*

## Transfer credit policy should help students graduate

After looking at TCU's summer-school policy, a task force decided to amend the credit



Valerie Cooper

COMMENTARY it transfer policy, according to a Sept. 28 Skiff article. The new policy allows students to transfer only 12 hours from a community college before they earn 54 hours, or the equivalent of junior status, at TCU.

I feel like a hypocrite saying it, and I know plenty of people disagree, but this amendment can only further TCU's reputation as a prestigious private university, and I believe this was the task force's intention.

As mentioned in the article, several peer schools have adopted similar policies — though in the case of SMU, I hope we never decide to eliminate transferable community college credits altogether. These policies serve a simple purpose — to make sure your diploma from TCU is a true reflection of the level of

your education.

The 12 transfer hours are the equivalent of an entire semester, or four three-hour classes. That's a significant amount. I imagine many students wouldn't take full advantage of those transfer credits anyway. Twelve hours is a decent balance between making sure we receive an education worthy of a TCU diploma and allowing us the convenience of community colleges.

Most students will acknowledge that part of the appeal of a community college is that it's easy. Not to negate the value of community colleges — I've taken plenty of local Tarrant County College courses myself — but most community college professors don't have the same expectations of their students as university professors do. Professors' expectations are reflected in the difficulty, or occasional lack thereof, of the work in the class.

In addition, students only need to pass the classes for credit, and it shows up on their transcripts without affecting their

GPA's. For credit without much stress, community college courses are the way to go.

At the same time, I also think TCU needs to take steps to make sure this measure doesn't hinder students' academic opportunities.

"I know plenty of people disagree, but this amendment can only further TCU's reputation as a prestigious private university."

**Valerie Cooper**  
Skiff columnist

Students don't take classes at colleges other than TCU solely because they're easier. There's a variety of other reasons, and I think the university needs to address these if it expects students to support this amendment.

Most students take classes at community colleges during the summer to avoid taking too many hours during the regular academic year. It's a nice way to balance a schedule and guaran-

tee graduating on time. One of the most appealing benefits of these colleges is they're much cheaper than TCU. For students who don't live in the Metroplex, add room and board expenses, and the thought of a less challenging class seems justifiable.

Students need to have an incentive to take summer school at TCU. Making more summer-school scholarships that also cover living expenses, as well as making students more aware of them, would draw more students into the program.

Another way to encourage students to take more hours at TCU is to make it easier to take more classes during the regular semester. Students must receive permission and wait until class-

es have started to sign up for more than 17 hours. Since most basic classes are three hours of credit, that usually leaves the student with an option of taking 15 hours or waiting until the beginning of the semester to add another class. Since students are paying a flat rate for 12 to 18 hours of credit, the university should allow them to take full advantage of those hours without question.

If students feel they can handle the workload, especially when some classes are only eight weeks, they should be allowed to — especially if it lets them double major or finish their degrees early. If this were the case, more students wouldn't need to take hours over the summer and could earn all of their credit at TCU.

This amendment can't work without a little help. If the university wants to limit students in one area, it should allow students more opportunities in another.

*Valerie Cooper is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Azel. Her column appears every Wednesday.*

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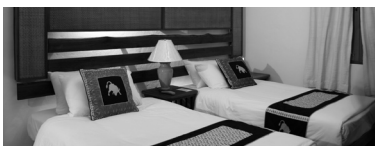
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# Reviews *of the* Week

**MOVIE**

## Scorsese's 'Departed' destined for Oscars

By MICHAEL DODD  
*Sports Editor*

From the premise to the acting, "The Departed" grabs viewers and never lets go, holding their attention in the ultimate cat-and-mouse game until the grisly finale.

Borrowing from the Japanese film "Infernal Affairs," "The Departed" is about two rival informants, one raised by the mob to infiltrate the Special Investigations Unit of the Massachusetts State Police Department, the other persuaded to enter the mob world.

Leonardo DiCaprio ("Titanic" and "Gangs of New York") plays William Costigan Jr., a police officer, who reluctantly accepts the task of turning rat against an Irish mob run by Frank Costello, played by Jack Nicholson ("A Few Good Men" and "The Shining").

Costigan's foil in the movie is Colin Sullivan, played by Matt Damon ("Bourne Identity" and "Good Will Hunting"). Sullivan was guided through school and officer training by Costello and, after rising

quickly in the unit's ranks, aids Costello from within the very organization trying to destroy the mob.

Although both Costigan and Sullivan are playing a dangerous game, it turns even deadlier when both groups suspect rats in their organization and both men must race to uncover the truth.

Backing up the already stellar cast is Mark Wahlberg ("Boogie Nights" and "Invincible"), Martin Sheen ("Apocalypse Now" and "Catch Me If You Can") and Alec Baldwin ("The Hunt for Red October" and "Beetle Juice").

Every actor truly captures the heart of a Bostonian and makes viewers believe the actors are Irish, which gives their actions merit and makes the film feel real.

"The Departed" is directed by Martin Scorsese ("Goodfellas" and "Casino") and takes a departure from his favorite locale, New York, yet perfectly captures Boston's culture with shots of major Bos-

ton landmarks, including Southie, Boston Harbor and Chinatown.

Although the plot alone is reason enough for the film to be well received and entertaining, it is the acting that truly shines as the actors transform into the roles. Even Nicholson, a personality actor whose roles, including this one, are usually the stereotypical Mr. Cool, comes off as his own character, not one seen in his earlier work.

In the past four years, DiCaprio has taken Robert De Niro's place as Scorsese's new go-to guy. The partnership between the two looks to be as fruitful as Scorsese's earlier one with De Niro.

Since 1959, Scorsese, who is considered one of the best filmmakers of all time, has yet to win an Academy Award for Best Director or Best Motion Picture. Yet, with this fast-paced thriller starring an impeccable cast, he should be holding the gold statue come February.



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Sullivan (Matt Damon) warns Costello (Jack Nicholson) that he is taking too many chances in "The Departed," from Warner Bros. Pictures.

**RESTAURANT**

## North Texas cereal bar delicious concept

By KATHLEEN THURBER  
*News Editor*

From Golden Grahams with Cocoa Krispies and marshmallows to grits with gummy bears, Java Flakes proves cereal is more than just a great way to start off the day.

This quaint cafe in Denton is marked by its wall of 30 different cereal choices, which can be mixed and combined with any of the 30 toppings, ranging from granola and dried fruit to Oreo crumbles and Butterfinger bits.

Mark Neuroth, owner of Java Flakes, stood next to the daunting wall of choices and urged me to mix and match if I wanted the optimum bowl of cereal: a process the staff walks each customer through, adding to the

warm, small-town atmosphere of the restaurant.

"If you like the cereal by themselves, there's no bad mix," Neuroth told me.

He said he once had a customer who wanted a mix of all 30 cereals and another who wanted a dish with each of the square-shaped varieties.

Emily Crow, an employee at Java Flakes, said she usually orders a mix of Crispix and Maple & Brown Sugar Frosted Mini-Wheats with "blueberry thrill" as her topping.

However, she said many customers prefer to create a dessert with their selections including one regular customer who orders Cap'n Crunch with chocolate syrup and whipped cream.

After several minutes of deliberation, I chose to mix Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Frosted Flakes and Chex with Oreo crumbles and 1 percent milk. The restaurant offers skim, 2 percent and organic milks, which Neuroth said can be

steamed if you're looking for a warm winter breakfast.

My cereal came in a large Styrofoam bowl, complete with a lid for an on-the-go breakfast, and I almost had to laugh at the sheer volume of cereal in front of me. My mix was appar-

ently the equivalent of about one third of a box of cereal. And while I was able to eat most of it, I wasn't hungry for the rest of the day and won't be needing cereal anytime soon — or at least until tomorrow morning.

Though I think a drink order would have pushed me into a comatose state, the cafe offers 12 organic hot teas, fresh iced tea, smoothies, frappuccinos, coffees and espressos imported from Italy.

Crow, who is also a student at the University of North Texas,

said she usually steers clear of highly caffeinated drinks and dislikes the way American espresso tastes but was surprised at the smooth flavor of Java Flakes' espresso.

"That didn't make me want to tear my tongue out," she said.

For someone like me who could eat cereal for breakfast and dinner, the idea of a cereal bar seems like a natural progression in restaurant development, but, Neuroth said, he was originally hesitant about it.

"It only took three months for me to seriously consider the idea," he said with a laugh. He said his wife had seen an advertisement for a cereal bar in Arizona and thought it was a good idea for a business. The Arizona cafe has a kitchen theme where the employees wear pajamas and the cereal boxes are all in kitchen-type cabinets, but, Neuroth said, he wanted to go a different route with Java Flakes.

"No. 1, there was no way I was going to wear pajamas," Neuroth said.

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**MUSIC**

## New Beck CD a must-have for fans

By MATT MABE  
*Staff Reporter*

I know what you're thinking. "Didn't Beck just come out with a new album like, last year?"

The answer is yes, and following his 2005 hit album "Guero," Beck is back with yet another great album titled, "The Information."

For "The Information," Beck once again entered the studio with famed and sought after producer, Nigel Godrich.

Godrich is the man behind Beck's amazing "Sea Change" and "Mutations" albums, as well as Radiohead's masterpieces, "OK Computer" and "Kid A."

If you were a fan of "Guero," you will love this album, as it is much in the same vein as the album that produced the hits "Girl" and "E-Pro."

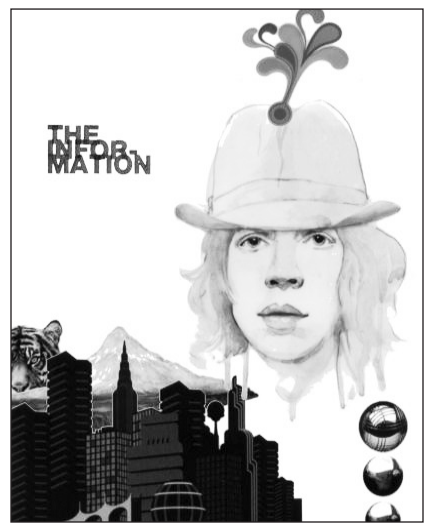
"The Information" has no album cover art and in its place, the album comes with a booklet of stickers so fans can create their own cover art.

The funkiness of "Guero" triumphantly returns on this album, starting with the opening song, "Elevator Music." The great bass line and punchy drums make you want to dance along as you're driving in your car.

The most radio-friendly tracks would have to be "Think I'm in Love" and the first single, "Nausea."

"Think I'm in Love" is one of the album's best songs and it also has a great bass line to bump along to. It also has a string quartet-filled bridge with a catchy chorus in which Beck sings, "I think I'm in love/But it makes me kinda nervous to say so."

Beck travels to uncharted territories on this album as well — most



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notably in "Strange Apparition," in which Beck channels "Beggar's Banquet" era Rolling Stones. "Apparition" chugs along with a rolling piano, acoustic guitar, maracas, a little harmonica and has a complete time change for the closing sing-along portion of the song.

The first half of the record is definitely stronger than the latter half, but the latter still has its shining moments as well.

"Movie Theme" sounds like a song missing from the soundtrack for "Pretty in Pink" or any of John Hughes' '80s teen films. It has a slow and steady drum loop with ethereal synthesizers droning along throughout that makes it a great song to listen to while driving late at night.

"The Information" is definitely a must-buy for any Beck fan, and as a bonus, the album comes with a DVD featuring homemade music videos for every song that are hilariously stupid and very Beck.

★★★★☆

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KATHLEEN THURBER/ News Editor

Java Flakes, a north Texas cereal bar, allows customers to mix any number of cereals to create a dish that is the equivalent of one-third of a box of cereal.

He also said he wanted customers to be able to see all of their cereal options — offerings he said were chosen based on market data from General Mills and Kellogg's about what kind of cereal college students like.

Java Flakes has been open nearly a year and there are no signs of the experiment turning soggy.

Even if you eat cereal merely because it's the economical college choice, this cafe offers a unique twist to the traditional coffee shop.

With a hometown feel that will strike anyone who complains about an abundance of chain restaurants, Java Flakes is well worth the drive.

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**Directions**

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

See Thursday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

**Tuesday's Solutions**

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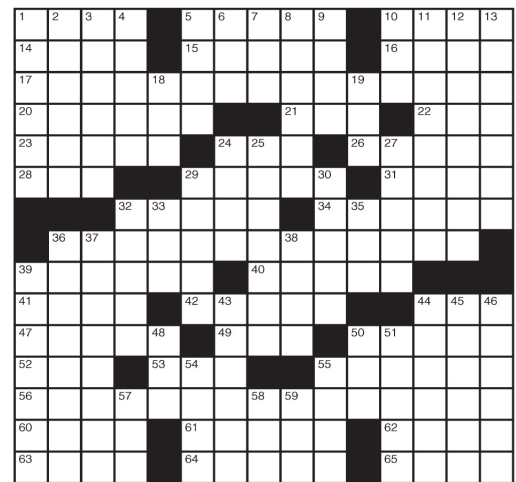
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- 14 Spanish river
- 15 City in Provence
- 16 Stanley Gardner
- 17 Judgment call?
- 20 John Jacob and Mary
- 21 Highlands hat
- 22 5th or Lex.
- 23 Minuscule
- 24 Black, but not blue
- 26 Philippine island
- 28 GI's garb
- 29 "It Happened One Night" director
- 31 Tiny arachnid
- 32 Arcade pioneer
- 34 Grabs
- 36 Judgment call?
- 39 Shaving foam
- 40 Refuse
- 41 Punta del Uruguay
- 42 Burslyn or Barkin
- 8 God's beverage
- 44 Handle clumsily
- 47 Cubic meter
- 49 Massive ref. work
- 50 Big Apple restaurateur
- 52 Homily topic
- 53 Carte preceeder
- 55 Oater bar
- 56 Judgment call?
- 60 Turn-downs
- 61 Deserve
- 62 Oh, yeah
- 63 Old dagger
- 64 Spoiled kids
- 65 Tail of a lob?



By Philip J. Anderson  
Portland, OR  
10/11/06

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 1 Smoothly, in music
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- 3 Gets off a letter
- 4 Wise lawgiver
- 5 Prolonged barks
- 6 Time-line segment
- 7 Capp and Capone
- 8 God's beverage
- 9 Workplace safety grp.
- 10 Word with Bingle or Alte union
- 12 Raised
- 13 Night flights
- 18 Test out
- 19 Elec. measure
- 24 Delhi garb
- 25 Letter
- 27 Anabaptist sect
- 29 Core group
- 30 Man from Manchuria
- 32 Son of Jacob
- 33 PGA prop
- 35 Snaky turn
- 36 Skillet material
- 37 One who showed up
- 38 Sitcom equine
- 39 Instructional sessions
- 43 Repair-shop car
- 44 Writer Marcel
- 45 Actress Renee
- 46 Cold time
- 48 One of Dumbo's wings
- 50 U.S. defense grp.
- 51 Czech composer
- 54 Arm or leg
- 55 Places
- 57 Opposite of WNW
- 58 -la-la
- 59 Chart-topper

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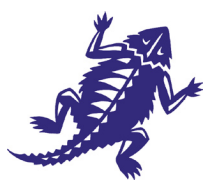
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**SERVE IT UP ON THE NET**

With a solid season thus far, the volleyball team is trying to improve their standings. Read about their matches and their expectations for the rest of the season.

## After 6th place finish, golfers use 3-week break for practice

By BILLY WESSELS  
Staff Reporter

Although unhappy with their results over the weekend, members of the women's golf team said they learned from their experiences and are moving on to the season's next tournament.

"We are a little disappointed in our finish," said head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin. "This is one of our favorite tournaments."

The team finished sixth out of 17 teams in last weekend's Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Catherine Matranga, a senior communication studies major, finished seventh overall, posting a three-round score of 226.

"I wasn't all that pleased," Matranga said. "I didn't play as good as I wanted to."

Matranga said the team wasn't happy with how they played either.

"None of us are pleased with how we played," Matranga said. "We can definitely do better. You just have off-weeks sometimes and this was one of those."

The tournament was a good chance for the team to learn about themselves and where they stand

right now, she said. "I'm disappointed, but I'm not discouraged," Ravaoli-Larkin said about her team's results.

Ravaoli-Larkin called this tournament a speed bump, but said it was also still early in the season.

"It is something that we need to come back from," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "Rather now, than our postseason."

Despite last weekend's set back, Matranga said the team is happy with how this season has started.

"We are off to a really good start finishing fourth in New Mexico and second in Lubbock," Matranga said.

The team will have three weeks to prepare for their next tournament.

"What we need to take care of these three weeks is to get ourselves refocused," Ravaoli-Larkin said. Ravaoli-Larkin is happy to have the three week layoff.

"I am going to focus on moving forward and looking forward to the UNLV tourney and not dwell," Ravaoli-Larkin said.

The upcoming tournament is the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown and will begin Oct. 30, being hosted by UNLV.

Matranga said she is excited about playing in the tournament.

"It will be a good tournament," Matranga said. "We played a lot of (teams in the upcoming tournament) in that first tournament."

Ravaoli-Larkin has high expectations for the tournament in Las Vegas.

"I think we are going to get back to

our old selves," Ravaoli-Larkin said. "I wouldn't be surprised if one of these girls won the tournament."

This upcoming tournament should give the girls other motivation, Ravaoli-Larkin said.

"(The girls) want to beat up on those conference girls," Ravaoli-Larkin said.



MEDIA RELATIONS  
TCU finished sixth out of 17 teams at the Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C. this past weekend. Catherine Matranga ended up in seventh place among the players with a score of 226.

## Frogs lose to BYU, Utah

By RACHEL MCDANIEL  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frog volleyball team fell to 3-4 in conference play after two losses last weekend against two Top 20 Mountain West Conference opponents.

The Frogs lost 3-2 against No. 19 BYU Friday night in Utah, 30-27, 23-30, 26-30, 30-27, 10-15.

Sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton had 53 assists in the match while senior defensive specialist Calli Corley had 26 digs. Junior outside hitter and middle blocker LeMeita Smith contributed 19 kills in the match.

The Frogs also lost Saturday, dropping three games to No. 16 ranked Utah by scores of 30-27, 30-17, 30-14.

The team was led offensively by Smith's nine kills and was paced on the defensive end by Corley's match-high 14 kills.

After getting off to a 13-2 start, the Frogs have fallen to 14-6. They play New Mexico on Friday at the University Recreation Center.



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer  
Junior middle blocker LeMeita Smith reaches for a block against San Diego State last week. TCU lost to BYU Friday and Utah Saturday. However, Smith dropped nine kills against Utah.

## Loss ends player's run at tourney

By ALEX ZOBEL  
Staff Reporter

In the biggest tournament of the fall for the men's tennis team, the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships in Tulsa, Okla., junior Cosmin Cotet won five matches in a row in the singles qualifying bracket, which was by far the best showing of any individual TCU player.

The tournament began Sept. 30 and ended Sunday.

Cotet's most impressive win came in the first round of the qualifying bracket when he upset the tournament's No. 5 seed Bruno Agostinelli of the University of Kentucky.

Cotet fell one match short of qualifying for the tournament's main draw Oct. 4 with a

loss to David North of Georgia Tech.

Cotet also reached the second round of qualifying in doubles play with senior teammate Radu Barbu.

After the tournament, head coach Dave Borelli said he was happy the team gained tournament experience with Cotet playing as well as he did, and said he is excited about the rest of the season.



Cosmin Cotet

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