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Winter festivities begin as semester ends.

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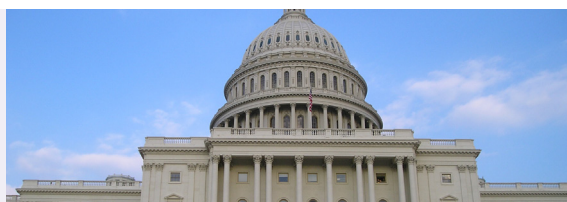


Campus offers many holiday events, including the Christmas tree lighting and an Angel Tree, to get students into a festive state of mind.

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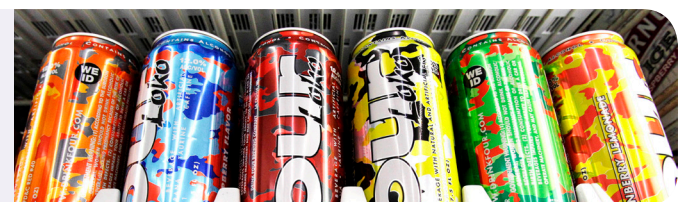
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Schieffer School interns get experience working in Washington.



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## INTERNSHIPS

# Semester in Washington provides real-world experience

By **Katey Muldrow**  
Staff Reporter

Instead of walking across TCU's campus to her classes, Anna Waugh has enjoyed her semester strolling past the Washington Monument on the way to work as a *Washington Examiner* reporter.

Waugh, a senior journalism and English double major, and five other students have worked at full-time journalism and strategic communications internships in Washington, D.C. since September, she said.

The Schieffer School of Journalism sent students to the nation's capital for the first time, modeling its program after a similar internship program in the political science department, Schieffer School Director John Lumpkin said. Students turned in applications for next fall's program Nov. 16, and administrators plan to announce the participants in December.

Waugh said the program partnered with The Washington

Center to pair students and with internships that match their interests. She believed her internship provided real-world work experience that is not often found in college internships, she said.

"I feel like The Washington Center really focuses on who they help you get an internship with, so that you're going to be doing substantial work," Waugh said. "You're going to be doing work that matters, and obviously that is going to help you more than if you are just making coffees or something."

Covering a variety of topics in the news as a general assignment reporter, Waugh has enjoyed the constant change in tasks and the fast pace of the newspaper, she said.

"Every day is different, especially for me, because one day in news is never going to be like another day," Waugh said.

In addition to working between 30 and 35 hours a week, Waugh said she and the other students participate in events and projects that help them professionally. Ac-

tivities range from taking a night class to creating a Public Service Announcement to writing a letter to a member of Congress.

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**Lauren Sanders**  
Senior strategic communication major

Senior Lauren Sanders said the entire experience taught her many skills and life lessons that she could take with her into any profession in the future.

"I've definitely learned how to manage my time because they just put so much on your plate," Sanders said. "You learn how to man-

age your time really effectively. You learn how to multitask, and you learn how to live in a city."

As a strategic communication major, Sanders has interned at the Center for Strategic and International Studies which works to influence international policy, she said. She focuses on event planning and organization, and works to get the organization's online products into university classrooms across the country.

"That was an industry that I never really thought about pursuing anything in," Sanders said. "And I just kind of jumped in and fell in love with it."

Sanders and Waugh agreed that the workload required a lot of responsibility but challenged them in a positive way.

"I have the same responsibilities as a person who is hired there and is not just there for an internship," Sanders said. "So they're really treating me like an employee, and they give me tremendous responsibility."

Waugh said, however, that the capital provided more than just

academic and professional opportunities. She said she has enjoyed seeing sites such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol building, as well as visiting museums and cultural events.

"In a big city there's obviously never a dull moment, but in D.C. there's never even the option of a dull moment," Waugh said. "There is just so much here as far as monuments, as far as museums, as far as history and culture and whatever you really want to learn about."

Waugh has missed her friends and the traditions of living on TCU's campus but said she would make the decision to go all over again if given the chance, she said.

"I knew that the experience would not let me down in any shape or form," Waugh said. "And I knew that if I wanted to do journalism, I needed to come to this program because it was going to give me the best real-world experience that I will ever have being in college. And I think it has lived up to that expectation."

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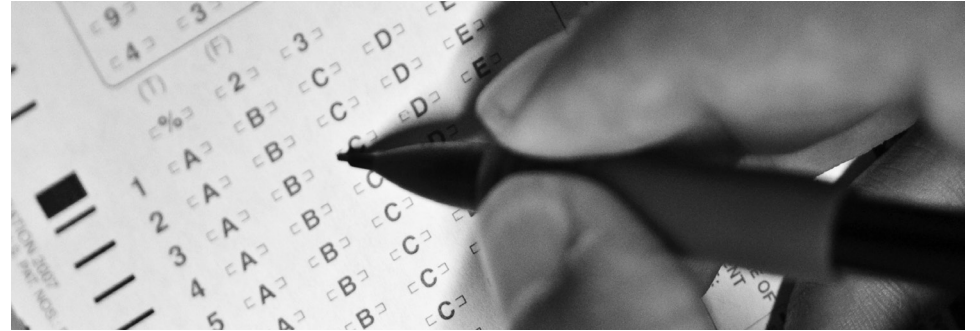


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The SGA passed a resolution to provide scantrons free of charge to the student body via the library.

## SGA passes bill for free scantrons

By **Whitney Gipson**  
Staff Reporter

After five weeks of delay, a bill allocating money to purchase scantrons for students was passed by the House of Student Representatives Tuesday night.

The Student Government Association will purchase 2,500 scantrons to be placed in the Mary Coats Burnett Library for students free of charge, said Brett Neal, a junior representative from the College of Education and member of the Campus Advancement Committee.

Jackie Wheeler, Campus Advancement Committee chair, said a trial run of the free scantrons had been set to happen in December during finals week, but due to a lack of time to purchase the scantrons, the trial will be in January, she said.

Wheeler said a majority of the classes at the university require students to bring their own scantrons on test day. Providing those scantrons will make test day less stressful for students, she said.

"We want every student to be well prepared for his or her exams," Wheeler said.

Neal said the scantrons will be stored behind the library's information center desk to prohibit students from grabbing more than three.

Karter Ginn, a freshman pre-major, said he was happy the bill was passed because it provided him with free scantrons before tests.

Wheeler said only green scantrons will be provided during the trial run.

Wheeler said the purpose of the Campus Advancement Committee was to serve the students and provide them with things they want and will use.

Another issue brought to the House of Student Representatives' attention was Improve TCU Day, which happens today.

Brett Anderson, student relations chair, said Improve TCU Day is a way for students to give SGA feedback and suggestions for plans in the future.

SGA encourages students to fill out a feedback form, Anderson said. There are two booths for feedback and suggestions, located by the library and at the west entrance of Market Square. Students who fill out a form at the library location will receive a free coozie, he said.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Campus holiday events help lift winter blues

Most people, especially students, find themselves eagerly awaiting the winter season and all it entails — the cold weather, the excuse to wear warm pajamas to class, the potential for gifts and the month-long break from school. Especially the month-long break from school. Especially.

I'm sure at this time of year, students from across the country can relate to one thing: the deep longing for a break from the daily grind of boring books and essays. Of course, what makes the break so much sweeter is the joy gained from completing a grueling two weeks of late nights, annoying exams, rapid reading and empty cans of Red Bull.

For those in need of a small break before the big break, students should capitalize on Holidays at TCU. Of all the events available, from the heart-warming gifts to children in the care of protective services to the cookies and cider, at least one of them will help ease the way to finals. Although some may feel like taking a break in the middle of a study session is wasteful, it's certainly not going to do any harm in the anxiety department.

The holidays are the perfect time to be sappy and warm. That's what chestnuts and open fires are for, but only after a couple of sleepless nights in honor of exams and presentations. Just don't go overboard.

Take a break from cramming and take advantage of events that can brighten up not only your scholastic future, but also that of a kid hoping for a hug from someone who'll stick around longer than a case worker.

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## Pope's comments on birth control mostly ignored



Andrew Mabry

Aside from confusion, there was also a sigh of relief from many Roman Catholic reformers and groups working to combat HIV when Pope Benedict XVI stated last week: "There may be a basis in the case of some individuals, as perhaps when a male prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first step in the direction of a moralization."

This caught many by surprise, as it contradicts, or at least appears to contradict the hard-line anti-birth control stance taken by the Catholic Church since Pope Paul VI stated in 1968 that "it is never lawful, even for the gravest reasons, to do evil that good may come of it."

Allowing a male prostitute to use a condom is definitely a step in the right direction to preventing the spread of HIV, but there's no need to congratulate the pope for modifying a stance that has long been grounded on neglect for reality.

The pope might as well have been speaking exclusively about condoms for prostitutes in Africa, as most Western European and American countries have relatively low HIV and AIDS rates and enjoy the legal distribution of condoms. Prostitution is a legal profession in Germany, the Netherlands and areas of Nevada in the United States. Since the AIDS epidemic in Africa has become increasingly prevalent, it's about time the Catholic Church re-evaluate the effectiveness of its "condoms are evil, abstinence only" approach. Caroline Nenguke, spokeswoman for Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa's largest grassroots organization fighting for the rights of people with HIV and AIDS, said, "This news is long overdue, and if the pope, as a church leader and leader of opinion, had said this a long time ago it would have saved lives."

There is still confusion as to what the pope meant by his recent comments and whether anything will actually change. It was only last year that Pope Benedict XVI received unprecedented criticism from European governments and international organizations for telling reporters on his way to Africa that condoms would not resolve the AIDS problem but in fact make it worse. This, of course, directly contradicts all available evidence on the subject and further contradicts the

statement the pope made last week. If the pope still believes condoms are supposedly exacerbating the HIV epidemic, how could there be instances when wearing a condom is the first step in the direction of a moralization?

*Allowing a male prostitute to use a condom is definitely a step in the right direction to preventing the spread of HIV.*

There is no need to bother deciphering what exactly the pope meant by his comments last week or whether or not the Catholic Church is changing its stance on birth control. Most people, given the choice already, ignore what the pope has to say about birth control. Studies suggest that as many as 96 percent of American, Catholic women between 15-44 years of age have used some form of birth control, according to a 2002 survey by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. And who can blame them? Hopefully the pope's comments encourage more distribution of condoms in Africa. However nobody needed to wait for the pope to give the green light.

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## PERSPECTIVES

## Students need entire week break for Thanksgiving travels



Jack Enright

Last week we were given three days off from the normal week to go home and eat turkey. While it was a nice break, it was much shorter than breaks at other schools that received the full week off, giving them a total of nine days off in contrast to the five days we had. It's time we changed from having a two-day week to having an extended Thanksgiving break for several reasons.

The justification for having a two-day week before Thanksgiving break is that we have two days off for fall break earlier in the semester. We make up those two missed days before the Thanksgiv-

ing break. The problem with this is that students who live out of state often do not find it practical to fly home for a four-day fall break. Furthermore they find the Thanksgiving break too short since they have to use much of the time travelling to and from school. In addition, the two school days in the Thanksgiving week are the time when many tests are given and papers are due, so it is rare to be able to safely skip the two-day week.

*It's time we changed from having a two-day week to having a full week off to make our Thanksgiving break four days longer, and for several reasons.*

Since the current break is only five days, the campus remains open for people to stay during the Thanksgiving break. This means that resident assistants must stay for

duty during these five days to work at the front desks, which prohibits some of them from travelling home. With a full week off, everyone could go home and not have these issues.

Because of the two-day week, the weekend before it is also excluded from the break. This means that not having classes for just those two days before the break would lengthen the vacation by four days, an increase from five to nine days.

Finally, there's no pressing need to have a four-day weekend in October. It's too short for most out-of-state students to justify travelling home and unnecessary for the large number of students who live close enough to go home even with a normal weekend.

For these reasons,

TCU should revise its schedule for next year to make the Thanksgiving break a full week.

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## "Black Ops" has something for everyone

Austin Sandford

Review ★★★★★

"Call of Duty: Black Ops" is a game that, living up to the "Call of Duty" name, will draw you in for hours at a time. If you've ever played a "Call of Duty" game before, you'll know that as the series has progressed the game has become less about the story and more about the multiplayer.

Naturally, employees at developer Treyarch know that multiplayer will sell their game. But they also know that even if they add lots of extras into the game, glitches and bad design choices will end up making the game unpopular, something that plagued "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2." The end result is a bit of a compromise: Treyarch adds a lot, makes a few additions that cater more to each player's style and tweaks some issues of "Modern Warfare 2." However the company also made some risky design choices that could turn off some hardcore fans.

In multiplayer, "Black Ops" returns to the original system of limiting the secondary weapons to pistols, launchers and a few specials, removing the "Modern Warfare 2" system of giving the player machine pistols or shotguns as a secondary. As changes go, this is the most controversial of the bunch as it makes combat situations much less varied.

Coupled with maps being designed with lots of turns and close quarters situations, as well as the shotguns being moved to primary and losing a large amount of their range, it makes most combat situations consist only of automatic weapons. As a result, the multiplayer doesn't seem as varied. So while players are now allowed to pick the order in which they unlock perks,

attachments and weapons, there just isn't a lot of strategy.

The story mode for the game is interesting. It's completely different from any "Call of Duty" game before it as the player relives memories of the characters in order to put together a code, resulting in a finale that aims to be more haunting and powerful than any game in the series before it.

The setup is very well done, and the presentation is made in a very cohesive way that ends up tying everything together well in the end. It's interesting, because while "Black Ops" is definitely the most intriguing "Call of Duty" to date, it's also the game that somehow manages to make these experiences feel downright unexciting.

One level, for example, contains a boat ride to recover the contents of a plane that ends with a tense ambush. Treyarch gets props for bringing in more epic vehicle play, but the ambush at the end of the level ends very quickly, barely giving the player any real fear before propelling them to the next level.

"Black Ops" is a game that will not appeal to everyone the same way. Some people may love it if the multiplayer is their only focus, even if some of the long-time players feel that the new points system cheats the player out of fully experiencing the game. Those going for the story will probably feel like it intrigued them, but that it wasn't as exciting to play as they had hoped. Finally, those who are looking to enjoy each portion will love it.

The game is still addicting, and it has enough surprises to get the player engaged. "Black Ops" won't blow anyone away, but it's a good game that's worth being on your Christmas list.

*Austin Sandford is a freshman journalism major from Austin.*



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## SEASONAL

## Holiday events offer chance for charity

By **Christa Acuna**  
Staff Reporter

As the university makes the transition to the holiday season, it will host several events to keep students in good spirits, especially through finals.

According to a university's e-mail, there is an opportunity for students to give back to the community this holiday season. The campus organization Order of Omega is sponsoring an Angel Tree gift drive for children in the Fort Worth branch of Child Protective Services.

According to the e-mail, which was sent to students Monday, more than 200 children have not been selected. To participate in the event, students should select a child's card, shop for the child and bring a wrapped toy to tonight's Christmas tree lighting at 7 p.m.

Other campus events will include the Hanging of the Greens, the Word of Truth Gospel Choir Christmas Concert, the annual Carols by Candlelight and Good Gift, Green Gift.

Good Gift, Green Gift will be held today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside the Robert Carr Chapel. The event will feature fair trade, socially responsible gifts along with soup and snacks.

Hanging of the Greens will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel. Students will decorate the chapel while enjoying cookies and cider at this event.

The Word of Truth Gospel Choir Christmas Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom. For questions, e-mail Walter Sanders III at w.l.sanders@tcu.edu.

The Annual Carols by Candlelight will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Robert Carr Chapel. Students and families will share the festiveness of the holiday season with tra-

ditional songs and readings, while enjoying cocoa and cookies. There also will be special performances from the School of Music, Word of Truth Gospel Choir and the Reformed University Fellowship band.

For more information on sponsoring a child, contact Kennedy Stewart at kennedy.stewart@tcu.edu.

### University holiday events

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**What:** Truth of Gospel Choir Christmas Concert  
**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom

**What:** Holiday Craft Fair  
**When:** 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** Brown-Lupton University Union first floor

**What:** Holiday Gift Market  
**When:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** Brown-Lupton University Union first and second floor

**What:** Annual Carols by Candlelight  
**When:** 7 p.m. Dec. 13  
**Where:** Robert Carr Chapel

## TEXAS

## Caffeinated alcoholic drinks banned in Texas



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In this Nov. 10, 2010 file photo, Four Loko alcoholic energy drinks are seen in the cooler of a convenience store in Seattle.

By **Kerri Feczko**  
Staff Reporter

The distribution and sale of caffeinated alcoholic beverages, including Four Loko and Joose, are no longer permitted in the state of Texas, according to a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission press release.

The decision was based on the actions of the Food and Drug Administration who notified the makers of Four Loko, Joose, MAXXX, Moonshot, Core High Gravity HG Green, Core High Gravity HG Orange and Lemon Lime Core Spiked about the dangers of adding caffeine to their alcoholic beverages, according to the press release. The companies were given 15 days to respond as to how they would remedy the violation of adding what the press release referred to as an "unsafe food additive."

Yvonne Giovanis, associate director of the TCU Drug and Alcohol Education Center, wrote in an e-mail that one of the most widely recognized risks of consuming these types of beverages was how the caffeine could have the power to mask the effects of the alcohol.

"[Students] do not realize [how] intoxicated they are and are therefore more inclined to engage in dangerous behaviors like continuing to drink or drive," Giovanis wrote.

In addition, alcohol and most stimulants, especially caffeine, are diuretics, which can lead to severe dehydration, Giovanis wrote.

Sophomore marketing major Toby Teakell said he agreed with the TABC's decision to ban the sale of caffeinated alcoholic beverages because of the potential health risks, but also believed it should take the same initiative with other companies who produce similarly dangerous products, such as cigarettes.

Junior nursing major Paige Kirscht said

she also agreed with TABC's decision based on the stories released about alcoholic energy drinks and their harmful effects on high school and college students. She said many students do not realize the harm they are doing when they drink the mixture of caffeine and alcohol.

"The alcohol will depress your nervous system and then the caffeine stimulates it," Kirscht said. "It's like you're stepping on the gas and also hitting the break while you're driving."

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### Yvonne Giovanis

Associate Director of the TCU Drug and Alcohol Education Center

Teakell said that despite the health risks associated with the drinks, there were many reasons why their ban may be unpopular among college students.

"First of all, they're cheap and easy to get your hands on," Teakell said. "And it gives you a really, really quick drunken state from the alcohol, and it's without having to drink a lot."

Kirscht said that the ban might actually increase the drinks' popularity.

"When something gets banned, it almost becomes more desirable," Kirscht said. "I just feel like people will find a way to get it."

Giovanis wrote that since other states have already banned these types of drinks, including Washington, Michigan, Utah and Oklahoma, she fully expects more states will follow suit.

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## POLITICS

# Common ground sought on taxes

By David Espo and Jim Kuhnenn

Associated Press

Heralding a new era of divided government, President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans pledged warily to seek common ground on tax cuts and reduced spending Tuesday in their first meeting since tumultuous midterm elections.

Obama also made a strong plea to Senate Republicans to permit ratification of a new arms control treaty with Russia by year's end, raising the issue first in a session in the White House's Roosevelt Room and then in a follow-up meeting without aides present, officials said.

No substantive agreements on essential year-end legislation emerged from the session, and none had been expected. Instead, the meeting was a classic capital blend of substance and style, offering a chance for Obama, House Speaker-in-waiting John Boehner and Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell to become more comfortable in one another's presence.

"The American people did not vote for gridlock. They didn't vote for unyielding partisanship. They're demanding cooperation and they're demanding progress," the president told reporters, referring to elections that gave the GOP control of the House and a stronger say in the Senate.

Back at the Capitol after the meeting, Boehner said, "I think that spending more time will help us find some common ground," and he credited Obama with opening the session by saying he had not reached out enough in the past to Republican leaders.

Even so, there was little or no attempt to minimize the differences that divided the parties during the election campaign, including a disagreement on legislation to extend Bush-era tax cuts due to expire at year's end.

"It is the view of 100 percent of Senate Republicans, and a number of Senate Democrats as well ... that we ought to treat all taxpayers the same," McConnell told reporters.

Obama and most Democrats, by contrast, want to extend existing tax cuts to all workers with family incomes under \$250,000 but allow them to expire for those at higher levels.

**"It is the view of 100 percent of Senate Republicans, and a number of Senate Democrats as well ... that we ought to treat all taxpayers the same."**

**Mitch McConnell**

Senate GOP leader

In a sign of urgency, Obama and leaders of both parties appointed a small group to begin talks immediately on resolving the issue so lawmakers can approve a compromise before wrapping up their work.

One possible compromise is for Democrats to agree to extend the tax cuts for all, and for Republicans to drop their insistence that the lower tax rates be made permanent. An extension for a few years would allow both sides to claim victory while limiting the cost to the government at a time when deficit reduction is a major priority of both parties.

Officials said there was relatively little discussion of another major issue confronting lawmakers in the current postelection session, the need for a new spending bill so the government can run without interruption. Current spending authority expires on Dec. 3, and majority Democrats intend to extend that to Dec. 17.

## GOVERNMENT

# Cleanup begins after WikiLeaks post

By Matthew Lee

Associated Press

The State Department severed its computer files from the government's classified network, officials said Tuesday, as U.S. and world leaders tried to clean up from the embarrassing leak that spilled America's sensitive documents onto screens around the globe.

By temporarily pulling the plug, the U.S. significantly reduced the number of government employees who can read important diplomatic messages. It was an extraordinary hunkering down, prompted by the disclosure of hundreds of thousands of those messages this week by WikiLeaks, the self-styled whistleblower organization.

The documents revealed that the U.S. is still confounded about North Korea's nuclear military ambitions, that Iran is believed to have received advanced missiles capable of targeting Western Europe and — perhaps most damaging to the U.S. — that the State Department asked its diplomats to collect DNA samples and other personal information about foreign leaders.

While the founder of WikiLeaks, Julian Assange, taunted the U.S. from afar on Tuesday, lawyers from across the government were investigating whether it could prosecute him for espionage, a senior defense official said.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley sought to reassure the world that U.S. diplomats were not spies, even as he sidestepped questions about why they were asked to provide DNA samples, iris scans, credit card numbers, fingerprints and other deeply personal information about leaders at the United Nations and in foreign capitals.

Diplomats in the Paraguayan capital of

Asuncion, for instance, were asked in a secret March 2008 cable to provide "biometric data, to include fingerprints, facial images, iris scans, and DNA" for numerous prominent politicians. They were also asked to send "identities information" on terrorist suspects, including "fingerprints, arrest photos, DNA and iris scans."

**"Data should include e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers, fingerprints, facial images, DNA, and iris scans."**

**State Department cable**

In Burundi, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo the requests included information about political, military and intelligence leaders.

"Data should include e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers, fingerprints, facial images, DNA, and iris scans," the cable said.

Every year, the intelligence community asks the State Department for help collecting routine information such as biographical data and other "open source" data. DNA, fingerprint and other information was included in the request because, in some countries, foreigners must provide that information to the U.S. before entering an embassy or military base, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters.

*Associated Press writers Kimberly Dozier and Anne Gearan contributed to this report.*

# Congratulations, Graduates!

Check out the graduation issue Friday, December 3rd and see if you received a special congratulatory shout-out.



DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

# Pentagon report: Openly gay troops will not harm military

By Anne Flaherty and Anne Gearan  
Associated Press

Gay troops can serve openly in the armed forces without harming the military's ability to fight, the Pentagon's top leaders said Tuesday, declaring the 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell law" should be scrapped and pointing to a new survey to show most troops won't mind.

President Barack Obama, citing the troop poll, urged the Senate to repeal the ban before adjourning

in the next few weeks, but there is still no indication GOP objections can be overcome with just a few weeks left in the postelection lame-duck session. Still, the survey did put new pressure on Republican opponents, led by Sen. John McCain, who says efforts to repeal the law are politically motivated and dangerous at a time of two wars.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the ban on openly gay military service "requires people to lie," and he called for quick Senate action.

"We spend a lot of time in the military talking about integrity and honor and values. Telling the truth is a pretty important value in that scale," Gates said as he released the Pentagon study showing that most people currently in uniform don't care about the ban.

Senate Democrats plan to force a vote in December. Senate Republicans were generally silent following release of the Pentagon recommendations for repealing the ban.

Although historic, Tuesday's recommendation that the military for the first time allow openly

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Defense Secretary

gay people came with a caveat that also frustrates many supporters of repeal. Gates wants an indefinite grace period while the Pentagon

prepares for the policy change and phases it in.

"It would be unwise to push ahead with full implementation of repeal before more can be done to prepare the force, in particular those ground combat specialties and units, for what could be a disruptive and disorienting change," Gates said.

Critics led by McCain say the Pentagon's report doesn't address risks to morale and fighting mettle.

Associated Press writers  
Pauline Jelinek and Julie Pace  
contributed to this report.

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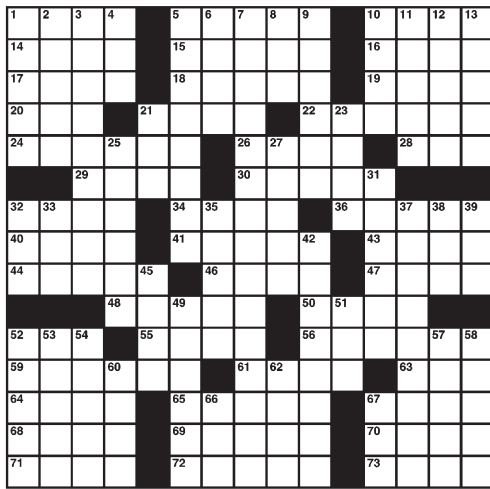
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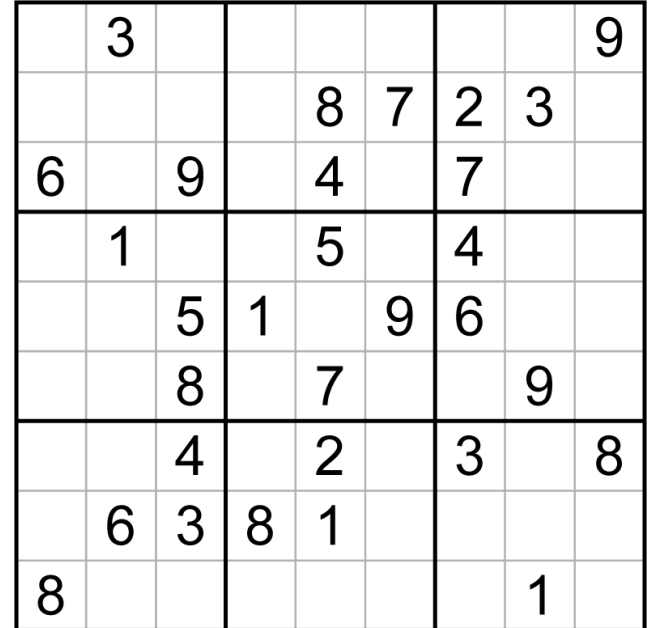
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## CRIME

# Gunman kills self after taking students hostage

By Scott Bauer and Todd Richmond

Associated Press

His first shots blasted the film projector and punched into a wall. The last he aimed at himself. In between, the 15-year-old high school sophomore held his teacher and about two dozen classmates hostage for more than six hours.

As the gunman died Tuesday, his motivation still unclear, students who were in the room described how they put their captor at ease — even to the point of laughter — by engaging him in oddly casual conversations about hunting, fishing, movies and music. All the hostages escaped unharmed. In the end, Samuel Hengel himself was the only loss.

Teacher Valerie Burd's Western civilization class, the second-to-last of the day, began about 1:30 p.m. as students began filing in. Among them was Hengel, dressed in his favorite Tom-and-Jerry T-shirt and blue jeans. The teens took their seats in a fan-shaped arrangement, and doing worksheets about the Greek demigod Hercules.

Shortly after class began, Hengel told the teacher he was sick, said 15-year-old Austin Biehl, another student in the class. Hurd allowed Hengel to go to the restroom.

He returned with a backpack, which police later said contained two semiautomatic handguns, ammunition and a knife. He had more bullets in his pockets.

Burd, a 39-year-old teacher with 10 years of experience in the district, started showing a film about Hercules.

Hengel asked his fellow students how they were doing, Biehl said, then he snapped.

He shot a hole in the wall, then fired two more rounds at the film projector, breaking a piece off of it. Then Hengel propped himself up on Burd's stool at the front of the class, pulled another gun from his waistband and laid it on Burd's podium along with a magazine of ammunition, Biehl said. Girls in the class began to cry.

Hengel's cell phone rang. He snapped it in half. He then made everyone in the class dump their cell phones in the middle of the room. When some began to ring, he ordered kids to remove the batteries.

When the bell rang signaling the start of the last class of the day, Hengel told Burd to post a note on the door telling incoming students to go to the library. Burd asked him if they could do anything for him, Biehl said. "He just said no," Biehl said.

Hengel never made any demands or pointed his weapons at anyone, Biehl said. Then one of Hengel's best friends started talking to him, and the rest of the class joined in, discussing movies and actors Hengel liked, deer hunting and fishing, Biehl said.

Police immediately tried to contact Hengel. They called the phone in the classroom, but he would not talk. That fell to Burd.


Her calmness in the face of a potentially deadly situation, reassuring students that everyone would be OK, won her praise on Tuesday. She declined to discuss the matter when approached at her home in Michigan, saying she had young children at home who were not aware of what had happened.

"She saved the lives of many students by her calm demeanor and heroic way," Lambie said.

District officials planned to reopen the building for classes Wednesday. Safety guidelines at the school, which does not have metal detectors, will be reviewed, Superintendent Tim Baneck said.

Hengel's death leaves the biggest question unanswered: Why?

District Attorney Allen Brey promised to make public a full report on the investigation, but it could be weeks or months away.



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## CRIME

# Police: Missing boys unlikely to be found alive

By Corey Williams

Associated Press

The father of three young brothers who have been missing since Thanksgiving was charged with their kidnapping on Tuesday, hours after police said it's unlikely the boys will be found alive.

John Skelton, 39, was arrested by FBI agents after his release from a medical facility in Lucas County, Ohio, where he had been being treated since attempting to hang himself on Friday.

Skelton was charged in Lenawee County, Mich., across the state border, with three counts of parent kidnapping, Morenci Police Chief Larry Weeks said during a brief news conference.

Skelton was being held at the Lucas County jail and would be extradited back to Michigan, Weeks said.

Nine-year-old Andrew, 7-year-old Alexander and 5-year-old Tanner Skelton have not been seen since Thanksgiving, when they were with their father in Morenci.

John Skelton told detectives early on

that he gave the boys to a female acquaintance to pass along to their mother, but police say that he was lying.

"Statements he made to investigators indicate it's not going to be a positive outcome," Weeks said earlier Tuesday before charges were announced. He declined to elaborate.

"He's been forthcoming with some information, the credibility of which we can't verify," Weeks added.

Later Tuesday, while announcing the charges against Skelton, Weeks said Skelton had asked for a lawyer and stopped talking to investigators.

Police released Skelton's photo and were looking for anyone who might have seen the boys or the Skelton's blue, Dodge Caravan between Thursday and Friday afternoon. Police seized the van, but were trying to determine where he may have taken them before he attempted suicide.

Weeks said their mother and Skelton's estranged wife, 45-year-old Tanya Skelton, was told about the search's possible outcome.

Her reaction: "Imagine your worst nightmare come true," Weeks said. "How would you respond?"

For a fourth day Tuesday, crews searched the woods and fields around Morenci, about 75 miles southwest of Detroit and just north of the Ohio state line.

The purpose of the search may have changed, but it will continue, vowed Bill Foster of Morenci, who was wearing the names of the boys on the back of his yellow vest.

"It's not what you wanted to hear," he said. "The whole community had been hoping for a Christmas miracle.

"We're very saddened by the news, but the search has to continue. We won't quit the search until we bring the boys home."

Foster said locals began searching fields and woods on Saturday. They joined police efforts when those started.

Lenawee County sheriff's Corporal Jeff Paterson said woods, ponds, creeks, clumps of trees, tilled cornfields, roadsides and barns in Ohio and Michigan were searched Monday. He expected more of the same Tuesday.



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Joel Hess, left, and Brandon Stewart, both from an ice rescue team for Cambridge Township Fire Dept. search for 9-year-old Andrew, 7-year-old Alexander and 5-year-old Tanner Skelton in a small pond in Morenci, Mich. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010.

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## OPINION

# Big East move makes monetary sense, but not much else



Ryne Sulier

TCU's leap to the Big East became the premiere example of how the college football landscape transcended geography and tradition and swung completely in favor of TV ratings and the BCS Big Bucks.

When ESPN argues that TCU's move to the Big East is logical because the Dallas Cowboys play in the NFC East — well, that is all you need to know about the sorry state of college football.

Sure, TCU adds some firepower to a sagging Big East football slate that has one current team in the BCS standings — No. 24 West Virginia. At the same time, the move neutralizes the Mountain West Conference, the primary threat to the Big East's automatic-qualifying BCS bid.

The MWC lost its teeth as Utah, BYU and TCU snuck off giggling while Boise State was left with its pants on the ground as the only mar-

quee program of which the MWC can boast in 2012. It's a cold, windy day for Boise State to get pantsed after losing to Nevada Friday. Heck, the Broncos got pantsed and then doused with a cooler of ice water.

In contrast, TCU is smelling roses right now. A pretty big fiesta may even be in the works with a little help, even if the BCS still smells more like a cattle auction at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo — and by 2012, TCU will have that same scent as an automatic-qualifying beneficiary.

According to a TCU Athletics press release, head football coach Gary Patterson said, "Obviously there is an automatic-qualifying berth that goes along with this, so for us, that plays into the realm of things and how we wanted to do this. We have more TV markets when you play on TV, more people will watch us on a national scale. So I think it's a great move."

Agreed. TCU will not have to go undefeated just for a sniff at a BCS bowl. It just has to win a Big East title, and that makes a lot of sense in terms of BCS Big Bucks, but not necessarily so much sense in terms of that elusive spot in the BCS National Championship. The Big East, in fact,

is far from automatic in terms of a national championship berth.

In 2007, then-No. 2 West Virginia was poised to make it to the national championship before 4-7 Pittsburgh upended the Mountaineers in the Backyard Brawl.

Last season, then-undefeated Cincinnati would likely have been the opponent, not TCU, dismantled by Alabama in the BCS Championship had a burnt-orange one second not been added to the Big 12 championship game.

The Big East is the only BCS automatic-qualifying school to never have a current member play for a BCS National Championship — Miami (Florida) and Virginia Tech moved to the ACC in 2004.

Further, the week-to-week Big East conference slate will likely have more land mines than the 2011 or 2012 MWC will possess. Pitt, West Virginia and Connecticut, who is currently in the driver seat to win the Big East this season, will provide ranked conference competition most years. Cincinnati had an undefeated regular season just year ago; and Syracuse, Louisville, South Florida and Rutgers are all up-and-coming.

This season, four MWC teams have three or fewer wins; no Big



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West Virginia running back Noel Devine (7) breaks away from Pittsburgh line-backer Greg Williams (38) to run for a first down during the third quarter of an NCAA college football game, Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 in Pittsburgh.

East team has fewer than four wins overall. Take the Horned Frogs out of the equation, and the MWC and Big East both have one representative in the top 25 BCS standings.

If the goal is having a seat at the BCS Big Boys' table where the BCS Big Bucks can be earned, then TCU's move to the Big East makes perfect sense. Remember, a victory by South Carolina or Oregon State Saturday means TCU is most likely in the Tostitos BCS National Champion-

ship while sitting at the head of the kids' table in 2010-11.

We have been spoiled by two consecutive undefeated regular seasons by TCU. Relish it, because something as special as an undefeated season isn't likely to happen again in Fort Worth any time soon. But then again, it doesn't have to if the BCS Big Bucks are the real goal.

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## ANALYSIS

# After defeat, members of Bronco nation show support for Frogs



Tori Cummings

As college football fans, we want our team to be No. 1. Last Friday, college football witnessed the takedown of a good football team in Boise State.

BSU had a legitimate shot at the national title if a few things bounced their way. Now after Nevada's 34-31 comeback against BSU, it's up to TCU to bring home the famed Coaches' Trophy. But as TCU pursues this dream, they must realize they are not alone. They have picked up a new, unexpected fanbase.

I spent Thanksgiving in my hometown of Boise and went to my aunt and uncle's house to watch the BSU-Nevada game. My aunt and uncle are BSU season ticket holders, as were the two couples who watched the game with us. The first half was fairly uneventful, with BSU storming out to a 24-7 lead. It looked like another easy win for the Broncos, but the

second half turned into a nightmare for BSU fans.

BSU was unable to stop Nevada's offense, and Nevada's defense was able to attack BSU quarterback Kellen Moore at will. Bronco fans had not seen a game like this since Sept. 6, when BSU played Virginia Tech. All Bronco fans were on edge and praying that BSU would find a way to win.

After BSU running back Doug Martin reclaimed the lead at 31-24 with just under five minutes left, things seemed like they were back to normal in Bronco nation. Everyone was relaxed, assuming the defense would step up like it had all season and seal the game.

However there was no quit in Nevada. Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick methodically marched down the field and hit receiver Rishard Matthews to tie the game at 31-31. Of course, none of the Bronco fans were willing to believe the game would go into overtime. BSU would find a way to win. They always did.

When Moore completed the 54-yard bomb to receiver Titus Young with two seconds left, it seemed like destiny to BSU fans. BSU kicker Kyle Brotzman rarely missed. What would

make this any different?

After the first miss by Brotzman, I could tell that the BSU fans were extremely uneasy. They weren't used to seeing the Broncos on the brink of losing. The Broncos were riding a 24-game winning streak. Losing was not something that was supposed to happen.

When Brotzman missed the overtime field goal and a Nevada win was all but guaranteed, the fans lost hope. There was nothing they could do but watch as BSU was

handed a loss.

BSU fans feel helpless. This whole season had been defined by national title hopes. Those chances are gone, as well as the chance for a BCS bowl bid.

On Saturday, I watched TCU play New Mexico at a restaurant in Boise wearing a TCU jersey, and an older man approached me. He told me he was a BSU alumnus and a die-hard Bronco fan. He wants to see TCU make it to the national title game and cream its opponent.

It would be a small comfort for him after BSU came so close.

Support for the Horned Frogs has been pouring in from all over Boise. Bronco fans realize that TCU is the mid-majors' hope for a national title run. For one game, BSU fans want to see the Horned Frogs succeed. For one game, Horned Frog fans will include a lot of people dressed in blue and orange.

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Boise State Broncos kicker Kyle Brotzman (35) reacts after missing a field goal in overtime against the University of Nevada at Mackay Stadium in Reno, NV on Friday night Nov. 26, 2010.



## SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

# Men's team up against the Panthers Tuesday

By Lizzie Ferguson  
Staff Reporter

The TCU men's basketball team will take on the Prairie View A&M Panthers at 7 p.m. tonight at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Frogs are 5-2 this season and have won all four of their home games. The Frogs' record is the team's highest opening record since the 2004-05 season.

Against USC, TCU scored in the 80-point range for the third time this season, the first time since 2002-03 that the Frogs have done it this early in the year.

The Panthers are 1-4 this season and have yet to win a game on the road. Prairie View is coming off a 90-45 loss against Baylor Monday night.

So far this season, TCU junior guard Ronnie Moss has averaged 16.3 points per game, and in Monday's game, he scored a game-high of 20 points against the Trojans.

TCU junior guard Hank Thorns scored 12 points and totaled a game-high of eight assists.

"I think we feed off of each other," Thorns said about Moss. "In the beginning, I try to get him going, and once he gets going, he tries to get me going. We are leaders and we have to keep the intensity up."

Head basketball coach Jim Christian said Moss and Thorns put so much pressure on the opposing team's defense because both players can handle and pass the ball.

The last time the Frogs played the Panthers was in 2007. TCU won 92-80.

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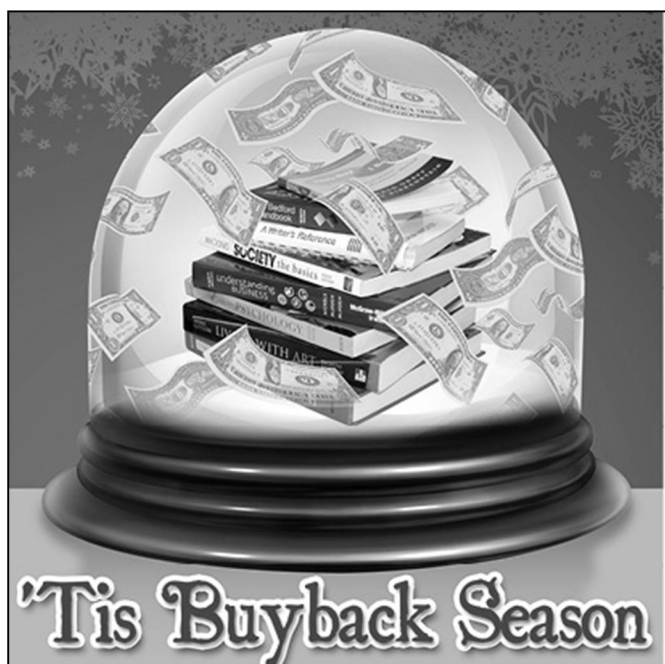


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Junior guard Hank Thorns drives against a USC defender during the basketball game on Monday night. The Frogs had an impressive win over the Trojans, winning 81-69.



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## SPORTS

## TENNIS

Tennis program looking to increase attendance at matches. **Tomorrow**



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TCU football head coach Gary Patterson interviews with a Versus anchor after winning against New Mexico on Saturday. After the move to the Big East, Versus will no longer be covering TCU football and will be instead covered by CBS Sports.

## Move to Big East should increase TCU's media exposure

By Leah Watkins  
Staff Reporter

With the move to the Big East in 2012, TCU will become more familiar with a life in the national spotlight, a university official said.

Athletic Director Chris Del Conte said becoming an institutional member of the Big East will bring significant exposure to the university.

The Big East has been a conference that is highly publicized in media, he said. TCU will become the topic of discussion among a

large media market and in homes of millions of viewers.

"The opportunity to be on ESPN national television and the exposure for our program is phenomenal," Del Conte said.

The level of potential recognition for all TCU athletic teams will be off the charts, he said. After being a part of the Mountain West Conference and now expanding to the Big East, TCU will be known coast to coast.

"We are very fortunate to be in this position today," he said. "It's the right thing for our program."

Big East Commissioner John Mari-

natto said TCU will be positively affected from the increased national exposure and the Big East's automatic bid to a BCS bowl for football.

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**Chris Del Conte**  
Athletic Director

However Chancellor Victor Boschini said the generated publicity the

conference change will cause was not the driving force behind the switch.

"It will get us more notice, but that's not why we did it," he said.

Multiple factors came into play while making the decision to move conferences, but the opportunities TCU will be given in the Big East was one of the biggest, Boschini said. Moving to a conference such as the Big East was a goal for TCU.

Marinatto said adding TCU to the Big East's current 16 member institutions benefits the conference as well, in both athletics and media representation.

In football, the conference is set to play in the Northeast, Midwest, Florida and Texas, Marinatto said. This type of representation would be something no other conference can claim.

Also the Big East will profit from the increased presence in the Texas media market, he said.

"The addition of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the fifth-largest media market in the country, furthers the Big East conference footprint reaching over 25 million U.S. households, more than 25 percent of the United States," Marinatto said.