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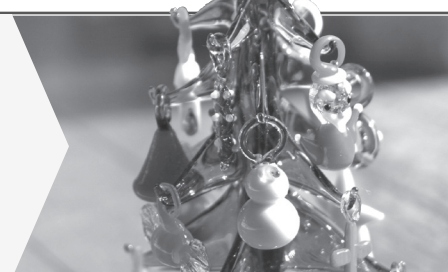
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Two sports editors debate Saturday's TCU vs. Utah game. Friday



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Find out why the TCU Christmas tree is being moved from Sadler Hall to the Campus Commons. Friday



VETERANS DAY

A DAY TO REMEMBER



Senior nursing major Margaret Schruba writes a message to her brother, who is currently training with the Army in South Carolina, at the Brown-Lupton University Union on Wednesday.

Campus pays homage to veterans

By Anna Waugh
Staff Reporter

The university's Veterans Day celebration allowed students to write messages and post pictures to honor veterans and current members of the armed services.

Allie Garner, a junior broadcast journalism major and cadet in Air Force ROTC, said the large wall of honor, located in the first floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union, provided students with a way to remember and support

friends and family that have served or are away serving the country.

"It's just a place where people can come and honor their loved ones and anyone who has served," Garner said, adding that several students were sending photos of their written messages on their mobile phones to their loved ones.

April Brown, assistant director of assessment and retention for the Office of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services and chair of the veterans' committee, said

she wanted to do a celebration for Veterans Day in addition to a lunch, like the office did last year.

The office has two lunches a semester, Brown said.

Her position in that office, as well as her recently being selected to chair the veterans' committee made her want to create a larger tribute to the military.

Recruiters for the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy also attended and gave out informa-

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FORT WORTH

Friday declared university spirit day

By Melanie Cruthirds
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief said he supports the university's football program and encouraged city residents and employers to show their pride this Friday as part of the first-ever "Go Purple Day."

As part of the day of Horned Frog awareness, Moncrief said people should go casual and wear purple to work to recognize the team.

Moncrief said he hoped the day of celebration would help increase the city's and the team's presence on a national scale.

"I think that there's no better way to show support for this coach, for this team and for this university than for our city to dress in the appropriate color," Moncrief said. "(We want) to show the team that's coming to visit that we are here with our game faces on as well as our colors."

With ESPN's College GameDay show coming to the university this weekend, as well as SuperBowl XLV scheduled to take place at Cowboys Stadium in 2011, Moncrief said now was the perfect time to raise Fort Worth's profile.

"Folks who are going to fill up our hotels, our restaurants, our entertainment venues ... will set the stage for next season," Moncrief said. "I think that this is a

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Learning about Democratic gubernatorial candidates is important. Opinion, page 3

CORRECTION

Because of an editorial error, a sentence in Robert Bember's Nov. 11 sports column misrepresented his opinion to be a call for students to not comply with GameDay rules regarding signs. His opinion, in fact, was to urge students to comply with those rules.

PECULIAR FACT

ROME — An Italian inventor has combined faith and ingenuity to come up with a way to keep church traditions alive for the faithful without the fear of contracting swine flu — an electronic holy water dispenser.

—Reuters

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ENTERTAINMENT

GrandMarc without DVD rental kiosk

By Jessica Lawrence
Staff Reporter

Students will no longer be able to pick up newly released movies at any time of the day near campus.

DVDNow rental boxes, the automated DVD rental machines, will be moving farther from campus, said Tobi Sander, the GrandMarc's director of community operations. The DVDNow kiosk in the GrandMarc has been removed, as well as the one in the 7-Eleven on University Drive.

Armaan Holdings, the company that leased the DVD rental box, removed the DVDNow kiosk

from the GrandMarc on Saturday, Sander said. The DVD rental box was put in the GrandMarc at the beginning of this semester.

Armaan Holdings has sold its franchise, Sander said. The new company is based out of Houston and will be moving the rental box to the Houston area, she said.

"It has nothing to do with the GrandMarc or TCU students," Sander said. "The (company) just no longer owns the equipment."

Officials from Armaan Holdings could not be contacted because the phones are disconnected and its Web site has been taken down.

The closest DVD rental box to

campus is now the Redbox DVD rental unit in the Albertsons on South University Drive and another one in the Walgreens on West Berry Street. An employee at the 7-Eleven on University Drive said the store will be getting another DVD rental unit soon.

Vice President of Student Government Association Matt Dietrichson said SGA has tried to get a Redbox movie rental kiosk on campus. Redbox placed TCU on a wait list behind others with larger orders.

Only two residents have sent e-

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GREEKS

Worth Hills to host 'Winter Wonderland'

By Kim Little
Staff Reporter

Students and families in the community will have an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season in another way this December, an Interfraternity Council official said.

IFC President Evan Berlin said the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., the National Multicultural Greek Council, Inc. and Programming Council are working together to create an event called "Winter Wonderland."

The event will be a safe and fun alternative way for children in the local community to see holiday lights, Berlin said.

All the fraternity and sorority houses in Worth Hills will be decorated with holiday lights, Berlin said. There will be a Christmas tree, a train,

a snow pit and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be there, he said.

Panhellenic Council President Lindsay Ray said this is the first year for the event. The event is scheduled for Dec. 3, during Holidays at TCU, Ray said.

"We came up with the idea once we all started our terms as Panhellenic and IFC officers," Ray said. "We are really looking forward to reaching out to the community and creating an event that everyone can come and enjoy."

Berlin said this is also the first event where every Greek organization is working with Programming Council to help out with the event.

"We thought this would be a great event because it's going to be something that we can give back," Berlin said. "We can really involve the entire TCU and local community."

Each house will have different activities set up that everyone can participate in, Berlin said.

Ray said the chapters have free range in choosing what they will do for the event.

"We are really excited for them to get creative," Ray said. "They are all really looking forward to it as well."

Chi Omega President Lizzie Dow said her chapter has not determined exactly what its members are doing yet for the event, but the chapter is planning on having cookies or hot chocolate for the families that come by their house.

Berlin said there will be a five-dollar donation per family to attend the event which will go to the Dallas-based International Student Foundation.

"We want to make this a tradition," Berlin said.

ELECTIONS

Figueroa wins race for chief SGA office

By Katie Love
Staff Reporter

Junior Marlon Figueroa was named Student Government Association president Wednesday along with sophomore Jackie Wheeler as vice president, Chase Bruton as treasurer and Alex Collins as Programming Council chair.

"I was nervous up until the very last minute because all eight of us who ran for elections are great people and very qualified," Figueroa said. "But I am so excited to be president because I put my whole heart into it."

Figueroa said he would like to meet with campus administration to see if the ideas he publicized during his campaign, like campus communica-

Total votes for Student Government Association election

President:
Marlon Figueroa 1,315
Andrew Pulliam 788

Vice President:
Jackie Wheeler 1,388
Kendal Rader 726

Treasurer:
Chase Bruton 1,074
Blake Asjes 956

Programming Chair:
Alex Collins 1,166
Kennedy Stewart 979

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NEWS & SPORTS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



PAIGE MCARDLE / Staff Reporter

Hundreds of pink flags honoring men and women who have struggled with breast cancer flutter on the Sadler Lawn on Wednesday. People who purchase a Frogs for the Cure T-shirt receive a pink flag to plant on the lawn.

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mails expressing that they would like to have another rental option in the GrandMarc, Sander said.

Kristin Laird, a junior fashion merchandising major, said she would miss the convenience of being able to go downstairs from her room and

rent movies. "It was great when it was raining to be able to stay inside and rent a new movie," Laird said.

The GrandMarc is looking for another DVD rental service but it is a long process, Sander said.

GrandMarc has contacted Redbox DVD rental company but it has not responded, Sander said. GrandMarc man-

agement is still looking at what other movie rental options are available, she said.

All movies that were not returned to the DVDNow box by Nov. 6 were automatically purchased by the resident who rented the movie, Sander said. A \$29.99 charge went to their credit account that was used to purchase the movie, she said.

DINING SERVICES W

Sodexo collects cans in bid for world record

Dining Services is collecting canned foods today in a nationwide attempt to set a Guinness World Record for collecting the most non-perishable food in a 24-hour period. Cans can be dropped off at the entrance to Market Square in the Brown-Lupton University Union, said Kelly Raw, marketing manager for Dining Services.

Today is the fifth annual Guinness World Records Day, according to the Guinness World Records Web

site. Guinness World Records encourages people across the world to take part in the day, which celebrates record breaking.

Sodexo, the food service provider to the university, is sponsoring the event called Helping Hands Across America. The day-long collection will take place at various Sodexo institutions, such as universities and hospitals across the country, Raw said.

Dining Services encouraged all residence halls to compete against each other

to see which hall could collect the most cans. All residents in the winning hall will receive a pizza party, Raw said.

Residents are encouraged to write their residence hall name on top of their donated cans.

The collected cans will be on display in Market Square throughout the day and will be sent to the Tarrant County Food Bank tomorrow, Raw said.

— Staff reporter
Paige McArdle

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an instant messaging-style chat feature for students to use during their professor's office hours, and opening certain parking lots to students after 5 p.m. would be feasible to implement in the next year. A dedicated member of Figueroa's campaign staff, Jack Wright, a freshman English major, said he campaigned for Figueroa in and out of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, the Brown-Lupton

University Union and Clark Hall for seven hours Tuesday. Wright said he felt like his hard work had paid off.

Garyn Goldston, sophomore strategic communication major and SGA's election and committee regulation chair, said 30 percent of the campus voted during the SGA election, compared to the 40 percent who voted last year. Goldston said he thought the decrease of student votes happened because of the excitement of this week's home game against Utah and ESPN's

College GameDay coming to campus.

Current student body president Kelsie Johnson, a senior strategic communication major, said she thought that some attention was taken away from SGA elections because of GameDay. However, Johnson said she was proud of the way all the campaigns were run and she was especially proud of those who are about to start a new term.

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tion to students interested in serving the military after college

The Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity provided cards for students to send to current service members.

Lorenzo Samaniego, a senior business information systems major and Lambda Theta Phi member, said several of the fraternity members have family members who have served or are currently serving in the military, and one member of the fraternity is a veteran who served in Iraq. He said it is

"Our armed services are in danger here on our own soil and when they're deployed."

Allie Garner junior broadcast journalism major and Air Force ROTC cadet

important to support veterans every day, but that he and his fraternity wanted to make Veterans Day special by encouraging students to write letters of support and thanks.

Brown said there was an energy from the recent Fort

Hood tragedy that made people want to highlight military members for Veterans Day, adding that many faculty and staff started reserving their places for the lunch after last Thursday.

Garner said Veterans Day is mainly about awareness and support for veterans and that the Fort Hood incident does not make the day more important, but brings more awareness of the risk military members face on a daily basis.

"It's really close to home," Garner said. "Our armed services are in danger here on our own soil and when they're deployed. It doesn't

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"I have never been in a locker room that had a hundred people with tears in their eyes," Patterson said. "You understood that this really means something."

Heading into the weekend, the Frogs have a shot at a BCS bowl game, and a long shot at an opportunity to play in the national championship, according to many college football analysts.

Junior Andy Dalton, quarterback for the Frogs, reminded the media Tuesday

that if this weekend results in a loss, none of that matters.

"It's exciting to be at this point when we get to play them for something that matters," Patterson said. "This is what you try to get to."

Dalton leads the Frogs in passing yards with 1881 yards on 207 attempts for a total of 16 touchdowns.

Senior tailback Joseph Turner leads the Frogs in rushing yards with 560 for nine touchdowns.

Patterson said the Frogs prepared for a physical battle with a lot of energy.

"We understand that ev-

ery ball game we have played against Utah has been very close," Patterson said. "They have never played us here when we had this kind of crowd, so it'll be interesting."

He also commented on the fact that the Frogs will debut their new Nike Pro Combat uniforms this weekend, presenting another interesting twist.

"It doesn't matter about uniforms or crowd size, you've got to go play," Patterson said. "Like I said when I was coming off the field Saturday, it's going to be a showdown in Cowtown. That's where we're at."

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strong statement from our city saying that we care about this great university (and) support this outstanding ball club. This is a big deal for Fort Worth — make no mistake."

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said Moncrief's announcement only reinforced the university's

strong partnership with the city.

"It's just a continued sign of the momentum in our program and the City of Fort Worth's commitment to TCU," Cohen said. "It's fantastic ... for the mayor to recognize the success of the football program. The success we're having is great for Fort Worth ... not just for TCU."

Frog head coach Gary Pat-

terson said at Tuesday's press conference that he aims to make Fort Worth residents and Frog fans proud in Saturday's football game against Utah.

"The thing that's most exciting to me is that we hopefully get a chance to share this with somebody else," Patterson said. "What I want people to do is believe in it, and be part of it and to be able to cherish the experience."

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

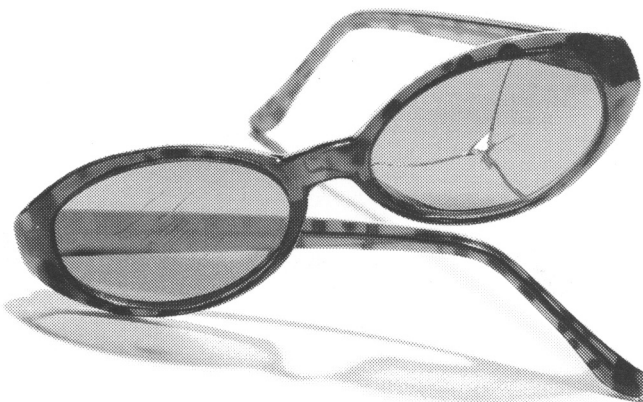


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The Skiff View

Celebrate veterans by honoring values

The university got a little more personal with its observance of Veterans Day this year. Instead of limiting itself to a lunch like it did last year, staff at the Office of Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services set up a wall for members of the campus community to post messages and pictures to remember friends and family who serve or have served in the armed forces.

This initiative adds a special touch to a day that is often overlooked. But perhaps the biggest gesture on behalf of veterans is people's respect for the principles members of the military have committed their lives to protect.

The Fort Hood shooting has brought members of the military to the forefront of many people's minds. In the face of such carnage, people are quick to appeal to a sense of solidarity, patriotism and appreciation — sentiments that are usually strengthened following tragedies such as this.

However, the shooting suspect's faith has once again put the Muslim community in an unfairly precarious position. Imam Moujahed Bakhach, who works part time at a local mosque, said last week that at least two mosques in North Texas had received threats following the news of the shooting. Bakhach said he condemned the shooting as a person, a Muslim and a leader, adding that the rest of the Muslim community should not be judged based on the acts of one man.

Perhaps some people forget that Muslims such as 20-year-old Purple Heart recipient Kareem Rashad Sultan Khan, who was killed in Iraq in 2007, have honorably served their country.

These mindless threats are not only an affront to the Muslim community but an insult to veterans and members of the military, who have sacrificed so much for the values this country holds dear. Intolerance and bigotry are not among them.

Managing editor Julieta Chiquillo for the editorial board.

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

Holidays a chance to unite, not a call for discordance



MATT BOAZ

I hear them silver bells ringing, and the bright snow's glistening shroud can be seen on the distant horizon. That's right, the Christmas holiday nexus has arrived. This, of course, includes all wintry festivities from tacky sweater parties to all additional excuses to drink eggnog, and believe me, they are plenty. But alas, along with this glorious arrival comes the derogatory remarks that by hosting such other secular activities in the name of this religious holiday, we are in fact demeaning its true value. I argue not so.

The United States was founded on many principles, some of which were established firmly in the Constitution and the rest established in the various amendments that followed. But of these, none would compare to the right to celebrate. Americans love to cheer, be prideful and boast of accomplishments. The Fourth of July, V-Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day are all examples of either victorious battles or are based strongly in reverence, respect and honor toward those who helped to maintain these principles in our fair country.

Many of these men and women were English descendants of the great colonial estates. But many were Irish immigrants, once oppressed during the Industrial Revolution and forced to overwork themselves in the mires of factories, many from the age of adolescence until an unfortunate accident or sheer exhaustion resulted in their death. Others could claim slaves as their ancestors, and still others were immigrants from the Eastern world.

Along with these arrivals came customs from foreign lands, often not understood or misinterpreted. However, the composition of the United States became one regarded, according to the famous metaphor, as a "melting pot." When this sloppy analogy was later changed to a "mixed salad," people were even more befuddled. The simple fact remains that there are a lot of different people in this nation, some here originally (the oft-forgotten Native Americans), and everyone

else was an immigrant. Now, with diversity often comes conflict, and so traditions of unity were created. These ranged from small community gatherings to demonstrations against the government or an organization, but the key component to all of these was the unifying capability of each. And thus, we have the importance of holidays.

Certainly, Christmas has a rightful place to be revered for its importance as a Christian holiday, celebrating the birth of Jesus. But, as with most things in the United States, capitalism has reared its head, and commercialism has seen the possibilities for profit. And so we have Halloween (origins anyone?), and Valentine's Day and Thanksgiving and all sorts of holidays whose original purpose, for the gen-

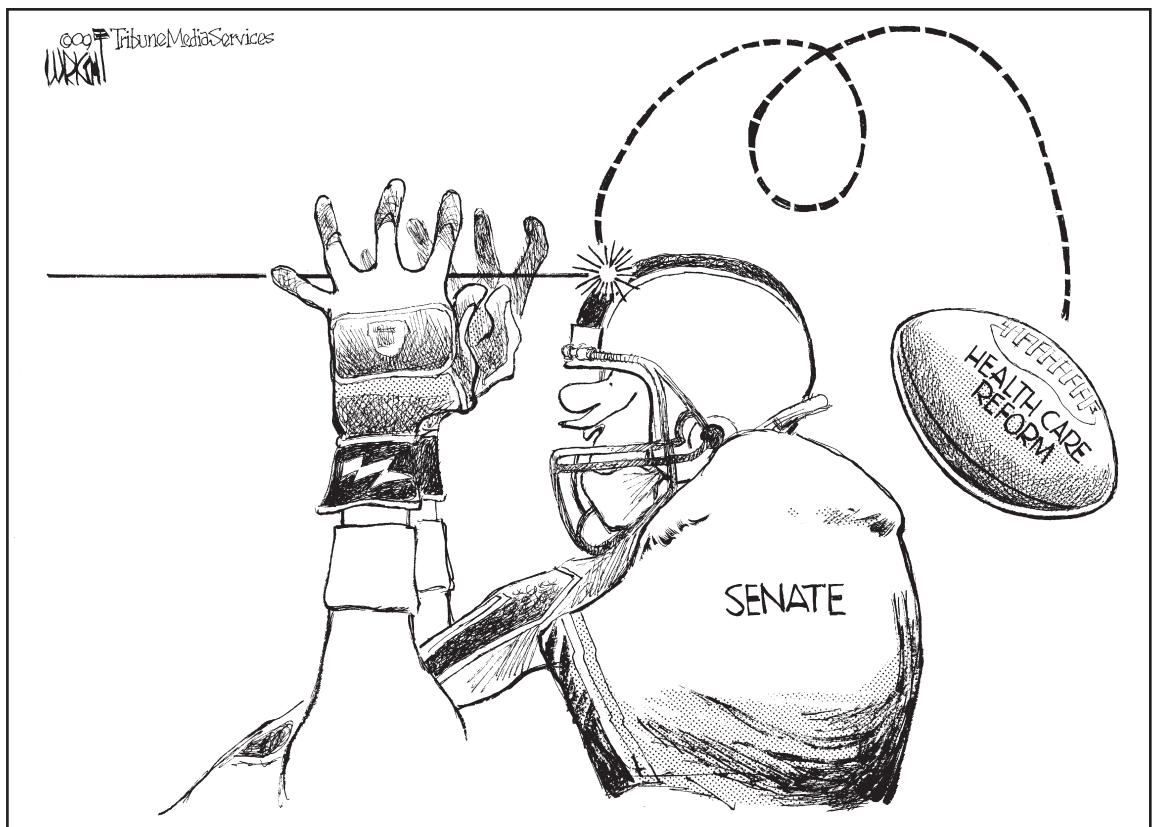
They are traditions. The smell of cedar and the cool autumn breeze knocking the leaves off of trees all compliment this cozy atmosphere. People love the holidays and the seasonal sentiment they embody.

eral populace, may now be misconstrued a little bit.

But that is OK. They are traditions. The smell of cedar and the cool autumn breeze knocking the leaves off of trees all compliment this cozy atmosphere. People love the holidays and the seasonal sentiment they embody.

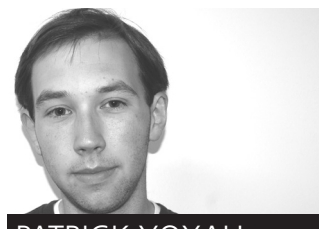
Thanksgiving is a chance to gather, as is Christmas. Halloween is an opportunity to leave inhibitions behind, to relive one's childhood and to eat lots of candy. As for Valentine's Day, opinions are usually mixed, so we'll leave it alone. The point resides in the fact that, yes, Christmas does unfortunately have a market in the current era. But we must examine the positive role it reinforces in society. People become more caring, donations to homeless shelters increase exponentially, families put aside differences and reside together again, if but for a few days. Traditions are greatly loved and appreciated, some for religious purposes and some not, but they are loved by all.

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

2010 election heating up



PATRICK YOXALL

I hope that around this time next year, most of us will be going to the polls to vote in the 2010 midterm elections. One of the most important elections on that ballot will be the Texas governor's race. After nine years of the Rick Perry administration, the governor is running for an unprecedented third consecutive term.

Re-election may not be as easy as it was in 2002 and 2006 for Perry. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has stepped into the race and has succeeded in challenging the governor. Hutchison's trump card could be her appeal to moderates and conservatives who are dissatisfied with Perry's nine-year administration.

But don't count the Democrats out. Four candidates are competing for Democratic nomination. Thomas Schieffer is a former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and Australia and friend of former President George W. Bush. Thomas Schieffer's brother is TCU alumnus Bob Schieffer, host of CBS' "Face the Nation." East Texas rancher and 2006 Democratic nomi-

nee for agriculture commissioner Hank Gilbert has entered the race along with Felix Alvarado, a Dallas teacher, and 2006 independent candidate Kinky Friedman.

Why does this matter? It matters because TCU has an early voice in this election.

According to Gallup polling, Texas is officially "competitive" in 2010 because of changing demographics that favor Democrats. Texas is getting younger, urbanized and more diverse. While Texas did vote for John McCain in the 2008 presidential election, Perry's approval rating in 2009 is somewhere between 41 and 48 percent, according to Public Policy Polling. This election could prove to be a difficult battle for Perry.

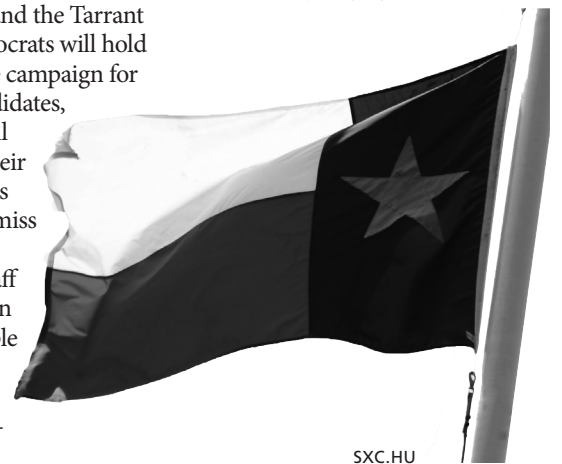
On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the TCU College Democrats and the Tarrant County Young Democrats will hold the first forum of the campaign for the Democratic candidates, where candidates will get to speak about their campaign issues. This is an amazing, can't-miss opportunity for students, faculty and staff to come out and learn more about the people that will be running for governor. A brief on the Young Democrats' Web site says

So come out to the Brown-Lupton University Union ballroom on Nov. 18, and learn more about the Democrats that could be our next governor.

most of the Democratic candidates have already committed, but doesn't list which ones.

So come out to the Brown-Lupton University Union ballroom on Nov. 18, and learn more about the Democrats that could be our next governor.

Patrick Yoxall is a freshman history major from Auburn, Ala.



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Positivity yields sunny benefits



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

"Look on the bright side" and "Every cloud has a silver lining" are common expressions that aren't used frequently enough. Let's face it — we are usually prone to negativity more often than positivity. If it was raining, you couldn't get a parking spot and were 10 minutes late to class, you'll be most likely to remember that rather than the fact that you made an A on a quiz or that someone complimented your new top.

Why is that?

Why are we automatically negative? It really is a process to be more positive but with a bit of brain rewiring, it can be done. Recently, on a trip to the grocery store, my son fell asleep so I had to carry him while maneuvering the cart. The lines were long, and I was hungry and cranky. While I was unloading my bags into the trunk, an older man stopped next to my car. He offered to wait while I put away my groceries and return my cart to the store for me. In an era when more people slam doors than open them, this was a welcomed kindness. I smiled and thanked him, and when I got in my car I realized that it was possible for one good act to overshadow several negative ones.

Did you know that optimists are generally in better health than pessimists?

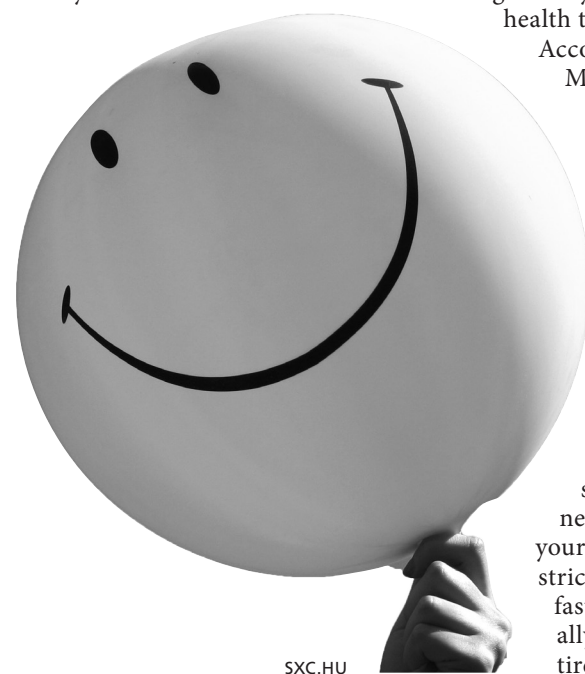
According to WebMD, people with sunny outlooks are more likely to heal faster, live longer and enjoy their lives more. Laughter boosts your heart rate and helps you breathe easier. Being stressed and negative can make your muscles constrict, run you down faster and generally make you feel tired and drained.

Try not to let the little things go unnoticed. And when someone does something nice for you, remember to "pay it forward" to someone else.

It seems like being optimistic would be the easier route, but most people are inclined to be pessimists. Also, people who are positive all the time seem like they are bottling up their emotions, yet people who are cranky a lot never seem to smile or be in a good mood. There has to be a happy (pun intended) medium. We live in a fast-paced world where small kindnesses and thoughtful acts get lost in the maelstrom of daily activity.

Try not to let the little things go unnoticed. And when someone does something nice for you, remember to "pay it forward" to someone else. A little positivity can turn someone's whole day around. So next time you're having a bad day, relish the "good job" comment from your hardest professor, a smile and hug from your best friend or a beautiful sunny November day when Northerners are wearing coats and we are still in flip flops. There are so many little things every day to be grateful for. So when someone asks "How was your day?" remember to go to the good, not the bad.

Christi Aldridge is a senior strategic communication major from Hillsboro.



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FEATURES

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Local barbershop sticks to its roots

By Ryne Sulier
Staff Reporter

Walking up to the front door of Fox's Barber Shop, a half-century fades from the annals of haircutting history. An old-fashioned barber pole is the only thing that indicates the presence of a barber shop, tucked away just across the Sandage Avenue commuter and faculty lot since 1957.

Walk inside Fox's and the only tip-off to customers that they haven't experienced a time warp is the color television — even though the TV is at least a quarter century old.

"We're an old-time barber shop," said Marshall Martinez, the most tenured barber that Fox's employs. "Sports Clips ain't got nothing on us. We do the shaves. Other places don't do shaves or anything like that anymore."

Walk-in customers often times walk out before they get a chance to sit down. Not because of bad customer service or the price of a haircut, but because it's still cash or check only at Fox's. Those same customers usually walk right back in 15 minutes later after withdrawing a \$20 from an ATM. It's \$14 for a regular cut, \$9 for a buzz cut.

The building is about the size of two freshman dorms, and the ceilings are about the height of a dorm room in Colby Hall or Milton-Daniel Hall. Five chairs, brown-leathered originals with metallic levers to raise and lower the same regular customers since 1957, line the middle-right side of the shop. Walk to the last chair, and that's the grand tour of Fox's.

While the small-town feel of Fox's adds to the barbershop experience, it isn't what makes the atmosphere.

"We repeat," Martinez said. "Most people that come in here usually don't end up going anywhere else."

While most women who walk into Fox's are bringing their sons or waiting on their husband, Fox's will do women's cuts starting at \$15, Martinez said.

The first thing they teach in barber college is to never talk about politics or religion, Jeremy Soliz, a barber at Fox's said.

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time," Soliz said with a wide grin. "What gets everybody going are sports. That's man-talk all around. You don't really have to mean what you say, but it's just about getting it stirred up. Customers know it too, so they go along with it."

The air of warmth in Fox's becomes a literal reality to customers when the warm foam is applied to the neck or face for a shave. A regular cut includes a hot lather neck shave.

The lather starts as liquid soap. The lather machine turns it into warm foam that is used to clean up the neck or face with a single-blade razor, Soliz said.

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Marshall Martinez
employee

A beard shave is \$18, but well worth the \$20 when tip is included said Kyle Lucak, a junior political science major.

"Its like a massage for the face," Lucak said. "It's something you can't really describe unless you experience it. I know most guys don't look forward to shaving for free, but it's worth paying for it here."

After a client is situated in the barber chair, which has more experience with customers than the barber himself, Soliz leans the client back and applies a warm towel to the face before lather is applied. At least 20 minutes fly by as he turns a shave into an art form, transforming skin to a smooth feel as the single-blade razor slides through the warm lather. A cold towel is then applied, which is followed by an alcohol-based aftershave balm complete with an old-fashioned sting. "The cold towel and aftershave is quite the alarm clock," Lucak said.

While Martinez brings his complementary massage to the shop for his clients, Soliz, who is 28, brings something else to Fox's — youth and diversity.

"I get all the ethnics," Soliz said. "I came here six years ago, and it was just white (clients), nothing else. Since I've been here I get a lot of Puerto Ricans and blacks because I know how to cut their hair. So now it is diverse. And that's a good thing. I give everybody a hard

time here because I say that I bring hope to (Fox's)."

Before Dallas Kirbie bought Fox's in 1998, the building was burnt orange. She painted it purple, and if a client walks in who isn't a TCU fan, he or she is in trouble, Soliz said as he applied the warm foam to a client's neck with what seemed like pure muscle memory.

"This is original as it gets," Soliz said. "I grew up in a barbershop. We are in a spot where nobody knows where we're at unless you grew up around here. And the ones that grew up around here have been coming since they were kids. Most TCU students don't know we're here. It's a hidden spot."

While many students don't know about Fox's, the football team does.

"We do most of the football players, trainers and the coaches," Martinez said with a certain sense of pride. "(Head football coach) Patterson is 'bout the only coach we don't do."

"He gets all that money man, he probably has his own personal barber," Soliz playfully added.

Walk-ins have died down since the economy has taken a dip, and it takes a long time in the haircutting business to get regulars, Soliz said.

Matt Szurek, a junior finance major, decided to stop by Fox's for a haircut after he noticed it from the Sandage Avenue commuter and faculty lot across the street.

"I wish people living on campus had a chance to notice this place," Szurek said. "I feel like everyone looking for a place to get a haircut when they move onto campus would come here if they knew it was only a couple blocks away. I usually just get the buzz (haircut), so it's cheaper than any other place to get one and I don't even have to drive."

Fifty years of history might reattach to customers the minute they walk out the front door of Fox's after a haircut or shave, but the smile stays, Martinez said.

"We always cuttin' around and jokin' and havin' a good time," he said. "If you come in here and come with a bad attitude then don't even come."



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Top Left: Jeremy Soliz, who has worked at Fox's for 6 years, gives junior political science major Kyle Lucak a smooth shave. **Bottom Left:** Fox's Barbershop, located on Sandage Avenue, is hard to miss with its old-fashioned red and blue pole spinning away out front. **Above:** Dallas Kirbie, owner of Fox's Barbershop since 1998, sits in one of the five leather chairs that make up the shop, showing off her TCU purple smock.

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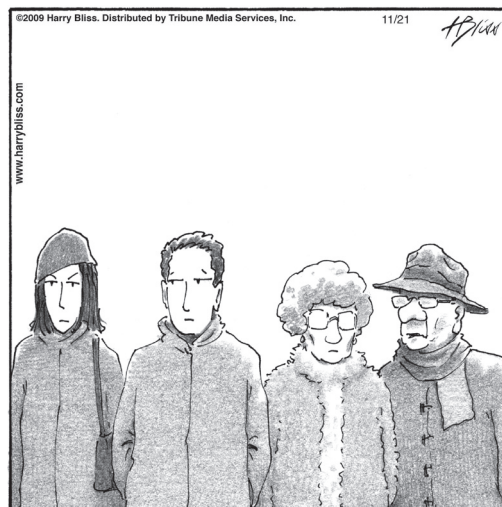
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by Harry Bliss



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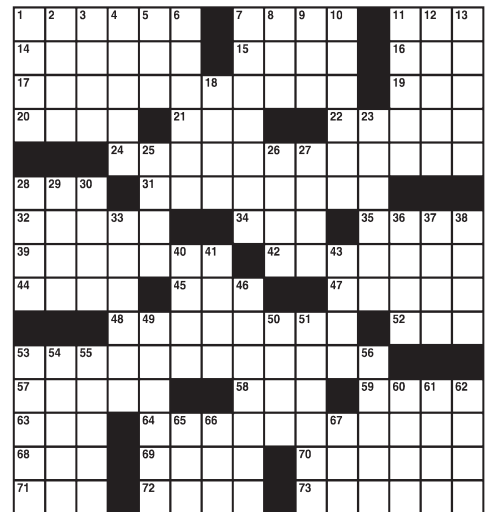


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By Kelsey Blakley 11/12/09

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FOOTBALL

FORWARD THINKING



TCU tailback Joseph Turner rushes deep into SDSU territory for a 21-yard play in San Diego last Saturday. CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

Frogs try and reverse past

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Staff Reporter

No. 4 TCU looks to advance their season record to 10-0 this weekend against a team that has historically had their number.

The Frogs will face off against the No. 14 University of Utah Utes on Saturday in Amon G. Carter Stadium in front of a sellout crowd and will be ESPN's College GameDay's game of the week.

"Every year when we play Utah, it has been a close, physical game with two very athletic teams," said Frog head coach Gary Patterson.

The Utes handed the Frogs their most recent loss in Salt

Lake City last season with a final score of 13-10. They also handed TCU their last home loss in 2007.

Since their first year in the Mountain West Conference, 2005, the Frogs have not been able to defeat the Utes, giving Utah a series lead of 5-1.

On defense, Patterson said that the Utes are comparable to Clemson University, who the Frogs defeated earlier this season 14-10.

"They are both big, physical, very fast and aggressive. They will come at you," Patterson said. "They are not going to give you anything. You have to go take it."

Senior Utah linebacker Mike Wright leads the Utes in

tackles with 54 in 2009.

As the defending MWC champions, the Utes are 5-0 in conference play and 8-1 overall. Utah's lone loss came early in the season from a non-conference opponent, the University of Oregon.

The Horned Frogs head into Saturday's game with their highest ranking since 1956 at No. 4 in the nation, according to the AP poll.

Last year, TCU was ranked No. 12 in the BCS standings going into the Utah game against the then-No. 8 Utes.

After losing the game, Patterson said the locker room was full of emotion.

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ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

New AD getting feel for campus



Q&A

CHRIS DEL CONTE

By Sara Humphrey
Staff Reporter

In October, Christopher Del Conte was hired to replace Danny Morrison as the university's athletics director. Del Conte had served as the director of intercollegiate athletics for Rice University since 2006. Del Conte recently sat down with the Skiff to discuss his plans for the university's athletic program.

Q: What are your long term goals for the athletic department?

A: For the next couple months, I am just going to look, listen and learn. I am going to spend time with the staff and get to know them, get to know the student athletes, get to know the coaches. Get a little swab analysis from them (and ask), "What do you think our strengths are, our weaknesses, threats, where do you see our opportunities?" Then from there, that will give me a sense of any common traits within the department. Ultimately, an athletic director's job is solely to serve student athletes and coaches and their quest for championships. The idea is hopefully they will never know I am here. My only role is to be the wind beneath their wings. So I will assess where we are at. I always tell someone, "If we expect to be a first-class program, because that is our expectation, then we better have first-class facilities." You are attracting students that are going to help us win a championship. And it goes back to academics. If we expect to have the finest chemis-

try department in the country, we can't use Bunsen burners from 1950.

Q: Are there any plans for stadium renovations?

A: Like I said for the next couple months, we just need to trust each other, know what I'm all about. Think back to when Frank Windegger was here, to Eric (Hyman) to Danny (Morrison) to now, we are just building a cake and I'm another layer on it making sure that we continue our foundation in the right direction.

Q: What value do you believe you are going to add to our institution?

A: Right now it is too early to tell. I think what Rice taught me, in my three years there, we had to raise a significant amount of money for facilities. Why do we need to invest in buildings? ... Academics is big business. We are trying to compete with the brightest and trying to get the brightest students to choose TCU as an op-

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Chris Del Conte
athletics director

tion. You have to invest in your infrastructure. I think that is what I will bring to the table: investing in our infrastructure.

Q: What are your fundraising goals?

A: I think I have the best job in the world. You get to sell coaches and student athletes. You get to sell TCU ... It is a very easy job. Like I said before, my biggest task here is just to get to know everybody, put our plan in place. Then go out and hit the streets as much as we can, as quickly as we can, to get ourselves in the right direction. You know this weekend we are sold out, standing

room only.

Q: What are your thoughts on the BCS?

A: We control our own destiny. You take care of your own game, every game, and you will have a chance to compete in the BCS game.

Q: Do you think the Mountain West Conference needs to be an automatic qualifier in the BCS?

A: Absolutely, we should be an automatic qualifier just because (of) the quality of our teams. But again, we can't worry about that right now. If TCU wins every single game it has remaining on its schedule, we have a possibility for great things to come. We have to win our conference and that puts us in a position to do great things.

Q: Besides football, what goals do you have for other sports?

A: I think at a place like TCU if we aspire to be great, if you look at us, the University of Southern California, Stanford (University), Northwestern (University), Duke (University), Wake Forest (University), these are private schools that dare to be great, both academically and athletically. My goal is that all of our teams have the opportunity to compete for conference championships and NCAA championships. We have a great city, unbelievable student body and our facilities are going to get better. Look at the things we have to sell. If you're a student, why would you not come to TCU? We have eliminated every excuse. So now you look at it and say, "Why not?" My goals are to support our coaches in their endeavors to win championships. If you walked around and talked to every one of these coaches, they are very hungry. They want to win ... Their fire and passion to win is what fuels me.

Q: Did you have any personal ties to TCU before you came here?

A: No. I had a tie in that a good friend of mine, David Bailiff, who we hired at Rice as a football coach, used to coach here. I knew many people that were at TCU, but I had no personal ties.

T-BALL

Hype reaches more than campus



TRAVIS L. BROWN

This week has seen a whirlwind of zero productivity, anticipation and excitement tied up in a nice little bow of yet more preoccupation in anything other than school or office work. The only problem Frog fans face this week is which one of the many headlines to follow first? So as you sit in class or in a cubicle, taking in as

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much Frog news as possible on your computer while tuning out everything going on outside your purple blinders, allow me to untangle the web of jubilant mayhem that surrounds Fort Worth before the showdown in Cowtown.

Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief issued an official decree declaring Friday as "Go Purple Day" in Fort Worth that will have the city looking like the brand

new purple uniform tops Nike supplied the Frogs with for Saturday's game. While students and alumni have varying opinions on the lack of purple in the helmet along with the red stripes to indicate a horned lizard's ability to shoot blood out of its eyes when attacked, Frog head coach Gary Patterson said his players were happy and when a coach knows his kids are happy, he's happy. And Patterson was happy cracking jokes Tuesday, saying these uniforms are about as much fun as he can have during a football game. So Frog fans, make sure you pace your purple apparel so it will last until Friday, and look for a possible smile on the Frog general's face as he checks out the new cleats while he bends over to tie his own shoe for the fourteenth time.

Arguably more exciting than the game itself is the chance to display the TCU campus to the nation on College GameDay. The show is set to air at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, but if you think the party starts then, you will be sorely mistaken. Most of the student body plans to camp out in the Campus Commons right beside GameDay set through the entire night Friday. But with movies playing in the Commons starting late Friday night and food available for 24 hours, not many students will be counting horned frogs in their dreams. Country singer Pat Green brought excitement

and thousands of students to the Commons last year, but nothing can compare to the buzz GameDay has brought to campus. Expect masses in the thousands if you try to venture your way to Friday's fiesta by Frog Fountain.

But wait, yes, last time I checked, there is still a game to play Saturday, and Horned Frogs fans are coming out from all over America to pack Amon Carter Stadium to see the No. 4-ranked Frogs. TCU has not sold out a game since 2006 and has not had a crowd like the one expected Saturday since the Frogs played Texas in 1984. The Frogs have proven they can play at a high level while surrounded by large, rowdy crowds at BYU and Clemson, but a sea of purple at home is a new experience. TCU tradition will finally have a chance to thrive for the first time in many, many years. The only question that remains is will the hype and excitement last after Saturday?

It is a great time to be a Frog wrapped up in a fairy tale year that could not have been scripted any better by Walt Disney. Patterson said his Cinderella-story Frogs are looking to go to the ball this winter, and Saturday could be the day these Frogs become royalty among college football.

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