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## ALCOHOL

# SORRY FOR PARTYING

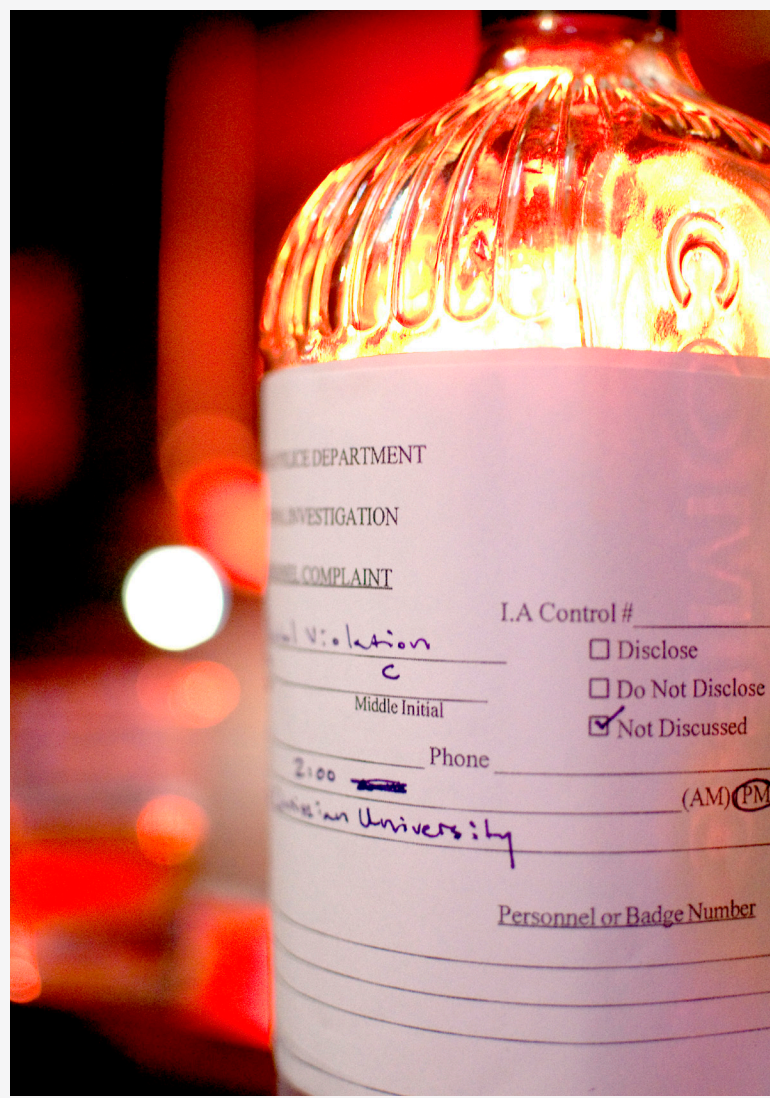


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## ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

**230**

Number of violations in fall 2009 (up to Nov. 16)

**135**

Number of violations in fall 2008

**150**

Number of violations in fall 2007

## 2008-2009 VIOLATIONS

**231**

Number of first-time alcohol violators.

**15**

Number of second-time alcohol violators.

**2**

Number of third-time alcohol violators.

## TOP 10 MOVIES

(millions of dollars)

- 1 The Twilight Saga: New Moon 140.7
- 2 The Blind Side 34.5
- 3 2012 26.5
- 4 Planet 51 12.6
- 5 Disney's A Christmas Carol 12.2
- 6 Precious 11
- 7 The Men Who Stare at Goats 2.8
- 8 Couples Retreat 2
- 9 The Fourth Kind 1.7
- 10 Law Abiding Citizen 1.6

— The Associated Press



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# Campus violations up 70 percent

By Julieta Chiquillo  
Managing Editor

The number of alcohol violations so far this fall is about 70 percent higher than the total number of alcohol violations in fall 2008, according to university statistics, and underage drinking is part of the problem, a school official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, wrote in an e-mail that the increase in alcohol

violations confirms anecdotal information that there appears to be more underage drinking on campus.

"While there can be many reasons why alcohol violations are increasing, no doubt one of them is the increased use by underage students," Mills wrote. "This is a concern for TCU and we will study this issue carefully and continue to focus on responsible behavior by TCU students."

About 230 alcohol violations

have been reported as of Nov. 16, compared to a total of about 135 alcohol violations reported in fall 2008, according to the Alcohol and Drug Education Center. The number of violations in fall 2007 was about 150. The center considers the fall semester to be from June 1 to Dec. 31.

However, the number of alcohol violations may not necessarily be an accurate representation

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# Amnesty on case-by-case basis

By Maricruz Salinas  
News Editor

Cathleen O'Shaughnessy, a graduate communications student, possibly saved the life of her friend after she called for help when she saw her friend was in trouble.

O'Shaughnessy said that although she and her friends were scared to call university police or her resident assistant when

her friend had a bad reaction to alcohol, the Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy helped her make the decision to make the call. O'Shaughnessy was under 21 years old at the time and could have faced penalties from the university if she was caught under the influence.

"Because of the amnesty program, I called and I got her help and nothing happened, we were

all safe and she was fine," she said. "Had I not been aware of it, I don't know what would have happened."

According to the 2009-2010 Official Student Handbook, no one who calls for emergency assistance on behalf of someone else because of an alcohol or drug-related issue will face disciplinary action — he or she will receive amnesty and go

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## HOUSING

# Lounge students get choice placements

By Xan Angelovich  
Staff Reporter

Relief could be on the way for students who have lived in converted lounge spaces or tripled rooms this semester.

Housing and Residence Life began accepting room change requests for the spring 2010 semester on Nov. 9. Because of a lack of vacancies on campus, students who lived in lounge spaces and tripled rooms will receive first pick of available dorm rooms.

Craig Allen, director of Housing and Residence Life, said that in previous years students searched available spaces and made room changes themselves on my.tcu.edu.

"But we have so few vacancies that we decided not to even open that up for next spring," Allen said.

Although any student can request a room change, students in converted rooms will be helped by Housing and Residence Life to find new assigned

rooms, Allen said.

"But what we're finding is that some of those students are not requesting to move," Allen said. "If they're fine in a triple and all three people want to be there, then we're not going to make somebody move out."

Beau Tiongson, a freshman film-TV-digital media major, lives in a lounge in Waits Hall and had seven roommates at one point this semester. He wrote in an e-mail that having that many roommates from different backgrounds was odd in the beginning, but proved positive as the semester continued.

Tiongson said he wanted to remain in the lounge because it had been an experience not available to most students. He heard rumors that he and his lounge roommates would be moved out as the year went on, but said he now thinks that they will be allowed to stay.

"At one point we had a whiteboard with all of our names on it and we felt

like we were a part of a game of Survivor, crossing out one another's name as we moved out," Tiongson said.

According to an e-mail sent to students Monday by Housing and Residence Life, students who were granted a room change were required to make arrangements with their hall director. The dates for move-out and move-in would follow final exams week, between Dec. 20-23 and Jan. 4-6.

Based on the number of students who lived on campus who would graduate in December, the department estimated that there would be between 15 to 20 vacancies, Allen said.

Freshman housing became the main concern because of the freshman vacancies; very few said they would leave to study abroad second semester or leave for an internship, Allen said. The only time freshman vacancies appear is when a student decides not to return to the university, and those typically are not known until January, Allen said.

## CRIME

# Police look for campus peeper

By Chandler Cochran  
Staff Reporter

Campus police are still investigating the Sherley Hall peeping tom incident reported Saturday.

TCU Police Lt. Ramiro Abad said police are using the information received from the female student who reported the event to continue their investigation.

Heather Miller, associate director of Housing and Residence Life, said no extra precautions are planned as a result of the most recent incident because security had already been increased since the sexual assaults reported earlier in the semester. However, Housing and Residence Life encouraged resident assistants to roll down the blinds and take other similar actions, she said.

According to a campuswide e-mail sent by Officer Vicki Lawson with TCU Police, a female student saw a man sitting in a car outside Sherley Hall. The student told police the man appeared to be masturbating while looking at the windows of the residence hall.

The student was able to give police a license plate number for the suspect's car and a detailed physical description, according to the e-mail. The student described the suspect as a Hispanic man in his mid 30s, with no facial hair and long, greasy hair. He was wearing a skull cap, according to the e-mail. The suspect was sitting in a 1987 four-door Buick with Texas license plate 732-BNJ, the student told police. The color of the vehicle is unknown.

Lt. Abad said police are working to get more information on the suspect from the vehicle information.

## BREAST CANCER

# Screening guidelines generate dispute

By Paige McArdle  
Staff Reporter

If Ellen Broom had followed new government recommendations regarding breast cancer screening, she said she would most likely be dead.

Broom, a psychology lecturer who had a double mastectomy and received chemotherapy treatment to combat the disease, said news of the recommendations made her sick to her stomach.

Broom had no family history of breast cancer but was diagnosed with two aggressive forms of the disease at age 36 after she found a lump during a self-examination. The new recom-

## U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations

- The USPSTF recommends against routine screening mammography in women aged 40 to 49 years.
- The USPSTF recommends mammography screenings every two years for women aged 50 to 74 years. The USPSTF recommends against teaching breast self-examination.

Source: USPSTF

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## TODAY'S WEATHER



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64 / 39

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## NEWS

## VIOLATIONS

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tation of drinking trends on campus, said Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

Giovanis said alcohol-related behavior on campus is a multi-faceted issue of which alcohol violations are one aspect. The number of alcohol violations fluctuates from year to year and may be influenced by several factors, including the number of students on campus, the geographic area where university staff can issue violations and the degree of enforcement by housing staff, among other things, Giovanis said.

"You might have the same number of students drinking from one year to the next, but you might have a stricter hall staff member one year than the next year, and they write more violations one year than

the next year," she said.

The university also welcomed about 200 more freshmen this year than it did in 2007, Giovanis said.

Further, students living in nontraditional housing leased by the university this year – townhouses on Cantey and Parmer streets and Sandage and McCart avenues, as well as 142 GrandMarc rooms – are now subject to campus alcohol policies. The university leased only 14 rooms from the GrandMarc last fall.

However, the number of alcohol violations does not show the whole picture, Giovanis said.

"What's more important for us, it's not just the numbers (of violations) but what's reflective of the culture of the campus," she said. "What are students reporting that they're doing that might not be reflected in alcohol violations?"

Surveys compiled by the

center every three years measure campus attitudes toward alcohol. The 2008 survey showed that one in every four students would prefer not to have alcohol available at parties. It also revealed that about 30 percent of students have driven a car while under the influence.

## Incidents raise red flags

Concerns about the high number of alcohol violations, including vehicle accidents, prompted Campus Life to meet with Greek leaders in September, said Glory Robinson, associate dean of Campus Life.

"I think they were involved in many of the incidents, and I just felt an opportunity to be able to have a conversation with them and share our concerns," she said.

Nevertheless, all students, regardless of affiliation, need

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## AMNESTY

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unpunished.

Yvonne Giovanis, associate director of the TCU Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said 10 students received amnesty during the 2008-2009 school year and five received amnesty during the 2007-2008 school year.

Giovanis said the university uses the Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy to encourage students to seek medical assistance despite the potential of disciplinary action for violating alcohol and drug policies.

"If I and a friend of mine were under 21 and we were consuming alcohol and I got

sick, my friend would grow concerned. My friend would be reluctant to seek help because maybe you could smell (the alcohol) on her," Giovanis said. "...Many students in that situation wouldn't know what to do or don't want to get in trouble."

Giovanis said a student who reports more than once might still not receive disciplinary action the second time but at that point concerns would be raised. Administrators from Campus Life and Housing and Residence Life would determine if the student need referral to Campus Life or other alcohol/drug counseling centers.

However, amnesty is granted on a case-by-case basis, she said.

"It isn't exactly A-B-C," Giovanis said. "We have to look at the circumstances or if the student didn't learn their lesson the first time."

Giovanis said the fear comes from knowing that even though the students may have been drinking, there may still be other violations occurring that have nothing to do with alcohol, like staying past dorm curfews.

O'Shaughnessy said campus staff were happy that she and her friends went to them.

"It was an awful experience but it was a good experience having the support that we got from the RAs, the counselors on campus, the residence hall

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## MAMMOGRAM

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recommendations advises against self-exams and routine mammograms in women under 50.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), a government panel consisting of doctors and scientists, released a statement last week changing previous recommendations on breast cancer screening. The organization now recommends against routine mammograms in women ages 40 to 49 and recommends screenings for women between ages 50 and 74 be done every two years, rather than annually.

According to the report, the USPSTF found evidence that suggests teaching self-examination does not reduce breast cancer mortality. Instead the committee found that false-positive mammograms, which are common for women in their 40s, can lead to psychological harm such as anxiety and unnecessary tests and biopsies.

Dr. Suzy Lockwood, director of the Center for Oncology Education and Research, acknowledged that false-positive tests can create distress, but she said the tests are worth it.

"I would rather much rather go through that anxiety than not having had any testing and finding out later that I did have breast cancer that wasn't detected early enough," Lockwood said.

Ann Greenhill, executive director of the Tarrant County affiliate Susan G. Komen for the Cure, agreed that mammograms are beneficial in spite of the risks.

"(Mammography) certainly is not perfect, but it's the best thing we have right now, and it

does save lives," she said.

Lockwood said she strongly recommended that women perform monthly self-examinations at the same time each month, one week after a woman's menstrual cycle ends. She

**"If I were a woman who was a 40-year-old woman, I would probably go get the yearly mammogram, I would be still doing monthly breast self-exams. I would want to stay in touch with every part of my body to know what is going on with it and what's changed."**

**Jacqueline Lambiase** strategic communications professor and breast cancer survivor

recommended the same advice for college-aged women.

She said that without self-examinations, many breast cancer cases would not have been detected as early as they were and the survival rates would most likely be different.

Greenhill said Susan G. Komen for the Cure also recommends self-examination, which lets women be aware of changes in their bodies. The organization suggests that women get annual mammograms starting at age 40.

Jacqueline Lambiase, an associate professor of strategic communications, was diagnosed with an invasive breast cancer at age 43 after an annual mammogram.

Lambiase said the debate

that has ensued since the release of the recommendations has treated the topic as a black-and-white issue, when, in reality, there is no right answer. Each woman needs to take responsibility for her own health, Lambiase said.

"If I were...a 40-year-old woman, I would probably go get the yearly mammogram," she said. "I would be still doing monthly breast self-exams. I would want to stay in touch with every part of my body to know what is going on with it and what's changed."

The USPSTF said it stands by its previous recommendation that the exact age at which mammogram benefits justify potential harms is a subjective judgment. Patient preference should be taken into account when deciding when to start screening.

Lockwood said women should discuss screening options with their health care providers to determine the best course of action.

According to the USPSTF statement, breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related death among women in the United States, and an estimated 193,370 women will develop the disease this year.

The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammography screening beginning at age 40, and the World Health Organization recommends mammography every one to two years for women ages 50 to 69, according to the USPSTF report.

The guidelines are for women of the general population and do not include those who are at risk for the disease because of family history or genetic mutations.



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*The Skiff View*

## Alcohol violations show lack of restraint

Given that alcohol violations have increased 70 percent this fall as compared to last, it is abundantly clear that students living on campus need to exercise more discretion in their consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Such a marked increase in the occurrence of the violations shows that dorm room get-togethers and groups returning from a night out are quickly evolving into loud nuisances to other residents of on-campus living facilities.

Also, students need to keep in mind that the risk of getting into an accident or being sexually assaulted greatly increases when under the influence. Given the several incidences of sexual assaults on campus this year, though none have been admittedly alcohol related, it's a good idea to stay away from excessive alcohol consumption to safeguard against more.

The university's choice to laud the fact that 70 percent of Horned Frogs choose not to drink and drive also sounds alarm bells. While meant to convey a sense of responsible drinking on the part of the majority of the university's students, the fact that 30 percent of students do choose to drink and drive seems like a problem. It is most definitely not something to be praised.

Alcohol and partying are becoming more a part of the American college landscape every day. So when students can and will party, they should keep in mind that drinking under the age of 21 carries inherent risks — and that responsible decision-making knows no age limit.

*Editor-in-chief David Hall for the editorial board.*

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

## College football needs playoff option



JOHN ANDREW WILLIS

I recently had a dream about life in a perfect world. Among the many benefits of a utopian society — basics like world peace, free healthcare and iPhones for all — is a playoff system in college football.

My proposition, based on the BCS rankings, is to give the Top 4 teams in the nation a first round bye, and have Nos. 5 through 12 play each other in a seeded tournament. The winners of the first round games would play the Top 4 teams. Specifically, No. 1 would play the winner of No. 5 versus No. 12, No. 2 would play the winner of No. 6 versus No. 11, No. 3 would play the winner of No. 7 versus No. 10, and No. 4 would play the winner of No. 8 versus No. 9. I would suggest that the first round of games be played Dec. 5, with the higher-seeded team hosting.

With the latest BCS standings, the games would fall as follows. Undefeated Cincinnati would likely beat a two-loss Oklahoma State team in a high-powered offensive game. Boise State, also undefeated, would get a shot 10-2 Iowa team. Georgia Tech, who has only stubbed their toe on a trip to Miami, would get a chance to knock off two-loss Ohio State in a contest between two storied programs. Finally, an Oregon team who barely escaped Arizona Saturday (44-41) to become 9-2, would play one-loss Pittsburgh.

For the second and third rounds, as well as the national championship, I would use the seven most popular bowls to alleviate logistical challenges in adapting a new post-season system. This would obviously spark much debate, but they would likely be Rose, Sugar, Fiesta, Orange, Cotton, Capital One and Holiday. Just as the current BCS bowls pick their teams in a predetermined order, the playoff bowls would be able to make logical monetary and regional decisions regarding the matchup they select. The second round of games could be played the following Saturday, Dec. 12, in the respective bowls.

My best guess would put Cincinnati against Florida, Boise against Alabama, Ohio State

My proposition, based on the BCS rankings, is to give the Top 4 teams in the nation a first round bye, and have Nos. 5 through 12 play each other in a seeded tournament.

against Texas, and Oregon versus TCU. This is where the Top 4 teams get upset-tested. I think they all pass the test this season. Assuming that's the case, the college football nation gets the early holiday gift of watching Florida play Alabama and TCU play Texas.

The results of those games — in the perfect world — would be Florida over Alabama and TCU over Texas, for two reasons. First, TCU would silence the thousands of obnoxious Texas fans who worship the holy trinity of Mack Brown, Colt McCoy and Jordan Shipley in front of a national audience. Second, TCU would get the opportunity to beat Florida, who has been No. 1 for the majority of the season, and become the undisputed national champion for the first time in 71 years.

As perfect as this all sounds, there would certainly still be a number of details to work out. One thing important to decide is whether or not the first round of playoffs would be in lieu of conference championships.

One underlying benefit of moving to a playoff system is it would likely discourage schools from scheduling non-conference teams they know they will blow out. TCU and Texas both routinely schedule inferior teams — such as Baylor, SFA, Texas State, and Sam Houston State — because a “style points” win often helps their BCS ranking. If they knew all Top 12 teams had a shot at the national championship every year, they might be motivated to beef up their non-conference games.

With any change comes advantages and disadvantages. The bowls are slow to warm up to the idea of a playoff system, as well as many schools already in automatic-qualifying conferences. That being said, it's almost impossible to argue that a playoff system of this nature would not make postseason play exponentially more fair. And with the universal appeal of the specific games produced, how could you not want to see playoffs implemented?

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SATIRE

## It's time to barter your tuition



LIBBY DAVIS

Since tuition is set to increase to \$30,000 for the 2010-2011 school year, students are going to have to be more creative with how they pay for their tuition. While it is beneficial to get a summer job or practice saving money during the year, I think it's time we reinvent a time-honored tradition: bartering.

Frankly, I can't afford the \$30,000 next year, even with my scholarship and a summer job. But I don't want to disrespect the education I'm receiving by not paying my bills. So when the first bill drops in my account, I plan to visit Chancellor Victor Boschini in his office and bring him my tuition deposit personally. He accepts cows as payment, right?

If not, I'm sure I can get a hold of a chicken or two. Times are tough though. He might have to make do with a pair of slightly-used tennis shoes and my good word that I will get TCU my tuition payment as soon as the next farmers market opens.

In my mind, bartering is a tradition that faded away unnecessarily with the advent of coinage. Even as the great empires of the world

expanded, and with them the use of a standardized coin, bartering is a practice that remained. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours. You let me copy your notes from class, and I won't tell your parents exactly how drunk you were at the last tailgate. It's a fair (mostly) and often interesting exchange.

Another benefit of bartering is determining what others value beyond money. Sure, cold hard cash makes the rest of your unappealing Christmas presents seem a little more bearable, but why settle for cash when you can have a pair of handmade socks from your grandmother, fresh off the knitting needles? How about making someone else a meal in exchange for help studying? Supposing you can cook, this is a pretty sweet deal.

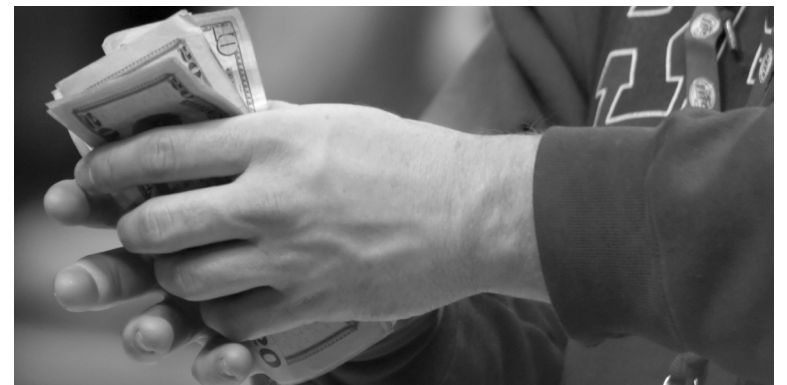
While it's not quite as fair anymore to trade your daughter for a fresh plot of land, there are many

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benefits to bartering. It can, in fact, increase the breadth of our education and the university should support it.

So, chancellor, where should I put this cow?

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## Swine flu has no place on planes



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

It is truly mystifying to me that people can't use good common sense when they are ill. Children's parents frequently send them to class sick at my daughter's school, and all weekend while out with my daughter at the movies and at a restaurant I noticed people coughing and sneezing everywhere. I was tempted to dip us both in a vat of Purell when we got home.

More shocking than attending a movie while ill is getting on an airplane with the swine flu. According to CNN.com, in a recent poll, more than 2,000 people surveyed responded they would fly while sick with the flu rather than cancel or rebook their tickets. This is an extreme discourtesy to the other people on board because on an airplane there is nowhere to escape if the person next to you is sick. You are stuck in a tiny, relatively airless space for hours on end with germs just hanging in the air. I shudder to imagine all the children and at-risk people who are flying well and end up getting sick after reaching their destination.

What's perhaps even more shocking than people flying with

the flu is the fact that some airlines will charge you a fee if you rebook your flight because of an illness, even if you provide a doctor's note, though there are several airlines that might waive a fee if they decide it is applicable per your situation. I think all airlines should encourage passengers to not travel while ill and not penalize them for trying to keep other people from catching the flu!

We are about to embark on the busiest flying season of the year, and many travelers will be hitting the skies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The airlines should be working with people who are sick and helping them keep other passengers, not to mention crew members and pilots, from getting sick.

With H1N1 looming over our heads this flu season, we are all doing what we can to stay well and keep our families well. It's appalling to me that I could end up sitting next to someone with swine flu who either neglected to stay

home or couldn't get his ticket refunded. All the hand sanitizer in the world wouldn't keep you from risking your health in that situation.

If you have the flu and your ticket can't be refunded, I think you should just suck it up and pay the extra fee to rebook your flight. Or, before you book your holiday fare, find out which airlines might work with you should you become ill and have to reschedule.

Airlines should be more considerate to passengers considering how expensive it is to travel, but people should also be considerate of other people during this time when illness is rampant and we are all just trying to stay healthy.

If you are sick, don't fly, don't go to the movies, don't go anywhere. Stay home until you feel better, because it is not worth infecting someone else.

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## NEWS

## SOUTH CAROLINA

# S.C. governor facing charges after scandal

By Jim Davenport  
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, whose tryst with an Argentine lover blossomed into a wide-ranging scandal, is accused of breaking ethics laws by using taxpayer money for pricey airline seats, taking state planes for personal and political trips and occasionally tapping his campaign chest to reimburse himself for travel.



Sanford

The details of civil charges against the second-term Republican governor were released Monday. He has been under scrutiny since he vanished for five days over the summer, reappearing to tearfully admit to an extramarital affair with a woman he later called his "soul mate."

The civil charges, which carry a maximum \$74,000 in fines, stem from a three-month investigation by the state ethics commission and could be pivotal in a push by some lawmakers to remove him from office. The state attorney general is deciding whether the governor would face any criminal charges.

The ethics charges include 18 instances in which Sanford is accused of improperly buying first- and business-class airline tickets, violating state law requiring lowest-cost travel; nine times of improperly using state-owned aircraft for travel to political and personal events, in-

cluding a stop at a discount hair salon; and 10 times he improperly reimbursed himself with campaign cash.

The travel allegations were first uncovered in a series of Associated Press investigations, while the allegations about his use of campaign funds were revealed by The State newspaper in Columbia.

Sanford's attorneys and spokesman did not immediately respond to messages left seeking comment. His lawyers have said previously that they consider the travel allegations to be minor, technical issues of state law.

Each of the counts claims Sanford used his office for personal financial gain and carries a maximum \$2,000 fine if he is found guilty.

Sanford's attorneys have said they look forward to defending against the charges when the ethics panel holds a hearing into them early next year. They also confirmed that Sanford — as the state investigation was being conducted — added disclosures of his private plane flights to his ethics forms.

Among the mistakes the ethics commission says the governor made were his:

— Approval of the purchase of four first- and business-class commercial airline tickets for a June 2008 trip during which he met with his mistress in Argentina.

— Personal use of state-owned aircraft for trips such as the birthday party of a campaign contributor in Aiken, and flying from Myrtle Beach to Columbia for a "personal event," including a haircut.

— Reimbursing himself nearly \$3,000 using campaign

contributions, including about \$900 for expenses to attend a Republican Governors Association meeting in Miami and a hunting trip in Dublin, Ireland, several days later.

For months, Sanford has insisted he did nothing wrong and served as a better steward of the taxpayer dollar than his predecessors. But the former congressman's penchant for riling fellow Republicans who control the Legislature has left him with few allies since the startling June news conference during which he admitted to the affair.

Four GOP lawmakers already have filed a resolution that would force Sanford from office because of "dereliction of duty," and the travel allegations play no part in that move. Their measure deals solely with Sanford's absence from the state, when he led his staff to believe he was hiking the Appalachian Trail while he was in Argentina.

A committee that will consider that measure is scheduled to meet for the first time Tuesday.

Sanford has brushed off repeated calls from his own party to step down and in the past month scored a political victory by helping land a Boeing Co. assembly plant that is expected to bring thousands of jobs to North Charleston.

Meanwhile, the first lady and their four sons moved out of the governor's mansion. While the Sanfords have said they were trying to reconcile, Jenny Sanford more recently has described the two as separated.



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., embraces Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn. as he speaks after the U.S. Senate voted to begin debate on legislation for a broad healthcare overhaul at Capitol Hill in Washington on Saturday as Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa looks on.

## Dodd, Reid trail in polls

By Charles Babington  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Senate leaders trying to steer a pair of President Barack Obama's high-stakes initiatives through Congress are being dogged by re-election worries, and it's not clear whether their legislative prominence will help or hurt them.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., are trailing in early polls, and Republicans are eager to topple them in next year's elections.

They also are central players in two of the most ambitious and hotly contested agenda items in decades. Reid is scratching and clawing to find enough Senate votes to overhaul the nation's health care system. And Dodd, as chairman of the banking committee, is pushing a massive bill to regulate the nation's financial institutions following the mortgage meltdown and economic crisis.

Policy-making in Congress has long mixed with rawboned politics. But seldom does the focus fall so clearly on two powerful lawmakers who, despite their seniority and influence, are in real danger of being voted out of office.

Obama is well aware that two of his top priorities are being shepherded by Democratic senators who badly need to have home-state voters view them more favorably. Administration aides say the president is responding in two ways: Helping Reid and Dodd raise early campaign money; and, especially with Dodd, giving them leeway to deviate from administration proposals for now, knowing there is time to bend the bills more to Obama's liking before final votes occur.

Obama adviser David Axelrod said the president strongly admires Reid and Dodd, and believes they best serve their home-state constituents by being national leaders on big issues such as health care and financial oversight.

"If health insurance reform passes, it will be an enormous accomplishment for Senator Reid," Axelrod said in an interview. "The same is true on financial reform" for Dodd, he said.

Democrats are doing their best to help Dodd, a senator's son who joined the Senate himself in 1981. They let him preside over the chamber when a crucial health care vote was taken Saturday night, and they've given him other chances to go before

TV cameras during recent events related to health care and finances.

Advocacy groups are carefully watching Reid and Dodd for signs of shaping the bills to help their re-election campaigns. Some claim to see such evidence, while others say it would be difficult for either senator to manipulate the massive, complex legislation in ways to appeal to ordinary voters.

In Dodd's case, business groups say his financial regulation bill has more populist features than do Obama's proposals and a House version. For example, Dodd would strip the Federal Reserve of its power to regulate banks, and consolidate bank-

**"If health insurance reform passes, it will be an enormous accomplishment for Senator Reid."**

David Axelrod  
presidential adviser

ing oversight under one regulatory agency rather than several. Some have accused him of "Fed-bashing."

Gary Rose, a politics professor at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, said Dodd "has consciously tried to transform himself into a populist. It's almost transparent."

Dodd called the comments mystifying, saying he has been consistent on consumer issues for years.

Besides, he said in an interview, pushing tough industry regulations is a dubious strategy for a politician from Connecticut, where the insurance, pharmaceutical and hedge fund industries employ thousands.

If his overarching goal is to be re-elected, Dodd said, "I might be thinking of a different approach."

A recent Quinnipiac poll in Connecticut found Dodd trailing potential GOP challenger Rob Simmons, a former House member, 49 percent to 38 percent. A lesser-known Republican also led Dodd in a hypothetical matchup.

Quinnipiac poll director Doug Schwartz said Dodd hurt himself with state voters by moving to Iowa during his unsuccessful bid for the 2008 presidential nomination, and by obtaining a mortgage loan through a company's "VIP" program. Worst of all, Schwartz said, was Dodd's involvement in a bill that allowed bonuses for executives at insurance giant

AIG, which proved deeply unpopular.

Schwartz questioned whether anything Dodd does as banking committee chairman will appeal to voters who feel he has lost touch with them. "You could conclude that for all the legislative action he does, it's not helping him any," Schwartz said.

In a similar vein, many Nevada voters seem to have grown tired of Reid after 23 years in the Senate. A poll commissioned by the Las Vegas Review-Journal found him 10 percentage points behind Nevada GOP chairwoman Sue Lowden, one of several Republicans vying to oppose him next year. Half of Nevada's voters had an unfavorable view of Reid.

Reid's friends fear echoes of Tom Daschle, the Senate Democratic leader who lost a 2004 re-election bid in South Dakota amid claims that he showed more allegiance to a national, liberal-leaning agenda than to his conservative state.

Reid spokesman Jim Manley dismisses the comparison. Nevada is less conservative than South Dakota, he said, and Reid is airing early TV ads to introduce himself to thousands of people who have moved to the state since his last election.

Manley said it's absurd to claim that Reid supported a government-run insurance plan in the health care bill to appeal to a key sector of Nevada voters. "He's always been a strong proponent of the public option," Manley said.

Axelrod, the president's top political strategist, said he does not think Reid or Dodd "made any political calculations on these issues. That said, they have a lot to gain by being successful."

Whether Reid can steer a health care bill to final passage is unclear. He barely averted a Republican filibuster on Saturday by making concessions to a couple of centrist Democrats. But the two, and a few other party moderates, warn that they may not vote for the bill in December unless more changes are made.

The changes could anger liberal Democrats, placing Reid in the familiar but difficult spot of trying to craft a compromise. It's hard work, and Daschle found that it paid poor dividends at election time.

Still, Manley said, Reid strongly feels that on balance, being the majority leader is a plus.

By next fall, Republicans hope to employ enough political jujitsu to turn Reid's and Dodd's leadership powers against them.

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## Starpoint stamina

Student volunteers give time and get friendship in return

By Christi Aldridge  
Staff Writer

Walking into the Starpoint School, it is easy to see why TCU students love to volunteer there. The environment is bright and welcoming, and the echoes of laughter heard down the hallways are only the beginning of what makes this school so special.

Marilyn Tolbert, who has been the school's director since 2003, said she feels very strongly about her job and the school. She said this job is her passion, and she is not alone. The school boasted more than 4,200 volunteer hours for the last academic year, Tolbert said. What's surprising about the student volunteers is that not all of them, or even the majority of them, are education majors.

Brent Folan, a freshman pre-business major from Chesterfield, Mo., said he volunteered with his mom at a similar school in St. Louis. In addition, his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, is involved with the school and the members help out as much as they can.

"I really enjoy going in each week and seeing how excited the kids get when I arrive," Folan said. "Even though they are so young, you become great friends with them. It is so neat to see how much they appreciate the little things in life. This is a great place to get away from all the college stress and help make a difference in each of the children's lives."

Tolbert said volunteers come from all majors. Some people just love coming to play with the children.

Luke Harville, a political science major from Houston, volunteers at Starpoint every single day.

"The staff spends every day working to better the lives of these kids, and many times the sacrifices they make go unnoticed," Harville said. "They really are heroes in my eyes. The reason I continue to go back every day is because though I have no training or practice in early childhood education, I feel that by building a connection with the students and being a stable support for them, I help in some small way."

Harville said volunteering is the best part of his day, and if people would give only one hour a day they could better their life and the lives of the students. He said he enjoys

reading books to the children and participating in music time. He said he will always have those memories even if the children don't remember him.

TCU and its College of Education have an advantage that other schools don't have. Having these two laboratory schools on campus is a tremendous help to students who want to go into teaching, specifically in the special needs area. Tolbert said Starpoint and KinderFrogs are the only schools of their kind in the nation because they are laboratory schools that cater specifically to children with Down syndrome and other learning disabilities. No other college in the United States has lab schools exclusively for special education, she said.

Hands-on practice, observation and acting as aides are a few ways that education students can get in depth training for their careers.

**“I really enjoy going in each week and seeing how excited the kids get when I arrive.”**

**Brent Folan**  
freshman pre-business major

Lauren Guerra, a graduate of TCU from San Antonio with a degree in early childhood education, is now working toward her master's degree in special education and considers the Starpoint School a valuable resource.

Guerra began volunteering at the schools as an undergraduate, completed her student teaching at KinderFrogs, and now is a substitute teacher for both schools. She said she is moved by how much understanding and love are within these schools, which is necessary for children with disabilities.

"At the age of these children,

most acknowledge differences and question reasoning," Guerra said. "At Starpoint School, it is understood by all that we are different. The children understand these differences and know that this is what needs to happen so we can all learn together. Outsiders might be confused by the strong structure of the school program, but this is what these children need. Routine and scheduling is crucial for children with disabilities; this offers them comfort in their environment as well as self-awareness."

Guerra said having the student volunteers at both schools is an asset for the children. She said that the children need role models and mentors to look up to, and the TCU students also make the children feel like a part of the TCU family by including them in projects such as the Homecoming parade and tailgate parties. The children are not only a part of their own school but a part of their surrounding community as well.

The teachers are also moved by the volunteers' presence, said Kristen Adams, a teacher who has been working at Starpoint for nine years.

"I feel our volunteers provide some valuable one-on-one attention for our students," Adams said. "Even during play, our kids are constantly learning concepts as well as social skills from appropriate modeling. Some students volunteer on a regular basis throughout their college career and become favorites of the students. I also feel the TCU volunteers get a lot from our students. There have been numerous students who express surprise at how capable our students are — we maintain very high expectations for our students."

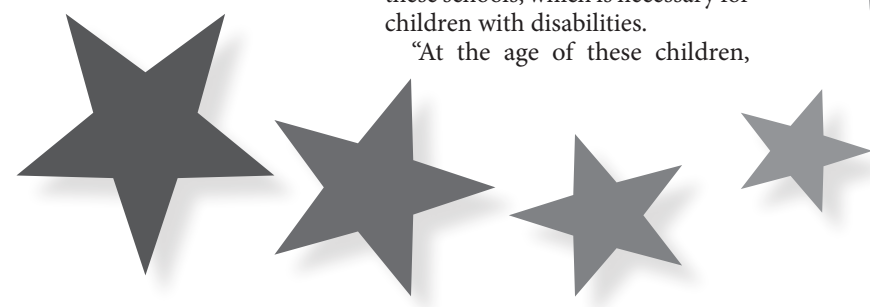
TCU students are putting in more than time at KinderFrogs — they are making lasting memories.

"They are an invaluable part of our program, and we love to have them come and work with the children," Tolbert said.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor  
Early special education graduate student Lauren Guerra spends lunch with some of the students at the Starpoint School. The school is for students with learning disabilities.

CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor  
Freshman pre-business major Brent Folan reaches out to Jack, a student of Kinderfrogs. Kinderfrogs is a school for children born with Down Syndrome. Folan volunteers his time as a part of his community service hours for his fraternity Pi Kappa Phi.



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## VIOLATIONS

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to understand the importance of making good decisions, she said.

There have been several vehicle accidents on or near campus this fall that involved drinking, including one that resulted in a student being injured, Robinson said, noting that she wasn't sure whether the student was hospitalized. She said she didn't have a specific number of accidents.

TCU Police Assistant Chief J.C. Williams said it is not uncommon to have at least one vehicle accident related to alcohol each semester.

During one particular weekend this fall, there were about 80 alcohol violations written at three different parties, Robinson said. Much of this activity took place in the GrandMarc and university-leased townhouses near campus, she said.

Tobi Sander, the Grand-

Marc's director of community operations, said parties are frequent on home game weekends and that the university has stopped some keg parties in the complex.

On Oct. 1, a student reported that she was sexually assaulted after drugs were slipped into her drink without her knowledge. Robinson said she believes there have been other incidents where people claimed to have been drugged at parties, but she said she didn't have exact numbers.

## Student leaders take measures

Evan Berlin, president of the Interfraternity Council, and Lindsay Ray, president of Panhellenic Council, said Campus Life and Greek leaders discussed the safety concerns as well as possible safety measures. They said they were not told at the meeting that Greeks were involved in many of the incidents.

"I think it still has the

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**Kelsie Johnson**  
student body president

same severity, whether it's Greek students or not," Ray said.

As a safety precaution, buses are now leaving from well-lit, designated areas in Worth Hills, instead of pulling up anywhere, Ray said. Sorority presidents convened in a separate meeting to discuss their risk management policies, she said.

Berlin said the Interfraternity Council invited police and

Robinson to another meeting to discuss ways to be safe and protect others by identifying unhealthy situations. They also discussed available resources in the event a student is accused of sexual assault.

"I don't think men recognize that Campus Life is there as a resource for them as well, and I want to make sure that that is something they are made aware of," Berlin said.

Kelsie Johnson, student body president, said Mills discussed alcohol violations with Intercom, a group of student leaders, to ask for feedback. Johnson said she thinks resident assistants are being stricter this year, an opinion which echoes that of her peers in Intercom, she said.

Unhealthy drinking behavior is not exclusive to TCU, Johnson said.

"It's not directly related to TCU – it's a nationwide college issue ... universities across the country need to figure what if anything can be done to stop or decrease this problem," Johnson said.

## FOOTBALL

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open lane to the end zone on a roll out on third down from the 1-yard line, but threw low and incomplete to a wide open Greg Genho. Wyoming settled for a field goal, cutting the Frogs' lead to 7-3.

Turning the ball over, a problem the Frogs had last week in their win over Utah, was an issue that continued to plague the Frogs on Saturday.

Up 10-3 in the second quarter and knocking on the Cowboys' door, safety Chris Proinski returned an Ed Wesley fumble 98 yards for a touchdown to tie the game.

"It's tough to win ball games when you turn the ball over," Dalton said. "We were lucky today to come out on top but that's

**"We gave up 28 points (against Utah) ... something we don't like to do, we pride ourselves on being stingy out there."**

**Jerry Hughes**  
defensive end

one thing we will really focus on and try to eliminate."

But the tie lasted all of 16 seconds as TCU's Greg McCoy returned the following kickoff 81 yards to reclaim the lead for the Frogs for good.

Jeremy Kerley, who injured himself on TCU's second offensive series, didn't look hurt near the end of the second quarter when he hauled in a pass from Dalton and took it 45 yards for the score to put the team up 24-10. After the game, Patterson said Kerley was fine.

The Cowboys' first turnover of the day, a fumble by running back Brandon Stewart on Wyoming's own 23-yard line, helped TCU secure its first point of the second half when Joseph Turner ran the ball in from 5 yards out.

The turnovers kept coming as TCU then took advantage of a Carta-Samuels interception to score again just minutes later on another Tucker rush, this time from 48 yards out to make the score 38-10.

With the score at 45-10 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Patterson replaced Dalton with Marcus Jackson and replaced several other starters on both sides of the ball.

Dalton finished the day having completed 10 of 19 passes for 168 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He also tallied 88 yards on 12 carries on the ground.

The Frogs' defense allowed 178 total yards on 55 Wyoming plays. The Cowboys averaged 2.3 yards per carry on the ground. Wyoming had nine three-and-out drives, more than twice the number of drives that had more than three plays.

"We gave up 28 points (against Utah)...something we don't like to do," said defensive end Jerry Hughes. "We pride ourselves on being stingy out there."

With the win, the Frogs' senior class tied last year's seniors as the winningest class in school history. That mark could be eclipsed next Saturday in Fort Worth when the Frogs take on New Mexico in the regular season finale.

## Game notes:

TCU was not called for a single penalty

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Game-time temperature in the snow-covered city of Laramie was announced as 31 degrees

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Jonah Field sits more than a mile above sea level. A sign on the east side of the stadium reads, "Welcome to 7220 Feet"

The Cowboy defense forced four TCU turnovers in the game

## AMNESTY

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association," O'Shaughnessy said. "They were all very supportive and proud of us and didn't make us feel one bit guilty for having been drinking."

O'Shaughnessy said the amnesty policy is a great method of helping students come forward in dire situations.

"People who are still under 21 still feel scared, that, 'I still have to go to an alcohol awareness class,' or, 'What if it gets back to my parents?'" she said. "But I think it's a fantastic idea that they have it."

When O'Shaughnessy came in as a freshman, the university did an extensive

program on alcohol education involving all the women in her dorm, she said. Even when she moved out of the dorms, she still received information from teachers, faculty and programs about alcohol awareness.

According to the 2008 spring survey by the Core Institute, a drug prevention program that surveys hundreds of campuses across the nation every three years, 95 percent of the student population at TCU showed an awareness of the university's alcohol and drug policies, whereas the national average stood at 88 percent awareness.

The high awareness of the policies came from the university's increasing efforts to promote the policies to-

ward incoming students at orientation. Giovanis said all incoming students receive a copy of the student handbook, which contains all the policies in detail.

Angie Taylor, director of Student Affairs Office of Quality Enhancement, said the university does a good job of spreading information, especially during the first week of school through residence halls, fraternity and sorority chapters and student organizations.

"It's a difficult thing to do because you've got a lot of students that only register for college, especially at the larger commuter colleges, to go to class," Taylor said. "And you know, they don't read their handbooks, they don't look at that information, so that plays

with that (percentage)."

The university leadership recognized the importance of getting information out to the student population, she said.

"A large percentage of our population knows that we have rules about that and some people just choose to violate them," Taylor said.

According to the student handbook, the Alcohol and Drug Education Center offers programs individually designed to meet the specific needs of a group or organization requesting a presentation.

The center also sponsors groups that are committed to creating a healthy environment at the university, such as Frogs CARE and Hyper-Frogs, the campus spirit organization.

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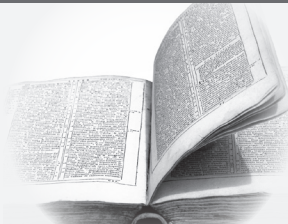
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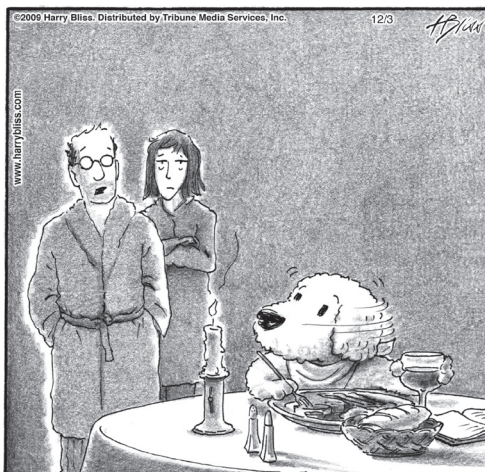
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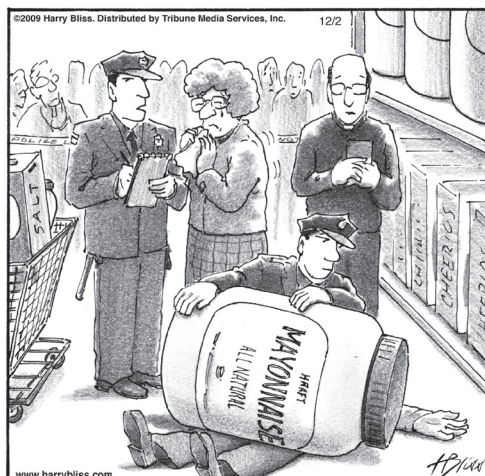
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By Gary J. Whitehead 11/24/09

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TCU tailback Matthew Tucker scores his second touchdown in the third quarter against the Wyoming Cowboys on Saturday. The Frogs held on to their perfect season by winning 45-10.

BCS STANDINGS		THE AP TOP 25			
RANKINGS	RECORD	PTS	PVs		
1. Florida	11-0	1,463	1		
2. Alabama	11-0	1,428	2		
3. Texas	11-0	1,425	3		
4. TCU	11-0	1,309	4		
5. Cincinnati	10-0	1,245	5		
6. Boise St.	11-0	1,218	6		
7. Georgia Tech	10-1	1,138	7		
8. Pittsburgh	9-1	1,041	8		
9. Ohio St.	10-2	1,016	9		
10. Oregon	9-2	983	11		
11. Iowa	9-2	793	12		
12. Oklahoma St.	10-2	773	13		
13. Penn St.	10-2	766	15		
14. Virginia Tech	8-3	675	16		
15. LSU	8-3	609	18		
16. Oregon St.	8-3	541	20		
17. Miami	8-3	409	10		
18. Clemson	8-3	399	19		
19. BYU	8-3	347	21		
20. Southern Cal	8-3	333	NR		
21. Utah	8-3	263	NR		
22. California	9-2	249	23		
23. North Carolina	8-3	237	NR		
24. Southern Cal	7-3	225	22		
25. Mississippi	9-2	199	24		

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## No. 4 Frogs cut through Cowboys

By Michael Carroll  
News Editor

The Frogs' 45-10 victory over Wyoming on Saturday helped them clinch at least a share of the Mountain West Conference championship while putting them one triumph away from completing a flawless regular season. What the win didn't do — for the second consecutive week — was move the team up from its No. 4 position in the BCS rankings.

Nine of the top 10 teams retained their ranking from the previous week. As dominant as the Frogs were in Laramie, the three teams ahead of them in the rankings — Florida, Alabama and Texas — won just as impressively, if not more so, than the guys in purple. The top four teams in the BCS outscored their opponents 203 to 33 Saturday.

But head coach Gary Patterson said consistency is the only way to change the country's perception of TCU football.

"I've said it doesn't do me any good to go out and complain about it," Patterson said of the BCS system after Saturday's win. "My best way of doing it ... since I've been here and what we try to do at TCU, is just go win until people figure out that we've got a good enough football team on a year-to-year basis and we can play with anybody."

Still playing for bowl eligibility, the Cowboys (5-6) came into Saturday's game with two chances remaining to reach the all-important six-win mark. But the Frogs seemed determined to make sure the Cowboys' chance to become bowl eligible would come down to their game against Colorado State next Saturday.

"We did what we needed to do today," Patterson said. "It could have been worse, but I have a lot of respect for the Wyoming Cowboys and the job they are doing right now."

The Frogs came out on offense testing the Cowboys through the air, but after three unsuccessful pass attempts to begin the game the Frogs made an effort to keep the ball on the ground for the majority of the contest.

With a starting field position inside Cowboy territory during their third possession, the Frogs put the first points of the game on the board after a 22-yard reception by Jimmy Young, an Andy Dalton run to the 3-yard line and a Matthew Tucker touchdown run on the next play.

The Frogs gained 339 yards on the ground, making it the fourth game in a row the team

has surpassed the 300-yard rushing mark. The offense totaled 507 yards, clearing the 500-yard mark for the fourth game in a row as well.

"We've got a lot of different guys that are doing an outstanding job in the running game," Dalton said. "We've got three backs that are just so explosive and the offensive line has been doing a heck of a job."

Despite falling behind early, the Cowboys kept the game from getting out of hand when they answered on the very next series.

After three three-and-outs to begin the game, the Cowboys found a gap in the Frogs' secondary on two separate occasions to drive the ball down to the TCU 4-yard line. Wyoming quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels appeared to have an

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Meyer pledges allegiance to undefeated Gators

By Mark Long  
AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Standing behind the same podium where quarterback Tim Tebow delivered his now-famous promise 14 months and 21 wins ago, coach Urban Meyer vowed Monday to be at Florida "as long as they'll have me."

With rumors swirling about Charlie Weis' future at Notre Dame, Meyer squashed any potential speculation about leaving Gainesville for South Bend, Ind.

"I'm ready to dispel it," Meyer said. "I'm going to be the coach

at Florida as long as they'll have me. So I want to make that clear."

Meyer was an assistant at Notre Dame from 1996 to 2000, working under coach Lou Holtz. He got his first head-coaching job a year later, turning around Bowling Green and doing the same at Utah two years later.

He was Notre Dame's top choice to replace Ty Willingham in 2004, but Meyer chose Florida over the Fighting Irish. He later acknowledged that Notre Dame was still his "dream job."

Five years at Florida have changed his feelings.

In his most emotional news

conference since shedding a few tears following a loss at LSU in 2005, Meyer paused three times when talking about the final home game for a senior class that includes Tebow.

He paused about a half minute the first time, staring down the entire time and thumping the podium twice.

"No more interviews this week, man," said Meyer, who is 55-9 at Florida and has won two of the past three national championships. "This is going to be a tough week."

It got even tougher when Meyer was asked about Mi-

chael Guilford, a walk-on who died in a motorcycle crash in Oct. 2007. Guilford would have been a senior this year. Meyer, following another pause, said Guilford's family will be honored with the rest of the seniors before Saturday's game against rival Florida State.

"He's a part of this group," Meyer said. "That really stung this football team. He's got a terrific family. We're going to try to do the best we can to make that family feel at peace with what he did here. He was a phenomenal young man and a phenomenal member of this team. So he'll be part of senior day."

Meyer paused one more time, composing himself after he was asked about the impact Tebow has had on him. Tebow inspired Meyer to take his family on a mission trip to Central America.

"The one thing about Tim is his unselfishness, and his mission outside of college football is unparalleled as far as I'm concerned," Meyer said, holding back tears.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Alabama defense chock full of talent

By John Zenor  
AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Toss a dart at any position on No. 2 Alabama's defense, and chances are you'll hit a candidate for a national or Southeastern Conference honor.

Best not to throw anything at Auburn, because the Tigers can't risk any more injuries.

Auburn is as thin as the Crimson Tide is deep, which could mean trouble going against Mark Ingram and a punishing 'Bama offense Friday in the Iron Bowl.

Alabama (11-0, 7-0) brings in a defense that leads the nation in total and pass efficiency defense, ranks second in scoring and defense and has playmaking stars spread from front to back. The Tide has allowed only six touchdowns in seven SEC games, holding five of those teams to single digits in points.

"They're very talented. That's where you have to start in this league for anybody that's good at what they do," said Auburn coach Gene Chizik, a former defensive coordinator for the Tigers and Texas. "Obviously they're very well coached. They're very disciplined in the defense and they're two-deep. They've got the defense running about exactly like you'd want it run. You can tell they've now been in the defense three years. It's very evident by the way they're playing."

Auburn (7-4, 3-4), meanwhile, is enduring growing pains in Year 1 under defensive coordinator Ted Roof, who has limited depth and experience to work with. He has freshman Darren Bates, junior college transfer Demond Washington (playing out of position at safety) and sophomore Neiko Thorpe starting in the secondary.

Linebackers Josh Bynes and Craig Stevens play virtually every snap.

The Tigers are only ranked better than 78th in one of the major defensive categories, standing 24th against the pass.

Auburn has allowed 62 points over the last two games, and Alabama has given up just 71 in its last nine.

On one side, Alabama has linebacker Rolando McClain and nose guard Terrence Cody, both finalists for national defensive player of the year awards and still in the mix as the top player

at their respective positions. Then there's cornerback Javier Arenas, considered a top defensive back.

Plus, end Marcell Dareus is fourth in the SEC in sacks, and safety Mark Barron is tops in interceptions.

"When you look at that defense, you have to understand that you can't pick them apart at their weakness because they really don't have any," right tackle Andrew McCain said.

As for particular strengths: "It will by far be the best D-line we've played all year," McCain said.

Alabama coach Nick Saban was complimentary of Auburn's style of defense and the secondary led by cornerback Walt McFadden.

"They play hard, they play with toughness," Saban said. "I think they've improved tremendously on defense especially in the back end and how they play. Their front seven is physical and playing very well."

The Tigers' lone defensive star is end Antonio Coleman, who leads the SEC with 7.5 sacks and 13.5 tackles for loss. But quarterback Greg McElroy also singled out linebacker Josh Bynes and cornerback Walt McFadden.

Both defenses have been hit by injuries. Alabama lost inside linebacker Dont'a Hightower to a season-ending knee injury, while three Auburn safeties are out for the season.

Auburn middle linebacker Eltoro Freeman is nursing a right ankle injury, but Chizik said he made progress during the open week.

Alabama's defense dominated last year's 36-0 win, holding Auburn to 178 total yards and eight first downs.

Auburn center Ryan Pugh said there's no comparison between the Tigers' offense this year and last year under offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn.

"We were horrible on offense last year," Pugh said. "This year is a different case. I think we're significantly better — a hundred times better."

Auburn relies heavily on keeping defenses off-balance with a fast tempo and a dash of trickery. Arenas thinks the veteran Tide defense is hard to fool, though.

"I think we are, because of the amount of time we as players and coaches as well put into each and every thing that opponents do, so nothing will come as a surprise," he said.



Alabama running back Mark Ingram outruns Chattanooga's Joshua Williams on a 40-yard touchdown run in the first quarter at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Saturday.



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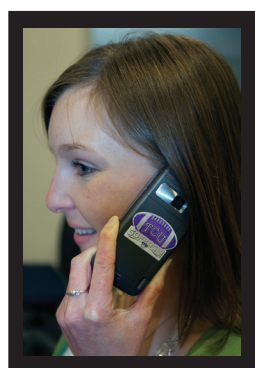
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