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Staff Assembly collects coats for students at a Fort Worth middle school.

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Workers tear apart University Drive in order to put in several new brick pedestrian pathways. The pathways have been remodeled at the streetlight and several other places along the road.
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TOP GRAD 2

Film-TV-Digital Media department puts on reality TV show for spring semester.



IN TUNE 6

Drum major ends her musical career at TCU with senior concert.



REPAIR

Campus power out for twelve hours Wednesday

Staff Report

The university has scheduled a power outage from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, according to an e-mail sent by the Office of Housing & Residence Life.

According to the e-mail, the outage will affect most of the west side of campus, including residence halls, but will not affect Worth Hills.

The outage was scheduled to repair and assess damage caused by an unexpected power outage Nov. 4.

Card swipe access to residence halls will be disabled during the outage, but students can ask the resident assistant on duty to open the door for them if they leave the building, according to the e-mail.

The outage is scheduled to begin after classes recess for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Brown-Lupton University Union and the University Recreation Center will remain open as scheduled.

CHARITY

Staff Assembly begins coat donation

By Rebecca Jeffrey and Katey Muldrow
Staff Reporters

As temperatures drop, the Staff Assembly Community Service Committee has asked students, faculty and staff to donate winter coats of all sizes for middle school students.

Coats can be dropped off at various locations on campus and will benefit students at Kirkpatrick Middle School in Fort Worth Independent School District. The drive will continue through the winter, but committee members said they hoped to receive the majority of the coats before Nov. 30. New and used coats will be accepted.

Chair of the Community Service Committee, Richard Oliver, said members of the university's Staff Assembly brought about 465 coats to the school

last week and will bring about 100 more next week.

Drop-off locations include Mary Coats Burnett Library, Scharbauer Hall, the ID Card Center, the Housing & Residence Life office and the journalism office in Moudy Building South.

Oliver said he heard about the need at Kirkpatrick from his son, Jason Oliver, a TCU alumnus and former principal at Kirkpatrick.

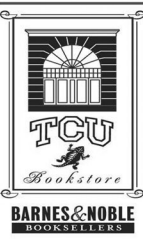
According to its website, Staff Assembly consists of university staff members from all departments on campus and meets once monthly to discuss issues affecting staff. Oliver said the Community Service Committee's main objective was helping people.

The next Staff Assembly event will be a toy drive Dec. 1 through Dec. 15 for students at Como Montessori School and surrounding areas, Oliver

said. Boxes being used for coat donations will be used for toy donations in December.

Drop-off locations

- Library main entrance
- Scharbauer Hall, Suite 3200
- ID Card Center, Brown-Lupton University Union second floor
- Housing & Residence Life Office, Samuelson Hall basement
- Moudy South 227, journalism office




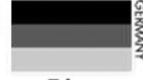
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The Skiff View

Support for top teams shouldn't stop at football

Horned Frog fans have been criticized in the past for a lack of enthusiasm at our football games, but Amon G. Carter Stadium isn't the only sports complex on campus that sits less-than-full on game days.

Star-Telegram sports columnist Randy Galloway called us out before football season started this year and blatantly asserted that we don't have "big-time fan support." That sentiment often applies to other games, matches and meets that the Horned Frogs participate in.

The university has several other highly-ranked sports teams that largely go unnoticed in terms of fan turnout. Our women's golf team is ranked higher than any other Mountain West Conference team, and our men's golf and swimming & diving teams both rank second in conference standings.

Daniel Meyer Coliseum was practically empty during the women's basketball double overtime win against SMU Wednesday night. The team is ranked No. 1 in the MWC and has been consistently ranked in the Top 25 nationally this season. That's some serious street cred. So, why can't we get our butts in the seats and cheer them on? The team's coaching staff and players are hoping to make a splash in the postseason this year, and there is plenty of evidence in support of their potential.

Although football is a major draw for students and fans alike, we should remember to give other teams credit where credit is due.

Managing editor Melanie Cruthirds for the editorial board.

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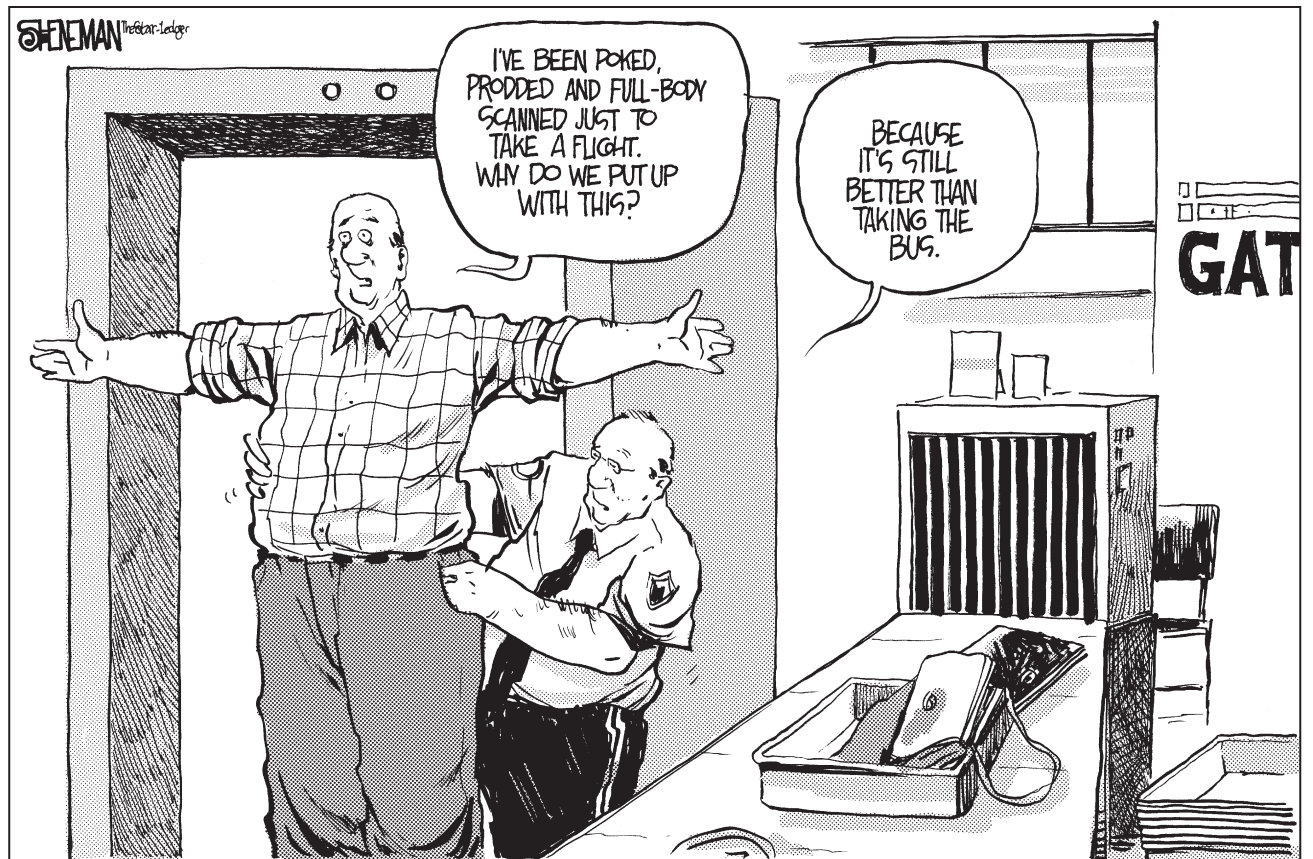
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Study abroad restrictions to Cuba need lifting



Jack Enright

On Monday, a *Daily Skiff* article reported that the university may consider signing a petition asking President Barack Obama to lift restrictions against study abroad programs to Cuba, provided the TCU Jazz Band's six-day trip to the island next month goes smoothly. The band will be one of the first college groups in decades to visit the communist country since the U.S. government heavily restricts travel to Cuba.

Imposed in 1960, a trade embargo restricting trade and travel between the two countries has remained in place to this day with only a few lapses in an otherwise strict barrier between the U.S. and Cuba. Under the 1996 Helms-Burton Act, the embargo will only be lifted when Cuba undergoes a democratic transition.

While our government's justification may seem sound, one cannot expect

Cuba to be blind to the double standards of our foreign policy. Americans can travel to Vietnam and North Korea today despite their communist governments, so there's no reason Cuba should be singled out. In fact, the international community took a stand against the barriers earlier this year by overwhelmingly opposing the embargo in the U.N. General Assembly by a vote 187-2 with three abstentions. It is the 19th straight year the U.N. has opposed the embargo because it has contributed to poverty in Cuba, and it's time our government got the message.

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Our government imposed the embargo in response to Cuba nationalizing all U.S. businesses in its country without compensation.

One way to bring about change is to allow study abroad programs in Cuba. Academic travel restrictions were put

on Cuba in 2004 and since then, 28 universities (not including TCU) have signed a petition to lift the ban and allow study abroad programs to Cuba to resume. The youth of the academic travel ban relative to the rest of the embargo, coupled with the strong momentum against it, should make for a good first step in gradually eliminating the ban and allowing students to explore Cuba and its unique culture once again.

Despite easing the restrictions on Cuban travel last year, Obama extended the embargo on Cuba for another year. The embargo, dubbed the Trading With The Enemy Act, is the first clue why it doesn't work. Cuba cannot be expected to negotiate with the U.S. when it is labeled an enemy yet is expected to engage in unilateral reforms before anything is done by the U.S.

The U.S. allowing study abroad programs to Cuba to resume could be the catalyst that inspires greater mutual understanding and respect for Cuba's people and culture and eventually lead to a full lifting of the trade barriers that have been in place for too long.

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PERSPECTIVES

Smart phone use creating a potential social discomfort



Danny Peters

These days, I sometimes feel like my mind is being pulled in a million directions by a million separate threads — most likely due to my smart phone. With iPhones and other devices rather pervasive throughout the market, people's minds are being pulled in more and more directions by the multitude of things these phones can do.

The reason smart phones are the most probable cause of our ever-stretched minds is that these phones can do so much. It is more of an argument to question what these phones cannot do, versus the abundance of things they can do.

Through Facebook or any other

social media platform, I can check up on any friend I want. I can even see where a number of my friends are via the stalker-friendly Facebook Places application. I can also check my e-mail any time I want, whether it's 2 a.m. or in the middle of a tough astronomy exam. This constant checking up on everything and anything tends to make us lose focus of the task at hand and furthers our disconnect from society.

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I wonder if Steve Jobs knew, when he unveiled the iPhone, what extreme ramifications it would have on social life. Whether you like it or not, the iPhone has pretty much

changed the face of social communication in the world. These days people now seem to have more online friends than they do in real life — a worrisome thought. We all know that we have some Facebook friends with whom having a real life conversation with would be quite awkward and perhaps just plain weird.

Social networking, through the iPhone and Facebook, has created social disconnect by distancing people from society and making them more and more awkward in real life. This is a scary proposition; people are becoming increasingly withdrawn from society. This threatens to destroy the social threads that hold our fragile society together.

The iPhone is great for a lot of things, but try to use it in moderation for the sake of your non-online personality and your stretched brain.

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MUSIC

Drum major expresses her passion for music education

By Katie Vance

News Now

The band marches out on the field at halftime as fans wait in anticipation. Hannah Harvey takes her place atop the drum major's podium and looks to the center drum major for her cue. Her hands begin floating through the air in identical formation with the other two drum majors. The modest chimes that begin in the percussion section gradually flourish as other sections of the 200-member band join in.

Staying in sync visually is the key to keeping the band in time, Harvey said. With a band as large as the Horned Frog Marching Band, it's easy for a section to lose tempo.

"A lot of people think that all eyes are on the drum major during a performance, but that's not really true," she said. "I know that probably 60 percent of the band isn't looking at me at all, but when they get in trouble, we're there."

Harvey said performing during halftime has been much better this year because more people have been coming to games and staying for the entire game.

"More and more people have been staying for the halftime show, which is really nice," she said.

Music has always been a part of Harvey's life.

"My earliest memory is when I was sitting at one of those dinosaur pianos," she said. "My older cousin would play a melody and then move aside, and I could just play it back to him. My parents were just floored that I could just hear it once and play it back."

She began playing flute in sixth grade and performed and conducted in her high school marching band.

Harvey taught herself to play French horn after high school so she could march horn in TCU's band. She also plays saxophone and oboe.

Now in her senior year, Harvey has the role of drum major. But it's not just being front and center that she's proud of, it's the behind the scenes work, preparing the band for every aspect of performance including song selection, rehearsal and even printing music sheets.

Harvey auditioned for drum major twice before being named to the position. Brian Youngblood, director of the marching band, said it's her tenacious attitude and personal drive that makes Harvey such a strong leader among her fellow band members.

"She's a great team member, and any individual that can lead by example like she does is a great leader," he said. "Where she shines is that she is willing to do any aspect

of leadership."

Youngblood also said he thought many of the younger members of the band saw Harvey as a role model and that any student could learn a lot from her dedication.

Harvey said she planned to teach music and band after graduation. This semester, Harvey teaches music at Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center through one of her education classes.

"Teaching is so much my passion," Harvey said. "I just get such a rush from seeing [students] react from the lesson we're teaching and get excited about music."

One thing Harvey said she hopes to teach her future students is to appreciate the emotional aspect of music. Harvey said music has always been a way to express herself emotionally.

"When I play flute, I'm like feeling the music," Harvey said. "What I'm playing, what's coming out of my horn right now is a part of me communicating with someone else."

Harvey will perform flute in her senior recital Sunday.



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Hannah Harvey, senior music education major, plays the flute during practice on Thursday night. Harvey is one of the drum majors for TCU's Marching Band.

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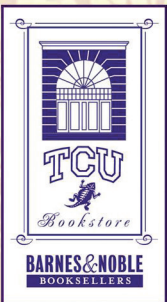
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WEEKEND RECAP

SWIMMING & DIVING AT WYOMING

The men's and women's swimming & diving teams will compete against Wyoming today. The program will earn its 400th win in its history with one more victory. It would also be head coach Richard Sybesma's 400th career win, as he has been they only coach of the TCU swimming & diving team. The women's team is 2-1 for the season, and the men's team is 1-0.

WHEN: 6 p.m. today
WHERE: Laramie, Wyo.

VOLLEYBALL at UTAH

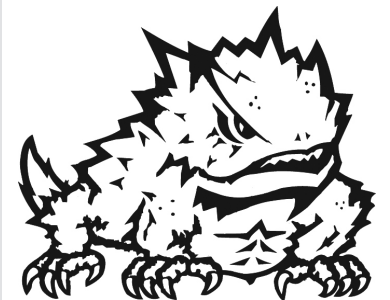
The volleyball team will play Utah Saturday after falling to Colorado State 3-0 last Saturday and after playing BYU last night. Irene Hester led the offense with 11 kills against the Rams. The loss against the Rams brought the Frogs's record to 13-14 in season play and 4-9 in conference matches. The match against BYU was not over before press time.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Salt Lake City

RIFLE at ALASKA

The undefeated TCU rifle team will compete against the Bulldogs this weekend in South Carolina. The team defeated Nebraska Nov. 7 with sophomore Sarah Beard setting a new school smallbore record. The rifle team is 5-0 this season and hasn't lost in its last 14 matches.

WHEN: All day Sunday
WHERE: Fairbanks, Alaska



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STUDENT MEDIA

Student Publications selects spring leaders

By Sara Neal

Staff Reporter

Next semester, TCU News Now and the *Daily Skiff* and *Skiff* Advertising will welcome back two former student media leaders and one new one.

Senior news-editorial and history double major Libby Davis said she is glad to return as editor-in-chief of the TCU Daily Skiff.

"I feel a lot more comfortable with it, especially the second time around," Davis said.

Davis has worked for the publication since her freshman year with stints as a photographer, opinion columnist, staff reporter, opinion editor, news editor and editor-in-chief.

She said she was not surprised to have been chosen again and thinks her experience will help her to better foresee any potential problems.

"Instead of taking a month to find a problem, I now know, going into it, exactly what to do differently and what to fix," Davis said.

Also returning as a student media leader is senior advertising and public relations major Courtney Kimbrough. Kimbrough said next spring will be her third semester as advertising director and that she was excited to continue her work.



Davis



Jay



Kimbrough

"I can't really ask for a better part-time student job to have to put on my resume, and get really great experience working in the real world with real clients."

Courtney Kimbrough
Advertising Director

"I can't really ask for a better part-time student job to have to put on my résumé and get really great experience working in the real world with real clients," she said.

But Kimbrough said there were a few things she hopes to change next semester, including increasing competition within the advertising staff to motivate them and to help them enjoy their work.

Senior broadcast journalism and political science double major Courtney Jay

will be a student media leader for the first time as news director of TCU News Now.

Jay said she has served as an editor for the *Daily Skiff* and as a reporter for both the paper and TCU News Now. She is spending this semester working as an intern for CBS as part of the Schieffer School of Journalism's Washington Internship Program and said she is excited to take on a leadership position.

"I've definitely been ready to have a position with News Now for a while," she said.

As director, Jay said she hoped to facilitate the *Daily Skiff* and News Now working closer together and thinks that her experience with both publications could help her do so.

"I think there is a lot of potential for sharing of material," Jay said. "Even if two reporters kind of came together to just make one big, great project, I think that is something that we could do."

LEGAL

Doctor: Octomom agreed to 12 embryos

By Shaya Tayefe Mohajer

Associated Press

The fertility doctor for "Octomom" Nadya Suleman said Thursday she agreed to be implanted with 12 embryos as part of a study on fertility methods, disputing a prosecutor's assertion that Suleman was an unwitting participant.

Dr. Michael Kamrava, who retook the witness stand ahead of closing arguments in his state medical board hearing, said Suleman volunteered for the procedure and signed a consent form listing risks.

However, Deputy Attorney General Judith Alvarado repeatedly asserted through questioning that Suleman could not have known that she was a test subject.

Asked how Suleman knew about the study, Kamrava said, "She heard about it, we discussed it with her and she volunteered."

Alvarado asked: "Where did she sign to say I'm a volunteer to be tested as a human guinea pig?"

Kamrava said Suleman signed the consent form, but no document identified in the hearing indicated she had specific knowledge of the study.

Food and Drug Administration investigator Donna Tartaglino Besone testified earlier that Kamrava used Suleman as part of the experiment.

The FDA inspector met with Kamrava at his Beverly Hills clinic earlier this year, conducting an announced five-day inspection of his equipment and documentation.

Inspectors were seeking information on a method Kamrava created and uses in which a catheter inserting embryos into the uterine lining is guided by a tiny camera.

Kamrava testified the procedure allows him to avoid scratching the uterine walls with the catheter and to find an ideal area of the lining to implant the embryos.

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Attorney for 'Barefoot Bandit' working on movie-deal plea arrangement

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

The attorney for the teenager accused of being the "Barefoot Bandit" is working with prosecutors to negotiate a plea deal that he says could involve using movie- or book-deal profits to compensate the victims of an alleged two-year, cross-country crime spree. Colton Harris-Moore, 19, pleaded not guilty Thursday to federal charges that include interstate transportation of stolen aircraft and being a fugitive in possession of a firearm. He earned his moniker by allegedly committing

some of the crimes barefoot, and the antics have earned him a popular following on the Internet.

"He's very reluctant to make a dime off this, he really is," said his lawyer, John Henry Browne.

But Browne said that when he told his client that money from movie or book deals could be used to repay his victims — and incidentally win him a more favorable plea deal, with less time behind bars — "that changed his mind a little bit."

Harris-Moore is accused of leading authorities on a cat-and-mouse game in pilfered cars, boats and small

planes after allegedly escaping a half-way house south of Seattle in 2008. This year he made a daring cross-country dash that ended four months ago when he stole a plane in Indiana, crash-landed it in the Bahamas and was captured by Bahamian police at gunpoint in a stolen boat.

Harris-Moore, who was indicted by a grand jury last week, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler on Thursday wearing prison khakis over an orange shirt. He stated his name and year of birth, and frequently looked down during the brief hearing.



This July 2009 file self-portrait provided by the Island County Sheriff's Office shows Colton Harris-Moore, the so-called "Barefoot Bandit."

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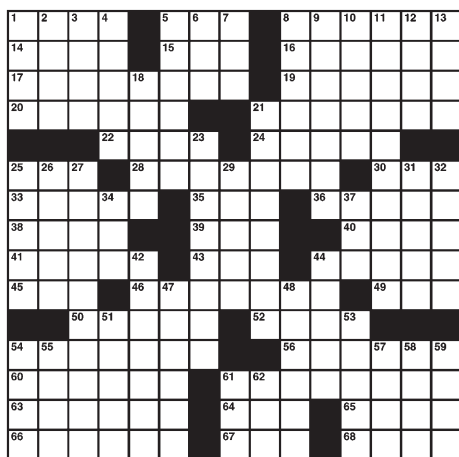
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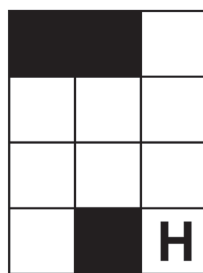
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 - Like a maelstrom
 - Cash in Nashville
 - Rolls to the gate
 - Colorful cats
 - Pitts of early cinema
 - Retired New York senator Al D'___
 - Hi-___
 - In spades
 - It's usually four
 - Former 56-Across team
 - Cuisine that includes phanaeng
 - "Entourage" agent Gold
 - English walled city
 - Guard dog command
 - "___ be a pleasure!"
 - O3
 - Unlock'd
 - Place for flock members
 - "I ___ your long lost pal": Paul Simon lyric
 - Salon sound
 - Given, as custody
 - Baseball div.
 - Mel Gibson persona
 - Like five answers in this puzzle, literally and figuratively
 - Ring of color
 - "Popeye" surname
 - Shell's shell, e.g.
 - Aquarium denizens
 - "Bottle Rocket" director
 - Anderson
 - Colony workers



By Daniel A. Finan 11/19/10

- DOWN**
- Showed relief, in a way
 - Deported?
 - Vintage R&B record label
 - Madison Ave. symbolizes it
 - Court star with the autobiography "Open"
 - Sundial number
 - One learning about the birds and the bees?
 - Kind of party
 - Get away from the others
 - In the slightest
 - "Yes ___?"
 - Stallone and Stone
 - Set
 - Stand offerings
 - Odd, as a sock
 - 1980 DeLuise film
 - "Can you dig it?" response
 - "Wayne's World" cohort
 - Shouldered
 - Out of line
 - Golfer's concern
 - Affair: 1798-1800 France/USA dispute
 - Hindu meditation aid
 - "Swan Lake" maiden
 - Wild goats with recurved horns
 - Makes void
 - Gladiator's defense
 - Window-making giant
 - Word in a basic Latin conjugation
 - Tupper ending
 - Many millennia
 - Certain NCO
 - General ___ chicken
 - Tipping target, so it's said
 - Drano component



"The Other Guys"

How to play:

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.

Thursday's Solution



"The Other Guys"

Sample



"Freeze"

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Directions

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

See Tuesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Thursday's Solution

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Patterson begins media tour



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

TCU football head coach Gary Patterson watches the game from the sideline during Saturday's game against SDSU.

By Madison Pelletier
Sports Editor

TCU head football coach Gary Patterson traveled to Bristol, Conn. today for on-set appearances at several ESPN shows, according to a press release from media relations director Mark Cohen.

Patterson will be making the trip during the Frogs' first bye week. Patterson

said the bye week was well-deserved after going 11-0 in 11 straight weeks.

The shows he will appear on include "SportsCenter," "Mike and Mike in the Morning" and "College Football Live."

Patterson will also appear on "College GameDay" Saturday in Chicago for the Northwestern vs. Illinois football game. Patterson is set to appear on GameDay at 9:20 a.m.

Patterson's Schedule

Friday:

- 8:15 a.m.- "Mike and Mike" (ESPN2 and ESPN Radio)
- 10:20 a.m.- "First Take" (ESPN2)
- 10:45 a.m.- "The Herd" (ESPNU and ESPN Radio)
- 2:10 p.m.- "SportsCenter" (ESPNNews)
- 2:30 p.m.- "College Football Live" (ESPN)
- 3:30 p.m.- ESPN.com live chat

Saturday:

- 9:20 a.m.- "ESPN College GameDay"

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team prepares for tough UTSA match



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Freshman forward Aron Garcia runs the ball down court as teammates seniors Emily Carter and Rachel Rentschler follow closely behind.

By Kylie Osterloh
Staff Writer

After defeating SMU 87-73 in double overtime Wednesday night, the women's basketball team will travel to San Antonio to face the UTSA Roadrunners tonight for its first road contest of the season.

Head coach Jeff Mittie stressed that the upcoming opponent will definitely offer a test for the squad.

"[UTSA] is a team that is predicted to win their side of the division," he said. "They made an NCAA tournament run a couple years ago."

UTSA junior guard and forward Ashley Gardner has proven to be a force on the court. Gardner led the team with 16 points in her last game.

Roadrunners senior guard Alysse Davis led her team to an 87-47 win against Huston-Tillotson on Sunday. Davis posted 15 points and 14 rebounds and was just shy of a triple-double with eight blocks.

Mittie said TCU sophomore forwards Starr Crawford and Delisa Gross will work on shutting down Davis' success in the paint. He emphasized the importance of not becoming mentally fatigued before hitting the road.

"It's a quick turnaround," Mittie said. "We just need to rest up and focus."

TCU vs. UTSA

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SPORTS

PICK EM Find out who Chancellor Victor Boschini picked. **Page 15**

Which team deserves a chance for the title?



MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Waymon Jones slides past three SDSU defenders during the season's last home game Saturday.



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Boise State's Chris Potter runs 76 yards for a touchdown on BSU's first punt return of the game against Idaho.

Marshall Doig

Daily Skiff news editor

One of the first memories I have of the year 2007 was celebrating what I thought was the failure and imminent collapse of the Bowl Championship Series. A team from Boise, Idaho, had beaten the University of Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl, 43-42, with what was probably the best play call I've ever seen.

At my high school, after the game, everyone was talking about how great the Boise State Broncos were, and I happily joined in singing the Broncos' praises. Conversations about the team continued when I arrived at TCU, but in a markedly different tone.

The Horned Frogs didn't like taking the backseat to the Broncos, who became the nation's favorite non-automatic qualifying BCS team with their 2007 Fiesta Bowl victory. We thought we deserved a chance to show that TCU was better than Boise and that we could take on the best of the automatic BCS qualifiers like Boise had.

Phase one of that plan went off well as the Horned Frogs pulled off a come-from-behind 17-16 victory against the Broncos in the 2008 Poinsettia Bowl. Phase two, the part about beating the best of the AQs, hit a snag: TCU went undefeated in the regular season and secured a BCS berth in the 2010 Fiesta Bowl, but TCU got paired with the Broncos again. That's not to say that Boise wasn't a worthy opponent, but TCU fans were hoping to take on one of the AQ teams to make a statement like the Broncos had in 2007.

Boise State took its revenge from the Poinsettia Bowl by improving to 2-0 in BCS Fiesta Bowl with a 17-10 win, and that only spawned more ill will toward the Broncos on the part of TCU fans.

I'm going through this history lesson to remind Boise State and TCU fans of one thing: We're in this together.

We're both trying to show how broken and idiotic the BCS is, and we're both trying to prove that any football team in the country, not just those with the most money and the best political positioning, deserve a chance to play for a national championship.

This season TCU and Boise State are battling each other in the polls, creating more ill will between the teams' fans. The stakes this season are higher than ever because a potential national championship berth is on the line, provided Auburn or Oregon slip up in the coming weeks. As a result TCU fans hope every week that Boise falls, and I'm sure Broncos fans do the same for the Horned Frogs.

As for which team is better this season, my answer obviously will be biased: It's the Horned Frogs.

But I'm not going to play the statistics game or argue common opponents where I make a case as to why TCU is better, because I don't need to.

Of course I think the Horned Frogs are better, and Boise State fans think the Broncos are better. You can play numbers games all you want, but that won't change the fans' opinions.

What I hope we can remember, though, is that both teams are trying to show how much of a failure the BCS is, and it's just unfortunate that this season, both teams are in the other's way to a potential shot at the national championship.

If TCU gets that shot, fantastic. If Boise State ends up getting it, I'll be disappointed, but I will cheer for the Broncos to win, because my hatred for the BCS easily outweighs any dislike I have for Boise State.

We can argue all season about which team is better this year, and I hope we can get the chance to play each other again so we can find out. With a tremendous amount of luck and as long as both teams finish the regular season undefeated, I hope that chance will be in the national championship game.

Brittney Johnson

The Arbiter online sports editor

Last year, two undefeated teams dueled in the desert for bragging rights, rankings and a golden football trophy. The victorious team completed a college football record-tying 14-0 season and only said goodbye to one starter that suited up that night.

The Boise State Broncos prevailed that night in Glendale, Ariz. by outcoaching, outsmarting and outplaying their counterpart, TCU.

Fast forward 11 months and TCU has found a way to unjustly defeat the Broncos, not on the field, but in the Bowl Championship Series rankings. The Horned Frogs hopped over the Broncos two weeks ago, securing the No. 3 ranking after a 48-6 victory at UNLV, BSU fell to No. 4.

TCU does not have the resume to jump the Broncos. If beating the Horned Frogs on a neutral field at one of college football's most prestigious stages isn't enough, the Broncos have outperformed TCU this year against common opponents.

Boise State hosted Oregon State on Sept. 25 after TCU battled the Beavers at Cowboys Stadium on Sept. 4 to kick off the season.

Against the Beavers, the Broncos ran up 469 yards of offense and the Horned Frogs put up 453 yards. Boise State rushed for 175 yards and passed for 294 yards. TCU ran for 278 yards and threw for 175. The Bronco defense held the Beavers to 237 yards of offense, while the Horned Frogs held OSU to 255 yards. Boise State outscored Oregon State by 13 points compared to a nine-point victory for TCU.

Boise State played Wyoming on the road, a place many good teams have

struggled, and TCU got Wyoming at home. At the Cowboys' home stadium, the Broncos put up 648 yards of offense. TCU mustered 578 yards of offense and both the Broncos and the Horned Frogs outscored the Cowboys by 45 points. Boise State held Wyoming to 135 yards of total offense and TCU held them to 191 yards.

TCU may have the nation's best defense, but the Broncos are the only team in the nation to be in the top 5 in total offense, total defense, total scoring offense and total scoring defense.

Many believe and argue that TCU has a tougher schedule than Boise State, but when compared side to side, Boise State has the upper hand. As of week 10, TCU's opponents held an overall record of 48-50, the Broncos' opponents are 49-49. The Horned Frogs only defeated No. 24 Oregon State and No. 5 Utah (rankings at time of play). Boise State has defeated No. 10 Virginia Tech, No. 24 Oregon State and the Broncos still have a trip to No. 23 Nevada left on their schedule.

The numbers do not lie. Boise State has the more impressive resume. TCU may have the nation's best defense, but the Broncos are the only team in the nation to be in the top 5 in total offense, total defense, total scoring offense and total scoring defense. Boise State is undoubtedly the more complete football team. The Broncos took their punishment for the 17-16 2008 Poinsettia Bowl loss when TCU jumped them in the BCS rankings later in the season. This year it's time for TCU to bear the punishment of losing 17-10 in the 2010 Fiesta Bowl.

TCU VS. BOISE