



POETIC 3

German poet reads to students at Live Oak reading series.

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Students expand creative bounds with class project

By Leah Watkins
 Staff Reporter

Merchandising students are thinking outside the box for a project in the promotion principles course.

Associate professor of merchandising and textiles, Patricia Warrington, said the students of the department of design, merchandising and textiles are divided into groups and receive the opportunity to create a mock store window that is displayed in the department's building.

Junior fashion merchandising major Caroline Crawford's group decided to be the first in this program to design a bridal window, she said.

"We wanted to do something that had never been done before," Crawford said.

The group chose to create the window from the products at a local bridal shop, De Ma Fille.

Warrington said the products that the students choose for the window they would like to create must be from a real business. Students in the past have chosen from businesses like Dirty Laundry and Neiman Marcus.

The students who have participated come up with all the elements of the display themselves, from the concept, to the scene, to the retailer, she said.

"The more experience they get from doing what they read about, the more prepared they are for the market when they graduate."

Patricia Warrington

Associate professor of merchandising and textiles

"Our program is what we like to call a concept to consumer program," Warrington said.

It is designed to be an applied program so that the students receive hands-on experience.

"The more experience they get from doing what they read about, the more prepared they are for the market when they graduate," Warrington said.

Crawford said the window display project was one of the most enjoyable projects that she had done while in the program.

Warrington said, "It's a great process for them to see how it came from the seed of an idea to actually being a window."

Students from the fashion-merchandising program set up a window display for their wedding dress in the Design, Merchandising and Textiles building.
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CORRECTION

An error in editing in yesterday's paper incorrectly stated Oregon State's record as 9-0. Oregon State is currently 4-4.

SGA RUNOFF 2

Vice president position still undecided after election.



LIGHTS OUT 2

More power outages scheduled for this weekend.



CAMPUS

Power to parts of campus off Sunday

By Andrea Drusch
News Editor

The power outages aren't over for students living in main campus residence halls.

An e-mail sent to faculty and staff Wednesday afternoon announced that more than 20 campus buildings, including most residence halls and the student union, will be without power from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

The electricity will be shut down by the Physical Plant in order to make repairs to a campus electrical system which had a medium cable voltage failure at 1:41 a.m. last Thursday.

Representatives from the Physical Plant did not return calls requesting more information about the power outages in time for publication.

According to the e-mail, the shutdown is necessary in order to perform "hands-on cable cleaning, temporary repairs and further assessment of damage to other adjacent cables."

The work will minimize the risk of further outages and possible damage to the failed electrical feeder, according to the e-mail. Affected buildings include those located between University and Stadium Drives.

Campus Power Outages

The following buildings will be without power between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday:

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SGA

Vice president position goes to runoff

By Katey Muldrow
Staff Reporter

Junior Jackie Wheeler and sophomore Brent Folan will begin preparation for their new offices as student body president and treasurer following the student body election, which ended at noon Wednesday, University Union Activities Coordinator Brett Phillips said.

"The kicker was the grandfather clause, and that's where we'll make it so the tuition you agree to freshman year will stick with you all four years. So we won't have an increase of six percent like we did last year."

Brent Folan
SGA treasurer

Uncertainty still faces vice presidential candidates, as junior Brett Anderson and sophomore Brian McDermott, who will compete in a runoff election Thursday, Phillips said.

The runoff is necessary because none of the three candidates, Anderson, McDermott or sophomore Tim Cason, received more than 50 percent of the votes, Phillips said. Cason will not be in the runoff election because he received the fewest votes. Students can cast their votes for the runoff Thursday from 7 a.m. to midnight on their my.tcu.edu accounts.

Once the election results are final, students will work with the current officers to transition to the new positions in January.

After banners were hung outside of Market Square announcing the results, Folan, a finance and accounting double major, received congratulatory hugs and handshakes for his win.

His two-week campaign included making signs, stickers and buttons and delivering speeches to sororities, fraternities and various student organizations.



KATEY MULDROW / STAFF REPORTER

New SGA treasurer Brent Folan celebrates his victory in yesterday's SGA elections. Along with treasurer, president and vice president were also voted for.

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Vice Presidential Runoff

Candidates: Junior Brett Anderson and sophomore Brian McDermott

Polls open: 7 a.m. Thursday

Polls close: Midnight Friday

To vote: my.tcu.edu > Helpful Links > Survey Systems

HEALTH

Warning labels on cigarettes expanding

By Michael Felberbaum
Associated Press

Corpses, cancer patients and diseased lungs: These are some of the images the federal government plans for larger, graphic warning labels that will take up half of each cigarette package.

The images are part of a new campaign announced by the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services on Wednesday to reduce tobacco use, which is responsible for about 443,000 deaths per year.

"It acts as a very public billboard because you all of the sudden are reading something about lung cancer from that pack behind the cash register, whereas before you were just reading 'Marlboro,'" said David Hammond, a health behavior researcher at the University of Waterloo in Canada, who is working with the firm designing the labels with for the FDA.

The share of Americans who smoke has fallen dramatically since 1970 from nearly 40 percent to about 20 percent, but those declines have stalled recently. At the same time, the average cost per pack has gone from 38 cents to \$5.33.

About 46 million adults in the U.S. smoke cigarettes, and so do with 19.5 percent of high school students.

The new prevention plan is part of the law passed in June 2009 giving the FDA authority to regulate tobacco, including marketing and labeling guidelines, banning certain products and limiting nicotine. The law doesn't let the FDA ban nicotine or tobacco entirely.



EVAN VUCCI/ ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three examples of proposed warning graphics that will appear on cigarette packaging as part of the government's new tobacco prevention efforts, seen in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

"Today, FDA takes a crucial step toward reducing the tremendous toll of illness and death caused by tobacco use by proposing to dramatically change how cigarette packages and advertising look in this country," FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said in a news release. "The health consequences of smoking will be obvious every time someone picks up a pack of cigarettes."

The FDA is proposing 36 labels for public comment, which include phrases like "smoking can kill you" and "cigarettes cause cancer," but also feature graphic images to convey the dangers of tobacco use.

The agency will select the final labels in June after reviews of scientific literature, public comments, and results from an 18,000-person study. Cigarette makers will then have 15 months to start using the new labels.

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MILITARY

Skills competition victory shows possibilities for females in Army

By Wyatt Kanyer
and Alex Collins

Senior Reporter and Staff Reporter

Every year a soldier is honored for winning the U.S. Army's Best Warrior Competition by scoring record times in varied challenges. This year, however, the records weren't only broken by faster times.

On Oct. 22, Sgt. Sherri Gallagher became the first woman to win the skills competition, which includes 24 male and female soldiers from 12 Army commands, according to a CNN report. Soldiers in the competition were tested on their physical strength with a physical training test. They were also required to write an essay, take a written exam and complete basic soldiers skills, such as first aid, land navigation, convoy and room clearing.

Senior Military Science Instructor Master Sgt. Brian Bruce said there were challenges in recruiting women to the military because of the lack of knowledge of the opportunities for women in the military. Gallagher's victory shows that everyone has the opportunity to be successful in the Army regardless of gender, he said.

Attempts to reach Gallagher for comment were unsuccessful.

If potential female students were wondering about their opportunities to succeed in the university's ROTC program, Gallagher's victory could be used to show the possibilities females have, Bruce said.

"We are a force that is equal, and we provide the same opportunities to everybody," he said.

Dezi Bennett, a junior international politics major in Army ROTC, said Gallagher's win should be a source of motivation for women.

"Seeing how well she did will encourage women to know that they can rise above the standard that men in the Army put on them," she said.

Austin Lindert, a junior criminal justice major and Army ROTC member, has been through basic training and said Gallagher's achievement would increase the amount of respect women in the army receive.

"Women in the military have very little [respect] right now, and they're slowly gaining," Lindert said. "A woman winning the Best Warrior Competition and showing up the guys, I'm all for it because I think anyone can be a good soldier."

Spencer Connole, junior university Army

ROTC member, said women were not always respected because male soldiers sometimes falsely assume women are not capable of performing the tasks necessary to be in the army.

Brittany Turner, a senior member of Army ROTC, said she witnessed this lack of respect firsthand when she went to follow-on training, the equivalent of job shadowing for the military, for a 2nd lieutenant in Colorado last summer. She said she had to inform the lieutenant of the times she achieved in skills challenges before he paid attention to her.

"For [Gallagher] to go there and prove that she could meet the standards that the guys made, and exceed the standards by beating them is amazing," Turner, a film, television and digital media major, said. "It's a great way to represent for herself but also for other females."

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Austin Lindert

Junior criminal justice major

Lindert said the skills Gallagher demonstrated in the competition were all basic soldier skills, and the level to which Gallagher exceeded the standards would only motivate her male counterparts to improve.

"For her to go out there and 'beast' the males, it sets the bar a lot higher," Lindert said.

Connole, a history major, said it was impressive to see a woman overcome the odds and beat male soldiers.

"[Gallagher's win] is showing that [women] have the strength to do what [men] can do," Connole said. "They can earn that respect from their peers."

Turner admitted that women were not always capable of performing certain physical tasks as well as men, but Gallagher's win showed that women could beat men in a physical challenge.

According to a report from womensmemorial.org, about 13.5 percent of soldiers on active duty in the army are women.

Bruce said there were 56 women out of a total of 160 students in the university's ROTC program.

POLITICS

Palin most polarizing candidate

By Charles Babington

Associated Press

Sarah Palin is the most polarizing of the potential 2012 Republican presidential candidates, while impressions of Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney lean more positive, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll. As for the rest — Pawlenty, Barbour, Thune, Daniels — most Americans say, "Who?"

The election, of course, is far away, and polls this early largely reflect name recognition and a snapshot of current popularity. A year before the last presidential election, the top names in public opinion polls were Rudy Giuliani for the Republicans and Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democrats. Neither won their party's nomination.

But jockeying among the dozen-plus Republicans eyeing a chance to challenge President Barack Obama is under way. Soon, they will be slogging their way to living rooms in snowy Iowa, New Hampshire and other early primary states.

Palin, the former Alaska governor and 2008 vice presidential nominee, is the best-known and most divisive of the bunch. In the wake of her high-profile role in endorsing candidates all over the country, 46 percent of Americans view her favorably, 49 per-

cent unfavorably, and 5 percent don't know enough about her to form an opinion.

Her "don't know" score is considerably lower than those registered by other possible candidates tested in the poll.

Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor who won the 2008 GOP Iowa caucus, received the highest favorability rating, 49 percent. About one in four people has no opinion of him, and 27 percent view him unfavorably.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who ran in 2008, had similar results. Nearly a quarter of all Americans have no opinion about him, while 46 percent view him favorably, and 31 percent unfavorably.

In terms of winning the 2012 nomination, the question is how Republican-leaning Americans view the contenders. Palin comes out on top. Among adults who identify themselves as Republicans or GOP-leaning independents, 79 percent view her favorably, and 17 percent unfavorably.

These findings worry many Republican officials. The poll suggests Palin might be able to win the nomination. But among independents they could be the deciding factor in the general election — just 43 percent hold a favorable view of Palin, compared with 61 percent with a positive view of Obama.

SPEAKER

German poet to read works on campus

By Andrea Drusch
and Sean McDermott

News Editor and Staff Reporter


As part of the first generation born into communist East Germany, Uwe Kolbe became one of the most famous living German poets by writing about his discontent with communism, said Scott Williams, associate professor of German.

Kolbe will speak at both the Live Oak Reading Series tonight, and in three German classes today and Friday.

Williams said Kolbe's first book, *Hin-engeboren* (Born Into), named his generation and spoke out against the things the government was doing. He was even banned from publication for a few years.

Kolbe will read some of his poetry to students tonight at 6 p.m. in Moudy South 320 as part of the public reading for the Live Oak series, along with American poet Nicky Beer.


Williams said he would translate Kolbe's poetry for the audience to understand. The public reading is free and open to the public.



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PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

Veterans Day a time for remembrance

As this year's Veterans Day arrives, it's time for the requisite displays of patriotism that accompany it. This is a wonderful thing to see every year, and I love being able to honor those that have fought and died for the United States.

The university has done a great job this year by holding events celebrating Veterans Day both today and in the days leading up to it. It's the most events I can remember being aware of in three years at the university, and it makes me proud to see that we are giving these heroes their due.

With such divisive views held by people on the wars we are now fighting, it is admirable that when it comes to showing appreciation for the soldiers, most can put aside their political views and embrace the people who fulfill their duty by fighting. Besides, as my dad — an Air Force veteran — told me, you'll never find anyone who hates going to war more than soldiers. To me, that makes their sacrifice all the more worthy of our respect.

So take some time to thank a veteran for his or her service today, and remember what comforts or luxuries they give up so we can continue to enjoy ours at home.

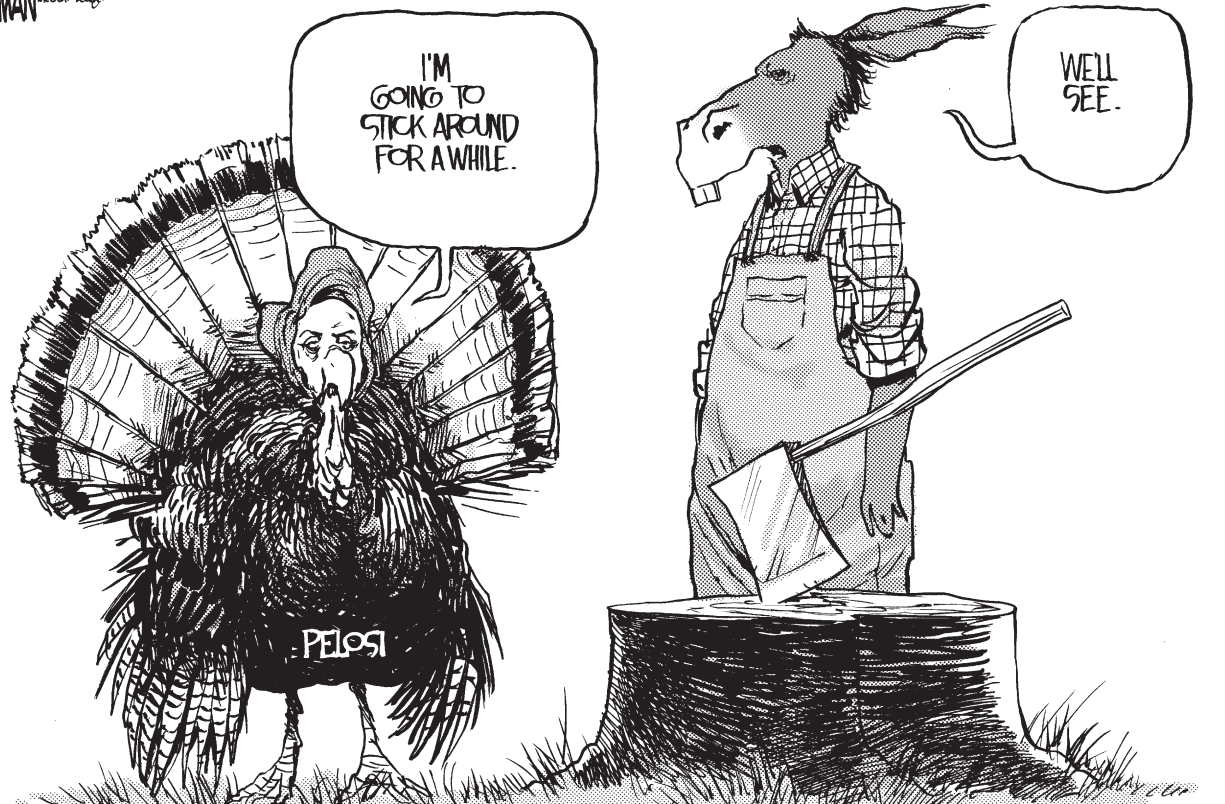
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Student programs can't please all



Michael Lauck

For those of you who don't know, I play piano. One of the things that my piano teachers have told me is that repetition is a great way to remember a piece. Apparently, TCU politicians have taken this to heart. Every year, somebody running for student government tells me how they want to improve programs at the university.

While I admire their efforts, one has to wonder if it's all futile. For our answer, let's turn to everyone's favorite buzz kill: economics.

Have you ever wondered how your pencil got in your hand? "Because I picked it up," you sarcastically think to yourself. What I mean is, how did it go from being a tree, some rubber and metal to a pencil?

If you think about it, the process took thousands of people to bring you that pencil. It took people to mine the metal, make the rubber, drive the pencil to the store and countless others to sell you that pencil at a small cost.

A bigger question is how the heck did that all happen? Was there some pencil-making czar who told everyone where to go to get the pencil to some college student? Absolutely not. Instead, because those people were trying to make a living, the pencil got into your hands without any-

one ordering it forward.

The biggest obstacle, however, is knowing how many pencils everyone wants. Maybe some people want more than others. Maybe some want none at all. The market figures out the number of pencils through self-regulation.

The point is, it's really hard to spend people's money on other people because you have no idea what everyone wants. You will always please some people and upset others.

Programs at the university are different through. Basically, we all pay a certain amount for a small amount of people to decide how to spend it for us. Sometimes we benefit — I personally like the free s'mores. Other times, we get stuff we don't want — I'm still wondering who in the world Lady Antebellum is.

The point is, it's really hard to spend people's money on other people because you have no idea what everyone wants. You will always please some people and upset others.

When TCU SGA candidates talk about getting better programs, I'm usually pretty skeptical. It's good to be sensitive to student demands but we should understand that if we have this system in place, inevitably we get stuff we don't want sometimes.

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PERSPECTIVES

Video game ruling could hurt free speech



KC Aransen

We grew up in a strikingly different time than most of our parents and grandparents. At the age I am now, my mother's neighbors were just getting a television. Now it is taboo for people to not have one. With televisions came inventions to make them more entertaining, including video games.

Most people have played "Mario Kart" at some point in their lives. Video games have come a long way from the original "Mario" and "Pong." The video games of today, such as the "Halo" and "Call of Duty" franchises, are not only much more realistic than their predecessors, they also tend to be much more violent. Because of this drastic change, a rating system for video games was established in 1993.

It should have been left at that.

Now the Supreme Court is looking at a case attempting to further censor video games by banning the sale of violent video games to minors. During questioning, most justices seemed fairly nervous about the issue and less than knowledgeable on video games and exactly what they were censoring.

This issue brings up the obvious question about free speech. The Supreme Court deciding to ban the sale of violent video games to minors would further restrict the rights of free speech allowed under the First Amendment. One may argue that anything that depicts as much violence as some video games should not be protected under the First Amendment. One could argue that by this logic, many books, movies and television shows should receive the equal amount of censorship.

Pure and simple, it is not up to the government to censor what children see. It should be up parents. If parents do not feel comfortable with a child seeing an R-rated movie, then they have full authority to not let their children see that movie.

Just look at the origins of our beloved fairy tales, like the ones by the Brothers Grimm. Their "Cinderella" has the stepsisters cutting parts of their feet off to fit a shoe, leaving a bloody red trail behind them. Look at "Bugs Bunny" cartoons as well. Hammers hitting and anvils dropping left and right.

The censorship of one entertainment medium inevitably leads to another. Already music censorship and movie ratings put restrictions on what people can listen to or view without proof of their age. It seems like video games are next. Further censorship leads to further restrictions on our right to freedom of speech.

Pure and simple, it is not up to the government to censor what children see. It should be up parents. If parents do not feel comfortable with a child seeing an R-rated movie, then they have full authority to not let their child see that movie. It should be the same way with video games. If parents do not want their children playing violent video games, then they can stop it. The government is not our mom and dad.

KC Aransen is a sophomore psychology major from Arlington.

Football team shows values relevant to all



Pearce Edwards

TCU football old-timers, those who remember the not-so-distant era before double-digit wins and BCS conversation, appreciate the success the Horned Frogs program has had this season. A common lament, though, from the company of enduring fans is current students' lack of celebration over the team's present success. We should abide their request, and consider the following question: to what does TCU football owe its rise to national prominence?

Despite the team never reaching higher than 46th in national recruiting rankings in recent years, TCU players perform on a level equal to and surpassing many higher-ranked players.

Gene Kranz, director of NASA mission control in the 1960s, articulated his life approach around the twin principles of toughness and competence. Kranz described these

virtues as "forever accountable," and "never found short in knowledge and skills," respectively.

Kranz's virtues can be attributed to the success of the TCU football program and, by understanding them, apply these virtues to our lives. In this football team, we see the unique meeting-place of potential and action, and ability with capacity.

First is toughness. Perhaps the most celebrated aspect of TCU's team is its scoring defense — holding opponents to barely more than a touchdown per game. ESPN analyst Trevor Matich described the effectiveness of the Horned Frogs' defense before the Utah game by examining their player placement.

In running plays, Matich said TCU's defenders maintain their pursuit, trusting their assigned teammates to fill the next gap in the field. Accountability on defense creates success.

The offense also functions with toughness and accountability. The offensive scheme relies on the second effort of running backs and yards after the catch by wide receivers, not just play-calling or precision passing by Andy Dalton. With the integrated accountability of each offensive player, the TCU offense soars to exceptional performances.

The second virtue is competence. Common sense has it that success is a function of work. Wisdom has it that we should actually work hard to realize success. The TCU football team demonstrates such wisdom. Despite

the team never reaching higher than 46th in national recruiting rankings in recent years, TCU players perform on a level equal to and surpassing many higher-ranked players.

The Horned Frogs are truly committed to the Kranz definition of competence: never found short in skill.

The combination of toughness and competence, therefore, drives the football team to its current heights. Accountability to position and hard work are eternal virtues. Kranz won the race to the moon with this formula and with it, the Horned Frogs could shatter the limits for non-BCS conference teams.

TCU old-timers know this and we would do well to know it too.

Pearce Edwards is a sophomore political science major from Albuquerque, N.M.



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MEDIA

MSNBC's Olbermann back on air after suspension

By David Bauder

Associated Press

Keith Olbermann returned to MSNBC on Tuesday after a two-day suspension for violating a network rule on political donations that he said was "probably not legal," seeming to relish the attention.

He aired jokes that Jay Leno and Jon Stewart had made about his situation, flashed stories about himself and said he wished he could thank individually all 300,000 people who signed an online petition seeking his reinstatement.

"It's not a stupid rule, here or anywhere else. There just needs to be a debate about it and it needs to be adapted to the realities of 21st Century journalism. If I had given the money to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, you would have never, ever known."

Keith Olbermann
Political commentator

"It still feels like a universal hug," he said.

The cable news network's top-rated host acknowledged donating \$2,400 apiece to the campaigns of Kentucky Senate candidate Jack Conway and Arizona Reps. Raul Grijalva and Gabrielle Giffords. NBC News prohibits its employees from making political donations unless an exception is granted in advance by the network news president, and said

Olbermann hadn't sought such permission.

"It's not a stupid rule, here or anywhere else," Olbermann said. "There just needs to be a debate about it and it needs to be adapted to the realities of 21st Century journalism."

He said the donations were made legally and became publicly known. "If I had given the money to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, you would have never, ever known," he said.

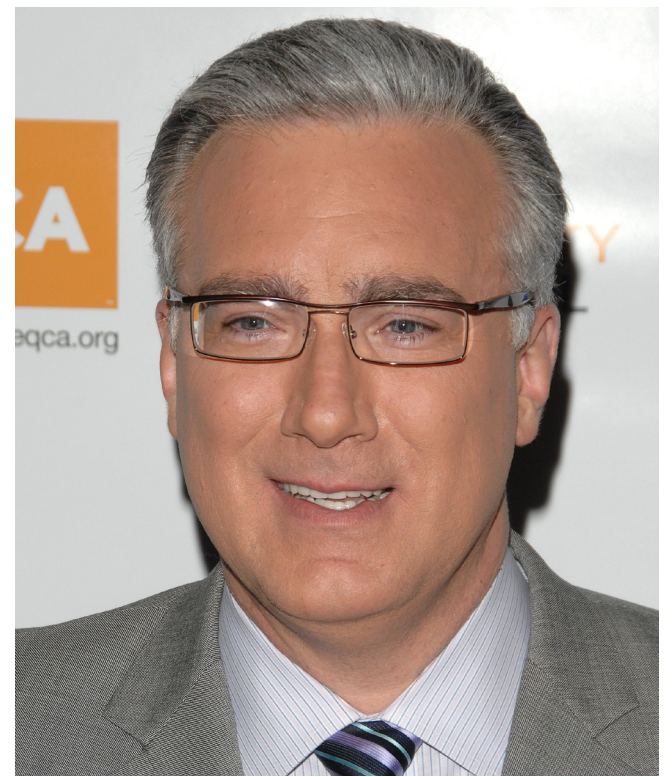
He apologized to Jesse Kelly, Gabrielle Giffords' opponent in Arizona congressional battle. Kelly was featured in the now-defunct "worst persons in the world" segment of "Countdown" after Olbermann had given money to his opponent. Olbermann said he should have disclosed the donation on the air or, "better still, just dropped him from the segment."

An MSNBC spokesman had no comment on Olbermann's show. Management from MSNBC and parent company NBC News haven't publicly discussed Olbermann's actions or its rules for political participation. Such rules are common with news organizations, designed to preserve the appearance of fairness: some journalists are so strict about it that they won't even vote. But questions have been raised about whether they make sense for commentators who make no secret of their opinions.

Olbermann opened his first show back mischievously. The camera showed an empty desk, then he slowly edged his way into the picture, saying, "Oh, hi. What's new?"

He said he read over the weekend some opinions that the brief suspension was a publicity stunt.

"This was not a publicity stunt," he said. "Course, if I had known all this was going to happen, I would have done this years ago."



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In this Feb. 23, 2009 file photo, Keith Olbermann attends the "Defying Inequality" Broadway concert, a celebrity benefit for equal rights, in New York. Olbermann returned to television Tuesday after violating NBC's rules against making political donations.

POLITICS

Obama asks for economic cooperation

By Erica Werner

Associated Press

President Barack Obama said a strong, job-creating economy in the United States would be the country's most important contribution to a global recovery as he pleaded with world leaders to work together despite sharp differences.

Arriving in South Korea on Wednesday for the G-20 summit, Obama is expected to be on the defensive because of plans by the Federal Reserve to buy \$600 billion in long-term government bonds to try to drive down interest rates, spur lending and boost the U.S. economy. Some other nations complain that the move will give American goods an unfair advantage.

In a letter sent Tuesday to leaders of the Group of 20 major economic powers, Obama defended the steps his administration and Congress have taken to help the economy.

"The United States will do its part to restore strong growth, reduce economic imbalances and calm markets," he wrote. "A strong recovery that creates jobs, income and spending is the most important contribution the United States can make to the global recovery."

Obama outlined the work he had done to repair the nation's financial system and enact reforms after the worst recession in decades. He implored the G-20 leaders to seize the opportunity to ensure a strong and durable recovery. The summit gets under way on Thursday.

"When all nations do their part — emerging no less than advanced, surplus no less than deficit — we all benefit from higher growth," the president said in the letter.

The divisions between the economic powers was evident when China's leading credit rating agency lowered its view of the United States, a response to the Federal Reserve's decision to buy more Treasury bonds. Major exporting countries such as China and Germany are complaining that the Federal Reserve's action drives down the dollar's value and gives U.S. goods an edge in world markets.

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Barack Obama
President

Earlier Wednesday Obama was in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, issuing a call for trust and cooperation. Obama and his wife, Michelle, visited the Istiqlal Mosque, the largest in Southeast Asia. He noted that it was under construction when he lived in Indonesia as a boy from 1967 to 1971.

Obama made a strikingly personal appeal to the Muslim world to join the West in the battle to defeat al-Qaida and violent extremism.

"Let me begin with a simple statement: Indonesia is part of me," he said in the language, cheering the audience of more than 6,000 mostly young people at the University of Indonesia.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bush forgives Kanye during book tour

By David Bauder

Associated Press

Kanye West now says he “didn’t have the grounds” to call George W. Bush a racist, and the former president said Wednesday that he appreciates the rapper’s regret.

Bush appeared in a live interview on the “Today” show, part of a book promotion tour, and also said that his conscience was clear when it came to recognizing ahead the financial problems at the end of his administration.

In his book, “Decision Points,” Bush wrote that it was a low point in his presidency when West declared at a fundraiser to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims that “George Bush doesn’t care about black people.” In an interview taped Tuesday with NBC’s Matt Lauer, West said he would tell Bush that he was speaking in a moment of frustration.

“I didn’t have the grounds to call him a racist,” West said. “I believe that in a situation of high emotion like that we as human beings don’t always choose the right words.”

Shown a tape of West’s remarks, Bush said he appreciated them and forgave him.

“I’m not a hater,” he said. “I don’t hate Kanye West. I was talking about an environment in which people were willing to say things that hurt. Nobody wants to be called a racist if in your heart you believe in equality of races.”

The former president said he accepted some blame for the financial meltdown that occurred at the end of his administration, but he criticized Congress for refusing to regulate the government-controlled mortgage buyers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

“My conscience is clear when it came time to recognizing an impending problem,” he said. One of the most difficult things about the crisis was having to explain why the government had to bail out big financial institutions, he said.

Bush said he supported extending tax rate cuts passed during his administration, but joked



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In this June 11, 2009 file photo, Kanye West performs for the Kanye West Foundation at the Chicago Theatre in Chicago.

that “they might have a better chance of being extended if they were called the Lauer tax cuts.”

He refused to be drawn into a discussion about whether he believed an Islamic center should be built near the site of the 2001 terrorist attack in Manhattan.

“I think most Americans welcome freedom of religion and honor religions,” he said. “I truly do. The problem with the arena today is a few loud voices can dominate the discussion and I don’t intend to be one of the voices in the discussion.”

While he’s enjoying his public reemergence to sell his book, the former president said that when it’s done, “I’m heading back underground.”

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ECONOMY

Unemployment aid applications continue to drop, signaling economic rise

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

Fewer people applied for unemployment aid last week, the third drop in four weeks and a sign that more employers are hiring while layoffs are falling.

If the decline continues, it could signal more hiring in the near future. The report comes after the Labor Department said last week that private employers in October added the most jobs in six months.

First-time applications for unemployment benefits fell 24,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 435,000, the Labor Department said Wednesday. Wall Street economists had expected a

smaller decline.

The four-week average of applications, a less volatile gauge, fell 10,000 to 446,500. That's the lowest level for the average since the week that ended Sept. 13, 2008 — just before the financial crisis intensified with the collapse of Lehman Brothers. Still, weekly applications would need to fall below 425,000 to indicate that hiring is picking up significantly, economists say.

Economists were heartened by the figures.

The report is "encouraging" and "in line with the view that the labor market and overall economy are starting to strengthen," said Daniel Silver, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

Still, economists stressed that the decline would need to continue for several more weeks to show that employers are growing steadily more confident about hiring. Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo, said that if the drop in claims endures, net job gains could rise from this year's average of 90,000 a month to 140,000 next year.

Yet even that's barely enough to keep up with population growth. The economy needs to create at least 300,000 net jobs a month to make a major dent in the unemployment rate, now at 9.6 percent.

The weekly jobless claims figures closely track layoffs, which have fallen sharply in the past year.



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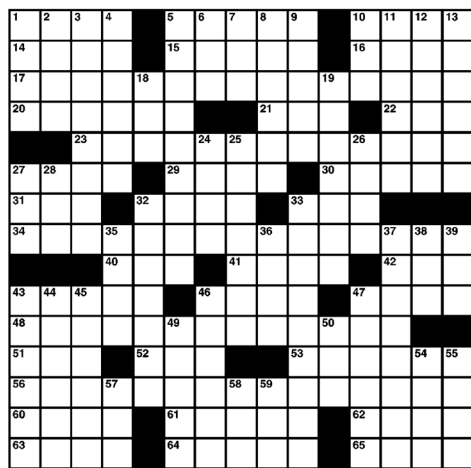
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By Donagliardo

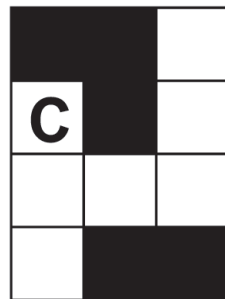
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"Jackass 3D"

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Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.

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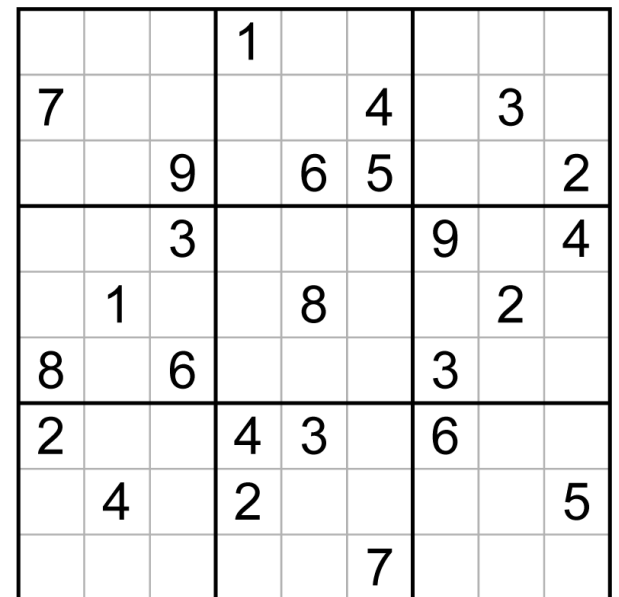


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Wednesday's Solution



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Wednesday's Solution

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BORDER

Peyote dealers face decline in profits after over-harvesting, legal concerns

By Will Weissert

Associated Press

When the state of Texas licensed him as a peyote distributor in 1990, Mauro Morales put a sign in his front yard with his name and phone number: "Peyote Dealer. Buy or Sell Peyote."

His neighbors balked, saying calling so much attention to his trade had to be against the law. "So I called Austin and said, 'I think everything's legal. I've got the paperwork. Can't I put up a sign?'" Morales recalled.

Twenty years later, the sign still stands, but it's harder than ever for Morales to make a living. The hallucinogenic cactus is becoming more difficult to find because many ranchers have stopped allowing peyote harvesters their land, preferring to plow the grayish-green plant under so cattle can graze. Others now lease their property to deer hunters or oil and gas companies.

"So I called Austin and said, 'I think everything's legal. I've got the paperwork. Can't I put up a sign?'"

Mauro Morales

Peyote distributor

The result is over-harvesting of remaining stocks, making peyote even more scarce. "Things are kind of getting slower every year," said Morales, who is one of just three Americans currently licensed to sell peyote, which grows wild in four Texas counties along the border with Mexico.

Peyote is illegal under federal law, except for use in some American Indian religious ceremonies. Since the mid-1970s, the state has licensed a small number of people to sell it to members of the Native American Church.

California voters recently rejected a proposal

to legalize marijuana for recreational use, and a drug war threatens to tear Mexico apart. But Morales says his business is simple and honest.

"I try to stay out of problems," he said. "I've been doing it too long."

Morales, 67, has seven employees who search for peyote plants to harvest their "buttons," small round growths that contain the mind-altering juice mescaline, which produces a dreamlike delirium for up to 12 hours.

Users generally chew on the buttons, smoke them or boil them in water to make a drug-infused tea. The number of buttons it takes to feel psychedelic effects varies greatly by person and the potency of individual plants.

Morales' crews now bring in about 3,000 buttons per day, but even four years ago, it was 10,000. He began harvesting peyote at 14, when American Indian elders taught him to cut the buttons without harming the roots. Back then, each button could be sold to distributors for a nickel, but had to be at least as large as a half dollar.

Now Morales pays his harvesters 15 cents per button, no matter the size. "There are no more half dollar-sizes around," he said.

New peyote plants look a bit like oversized green molar. Even fully grown plants rarely get larger than an orange.

Known as "Peyoteros," the peyote distributors use information provided by families in the area to hunt the cactus down, and they know all roads and trails by heart.

Prime spots are usually hillsides that are a bit rocky and have no sand in the soil. The intense heat means harvesters can often search only until early afternoon and must contend with the occasional rattlesnake.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said peyote distributors sold more than 1.5 million buttons worth approximately \$483,000 last year, up from nearly 1.48 million buttons with a value of \$471,000 in 2008. But that's down sharply from the mid-



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In this photo made Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, peyote dealer Mauro Morales points out growing peyote buttons in Rio Grande City, Texas. Morales has a shed full of peyote behind his house and a sign in his front yard identifying him as a legal distributor of the hallucinogen, in case would-be customers happen past. He is one of three "Peyoteros," Texans licensed to sell peyote that grows wild near the border with Mexico to tens of thousands of Native American Church members across the U.S.

1990s, when distributors sold more than 2.3 million buttons, according to Morales and another licensed peyote dealer, Salvador Johnson.

Mange said the number of licensed distributors in Texas has declined as the job has gotten harder. Experts have noticed the same changes.

"The cactus grows slowly, and the peyoteros are forced to go back too early and harvest regrowth buttons," said Martin Terry, a biology professor at Sul Ross State University in Alpine,

Texas. He co-founded the Cactus Conservation Institute to safeguard several species, including peyote.

Harvesters once routinely uncovered 100- to 150-year-old plants but now usually settle for cacti that are less than five years old, said Johnson, who deals peyote in Mirando City, about 90 miles north of Rio Grande City, otherwise known for its thriving mesquite tree population.

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ANALYSIS

Losses have multiple causes



Judge Howell

Who needs to man up this week? The Dallas Cowboys.

Wade Phillips, the former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, was fired Monday after leading the team to a 1-7 start. Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett has taken over as the interim head coach for the rest of the season.

But will this really fix all of the problems with this team?

Only time will tell. My issue with this switch is that Garrett's coaching style is too similar to Phillips' and a coaching change should bring in a different personality to spark a change in mentality.

So who is to blame for the 1-7 start?

Some say owner Jerry Jones, but look back to last season when he built a team that went deep into the playoffs and sent eight players to the Pro Bowl. This year's team is almost identical except for a few minor changes, the release of offensive lineman Flozell Adams and safety Ken Hamlin. While both of these players were starters on the team, both are past their prime and their backups have been able to hold their own. This team still has one of the most talented rosters in the NFL.

Others blame the downturn of the Cowboys on the injury to star quarterback Tony Romo in week seven against the New York Giants. However, go back to the first five games of the season when Romo before Romo's injury. The Cowboys went 1-4 and lacked any sort of chemistry. Their four losses came by a combined 23 points, about six points per game.

The problem with this team does not lie within the coaching staff, the owner or the injury to Romo. The blame of this horrendous start lies with the players. It will be up to them to try and stop the bleeding after five straight losses.

Since Romo's injury, the team has played even worse and the Cowboys have been outscored by 62 points in their last three games. The blame cannot be put solely on the backup quarterback Jon Kitna, the entire team has been lackluster and the defense has looked lost and confused.

The defense has given up 232 points this season, the second most in the league. The Dallas offense has done a good enough job to win games this season scoring an average of over 20 points per game, but whether it was a late interception by Romo, a huge penalty or a last-second touchdown given up by the defense, the Cowboys just cannot get it done.

The Cowboys have been one of the most undisciplined teams in the NFL this season committing 97 penalties for 777 yards. It is embarrassing watching these penalties kill drives and lose games time and time again.

So my message to the Cowboys: Man up.

Sure you have plenty of talent on your roster, but all of that ability goes to waste if the effort is not there. You have let your fans down so many times this year by committing stupid penalties, giving up big plays or turning the ball over in crucial situations.

It is frustrating to watch opposing teams absolutely dominate on both offense and defense week in and week out. Now is the time to turn the dismal season around and make something out of it. If you don't, this could be one of the most disappointing teams in NFL history. A team with Super Bowl aspirations is now on the brink of having a one-win season.

Your season is already over, but put something together to save your dignity.

Judge Howell is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Plano.

FOOTBALL

Frogs title attempt depends on Auburn



Kylie Osterloh

TCU has the potential to become the first non-automatic qualifying team to play in the national championship in BCS history. Fans are keeping close tabs on No. 1 University of Oregon and No. 2 Auburn University in hopes that one will slip up to allow the Horned Frogs to return to Glendale, but this time for the championship game.

Recently, the legitimacy of Auburn's football team has been under scrutiny due to allegations against quarterback Cam Newton, the current frontrunner in the Heisman Trophy race. On Monday, FOXSports.com reported that Newton was caught cheating on multiple occasions during his time at University of Florida.

This adds to the already suspicious event regarding the stolen laptop found in Newton's Florida dorm room in 2008. All felony charges were subsequently dropped after participating in a diversion program prior to the trial.

The accusations continue to pile up.

The most recent ESPN report claims that a Mississippi State University recruiter spoke with both Newton and his father concerning play-for-pay arrangements during recruitment out of junior college.

Although it's unlikely a suspension will occur, Auburn without Newton would not be the same team that is presently slotted to play for the national title.

A suspended Newton would make it much easier for Alabama to overcome Auburn's offensive attack should they meet in the SEC championship. With a secure hold at No. 3 in the BCS polls, the undefeated Horned Frogs are certain to take over Auburn's No. 2 position if the Tigers lose one of their remaining games.

Vacating wins after the conclusion of this season is another option the NCAA may consider if Newton allegations are found to be true. There is a chance the Auburn-Oregon title game would still be played, but an Auburn win could be vacated. TCU would suffer from this possibility, as they would have had a shot at the title if the investigation concluded

prior to the season's end.

Horned Frog fans are sure to be cheering for a suspension, but a national title berth because of an Auburn loss at the hands of a Newton suspension would be detrimental to TCU.

The TCU program has slowly gained a reputation throughout the years yet is still criticized for wins against "weak" opponents from a non-AQ conference. A propulsion to the BCS National Championship as a result of an NCAA sanction related suspension will not quiet the doubters.

It's just a shame that the one year where the winds are changing in the land of the BCS, the curse of the Franchiones has blown back into Fort Worth.

If the Tigers lose one of their remaining games, the Horned Frogs are certain to take over Auburn's position.

But Newton is tied to TCU by more than just the BCS technicalities.

He played under head coach Brad Franchione at Blinn College in Brenham, Texas prior to his time at Auburn. This name should ring a bell, as Brad's father is Dennis Franchione, Gary Patterson's predecessor and the man that revived TCU football in recent history.

It's interesting to think that Brad Franchione, the man directly responsible for refining Newton during his years at junior college, could deny his father's successor a direct shot at the coveted title game.

Brad Franchione continues to defend Newton's character on the national stage, but it's no secret that both he and his family were exceptionally fond of Newton during the time he spent in Brenham.

Through all of the college football controversies, it seems obvious that the non-AQ schools are finding success in modest ways. TCU has not needed top-ranked recruiting classes to maintain high-caliber seasons. TCU has also avoided allegations of NCAA sanction violations.

It's just a shame that the one year where the winds are changing in the land of the BCS, the curse of the Franchiones has blown back into Fort Worth.

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GOLF

Woods defends title in Australian Masters

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

A news helicopter showed up over Victoria Golf Club early Wednesday morning, about the time Tiger Woods set foot on the course for the first time on the eve of his title defense in the Australian Masters.

The chopper left a short time later and never returned.

There was not much buzz — in the sky or on the ground — compared with his appearance a year ago at Kingston Heath, when some 7,000 fans complained that helicopter rotors kept them from hearing the sound of Woods' iron shots.

The crowd was not even half that size for his pro-am round Wednesday, a reflection of Woods being a regular in these parts. It's his second straight year Down Under after an 11-year absence, and he'll likely be back next year for at least the Presidents Cup.

Some look at this Australian Masters as Woods coming full circle.

It was in Melbourne a year ago that the National Enquirer first linked him to a New York nightclub hostess. And it was here that he last looked like a daunting figure in golf. He won for the 82nd time in his career. He was No. 1 in the world by miles.

Woods doesn't see it that way.

"I think I'm just here to defend the title," he said. "I'm here to play a great golf course and play against a great field. And that's how I'm looking at it."

Does he at least return with mixed emotions?

Woods shook his head.

"I wanted to come back," he said.

"I love it down here. I always have."

He returns with his game in such bad shape that he faces the prospect of going an entire year without winning for the first time in his professional career. His impeccable image is not much better, shredded by revelations of infidelity that led to his divorce.

Woods at least can roll with the punches. At a gala dinner Tuesday night at the Crown Casino, he was on stage with Shane Warne, legendary in Australian cricket as a leg spinner and for his many dalliances.

"I think we've got a little bit in common," Warne said with a smile, pausing for effect. "I love golf, too."

Woods broke into a smile and the audience roared with laughter. Such

a self-deprecating moment is another step for Woods as he tries to move forward, and he hopes his game is not far behind.

The field at Victoria features fewer players in the top 50 than any other tournament Woods has played all year, which doesn't make it any easier. It includes Robert Allenby, Stuart Appleby, Camilo Villegas, Sergio Garcia and Geoff Ogilvy, who grew up at Victoria and knows this course better than any in the world.

"I don't think you can be missing in any part of your game," Ogilvy said. "You can probably not be at your best in every aspect, but you have to do everything pretty well to do well around here, which is why I think it's a really good test."



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Golfer Tiger Woods, right, looks on as his caddy Steve Williams gestures during the Australian Masters Pro-Am event at Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

NFL

Polamalu: Players should help decide fines for hits

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

Steelers safety Troy Polamalu is renewing his call to let NFL players help decide fines for flagrant hits.

And, he's getting some support from a receiver he leveled the last time they met.

Polamalu called for a "more democratic" system during his guest appearance Tuesday night on "The T.Ocho Show," which features Bengals receivers Terrell Owens and Chad Ochocinco on Versus cable. Polamalu decked Owens after a catch during Pittsburgh's 27-21 win in Cincinnati a day earlier.

Polamalu was patched into the show, which is taped on the players' day off. The topic of fines for flagrant hits came up quickly.

"I think 99.9 percent of the players would agree that we need to come up with a better system on how we fine players," Polamalu said. "I think current players should be involved, coaches should be involved as well as front office people, including the commissioner."

"I think a more democratic approach to these fines would be better."

Polamalu first floated his idea last week when teammate James Harrison got his third fine of the season for a questionable hit, pushing his total to \$100,000. Polamalu said the league's recent crackdown

on flagrant hits has resulted in paranoia.

Commissioner Roger Goodell was in Cincinnati before the Monday night game and shot down the suggestion of letting current players decide punishment.

"There are league executives involved and there are former players involved," Goodell said. "I think having active players and active front office executives is something the competition committee has always frowned on."

Goodell emphasized that he's not part of the punishment and appeals process, which was developed with the players' association.

Owens — wearing a shaggy wig that mimicked Polamalu's hair — supported the safety's call for more player involvement.

"I would totally agree," Owens said. "I think this is definitely where players should definitely use our voices in situations like this, and this is only just one of many topics that needs to be addressed."

The three players had a friendly exchange one day after their hard-hitting game. On the Bengals' final, futile drive, Owens caught a pass and was immediately leveled by Polamalu.

"He speaks softly, but he hits hard," Owens said. "And believe me, he tried to de-cleat me last night."

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The Horned Frog football team looks to continue its undefeated season against SDSU.

FOOTBALL

'Sports Illustrated' cover will boost exposure for all sports

By Sean McDermott
Staff Reporter

Having senior quarterback Andy Dalton on the front cover of *Sports Illustrated* will not only help with national exposure for the football team, but across the board for all sports at TCU, the director for athletics media relations said Wednesday.

Director of Athletics Media Relations Mark Cohen said that it's great to see TCU with this level of national exposure and it is a testament to what the football program has done under the leadership of head football coach Gary Patterson.

"It helps further spread the TCU name and increase our visibility," Cohen said.

Dalton is featured on the front cover along with Auburn University's Heisman Trophy hopeful, quarterback Cam Newton and University of Oregon running back LaMichael James. The cover story is about the need for college football to adopt a playoff to decide the national title.

Whether or not having Dalton on the cover will help TCU's chances for a bid into the cham-

pionship game, Cohen said it's just great to have TCU in the discussion to play for the title.

"When all the national media are talking about the Horned Frogs that's a positive," Cohen said.

There was not any confirmation from the school about Dalton being on the front cover before the cover was released, but Cohen said there was a strong inkling after the game on Saturday that it was a possibility.

"*Sports Illustrated* had multiple photographers and a couple of writers at the game in Salt Lake City," Cohen said. "So when they are sending multiple photographers and writers you always know there is a chance you can pop up somewhere like the front cover."

Patterson said in his press conference Tuesday that this is the first time a Horned Frog has been on the front cover of *Sports Illustrated* since former TCU quarterback Sonny Gibbs in 1962.

Cohen said Gibbs will be in attendance at the game Saturday against San Diego State University as one of about 500 former football lettermen being honored at the final game in Amon G. Carter Stadium before renovation begins.



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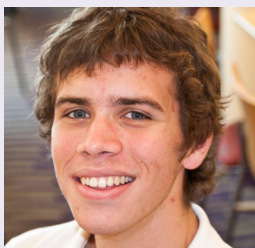
Senior quarterback Andy Dalton celebrates while running off the field after scoring a touchdown against Baylor earlier this season.

The Purple Poll Sports Edition

What do you think about Andy Dalton being on the front cover of *Sports Illustrated*?

What does this do for exposure for TCU?

Do you feel college football should adopt a playoff format instead of the current BCS format?

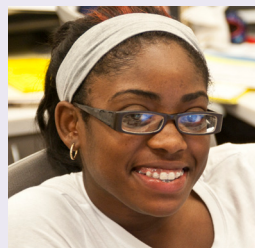


Joey Monroy
Sophomore film-TV-digital media major

"I think it's great. Especially for the image of TCU."

"I think more and more people will realize TCU's football team is an actually legitimate football team, and now everyone will hopefully learn to respect them."

"Yes, so teams like TCU can prove they are better than others."



Jeremeka Jarrell
Senior social work major

"That's exciting."

"It will do a lot. Hopefully we will see a lot of stuff here."

"I think we need some change so I say adopt a playoff."

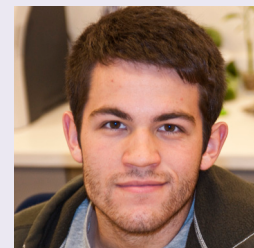


Nathan Navarro
sophomore film-TV-digital media major

"I think it's pretty cool. I don't think we have had anyone of the front cover of *Sports Illustrated* in a very long time."

"I think it's a real good thing, because we need help with exposure, and not a whole lot of people know who we are."

"Yes, I do, but college football needs to find a way to make sure the regular season is still exciting."



Marc Milhollin
Sophomore nutrition major

"I think it's really cool."

"I think it's going to do good things. The last couple of seasons we have had a lot of exposure in a lot of different ways and this is just another way to add to it."

"I think it would great for college football, but I don't know how it would be for the individual players because of the schedule the playoffs would put out."