

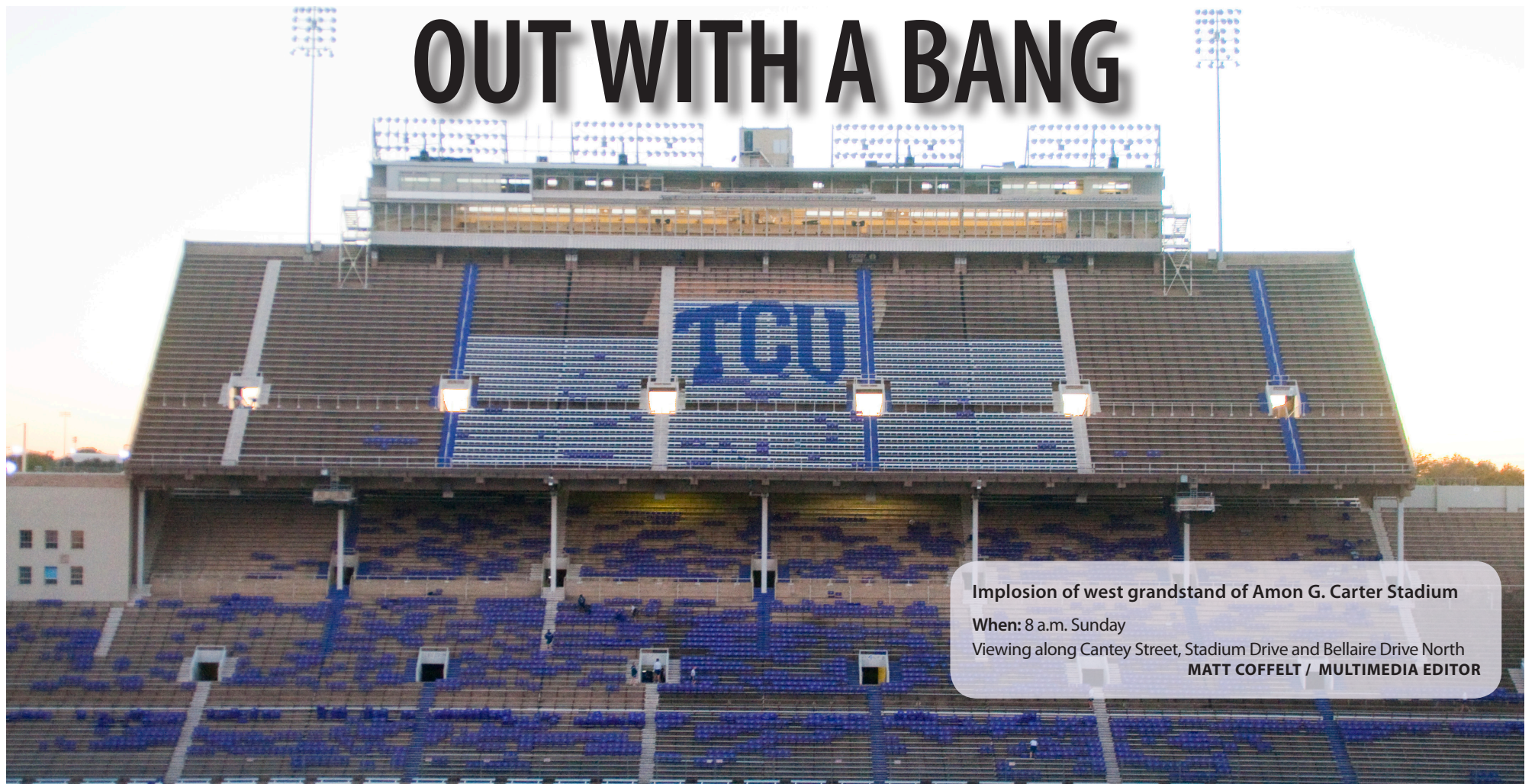


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**Implosion of west grandstand of Amon G. Carter Stadium**

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**MATT COFFELT / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR**

## West grandstand of Amon G. Carter Stadium to implode Sunday

**By David Stein**  
Staff Reporter

Days after learning the university's athletic teams will begin a new era by moving to a new conference, students can watch the beginning of a new era for Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Director of Communications Lisa Albert wrote in an e-mail to all students Wednesday that students outside of an established restricted area will be allowed to watch the west grandstand of Amon G. Carter Stadium implode at about 8 a.m. Sunday. The restricted area will surround the stadium along Cantey Street, Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive

North, Albert wrote. The university will close the streets at 5 a.m. before the implosion. She wrote that streets will be closed to help control traffic and people and will be enforced by both TCU Campus Police and the Fort Worth Police Department.

The Brown-Lupton University Union will open at 7 a.m., where people can purchase coffee at Union Grounds, Albert wrote. A special brunch will be offered at Market Square after the implosion.

Students with respiratory issues can pick up masks at the Health Center during normal hours as well as at the University Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. before the implosion, she wrote.

Dr. Jane Torgerson, who works

at the Health Center, said employees of the Health Center talked with Albert about a week ago to discuss giving out the masks. A few masks have been taken so far, she said.

Associate Director of Major Projects & Facilities Planning Harold Leeman said the university will shut off the heating and air conditioning systems on main campus to prevent dust from getting into the ventilation system.

The dust should dissipate within 15 to 20 minutes after the implosion, he said.

"There's no sense in bringing air into the building for no reason, so we just turn the air off, and that's recommended for the houses [in the area],"

Leeman said. Coordinator for Parking and Transportation Services DeAnn Jones said the freshman, overflow and visitor lots around the stadium have to be cleared out by Saturday.

Albert wrote that students can park at the parking lot at the corner of Sandage Avenue and McCart Avenue. Shuttles will be available to bring students to and from that lot after the implosion from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students who don't move their cars will have them towed and can retrieve them by calling Campus Police after the implosion, Albert wrote.

Students parked in Lot 7 in front of the Sam Baugh Indoor Practice Facility can leave their cars there but will not be able to enter or exit the lot until

after the implosion. The implosion is part of a \$105 million renovation of the stadium. Renovations will include a new press box, suites and club seats on the west side and expanded seating in the north endzone.

There was some asbestos, a toxic mineral used in older buildings, found at the stadium, but it was removed before construction began, according to the stadium's website.

The construction is supposed to be finished in time for the 2012 season, when TCU enters the Big East Conference. Albert wrote if there were any delays in the implosion it would be posted on stadium.tcu.edu by 5 a.m. Students can also call the recorded information line 817-257-INFO.

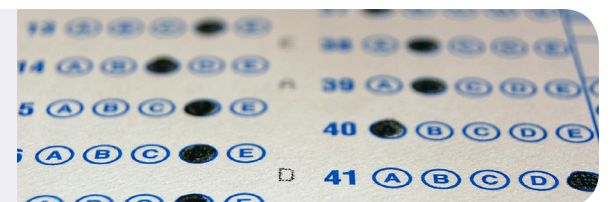
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## TECHNOLOGY

# Cyberbullying presents challenge for teachers

By **Katey Muldrow**  
Staff Reporter

Assistant professor of educational psychology Amber Esping compared cyberbullying to the way packs of hyenas hunt their prey in the wild. They stalk herds of animals to find the weakest one, chase it until it cannot flee any longer and then eat it alive.

As a professor, Esping discussed with students how hyena hunting paralleled human bullying and what can be done to change it, she said.

Esping shared the hyena example, as well as others, to give education students tools to address bullying in their classrooms in the future. She said she believed cyberbullying, however, has surpassed physical bullying to become the easiest and most frequent form of bullying.

Sophomore secondary education major Matthew Castaneda said he defined cyberbullying as bullying through any type of technology such as e-mail, social networking

sites and text messaging. Students studying to be teachers in the future have learned the difficulties of defining the issue and its possible solutions, he said.

Esping said she taught students about the effects of cyberbullying and what they can do to help. She said she focused on helping students realize they could be the first line of defense for students by noticing a problem in the classroom.

"Quite often students don't go home and tell their mom and dad what's going on for a variety of reasons," Esping said. "So teachers are the ones that might know about it first."

Castaneda said teachers could handle cases of physical bullying more easily because they see the evidence of it. Unless a student tells a teacher about being cyberbullied and asks the teacher for help, it would be challenging to resolve the problem, he said.

"Cyberbullying, in general, is something very difficult to handle as an educator," Castaneda said. "And because of that, it's not terri-

bly high on the priority list because it's not something that we can readily intervene in."

Esping agreed that teachers have a harder time detecting the attacks and even then, the boundaries of cyberbullying are unclear.

"It's easier to understand how to intervene when it's visible, physical bullying right in front of you," Esping said. "It is more clear that bullying is happening. [But] it isn't always clear where that line is with cyberbullying."

Michael Bachmann, an assistant professor of criminal justice, said he felt the best response to cyberbullying had various components. Improvements in legislature, increased law enforcement response and more victim resources would begin to address the problem.

"On the policing side, we need a shift in perception of law enforcement on the danger of cyberbullying," Bachmann said. "And we need adequate technical equipment for better law enforcement responses."

Because of a lack of trained personnel, adequate equipment and

the know-how, law enforcement has focused on more large-scale issues, he said.

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**Matthew Castaneda**

Sophomore secondary education major

"There's hardly any attention paid to it from the law enforcement side until there are severe consequences because of this lack of resources, especially in the cyber realm," Bachmann said.

Esping said she believed law enforcement needed to catch up with the technology. She said she felt

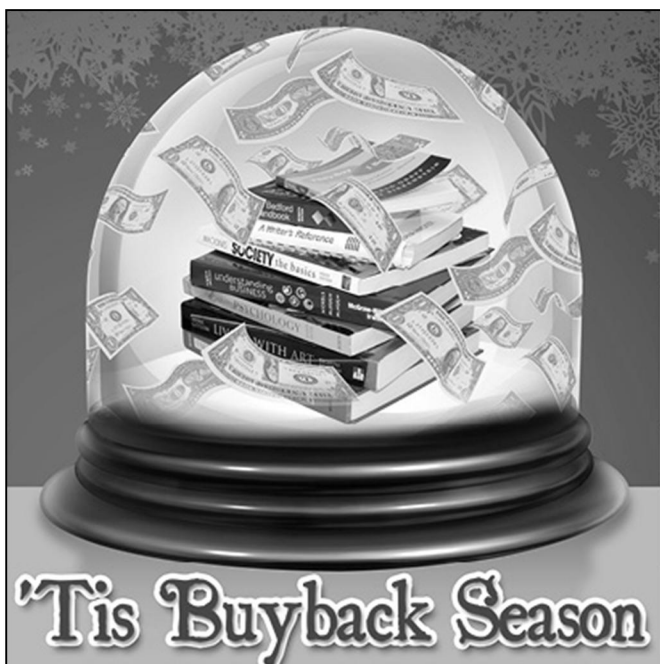
the recent increase in awareness and attention to the issue came at a high price.

"It's tragic that kids had to die for people to really pay attention," Esping said. "But that is often the way it goes. I am so, so happy that people are talking about this."

Bachmann said he felt the increased media attention helped but should also focus on victims by providing helpful information about what to do and who to go to. He said he also believed resource centers to help victims recover from cyberbullying should be established.

Esping said she was happy that people have begun discussing possible changes for the future. Websites, YouTube videos, news stories and educational films have spoken out against cyberbullying.

"The idea that bullying is normal and a rite of passage is very sad," Esping said. "Just because it's common does not mean that it's okay. And I think people are getting that message in a very big way right now."



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## EDUCATION

# Sports broadcast program to join ESPN, CBS Sports

By Kerri Feczko  
Staff Reporter

While the main focus of the university's move to the Big East Conference has been the effects it will have on the athletic programs, other departments on campus are anticipating impacts as well.

Sports Broadcasting Program Director Charles LaMendola said students majoring in sports broadcasting who have gained experience by filming, directing and working production for university athletic events aired on The Mtn. will have to shift gears to accommodate the Big East.

The students who worked closely with The Mtn., a program affiliate responsible for airing many of the Mountain West Conference athletic events, will instead work with the two primary television partners of the Big East, which according to their website are ESPN and CBS Sports.

Sophomore sports broadcasting major Beau Tionson said he was looking forward to the experience and networking opportunities it will present to the students.

"ESPN is the worldwide leader in sports," Tionson said. "As the status of a student, any opportunity that we get to work those games, we'd be more than grateful to have."

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LaMendola, who is also an instructor in the Department of Film, Television and Digital Media, said that some of the Big East games will potentially air on ESPN, a branch of ESPN that specializes in college sports, and espn3.com, a live sports broadband network that delivers sports online.

Freshman sports broadcasting major Tyler Von Richter said first and foremost that the network change will create a lot more exposure for the university. But many of the adjustments will depend on the contract between the university and ESPN.

"ESPN will hire professionals more often than not," Von Richter said. "It will be interesting to see how much they [ESPN] takes over."

LaMendola agreed that although students will most likely participate in significantly fewer athletic broadcasts as part of the Big East, the learning experience still will be the same.

"It almost doesn't matter if what we were doing was on TV or not because that's just a by-product," LaMendola said. "It's like what coaches talk about all the time — it's the process that matters."

That process included responsibilities such as creating graphics, operating cameras and directing and producing the content, LaMendola said. Much of that experience was due to The Mtn. and the hands-on experience it provided for students, he said.

"The Mountain West has been good to us," LaMendola said. "They have been so helpful to students."

With the Big East transition not occurring till 2012, Von Richter said he would enjoy the next year gaining experience with The Mtn. in case he got the opportunity to help broadcast games for ESPN in the future.

"That would be a dream come true," he said. "That's the goal in life."

## DANCE

# Last shows to be held in current dance building

By Clinton Foster  
Staff Reporter

Just as the university's football players recently played their last home game in Amon G. Carter Stadium before its renovation, students in the dance department will be performing for the last time in their current space on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The show, called "The Dance Studio," will be a showcase of projects by 15 seniors in a choreography class. Each senior has created an entirely new dance work to be presented in a fully-produced concert, Elizabeth Gillaspay, associate professor of ballet, said.

Senior ballet major Brie Lowry choreographed her original ballet piece

throughout the semester. It is complete with lighting, six dancers and costumes she made herself, she said. Her piece is called "Commu-nique," and she said she spent six months developing the idea to make it a reality.

"I'm beyond excited," Lowry said. "It's going to be really nice to finally put this whole thing together and to see everyone else's work."

The entire Ballet & Modern Dance Building will undergo renovation this spring, including Studio B, which is where the production will take place.

Gillaspay said Studio B will be equipped with improved theatrical elements following the renovation.

In its current state, Studio B converts into a small performance space, complete with lighting and curtains.

The renovation will make Studio B better equipped to stage more complex performances with relative ease.

Although the space will be upgraded for future classes, Lowry said she was honored to perform in the current studio one last time.

"This is the original Rec Center for the TCU campus from the '20s, so this building has a lot of history," she said.

## "The Dance Studio"

What: Senior choreography concert  
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday  
Where: Studio B of Ballet and Modern Dance Building  
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## CRIME

# Idaho sheriff deems snowman a public nuisance

Associated Press

A white separatist drew complaints from neighbors and a visit from law enforcement officers after building a snowman shaped like a member of the Ku Klux Klan on his front lawn.

Kootenai County sheriff's deputies told Mark Eliseuson Wednesday that he could be charged with a crime because the 10-foot-tall snowman was holding what appeared to be a noose. Deputies were called by neighbors who were appalled by the pointy-headed snowman with two dark eyes.

Hayden for decades earned notoriety for being near the former rural compound of the Aryan Nations.

Eliseuson could have been charged with creating a public nuisance. Idaho law defines such a nuisance as anything "offensive to the senses" or that interferes with the comfort of an entire neighborhood. Eliseuson removed the noose and topped the snowman after he talked with officers.



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Mark Eliseuson stands in his yard in Hayden, Idaho, Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, next to what is left of a snowman that had depicted a white hooded figure associated with the Klu Klux Klan.

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## PERSPECTIVES

The Skiff View

## Teachers make difference by combating bullying

When an education professor describes cyberbullying to her students as hyenas hunting prey in the wild, it is sure to get their attention.

Cyberbullying, as well as all forms of bullying, are serious issues, and it is good to see members of the education program treating them as such as they train the next generation of teachers, especially with the recent increase in media coverage of cyberbullying.

Education majors are getting the training needed to combat bullying problems in their classrooms in the future, including bullying through technology.

As technology changes and bullies become more sophisticated at using it to target their victims, teachers must also become more sophisticated in finding possible solutions to bullying. By being more tech-savvy and familiar with changing forms of communication and interaction, the newest generation of teachers entering the workforce may be best equipped to combat the problem of cyberbullying.

By giving the next generation of teachers the tools needed to address bullying and cyberbullying, the education department is helping to attack and to eliminate the problem.

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## Texting during class disrespectful, distracting



KC Aransen

Wilkes University researchers performed a study that found nine out of 10 students text during class, and nearly half claim to do so undetected. What horrifies professors even more is that 10 percent of students admitted to using their cell phones during exams and 3 percent admitted to using them to cheat.

I'm not going to lie and say that I've never used a cell phone in class. I really don't know many people who have truly never texted during class. But too much of a good thing can become a bad thing and begin to take away from things like hearing a lecture you really need or a review for the next exam. Many of my professors have taken the following philosophy about texting: you or your parents are paying a lot

of money for you to sit here, so pay attention to the lecture and learn. None of this can be fully achieved while texting.

It's very hard to deny that texting is a distracting activity or that you need to focus on the conversation you're having rather than what's going on in the classroom. This, of course, gives credence to the sentiment my professors have that you're wasting money by texting during a lecture.

*I really don't know many people who have truly never texted during class. But too much of a good thing can become a bad thing and begin to take away from things like hearing a lecture you really need or a review for the next exam.*

Apart from that, there should be some level of respect students should have for their professors, especially when they are there to help students.

Texting during class is, simply put, disrespectful to your professors. They are here to help you learn, and by texting during their lectures, you're showing them that you value messaging with friends far more than class participation.

We aren't in high school anymore; professors here treat you with more respect, and that respect should be reciprocated rather than ignored.

Sometimes there is something important going on where you need to be in contact, but when that happens, doesn't it make more sense to leave class to focus your energy on the crisis? Texting during class has far more negative effects than positive ones.

You're not only being disrespectful, but also wasting money by not paying attention. It's also a distraction to those around you who are trying to learn. You're detracting from the learning environment, for which you pay so much money to create. So is it really worth it?

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## PERSPECTIVES



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Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner, center, with Jacob Lew, director of the Office of Management and Budget, arrive at the Speaker's office for a meeting about tax cuts.

## Republicans and Democrats need to compromise to fix tax problems



Alex Apple

President Barack Obama recently invited both Democrats and Republicans to the White House to debate the upcoming tax decisions that Congress will have to make.

Republicans would like the Bush-era tax cuts extended to all Americans. Democrats, citing the \$700 billion price tag, think the tax cuts should not be extended to the highest-earning Americans.

According to an ABC news report, Obama also asked Congress to extend unemployment benefits that were expiring, and tax credits for college tuition, tax breaks for working families and a tax cut for business that hire unemployed workers were also discussed.

Perhaps the most disappointing part of the meeting occurred before the meeting even took place. Republican leaders made it clear they would say "no" to any bill proposed by any member of Congress that did not address giving tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans.

It is never popular among the populace to raise taxes for any segment of the population. Democrats, however, believe the deficit should be addressed first, now that the economy has been stabilized, for the most part, instead of giving tax breaks to America's wealthiest.

Republicans, on the other hand, have an obvious contradiction in their platform. They believe tax breaks should be returned to the extremely low rates of the Bush presidency for all Americans. They also say their

first goal is to address the deficit. Well it will cost the federal government \$700 billion to give a tax break to the wealthiest Americans.

Thursday the bill extending tax cuts to all Americans making under \$250,000 a year was passed by the House, but Republican senators have made it clear they will not pass the bill until it includes those making more than \$250,000.

Such a move would raise the federal deficit significantly. Republicans are in favor of this, despite claiming they will not work with Democrats unless the Democrats balance the budget. This is quite a contradiction.

Those who follow politics closely are likely torn about whether Republicans are continuing the obstructionism they have practiced since Obama took office or simply following very narrow principles. CNN wrote that political pundits are torn along ideological lines on the GOP's tactics and the impact those tactics would have.

Republicans capitalized at midterms by being more unified in their message than Democrats, who were caught off guard by the Republican offensive. As a result, Americans swept into office the very political party that sent the country into a deficit, and they have now instructed that party to fix the deficit.

In a best-case scenario, Republicans and Democrats would join hands to work on tax and jobs bills, and restore Americans' confidence in the economy. In a worst-case scenario, Republican obstructionism and lack of bipartisanship leads to two years of gridlock, and in two years, we are no better off than we are now. I'm betting more on gridlock and obstruction, but let's hope they can, at the very least, meet somewhere in the middle.

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## Debt collectors taking to Facebook necessitates taking extra precautions



Bailey McGowan

Confirm friend request. Click.

Embarrassing wall posts, harassing messages and unwanted contact with friends and family. Welcome to the new battleground for debt collectors: Facebook.

Many have found themselves accepting friend requests from someone they're not sure they know, or think they might know. Someone who carelessly accepts a friend request could be damaging themselves more than they realize.

No longer is it just enough to call, text or mail people about their debts and payments. Now debt collectors have begun hiding behind fake names and pictures on Facebook to reach debtors on a new level.

They may post messages like, "Pay your debts, you deadbeat" on your Facebook wall like they did to a Chicago resident, according to a report by *The Associated Press*. They may contact family and friends, asking them to have the debtor contact the debt collector.

The problem is that this kind of behavior goes strictly against the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. The act states that debt collectors may not contact any third party; any person other than a consumer or the consumer's attorney is off-limits.

The act also states that the debt collector may not contact the debtor in a place inconvenient to that person. It is arguable that Facebook is an inconvenient place.

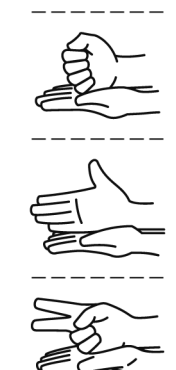
Today, Facebook is more than just a social networking site used to occupy time. It can be the deciding factor in whether or not a person gets a job or is expelled from a university. Facebook has a certain weight in the professional realm and it can be detrimental to a person's career if future employers find out they have outstanding debts.

*Someone who carelessly accepts a friend request could be damaging themselves more than they realize.*

People should recognize that the idea of a private Facebook page doesn't exist if necessary precautions are not taken. Also, people should be proactive in their efforts to protect themselves from predators and should not whimsically add "friends" who they don't know. It takes all of 20 seconds to check someone's page to find out if they actually know that person or not.

Finally, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act states that unless the debtor puts it in writing that they want the collectors to stop contacting them or hire an attorney, debt collectors can continue to contact them. People need to understand their rights as consumers and take the necessary steps to ensure the harassment stops.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

# Two-year low for layoffs hints at strengthening economy

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press

November marked a two-year low for the number of people applying for initial unemployment benefits, suggesting that the tight job market may be easing at last.

The slowing of layoffs and a solid month for retailers are the latest evidence of a strengthening economy in the final months of the year. Even the struggling housing market showed signs of improvement: On Thursday, it posted a third straight monthly increase in signed contracts for home purchases.

Some economists are now sketching a more optimistic forecast for Friday's report on November employment, though few expect a change in the 9.6 percent unemployment rate.

Still, the encouraging news helped extend a rally on Wall

Street. The Dow Jones industrial average surged 106 points to close at 11,362. That's after it jumped 249 points Wednesday, its biggest gain since Sept. 1.

**"We are starting to get some self-sustaining momentum in the economy."**

**Nigel Gault**

Chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight

"We are starting to get some self-sustaining momentum in the economy," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight.

Gault predicts that private companies added a net total of 180,000 jobs last month — a bump-up from his earlier forecast of 160,000 new jobs. In October, private companies added a net 159,000 jobs. That

marked a spurt of job creation after hiring had all but stalled pretty much all summer.

"As jobs pick up, that is making consumers a bit more confident and willing to spend," Gault said.

The number for job growth is likely to be a little lower after subtracting declines in government payrolls. Gault and other economists on the optimistic end expect the overall economy added 170,000 net jobs last month. Still, the consensus forecast is for an overall gain of 145,000. Last month, the economy added a total of 151,000 jobs.

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits actually rose last week, by 26,000 to a seasonally adjusted 436,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. Still, the figures are often volatile during the weeks around the Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving holidays.



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In this Nov. 30, 2010 photo, Mark Chavez, second from right, waits in a line to register at a career fair in San Diego. More Americans signed up for unemployment benefits last week, but the broader trend in layoffs still points to a slowly healing jobs market.

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## BUSINESS

# Jump in holiday retail sales pushes stocks to best two-day run since July

By David K. Randall  
Associated Press

Strong retail sales and a healthy reading on the housing market helped stocks start December with a two-day winning streak.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 106 points. Combined with a 249-point gain Wednesday, the Dow has had its best two-day run since July 7-8.

Major retailers reported sales in November that were stronger than analysts expected. Increased spending during the holiday season would be a strong signal that consumers are feeling more confident.

"Any sign that the consumer is doing better means that the economy will be doing better," said Drew Matus, a senior economist at UBS.

Costco Wholesale Corp., Target Corp. and Limited Brands Inc. all beat Wall Street sales forecasts. Teen retailer Abercrombie & Fitch Co. jumped 11 percent after reporting that its sales soared 32 percent.

"The consumer is strong and month after month retailing has been very strong," said Ryan Detrick, the chief technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "If you take a step back it's clear that the U.S. econo-

my continues to slowly expand."

The National Association of Realtors said the number of people who signed contracts to buy homes jumped 10.4 percent in October. Economists expected a slight decline. Home builder KB Home rose by 4.5 percent.

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The Dow rose 106.63, or 1 percent, to close at 11,362.41. The Dow jumped 2.3 percent Wednesday, its biggest gain since Sept. 1, after a report showed that private employers were adding jobs.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.46, or 1.3 percent, to 1,221.53. The Nasdaq composite index rose 29.92, or 1.2 percent, to 2,579.35.



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A pair of specialists laugh as they work at their post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 249 points, its biggest gain since Sept. 1.

Rising shares outpaced falling ones more than two to one on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was 1.1 billion shares.

The rise in both retail sales and existing home sales overshadowed an unexpected rise in new claims for unemployment benefits. The Labor Department said first-time unemployment claims rose to 436,000 last week.

Traders found a silver lining in the report, however: the average number of new unemployment claims over the past month fell to a two-year low, signaling that the job market may be improving.

Shares rose overseas after the European Central Bank said it will keep its benchmark interest rate at a record low 1 percent. Investors had

hoped that bank would announce more purchases of bonds issued by struggling European countries including Ireland, Italy and Spain.

The Euro Stoxx 50 index, which tracks blue chip companies in countries that use the euro, rose 1.5 percent.

The dollar fell 0.5 percent against an index of six currencies.

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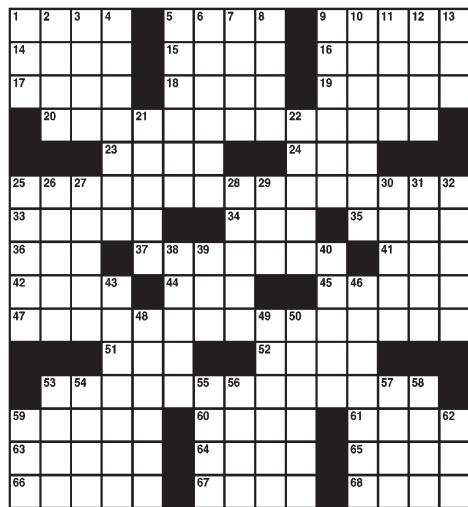
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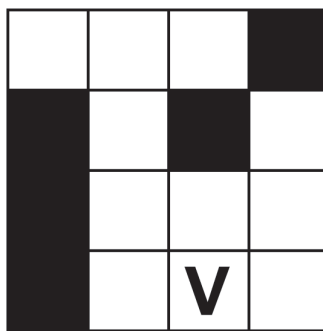
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By Pamela Amick Klawitter 12/3/10

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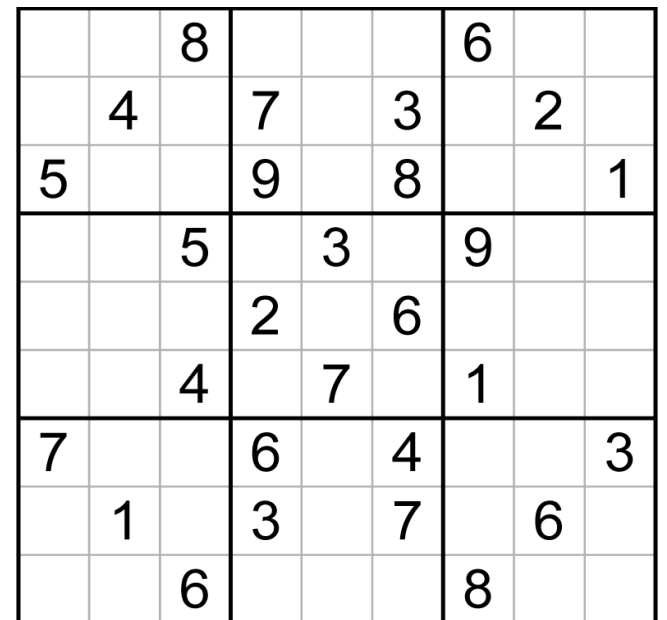


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**Directions**

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**Thursday's Solution**

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## ECONOMY

# Holiday shopping looks promising

By Anne D'Innocenzio

Associated Press

The holiday shopping season got off to a strong start as generous discounts lured Americans to buy gifts for others and themselves in November.

The better-than-expected results were the second-biggest gains for retailers in four years, according to one measure. And the reports raise hopes spending might remain strong for the rest of the holiday season and help the economy recover.

Still, retailers aren't counting on a big December just yet. It's still too early in the game. They expect stores will need to keep up frenetic discounting to keep registers ringing. The hangover from the Great Recession hasn't gone away. Shoppers are still hungry for deals and sticking to a budget.

The International Council of Shopping Centers' index showed a 5.8 percent gain in revenue at stores open at least a year for November, much better than the 3 to 4 percent increase expected.

The increase was the biggest since March, when spending tied to an early Easter resulted

in a 9 percent gain. Otherwise, it was the biggest gain in September 2006, when it registered 6.2 percent increase.

Revenue at stores open at least a year is a key indicator of a retailer's health because it excludes sales at stores that open or close during the year.

"Discretionary spending looks to be making a comeback," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics, a research firm. Retailers' profits appear to be safe and inventory is at appropriate levels heading into December, he said. But shoppers are still driven by bargains.

November's results are being compared with weak spending over the last two years. But Mike Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, said holiday discounting, which started as early as late October, and a recovering economy are helping to boost spending.

The arrival of cold weather after two months of unseasonable warmth helped sales of cold-weather items such as coats, which had been piling up on stores' shelves.

The retail gains were broad-based, showing that many types of shoppers were in the mood to buy, if the product and price were right.



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In this Nov. 26, 2010 file photo, a shopper leaves a Target store in Boston.

## ACADEMICS

# Law demands grade privacy

By Alex Collins

Staff Reporter

As the semester comes to an end, the release of final grade reports get closer, leaving some parents curious about the academic performance of their students.

However, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act "provides that the institution will maintain the confidentiality of student education records," according to the university registrar's office website.

History professor Kenneth Stevens said he has received several calls from students' parents asking if their students were attending class, earning good grades or rebelling in class. He also received calls at the end of semesters after submitting final grades, he said.

Stevens said he felt bad for the parents calling him because he thought students should be communicating with their parents about their academic performance. However, FERPA

prevented Stevens from revealing information about the grades.

"I think students have a responsibility to the people who are paying their way through the university."

Michael Sawey  
Biology instructor

Michael Sawey, a biology instructor, said most parents called him because they were concerned about their students.

"I think most parents generally want to support their student...and that's what they should do," he said.

Parents might be upset when professors do not release academic records, but they generally understand that professors are not legally allowed to disclose such information, he said.

Sawey said he requires students to sign a waiver be-

fore he would discuss personal academic information with parents.

"I think students have a responsibility to the people who are paying their way through the university," he said.

Sophomore strategic communication major Jessica Anderson said students should have the right to decide whether they disclose information about grades to their parents.

Students are adults and should be responsible for making a choice to withhold academic information if they feel it is necessary, she said.

Kari Berdelle, a junior strategic communication major, said students might have an obligation to tell their parents about their grades because many parents pay for the education their students receive.

If a student pays for tuition, he or she should have the right to keep academic information private, Berdelle said.

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# SPORTS

## QUIDDITCH

# Students work to promote Quidditch-playing on campus

By Katie Vance  
News Now

Quidditch, a game created by J.K. Rowling in her fictional "Harry Potter" books, is gaining popularity among high school and college students in the Muggle, or non-magical, world.

Valerie Fischman, a student at the University of Maryland, is petitioning the NCAA to recognize Quidditch as an official sport. The process, however, could take years because athletic directors from at least 50 colleges must also petition the NCAA for recognition.

At TCU, sophomore psychology major Lindsey Carnes has been working with the student activities coordinators this semester to raise awareness of the club's existence on campus. Carnes said she supports Fischman's efforts and considers Quidditch a legitimate sport.

"It gets really physical out there... I mean, you have to be able to run, you have to be able to push...and defend yourself," she said.

Quidditch matches are a combination of soccer, dodgeball and tag. Players are not flying down the Quidditch pitch, but spectators may identify some athletic ability required of players in the game.

In 2005, students started playing "Muggle Quidditch" or "Ground Quidditch" as an intramural sport at Middlebury College in Vermont. According to the International Quidditch Association, there are now more than 400 college-level and 300 high school-level Quidditch teams and more Quidditch clubs that are not recognized by their schools.

Middlebury College, home of the original Muggle Quidditch team, won the fourth annual Quidditch World Cup hosted by the International Quidditch Association in New York City on Nov. 14.

Carnes said TCU students have been showing a lot of interest in the sport and that the tournaments have been successful so far this semester. With continued support and participation, the club could be recognized as an official student organization next semester.

She said Quidditch is the kind of sport that could be appealing to many different kinds of people.

"We have the group that is [playing Quidditch] just because they are avid 'Harry Potter' fans, and they want to play to become part of the world," she said. "And then we have the people that are just really athletic, and they like to play sports."

Brad Thompson is one of the university's student activities coordinators who has been helping Carnes organize tournaments and raise awareness for the sport.

"[Quidditch] is a niche program... so it is great that we are meeting the need for students that really like it and are interested in it," he said.

Thompson said the matches are very competitive but always look a little funny as well.

"It is awkward; it is funny to watch, but people are really into it, and people are really excited about it," he said. "It definitely takes some skill to play it, and you have to have some kind of athletic ability."

Although he said he thought the sport did require athletic ability, Thompson said he did not think the sport had a chance at recognition from the NCAA.



ALLIE GARNER / STAFF REPORTER

Students play the magical game Quidditch in the Campus Commons. Several teams participated in the tournament. This one was the third of the semester.

"I could definitely see some kind of intramural type of event," he said. "I think it will be interesting to see if 'Harry Potter' will stand the test of time after the movies and the books are done and as this generation grows up."

Michael Drozd, a sophomore member of the club, agreed.

"It's kind of a kid thing, like playing hide and seek," Drozd, a business major, said. "I think it would be fun, but

I'm not really sure if it can really be considered a sport."

Drozd said, however, that he saw benefits to promoting a sport based in literature that would likely attract different kinds of students to athletics and exercise. He said if Quidditch was an NCAA sport, he would definitely watch.


"It's fun, and it is still entertaining," he said.

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## SPORTS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Big East move seen as opportunity for growth



CAROLINE HARDWICK / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior guard Ronnie Moss shoots a free-throw against Prairie View A&M on Wednesday night. The Frogs easily won the bout with a finishing score of 78-61.

By Leah Watkins

Staff Reporter

Men's basketball head coach Jim Christian said the TCU's conference change to the Big East has generated excitement within the program and a readiness to compete.

"Our kids are excited about it, our fans are excited about it and obviously I'm excited about it," Christian said.

The men's basketball team, however, was questioned by many as to whether the program was developed enough to play on the same level as the other teams in the Big East.

Every program across the country has gone through cycles of highs and lows, Christian said.

"I would just put it in coach Christian's hands. He knows what he is doing, and I think he'll get us ready."

Amric Fields

Freshman Forward

TCU has started to turn out of its down cycle and would continue grow, he said. Growth like the program has experienced and the ability to prove it would belong in the Big East is something only time could tell.

"I have to go out and prove that [TCU] does belong," Christian said.

Forward Amric Fields said the team also faced scrutiny from people that said the program does not belong in the Mountain West Conference. The team began this season with something to show.

"If we can prove ourselves here, we can prove ourselves in any conference," Fields said.

Christian said the efforts the program needs to make to be successful in the Big East should follow the road paved by the University of Connecticut's football team. UConn football did not have a history of competing at a high level, but over time it competed for

league championships.

"It was a process for [UConn] to develop, make good decisions, have a calculated plan, and that's what we have to do in basketball," Christian said.

Fields said he felt confident the coaches would adequately prepare the program in the next two years for the move.

"I would just put it in coach Christian's hands. He knows what he is doing, and I think he'll get us ready," he said.

Christian said the team has a lot of work to do to prepare, but that work will be exciting.

Fields, one of four freshman on the TCU roster, would have the opportunity to play half his collegiate career in the MWC and half in the Big East. Fields said he looked forward to the switch and felt it would have a positive effect.

"If anything, I think it will motivate me to get better every day," he said.

Christian said moving to a high-profile basketball conference would improve the program's recruiting ability, as well. There have already been calls made to recruits emphasizing the impact the move would have on the program.

"The quality of guy we're calling on now is more likely to listen to us because he knows about the Big East," he said.

Junior English and history double major Dalton Goodier said he was glad when he heard the news about the conference switch and thought the basketball program deserved it.

"We shouldn't have settled for anything else," he said.

Goodier said becoming a part of the Big East would promote attendance at home games.

"It's more exciting to get to see a good team rather than a mediocre one," he said.

**Men's Basketball vs. Northern Iowa**

Day: Saturday

Location: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Time: 1:00 p.m.

## WEEKEND PREVIEW

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team will take on Northern Iowa Saturday at home with a 6-2 record and a chance to achieve its best record after nine games since the 2000-01 season.

After defeating Prairie View A&M 78-61 on Wednesday, TCU improved to 5-0 at home for the first time since the 2000-01 season.

Northern Iowa is coming off of a 60-54 win against Iowa State. The Panthers are now 3-2 for the season.


### SWIMMING & DIVING

20 Horned Frogs from the swimming & diving team will make their way to Columbus, Ohio Friday to compete at the U.S. Short Course Nationals. On Sunday, the team will begin the Long Course Time Trials in Columbus.

The men's team defeated Wyoming Nov. 19 168-132 while the women's team fell to Wyoming 104-190. The swimming & diving program achieved its 400th win with the men's victory.

Overall the men's and women's teams have a combined record of 400-271-4 in their history.





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Junior guard Antoinette Thompson scrambles after a loose ball during the game against Houston on Thursday night in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Lady Frogs won the game 69-57.

## Carter helps women's basketball deal Houston first loss of season

By David Stein  
Staff Reporter

In a game where senior guard Emily Carter was recognized for joining TCU's 1,000 point club, it's fitting that she would be the star against the previously undefeated Houston Cougars.

Carter hit a crucial three-pointer with time expiring on the shot clock with 3:38 left to play to take a six-point lead, and the Cougars never recovered in the Frogs' 69-57 victory Thursday night.

Carter led all scorers with 26

points. Senior guard Helena Sverrisdottir and sophomore forward Starr Crawford also finished in double figures with 14 points each. Sverrisdottir finished the game with nine rebounds and eight assists.

Houston senior Courtney Taylor had a double-double, finishing with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Junior guards Porsche Landry and Roxana Button also finished in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Houston out-rebounded the Frogs (4-3) in the first half, something TCU head coach Jeff

Mittie attributed to tired legs.

"We looked like we were still stuck in the Virgin Islands, in terms of our legs," Mittie said. "We looked like our legs got more bounce as the game went on, so I think we rebounded better because of that."

The Cougars struggled from the field, shooting just over 26 percent, including going 7-for-30 from the three-point line. Houston senior forward Lesslee Mason finished 0-for-11.

The Frogs came into the game leading the Mountain West Conference in scoring offense but

could not get much done early. Mittie's team had a 23-20 half-time lead but went 0-9 in three-point shooting before the break.

The Cougars also had trouble against the Frogs' zone defense, shooting just 20 percent from the floor, including going 1-for-13 from the three-point line in the first half.

The Cougars started the second half on fire when Landry completed a four-point play. Houston went on a 12-2 run after the break, hitting four straight three-pointers.

Carter responded by hitting

two straight threes to bring the Frogs within one.

"Coach called the timeout, and we were able to re-focus as a team," senior center Micah Garoute said. "He pointed out to us we weren't working our hardest and we kind of realized that we weren't, but that's something I guess we've got to improve on in the future is getting ourselves prepared for the half."

The Frogs shot 52 percent in the second half while holding the Cougars to just over 33 percent.

The Frogs play Fresno State at 4 p.m. Saturday in Fresno, Calif.