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PAIGE MCARDLE / Staff Reporter
Rachel Rattan, age 8, and her brother, Ryan Rattan, age 5, play in a fake snow pit at Worth Wills on Thursday night during "Winter Wonderland." Local families were invited to attend the event, which was sponsored by Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, the National Multicultural Greek Council and Programming Council. Greek students decorated their sorority and fraternity houses with lights and offered treats, such as hot chocolate, to passersby. Attendees were asked to donate \$5 per family. Proceeds will go to the Dallas-based International Student Foundation.

H1N1 VACCINE

Campus receives limited shipment

By Julieta Chiquillo
Managing Editor

The university received this week 28 percent of the 10,300 doses of H1N1 vaccine it ordered and will be giving priority to students with underlying health conditions and campus residents, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the students given priority to receive the 2,900 vaccines will be notified by e-mail. To comply with government requirements about how the vaccine is being used, students will be asked to fill out a form online, even if they wish to decline the vaccine, Mills said.

"Not everyone is going to want to take the vaccine, so we think we'll be OK with these," he said.

The university expects additional vaccines but is uncertain about when they will be delivered, Mills said.

When students fill out the form online, they will be given a date and time to receive the vaccine to eliminate lines, Mills said. Students tapped to receive a vaccine who don't fill out the form but visit the Brown-Lupton Health Center will be able to fill out the form there, he said.

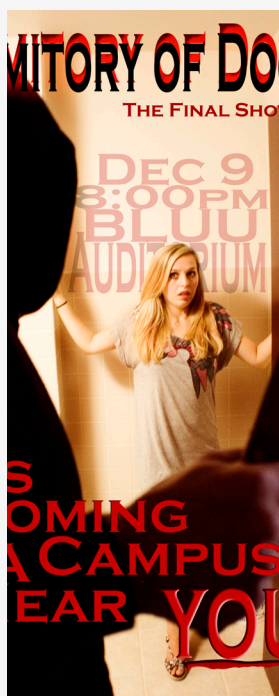
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FROGGIE-FIVE-0

Men petition for place in escort rides

By Chandler Cochran
Staff Reporter

Froggie Five-0 was created 13 years ago to provide transportation for female students to make campus safer. This year, student leaders on campus are asking why men can't get rides too.

TCU Police officer Pam Christian spoke at a Residence Hall Association meeting Nov. 4 about safety on campus and the availability of student escorts. Among the topics discussed included adding male student pick-ups by Froggie-Five-0, Residence Hall Association President Eric Russell said.

Russell, a sophomore psychology major, said he thought male pick-up was a great idea, especially for male students who may not feel

confident enough to defend themselves.

"Guys who aren't as bulky as those huge football players, who can defend themselves easily, the little guys probably need as much protection as women do," Russell said.

There is reluctance to open Froggie Five-0 services to male students because it would increase general use of the service, Russell said. To handle that increase, the police department would need more golf carts to provide for more drivers, he said.

To solve that problem, Russell said getting more golf carts could be approved by the board of trustees, who oversee the entire Froggie Five-0 program. To make that happen, he suggested students voice

their opinions to RHA and the Student Government Association.

"We need to know that information (from the students) so we can get ideas get potential solutions and bring it to the board of trustees," Russell said.

SGA Vice President Matt Dietrichson said the biggest problem is keeping the service readily available to everyone if the number of people using it increases.

"They don't want to compromise the current service for the girls," Dietrichson said. "There had been some concern early on ... guys would abuse it."

Dietrichson said he wished there wasn't a black and white rule of no men. He said if there was an empty

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WRITING ASSOCIATES

Lack of funds might shut down program

By Melanie Cruthirds
Staff Reporter

University students looking for one-on-one help with writing assignments may lose a valuable campus resource next spring as the future of the Writing Associates Program remains unclear, a program official said.

Dan Williams, director of the Writing Associates Program, said the group's budget is set to expire in June 2010, at the end of the fiscal year. Williams said there was a possibility that the program might be continued in a different form next year, but that he had not yet heard of any decision.

"It might just be added on to the Writing Center," Williams said. "It

would be hard for me to forecast (the future of the program) right now."

Bonnie Melhart, dean of university programs and associate provost of academic affairs, said she requested funding to continue the program next year. Under the proposed budget, the Writing Associates Program would become part of the larger Writing Center, she said.

"If budgeted funding is approved in this way, the program would be a smaller scale than before," Melhart said. "The associates would be trained as part of the consultants training for student workers in the (Writing Center)."

Williams said original funding for the Writing Associates Program came

from Chancellor Victor Boschini's Strategic Initiatives Fund, which allowed faculty and university members to submit proposals for potential projects. From the start, participating project sponsors were aware that their budgets would end in the spring of 2010, Williams said.

"We were told ... that if we could demonstrate the success of our programs, that there was a good chance that they would be folded over into the regular budget," Williams said. "With the economic downturn last year, the possibilities for renewal in the regular budget dimmed considerably."

The Writing Associates Pro-

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ALUMNI

Donation creates new faculty post at Neeley

By Vicky Watson
Staff Reporter

An alumnus and supporter of the Neeley School of Business who was involved in a plane crash on Oct. 6 has pledged \$500,000 to the school, making possible the creation of a new position.

The pledge, donated by Robert Schumacher and his wife, Edith, in April, is being used to create a new faculty position in innovation and entrepreneurship, said David Dibble, director of development for the Neeley School of Business.

Robert Schumacher was able to leave the hospital Nov. 27 and is continuing rehabilitation at home, his daughter Kathy Kyle said.

Ray Smilor, who Dibble said is a highly regarded academic, is the recipient of the fellowship. He will start teaching in January.

Smilor is coming to the university from the University of California, San Diego, where he helped create its business school, Dibble said.

"He's been influential in transforming institutions and taking them to the next level," he said. "That's why he's here, to help us do that and help us think about new ways of connecting our students with opportunities in the community."

Dibble listed many ways Smilor will benefit the program.

"He can help us think bigger is one of his primary roles here," Dibble said. "He will be teaching class. He's doing all of the things

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NEWS

WRITING

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gram imbeds a student associate in participating classes for a semester or year in order to provide specific help to students taking the class, Williams said.

Writing Associate Molly Mahan, a senior writing and philosophy major, said she attended class and was available to aid students with papers and other writing assignments. She said she worked solely with freshmen and sophomores in English composition classes.

"If the (program) is no longer available, a lot of people, despite the presence of the Writing Center ... won't have the access to become better writers and gain greater skills," Mahan said.

Linnette Romero, a sophomore pre-business major, said a writing associate in her European history class freshman year was helpful because she showed her the teacher's specific paper-writing structure.

"Having a writing associate was beneficial, but it could easily be something that I could do without," Romero said. "I

think if you're an upperclassman it might be a bit more beneficial because classes are more demanding."

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Molly Mahan
writing associate

Williams said conversation continued in his office regarding the future of the Writing Associates Program, but that students would miss out most if the program was not renewed next year.

"The basic point is that it's a great program and it can richly contribute to our campus culture," Williams said. "It would be a little sad to see it

"This whole offseason - we pride ourselves on the fourth quarter; the fourth-quarter program - everybody just wanted to finish," Alabama linebacker Rolando McClain said. "It's always in the back of your mind. Florida put us out of our run for the national championship. It was always in the back of my mind. I know it was in the back of the other guys' minds."

The back of the game, the fourth quarter, is what's on everyone's minds with two days remaining until the SEC championship. Entering Saturday's game, Florida's defense has allowed three scores all season in the fourth quarter. Alabama has allowed only four. It couldn't be any closer.

PLEDGE

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that faculty do, but he also brings a broad vision to the program, which I think will be valuable."

Smilor said he is excited to contribute to what he called a very dynamic entrepreneurship and innovation program.

"I think (the Neeley School of Business) has clearly one of the most dynamic curriculums that I've seen anywhere," Smilor said.

Schumacher was on his way home to Fort Worth when his private plane crashed, Kyle told the Skiff in October.

Both engines of the plane

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Ray Smilor
fellowship recipient

failed during the descent, she said. The pilot made it to a field before the plane hit the ground, bounced, broke the left wing and damaged the plane's nose.

Schumacher suffered a pelvic bone fracture, two fractured ribs and a crushed cheekbone, Kyle said.

VACCINES

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starting Monday. The university expects to have exhausted its supply by next week, Mills said.

"We'll be able to staff depending on demand," Mills said.

Students who do not receive a notification may consider getting a vaccine through the Tarrant County Public Health Department, which is offering vaccines to Tarrant County residents, Mills said.

TCPH received more than 19,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine Nov. 20 and an additional 11,000 doses arrived Monday with more on the way, according to a TCPH press release on the county's Web site.

Al Roy, TCPH public information officer, said any TCU student may go to any of 12 locations - seven health clinics and five storefront clinics - to get a free H1N1 vaccine.

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seat on the cart and no woman to fill it, then a man should be able to ride in that place.

Christian was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

TCU Police Sgt. Alvin Allcon said he doesn't see a strong need for male students to utilize Froggie Five-0.

"From my perspective, we don't think of the males having a problem ... For the most part they're not the victims of sexual assault," Allcon said.

The program is meant to prevent crime by being a door-to-door service for women within campus grounds, Allcon said.

Dietrichson said he hopes

"They don't want to compromise the current service for the girls. There had been some concern early on ... guys would abuse it."

Matt Dietrichson
SGA vice president

the policy will change next semester to allow men to ride Froggie-Five-0.

However, Allcon said the policy probably wouldn't change.

"I wouldn't think that (the police) would be inclined to do that," Allcon said. "I haven't heard any discussion of it."

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fueled the resolve of the Alabama Crimson Tide for an entire year.

MOTIVATED

Alabama's coaching staff used the Tide's poor performance in last season's fourth quarter against Florida as a motivational tool during the entire offseason. In the bitter memories of winter, into the thaw of spring and then throughout the boiling-mad heat of summer, every step in every aisle throughout Bryant-Denny Stadium was used to condition Alabama's players for 15 minutes against Florida.



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ourselves to the country every week. We're confident in ourselves on defense, but our offense is awesome."

And that's part of the problem.

Knowing he had a high-powered passing offense with senior quarterback Tony Pike and a deep corps of receivers, Kelly decided to go with a conservative defensive scheme that would allow yards but not many big plays. Only one defensive starter returned from last year's team, which also was a factor in the decision.

A problem developed as the season went along. The offense was scoring so fast that

the defense was on the field a lot and tended to wear down in the second half, allowing opponents to make comebacks. The Bearcats rank near the bottom of the country in time of possession.

Rather than running the ball more to give the defense a rest, Kelly has decided to stay with the formula that has led to an 11-0 start.

"We don't help our defense very much on offense, we really don't," Kelly said. "If I wanted to put lipstick on it, I could make it look a little bit better. But we want to win. We've got an offense - let them go."

"I just want to win, and it doesn't necessarily paint a great picture for our defense when we try to win that way."

The offense's penchant for scoring quickly has become a topic in the locker room.

"Our defense doesn't like us too much because we score too fast sometimes," tight end Ben Guidugli said. "We're fine with that."

Linebacker Andre Revels declined to get into the topic of Cincinnati's lopsided time of possession. The Bearcats have held the ball longer than their opponent only twice this season. In two games, opponents had the ball for more than 40 minutes.

"That's for people on the outside to think about," Revels said. "We don't go into statistics, we don't go into why this is happening, why that is happening. The only thing we're

worried about is putting up Ws and right now, we're doing a good job of it. So we can't really question why things are happening. We just need to make sure they continue to happen."

Of course, much of the problem rests on the defense itself. It could get a little more rest if it got itself off the field more quickly. It doesn't force many turnovers, which is another shortcoming.

With only the Pittsburgh game left on the schedule, the Bearcats seem inclined to let the offense lead the way, scoring whatever is necessary to win.

"It could be a shootout and if that's what it comes down to, we're ready," Guidugli said.

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The Skiff View

Cheers and jeers of the fall semester

CHEERS to the football team for its 12-0 record, its upcoming BCS bowl game and the national attention it has brought to the university.

JEERS to university officials and the lack of information they passed along to students when sexual assaults occurred on campus.

CHEERS to the volleyball team for receiving an NCAA tournament bid for the first time in team history.

JEERS to next year's tuition rate of \$30,000 – a price that has risen about 30 percent during the past four years.

CHEERS to Student Government Association for implementing new technology to increase accountability among representatives.

JEERS to moving the Christmas tree to the less publicly visible Campus Commons. Some traditions just shouldn't be changed.

CHEERS to the TCU iPhone application and the university's efforts to become more integrated with the various technologies students use.

JEERS to the 70 percent increase in alcohol violations on campus and to the irresponsibility of those who chose to drink in prohibited areas.

CHEERS to the Interfraternity Council's decision to add an extra day to the rush process, which will allow prospective members of the Greek community to find the fraternity that will best suit them.

JEERS to the high amount of vandalism at the GrandMarc and the disrespect individuals show to other residents when they commit such acts.

CHEERS to the end of another memorable semester, the beginning of a new decade and the excitement of all that is to come.

News editor Michael Carroll for the editorial board.

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

Writing Associates a successful group



MEGAN MCGUIRE

Two years ago, Frances Huckaby noticed a consistent problem with the students in her early childhood education courses. The majority of them struggled to develop basic ideas and clearly write about them.

"Sometimes the problem was structuring an argument, and other times the difficulties were a variety of grammatical challenges," Huckaby said.

Though the TCU Office of Admission requires prospective students to submit a 300-to-500 word essay in their application to the university, the struggle for students to write effectively is a problem many professors encounter.

"The main thing I see that I think a lot of other professors see is that we draw a very specific student to TCU in terms of SAT scores," said Travis Mann, who teaches first and second year English composition. "A lot of students come to college prepared to write for high school, but in many cases they're not really prepared to write for the college level."

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For three years, however, Mann has helped provide an avenue for professors like Huckaby to address the problem. In 2006, former English department chair Dan Williams submitted a grant proposal for the creation of TCU Writing Associates, a program that would hire undergraduate and graduate students to serve as tutors for specific classes over the course of a semester. The proposal was accepted, and has been funded by TCU's Vision In Action program since 2006.

The program was first implemented in fall 2007 with 18 writing associates. Since then, it has expanded

to 27 writing associates placed in all academic disciplines at TCU. The program has tutored an average of 350 students per semester and reached more than 700 students in the 2008-2009 school year. Mann estimated that in 90 percent of these classes the program has been successful.

"All of these professors, without fail, say that this is a great program, that it has really helped their students, and that they can focus more on the content of a student's paper as opposed to teaching writing," Mann said.

While it has expanded in the past two years, the program is seeking additional funding to remain active. The Vision In Action grant will run out at the end of this academic year, and without a source of funding the program's future is uncertain.

Huckaby, who has used writing associates in her courses since 2007, said she would recommend the program to other professors.

"Since I've used the program, few student papers are submitted with structural or organization problems," Huckaby said. "Through their work with the associates, students can push the development of their writing a bit further."

The Writing Associates program offers the same one-on-one tutoring services as the TCU Center for Writing, but the benefits differ.

"The Center for Writing is fantastic at what they do," Mann said. "But with us, the student-tutor relationship can be built over a semester. And that relationship helps students and writing associates begin to focus on writing as a process, a skill that takes time to develop."

Although Writing Associates aims to help students in every aspect of writing, the program should not be viewed as an editing service, Mann said.

"A lot of people unfortunately still think of the Writing Center, and our program to a degree, as a place to fix commas and grammar," Mann said. "And while we will talk about those things, that's not what we're about. We want to teach students that writing is a process, and that what they go through in that process is extremely important."

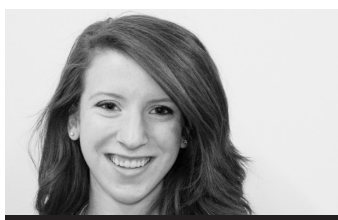
Professors interested in using the program in the spring semester should contact Travis Mann at travis.mann@tcu.edu, or visit www.wa.tcu.edu for more information.

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

Party crashers' stunt shameful



JUDITH SCHOMP

Anyone who disagrees that the news isn't a form of entertainment should try flipping the channel to CNN sometime.

The latest eccentricity within the pages of your daily newspaper is the story of Tareq and Michaela Salah. What one couple saw as a chance to climb a few rungs up the social ladder was conversely considered a White House security nightmare.

Bravo television has recently released its plans to turn out another cycle of its popular TV series "The Real Housewives." On previous seasons, tensions run high for trivial reasons, regardless of how difficult it is to read their botox-injected faces. National Public Radio appropriately deems the show, "Theater of the Insignificant," yet this "guilty pleasure" has ratings sky-rocketing. The newest season is expected to follow the glamorous lives of Washington D.C.'s socialites.

Of course it's nice to whisk yourself away to a place where luxury is at its finest and almost little to no brain activity is involved. But there must be a line drawn between what

is entertaining behavior and what is completely unacceptable. The Salahis were in the pool of socialites that would potentially be featured on the next season of "The Real Housewives," but now they have a much larger issue at hand.

The question on everyone's mind is whether or not the couple was actually invited to President Barack Obama's White House dinner honoring Indian president Manmohan Singh. Tareq Salah thinks he was, but when interviewed, his answer to the question was a little more than vague. Various e-mails have claimed to assist in shedding the mystery of how the two got through numerous levels of security without presenting any form of invitation.

Presently, the Salahis are likely to come out of the situation fully acquitted and further proof of their blamelessness is expected to surface soon. If that's the case though, why does it seem like they're trying too hard to substantiate something that could have been proved simply?

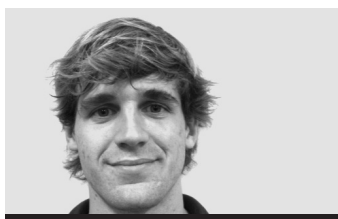
Ultimately, the White House must make sense of the whole situation and re-evaluate the dispensation of their security efforts. Luckily, it was only a group of sycophants and not anyone wishing to harm the president this time. What the White House must do now is prevent any possibility of a "next" time.

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SAMANTHA APPLETON / MCT
 President Barack Obama greets Michaela and Tareq Salah during a receiving line in the Blue Room of the White House before the State Dinner in Nov.

Afghan timeline a pro for pres



MATT BOAZ

Well, it finally happened. A backfire, a compromise, a mishap.

Much to the chagrin of his overwhelming number of supporters and perhaps to the glee of his opponents, in an announcement made Tuesday evening, President Barack Obama stated that he will increase troop numbers in Afghanistan. The purpose of which, he said, will be to combat the remaining areas of insurgency, but more so in order to train the Afghan military to take over and assume eventual total responsibility.

Now, after letting out my own exhaustive sigh of contempt and ire, we must begin to consider exactly what Obama purports that this influx in military will accomplish. The components of the plan, in fact, vary distinctly from past initiatives put forth by the Bush administration in its War on Terror during the past several years.

According to CNN, the plan has two distinct aspects. The first will be an influx of soldiers, mainly the Army and Marine Corps. A total of 30,000 new troops will be sent, many before the end of the year. Of those, 5,000 will be assigned specifically to training duties in order to ready the Afghan troops prior to the return of all U.S. troops in order to achieve a

quick withdrawal.

The most important component of this plan is that an initial withdrawal date has been set, which on setting a timetable, has drawn criticism from both Republicans and Democrats. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said that wars are won through the slow wearing down of the will of the opponent. Democrats claimed that Afghan President Hamid Karzai was a corrupt and unreliable partner. Yet, the outline established by Obama seems to be the best method to follow in order to accomplish the goals of the U.S. in Afghanistan.

Many experts believe that Osama bin Laden long ago fled to the northern desert caves of Pakistan. Afghan citizens find the situation in their country convoluted, in which the internal conflicts are insurmountable. They also find the U.S. involvement to be one based on conspiracy and lacking direction. By setting a deadline for removal of troops, Obama proves that the U.S. has no hopes of occupying the territory any longer than necessary. There is no government to be established, and it is clear that everyone would prefer for U.S. troops to return as soon as possible.

Additionally, the plan was consulted on by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan. The ultimate goal is to limit the influence of the U.S. in the region, and Obama's plan is reasonably attempting to do so. To leave unannounced would be a detriment not only to Afghanistan, but to

The U.S. finds itself overly involved in the situation, and in order to remove itself effectively, must leave a strong platform for the next generation of national operatives.

the credibility of the military forces of the U.S.

So, it seems that this new initiative is not such a failure after all. As the commander-in-chief, the president is ultimately responsible for all military decisions. The U.S. finds itself overly involved in the situation, and in order to remove itself effectively, must leave a strong platform for the next generation of national operatives. By placing a strong emphasis on training, Obama is hoping to accomplish that.

Before negative commentary is hurled unnecessarily and Obama's decision making is questioned, the populace needs to understand that the dynamic of the U.S. is not one founded upon hasty decisions. His careful consideration of the necessary processes for successful withdrawal indicate that Obama is not unwisely sending additional troops, but allowing for this timeline of July 2011 to be met. This plan, with the corroboration of military officials in Afghanistan, proves to be the most plausible option at this point.

Matt Boaz is a senior Political Science major from Edmond, Okla.

NEWS

Campaigns team won't compete in 2010

By Jourdan Sullivan
Staff Reporter

TCU Campaigns, a student ad campaign team that has been ranked nationally during the previous three years, has been suspended for 2010.

The Director of the Schieffer School, John Lumpkin, wrote in an e-mail that recruitment for the 2010 Campaigns team would be suspended because the team's adviser would be on medical leave.

Mike Wood, advertising professional-in-residence and Campaigns adviser, said he would not be able to sponsor the team because he will undergo a back surgery in December and would be on medical leave of absence next semester, when the program would take place.

The decision to suspend the team had not been taken

lightly because of the team's success in recent years, Lumpkin wrote.

John Tisdale, associate director of journalism and strategic communication, said the Schieffer School administration had worked diligently to keep the Campaigns team alive.

Lumpkin wrote that the Schieffer School administration explored creative alternatives, but no credible option materialized. He also wrote that it would be a disservice to previous Campaign teams to enter the competition with less than the best resources.

Finding an adviser for the spring semester had been contingent upon what the university would pay, Tisdale said. He added that it would be difficult to replace Wood.

Some people had turned down the position due to

time commitments, Tisdale said.

Lumpkin wrote that the team would be back in the next academic year, but another national initiative would be available for the strategic communication students this year.

Those interested in The Bateman Competition, sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America, should contact Bateman sponsor Amiso George, Lumpkin wrote.

Each year, students at more than 600 colleges and universities participate in the National Student Advertising Competition, according to the TCU Campaigns Web site. The competition requires teams to resolve a marketing problem for a corporate sponsor and is sponsored by the American Advertising Federation.

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advertising professional-in-residence and Campaigns adviser

Senior advertising and public relations major Lexie Cebulko was part of the 2009 team that placed ninth at the national competition. She said her membership on the team allowed her to work on all aspects of account

planning, including creative components, media and promotions.

Cebulko said she was disappointed to hear that the 2010 team had been suspended. She said the program helped students realize their potential through working with passionate professors and peers.

Wood said he had been in charge of the team since 1999, when the Schieffer School of Journalism decided to bring back the program, which had been absent from the school for years. 2010 will be the first year since that absence that the team will be suspended.

No other professors could take over the program for next semester without sacrificing time spent on their other courses, Wood said.

Campaigns, part of a three-hour course, gives students real-world experience

by bringing together students of various majors and disciplines to solve a problem, Wood said.

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The Campaigns team accepts 15 to 18 students into the program each year, according to the TCU Campaigns Web site.

Last year, the team placed ninth with a binge drinking awareness campaign at the NSAC championship in Washington, D.C. Wood said students should check the Web site in the future for information about applications for the 2011 Campaigns team.

Staff reporter Paige McArdle contributed to this report.

Honors mentor program gets rolling in spring

By Josh Davis
Staff Reporter

Looking at other honors colleges around the nation, sophomore political science major Alex Turner noticed one thing missing at TCU and set out to correct it.

"I was surprised we didn't have (a mentoring program)," Turner said. "I thought since the (Honors Program) was going to make a jump to a college (this spring) ... it would be essential to have a mentorship program."

If all goes according to plan, the Watson Mentoring Program will begin this spring for Honors students looking for guidance, Turner said.

While some details are still being hammered out, Turner said he thinks a junior or senior mentor in the Honors College will meet with a freshman twice a month. One meeting will be a casual check in just between the mentor and the freshman, and the second will be a larger gathering with the entire program.

Turner was not the first to come up with the idea in the department, but he believes his research in creating a program will make it stick.

"(Setting up a mentoring program) was talked about last year before I got here," Turner said. "I wanted to pretty much set it up how I've seen other programs at different universities."

He had talked to friends from high school who were involved in mentoring programs at Notre Dame, Southern Methodist University and Texas State University and took advice from them.

Turner said so far reactions have been enthusiastic.

"I got a bigger response than I thought I would get," Turner said.

Catelyn Gray, a junior social work major, was among those interested in the mentoring program.

"I was an (orientation student assistant) and an RA in a freshman dorm, and I love helping freshmen because they need a lot of help compared to other students," Gray said. "That's why I got involved."

Freshman biochemistry major Vanessa Norris is looking forward to the guidance she hopes to gain from her mentor in the spring.

"I just thought it would be a good opportunity for me to actually learn the ropes of the Honors Program and to get to know some of the older students," Norris said. "I know a lot of the older students (are busy), so you probably won't see them unless you take advantage of something like this."

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Vanessa Norris
freshman
biochemistry major

Norris said she hoped the program would help her with getting the right teachers and classes, along with hearing from upperclassmen what the best opportunities are in the college.

Gray said she wished she had a mentor her freshman year to help her stay balanced.

"(I wish someone had told me that it's not as hard as it seems)," Gray said. "Friends in high school would tell me that in college you can sleep, get good grades and have friends, but you can only have two of the three ... So I had to learn on my own that you can have fun in college."

Turner said the mentoring program was named for dean of the Honors College, Peggy Watson. He said Watson helped him get acclimated to TCU after transferring, much like the mentors would help freshmen.

"Dr. Watson is the first dean of the college and I know she has helped me and many people like me succeed at TCU," Turner said. "She inspires students, and this was the least we could do for her."



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AFGHANISTAN

Afghan president praises Obama's troop deadline

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press Writer

KABUL (AP) — President Hamid Karzai put a brave face Thursday on President Barack Obama's decision to start pulling out troops in mid-2011, telling The Associated Press in his first public response that it will push Afghans to take control of their own destiny.



Karzai

But he blamed the United States for stalling peace overtures in the past and offered to talk directly with the Taliban's top leader.

Karzai appeared relaxed and confident throughout the exclusive AP interview — the Afghan president's first remarks since Obama's announcement Tuesday that he will send 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan by next fall with the anticipation that they would start coming home in July 2011.

Karzai said the deadline is "not a concern for us — it is rather an impetus."

"For Afghans it's good that we are facing a deadline," he said. "We must begin to stand on our own feet. Even if it is with our own meager means — whatever those means may be. And we must begin to defend our own country."

"If we, the Afghan people, cannot defend our country, ourselves, against an aggressor from within or without, then no matter what the rest of the world does with us, it will not produce the desired results," he said during the one-hour interview at the turreted brick palace in the

heavily guarded heart of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Republicans have objected to the setting of a hard deadline for withdrawing troops for fear it would encourage the Taliban to play a waiting game and say Obama must be willing to delay the start of a pullout if security deteriorates.

But Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates told U.S. lawmakers Thursday that the July 2011 date is flexible. The White House said Obama set this date to make sure Karzai's government knows it has limited time to reform itself and take charge of security.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has called for a timetable for training Afghan security forces, battling police corruption and appointing nearly 400 provincial and district governors.

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Hamid Karzai
President of Afghanistan

Karzai called Brown's remarks "very unfortunate and very artificial."

"It is extremely insulting," he said. "But it doesn't affect me and it doesn't affect the Afghan people."

The president offered talks with the Taliban, including its

one-eyed leader, Mullah Omar, who has a \$5 million U.S. bounty on his head. Yet Karzai said overtures stood little chance of success without the support of the United States and its international partners.

He said his previous attempts to negotiate with insurgents were not fruitful because "sections of the international community undermined — not backed — our efforts."

On Tuesday, Obama said the U.S. must "open the door" to Taliban members who abandon violence as a way to turn the tide of an eight-year war that has killed more than 850 members of the U.S. military.

In Brussels on Thursday, Richard Holbrooke, U.S. special representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan, said reconciliation had been "on the back burner (but) it's now moving to the front burner."

But Karzai said he wants guarantees that those who are lured away from the Taliban aren't subjected to intimidation and their homes not raided by international forces or their Afghan partners.

Karzai also said he was fed up with the relentless criticism by world leaders of his government and the contentious August elections that returned him to power for another five years.

He said the allegations of corruption were exaggerated and motivated by political considerations. He accused "Western political circles" of trying to deny him re-election.

Karzai was forced to accept a runoff election after U.N.-backed auditors threw out nearly a third of his votes in the first ballot. Karzai was declared the winner last month after his sole challenger dropped out of the race.

WHITE HOUSE BREACH



Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday before the House Homeland Security Committee hearing on a White House security breach.

Secret Service officers put on leave

By Eileen Sullivan
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Secret Service officers have been put on administrative leave after the security breach at last week's White House dinner, an episode President Barack Obama said hasn't shaken his confidence in his protectors.

The president nevertheless acknowledged Thursday that "the system didn't work the way it was supposed to."

Despite the screw-up, the president was never at risk, Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan told Congress on Thursday.

"Pure and simple, this was human error" in which normal security protocols were not followed, Sullivan testified. So far, the service's continuing investigation has found three people from the agency's uniformed officer division responsible for the security breach and all three have been taken off duty

until a review of the matter is completed, he added.

Sullivan had said early on that it was the Secret Service's fault that a Virginia couple made its way to the administration's first state dinner without an invitation.

But as criticisms grew, the White House stepped up Wednesday to shoulder some of the responsibility. The White House social office was told to return to a long-standing policy of having White House employees stationed at security checkpoints to help the Secret Service clear up any problems over invitations to these exclusive events.

For all the uproar, Obama said he still feels safe and trusts the Secret Service to protect him and his family.

"I could not have more confidence in the Secret Service," Obama told USA Today and the Detroit Free Press.

Some House lawmakers, however, weren't as assured. The chairman of the House

Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Bennie Thompson, said, "We're all fortunate that this diplomatic celebration did not become a night of horror."

"How in the world could this couple get past the Secret Service?" Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, asked.

Sullivan responded: "I've asked myself that question 1,000 times over the last week."

The couple — Tareq and Michaele Salahi — and White House social secretary Desiree Rogers were also invited to testify Thursday, but all declined.

Committee staffers are already drafting subpoenas to compel the two aspiring reality TV stars to testify.

The committee's top Republican, New York's Peter King, said it's critical that the White House allow Rogers to testify as well. Sullivan told the lawmakers that the Secret Service and the White House social office together developed the security plan for the Nov. 24 dinner.

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NEWS

University, sister school cut ties

By Anna Waugh
Staff Reporter

The university's Mexican sister school, Universidad de las Americas-Puebla, will no longer be an option for students seeking a dual degree from both universities, a university official said.

Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Studies, said UDLA sent a request to the university on March 12, 2009, to terminate the agreement between the two universities. Kucko said the agreement required each university to provide notice a year prior to termination, which she said is standard practice. The termination will be effective March 12, 2010.

Maria Lopez Aguilar, UDLA spokeswoman, wrote in an e-mail that UDLA's department of student affairs stated that the reason ties were severed with TCU was the lack of student and faculty exchange between the two institutions, but that programs will be sought so the relationship can be re-established in the future.

"The department of student affairs renews collaboration agreements with different universities around the world when there is student exchange," Lopez Aguilar wrote in Spanish. "At this time, the university is making an analysis of the institutions with which there is student exchange to reinforce the joint work and in that way deepen the relationship between institutions."

David Whillock, dean of the College of Communication, said the relationship with UDLA might have improved despite issues under the past rector that included attacks on the student newspaper, dismissal of professors without due process and being on probation with the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools for financial reasons. He said the administration began to worry about the "quality of the education process" at UDLA.

When a new rector began his term at UDLA, Whillock said there was a growth period during which the student newspaper improved and faculty were replaced, but the university did not want to jump back into the relationship without financial certainty and "some long-term healing." He said he received an e-mail from the UDLA dean a few months before the termination request that explained the progress of the university. He said he responded that TCU was encouraged with the update but wanted to wait before exchanging students again.

"We gave them a lot of non-verbal messages that we were going to go slow, and I'm not sure that they liked that," Whillock said, adding that the university decided to agree to the termination because of the uncertainty with UDLA's financial situation and past issues.

Kucko said the university agreed to the termination because no students were involved in the exchange when the request was made, making the agreement currently inactive and the termination a formality.

A TCU student has never received a dual degree from both universities, but more than a dozen UDLA students have received a dual degree with TCU, Whillock said. The university rarely sent students to UDLA, and UDLA stopped sending students to TCU a few years ago when the issues began. He said the last student to receive a dual degree with the agreement will graduate from UDLA in December.

"We didn't get from this agreement things that we had hoped to, and it's not because of



Courtesy of EL BLOG DE LA UDLA
Students at la Universidad de las Americas-Puebla protest near the university's main gate in 2008. The demonstration was set off by changes to the university's scholarship program.

UDLA's fault," Whillock said. "I think, bottom line, a lot of our students were uncomfortable with going to Mexico for two years."

Whillock said TCU students are invested in the experience and attending UDLA for two years took away from their overall TCU experience.

Donald Frischmann, a Spanish professor, said he had successful experiences when he took student groups to UDLA during the summers from 1994 to 2005. He said the issues with the UDLA administration affected his efforts to recruit students for the trip for subsequent summers, along with program continuity and student endorsement of the school.

"I feel that it is not only important, but essential that TCU have ongoing, fraternal ties with some university in Mexico," Frischmann wrote in an e-mail. "Those ties may be with UDLA, or with some other university, but Mexico is much more important to the United States than any other Spanish-speaking country...A dual-degree program is advantageous to both institutions and greatly facilitates our students' study at

a Mexican institution of higher learning."

Frischmann said the termination will not affect him taking students to UDLA in the future if the Spanish department decides to continue a relationship. He said he has planned an alternative summer program on the Yucatán Peninsula for summer 2011.

Whillock said he would still like some relationship with UDLA aside from the dual degree.

"Anything that gives our students a better opportunity to understand the world we live in, I never want to cut that off," he said, adding that he hoped TCU could create new ties with UDLA in the future.

Whillock said the university is working toward an international presence and it is sad that there is currently not a strong presence in Mexico. He said TCU has recently made an agreement to partner with Nanjing University in Singapore, and plans are in the works to create programs in India and Chile.

Managing editor Julieta Chiquillo contributed to this report.

Unwanted items exchanged during student-led event

By Emily Siegel
Staff Reporter

Frog Trade, a first-time campus trading event in which students swap their unwanted goods, took place Thursday on the lawn of Sadler Hall. Eye patches were optional.

Chase Bruton, a sophomore supply chain management and marketing major, traded 144 eye patches, a deck of cards, a kite and a glow stick for a pair of shoes and some movies.

Bruton, who described himself as being sustainable, said he has all kinds of useless things in his room, so he attended the event to trade up.

"I got some great stuff," Bruton said.

Those who organized Frog Trade were also pleased with how the event turned out.

"We had a lot of people come even before the event started to drop off their donation items," said Tiffany Rogers, vice president of chapter development of the university's Public Relations Student Society of America.

A portable solar panel was hooked up to a computer that played seasonal music. Hot chocolate and coffee were also available for traders and students passing by.

"They were really thrilled to see the solar panel," Rogers said. "That's (was) kind of like the center of attention at the event."

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Tiffany Rogers
vice president of chapter development of the university's Public Relations Student Society of America

Rogers said the solar panel that powered the music reminded students that Frog Trade was a sustainable event.

Some of the items donated included clothes, shoes, picture frames, video games and movies.

"Mostly clothes that people don't want anymore," Rogers said as she laughed. "Lots of T-shirts."

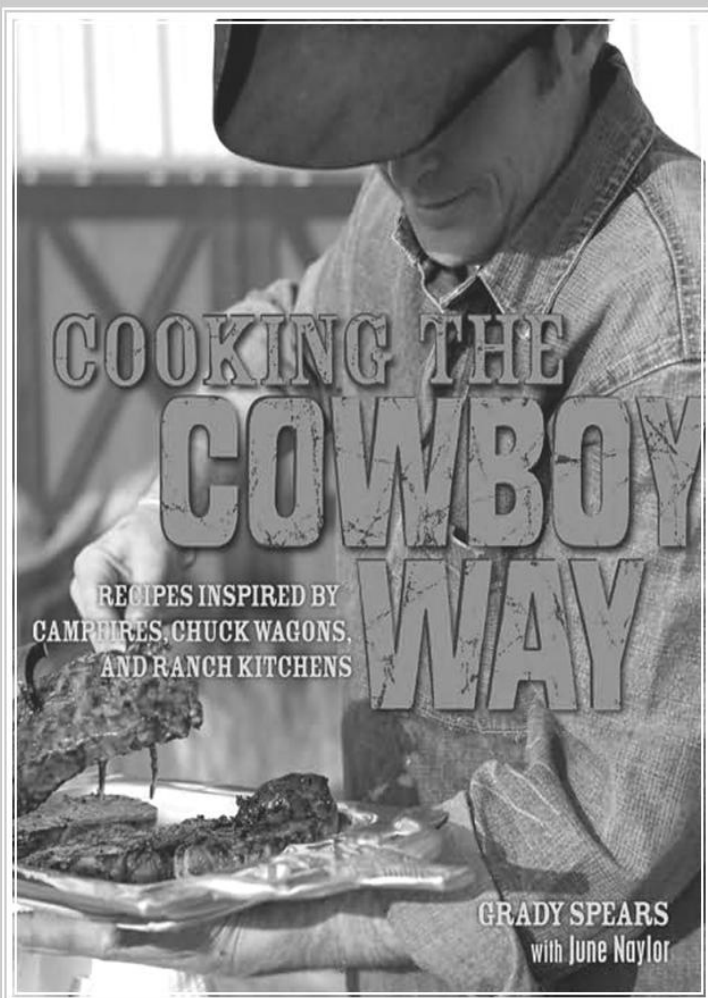
Amiso George, an associate professor of strategic communication and advisor for PRSSA, said students were responsible for developing the idea of the trade session.

"The students came to me with the idea, and I thought it was great," George said.

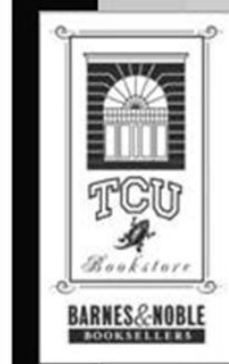
She said it took a lot of planning because of people's busy schedules.

"I'm so proud of them ... it seems to be working out really well," George said.

She said this is an event that benefits everyone on campus, and the group plans to do it again in the spring.



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SEC CHAMPIONSHIP

Florida, Alabama preparing for fourth-quarter battle

By Joseph Goodman
McClatchy Newspapers

The most important 15 minutes of football for the national champion Florida Gators came in the fourth quarter of last season's Southeastern Conference title game.

Florida trailed Alabama 20-17 after the third quarter, but the Gators dominated when it mattered most. Quarterback Tim Tebow made good on his promise and the Gators' defense bullied and embarrassed coach Nick Saban and his Crimson Tide in the fourth quarter. Florida outscored Alabama 14-0 in the final period and the Gators defeated the unbeaten SEC Western Division champion, 31-20.

The rematch is at 4 p.m. EST on Saturday at the Georgia Dome. The winner goes to Pasadena, Calif., for the BCS National Championship Game.

The loser goes to New Orleans for the consolation Sugar Bowl.

Both No. 1 Florida (12-0) and No. 2 Alabama (12-0) – so evenly matched in nearly every aspect – know what to expect: an old-fashioned battle of wills and desire in the fourth quarter.

"It's a year-long preparation for fourth quarters and it very likely will come down to that," said Florida assistant head coach Dan McCarney. "Can we play harder longer than Alabama does and make more plays when the game is on the line? We sure hope so."

'THEY WILL STEP UP'

McCarney's defensive line was the collective star of the fourth quarter against Alabama in 2008. This time around, McCarney and the Gators will be without their star defensive end, Junior Carlos Dunlap who was arrested for



GARY W. Green / Orlando Sentinel via MCT
Florida quarterback Tim Tebow and Joe Haden celebrate the Gators' 37-10 victory over Florida State in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday.

allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol on Tuesday and will be suspended for Saturday's game. Replacing Dunlap will be Jaye Howard and Justin Trattou.

"They will step up," McCarney said. "Those two are a joy to coach."

While Dunlap (seven sacks this season) will be missed, the Gators still have defensive

end Jermaine Cunningham, a senior who provided one of the most important plays of the season during the fourth quarter of the 2008 SEC championship game. Alabama's offensive line featured a pair of All-Americans but it wasn't enough to stop Cunningham, who sacked John Parker Wilson for an 11-yard loss on a critical third down.

After being pushed around during the third quarter, Florida's defense held Alabama to one yard on six plays in the fourth quarter last season. The Gators scored two unanswered touchdowns and cornerback Joe Haden ended any remaining suspense with 1:39 to play when he intercepted Alabama's Wilson at the Alabama 43.

"The defense played so well in the fourth quarter last year," said Florida Gators coach Urban Meyer. "They gave us the opportunity to win that game."

CHERISHED MOMENTS

Heroes are made in the fourth quarter. Trophies are won. Money is lost. As soon as the third quarter ends, players hold up four fingers out of respect. Photographs are framed of game-winning plays. Memories never fade. In Alabama, artists paint portraits of Crimson Tide fourth-quarter triumphs. For Florida's Meyer, the fourth quarter of a close game is what makes his job special.

"Those are the ones that coaches cherish, where you get to grab the team on the sidelines and say: We have to pound it in here or do this or that and stop them," Meyer said.

While last season's fourth quarter of the SEC championship propelled the Gators to the national championship, the same 15 minutes of football

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TEXAS RANGERS

Search for new owners narrows to two groups

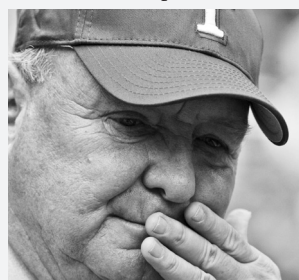
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Two groups have emerged as finalists to take over ownership of the Texas Rangers. The new owner could be revealed as early as next week's winter meetings.

A person with direct knowledge of the situation confirmed several media reports that groups headed by Pittsburgh attorney Chuck Greenberg and former sports agent Dennis Gilbert are finalists. That person spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity because negotiations are still ongoing.

Tom Hicks had been trying to put together a group

of local investors for a bid that would enable him to keep controlling ownership of the team. He could also become involved in a lesser role of ownership with one of the other groups.

— AP Sports Writer
Stephen Hawkins



AP archives
Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks watches a game against the Baltimore Orioles in 2008.

BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Cincinnati defense needs to step up, play 'stout'

Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — A board on the wall in Cincinnati's football meeting room lists six defensive goals for each game. In the last three weeks, only two of the goals were met — including winning the game.

That's a bad sign. The fifth-ranked Bearcats need a stout game from their struggling defense on Saturday at No. 14 Pittsburgh, where the Big East championship will be decided.

It shapes up as the defense's biggest test yet.

In the last three games, the defense has slid from one of the nation's best to one just trying to keep up with the

Bearcats' quick-strike offense. Cincinnati (11-0, 6-0) has given up 45, 21 and 36 points in the last three, having a particularly tough time stopping the run.

It's too late in the season to make any drastic changes.

"They are who they are," coach Brian Kelly said. "They battle. We've got a lot of inexperienced players."

Up next: Pittsburgh's Dion Lewis, who ranks fourth nationally in rushing with 131 yards per game. How well the Bearcats hold up will be a major factor in what amounts to a championship game. If Pittsburgh wins, the Panthers (9-2, 5-1) would share the title with Cincinnati and get the league's automatic BCS berth based on



TONY TRIBBLE / AP Photo
Illinois quarterback Juice Williams (7) runs against Cincinnati linebacker JK Schaffer, right, for a fourth-quarter touchdown on Nov. 27 in Cincinnati.

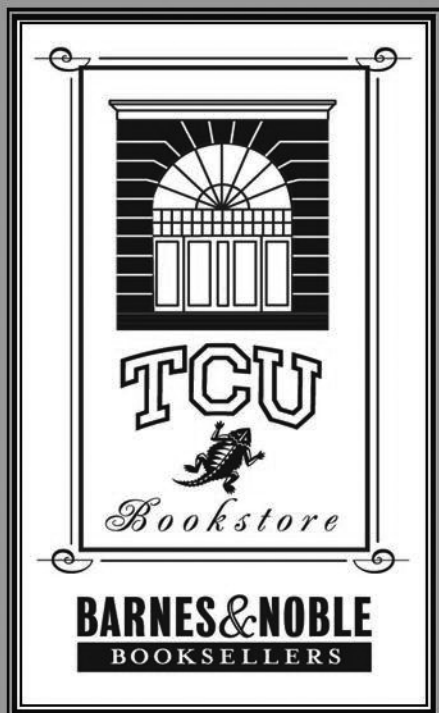
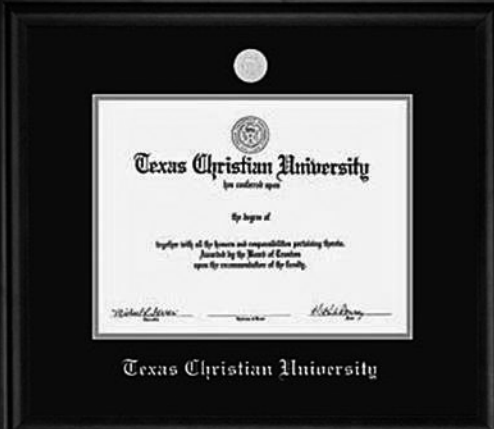
their head-to-head win.

The outcome could depend on Cincinnati's defense, which has developed a reputation as the weak link in the last few weeks.

"By now, we're pretty used

to it," linebacker J.K. Schaffer said. "We don't like it. But that gives us a little chip on our shoulder every week coming in, knowing we need to prove

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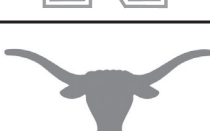

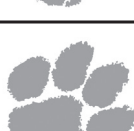
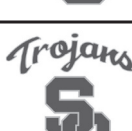


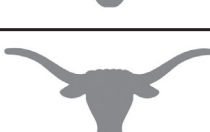

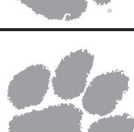

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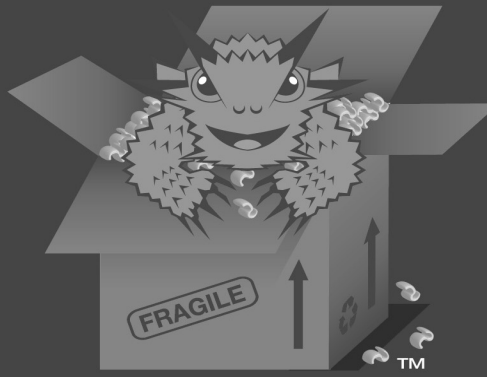
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PICK'EM

The student publications pick'em team is back for the last time for more college football action. Each participant will get one point for a correctly selected win out of the chosen games and two points for an upset pick. News Now reporter Maddy Foxx remains in the lead with 46 points followed by Skiff editor-in-chief David Hall with 42 points. Skiff reporter Mary Sue Greenleaf picked all five games correctly two weeks ago to close in with 40 points. Skiff sports editor Travis L. Brown took fourth place back with 35 points, and Skiff news editor Michael Carroll has 34 points. KTCU's Phil Mann brings up the end with 31 points. The winners will be printed in the bowl special section next week.

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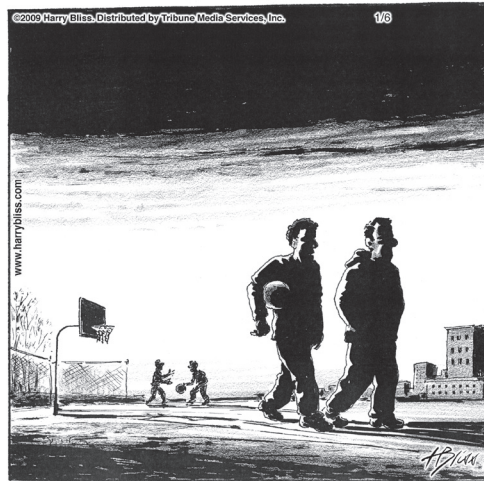
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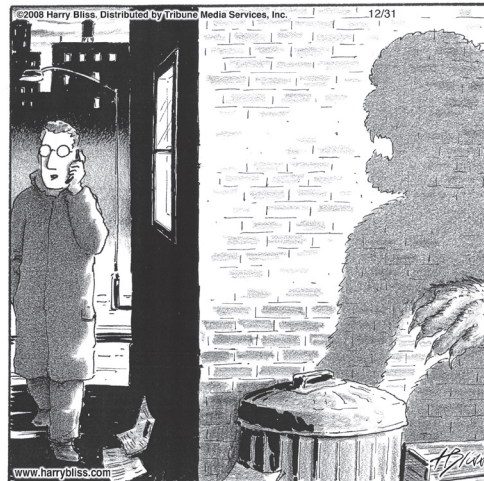
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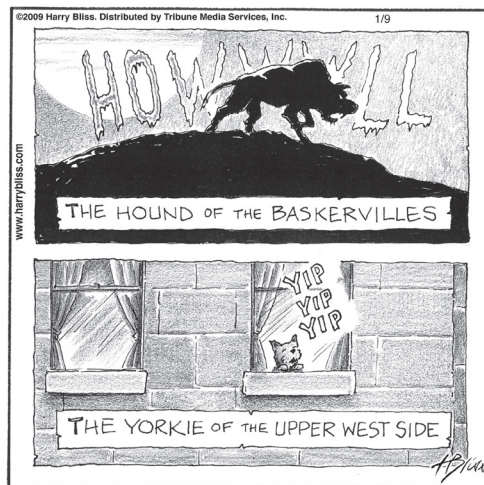
by Harry Bliss



"So, next week, if it's okay with our wives, wanna have another playdate?"



"No, I decided to walk over — I never feel safe in a taxi."



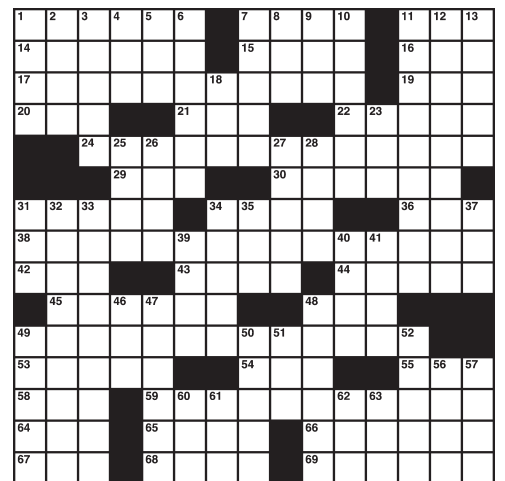
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 - Many a marigold
 - Juice letters?
 - VCR button
 - Takedown by Tinker Bell?
 - "Little" 1960s singer
 - Former Spanish queen
 - "The A-Team" actor
 - Vile smile
 - Reaction to an amusing porcelain?
 - Gain's eldest son
 - Sought a seat
 - Limoges-born impressionist
 - Parsley piece
 - Mideast carrier
 - USSR successor
 - Symptom of poor lighting?
 - NASDAQ listings
 - Military station
 - Western prop
 - Out in the open
 - Title for Roger Moore
 - Supermarket group taking a coffee break, perhaps?
 - Jersey groups
 - Super Bowl played in MMVII
 - Expression of satisfaction
 - Sporty truck, for short
 - Store-brand dill?
 - MC's aid
 - First name in architecture
 - Block
 - Pie chart fig.
 - Inert gas
 - Like the bones above the arch

- DOWN**
- Place for germs
 - Words with uproar or instant
 - Massive old computer
 - Baja California ___: Mexican state
 - Scotland's longest river
 - "Gosford Park" director
 - Saguaro, e.g.
 - Cornics cry of disgust
 - Cholesterol initials
 - Strands at the ski resort, perhaps
 - Consequences of some soccer fouls
 - Big-time parties
 - With it
 - Shirt part
 - 23 31-Down, e.g.
 - La Salle of "ER" sauce maker
 - Scrapbooking, e.g.
 - Recount
 - Army E-7: Abbr.
 - Like some visions
 - Bring back into practice
 - Cain's eldest son
 - Kojak and Crocker: Abbr.
 - Sign of a big hit
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By Jack McInturf 12/4/09

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- Breakfast companion?
- Ease
- "Never mind"
- Haunted house sound
- Former pen pal?
- Court recordkeeper: Abbr.
- "Land ___"
- "The West Wing" Emmy winner
- Achilles' weakness
- Place to start a hole
- Pizarro's quest
- The Monkees' "Believer"
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TCU head coach Gary Patterson meets with a referee during the home game against SMU on Oct. 1.

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Fox to spotlight watch party Sunday

By Andrea Bolt
Staff Reporter

Campus will be brimming with Horned Frog fever Sunday as the university is scheduled to hold its annual "Meet the Frogs," in which fans will get to meet and receive autographs from their favorite players and afterward will be able to hear the team's BCS bowl fate during the BCS Selection Sunday event at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. FOX is set to film footage of fan reactions inside the coliseum to air on the network's BCS Selection Show.

"We're honored FOX thought enough of the program to spotlight us in this manner,"

said Mark Cohen, athletics media relations director.

Cohen said the large amount of fan support from the university and community support from Fort Worth aided FOX in choosing TCU to film for its show. The fact that the football team posted its first undefeated 12-0 season and will receive its first BCS bowl opportunity were also attractive to the station.

"Meet the Frogs" will be held in the Sam Baugh Indoor Practice Facility from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and will include Super-Frog and members of the TCU spirit squad. Following the meet-and-greet, doors to the coliseum will open at 5 p.m. for BCS Selection Sunday fes-

ivities. Cohen said this "Meet the Frogs" is the same event that was postponed at the beginning of the semester due to fears about H1N1.

Fans who attend "Meet the Frogs" will receive a commemorative 2009 Mountain West Conference Championship poster, and children will have the chance to participate in a special field goal kick challenge and play on the practice field. Cohen said autographs are always popular features, and the event is a perfect segue into the viewing party event.

"It's a great way to spend the day, to pay tribute and put TCU and Fort Worth in a positive light with a live network TV

appearance," Cohen said.

Concession stands in the coliseum will be open and will offer items for purchase, including MWC championship merchandise and clothing, Cohen said.

Although Cohen said he wasn't sure how many people will show up for the events, Cohen said he was confident both events Sunday will have big crowds turning out because fans have set new attendance records at football games this year.

"It's such a great way to celebrate the football team's success," Cohen said. "Plus, we have the attraction of being a live TV audience."

FOOTBALL

With win, Horns can clinch spot in championship

By The Associated Press

Line: Texas by 14. Game in Arlington at Cowboys Stadium. Series record: Texas leads 8-4. Last meeting: 2007, Texas 28, Nebraska 25.

What's at stake

Texas can lock up a spot in the national championship game, something it had no chance at last year because of a last-second loss to Texas Tech and a tiebreaker formula that kept the Longhorns from competing for the Big 12 title. Coach Mack Brown has used that memory to fuel his team all season. Nebraska can force its way into a BCS bowl and pay back Texas for an upset in the 1996 Big 12 title game, when the Cornhuskers were No. 3 and eyeing a national championship.

Key matchup

Texas QB Colt McCoy vs. Nebraska DT Ndamukong Suh. McCoy was voted the Big 12 offensive player of the year and is likely to be a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

Suh was voted the Big 12 defensive player of the year and is up for all the top defensive awards. The Cornhuskers will need Suh to hit McCoy early, often and hard to try rattling him into as many

mistakes as possible. Nebraska wants to avoid a shootout.

Players to watch

Texas: Receivers Malcolm Williams, James Kirkendoll, John Chiles and anyone else not named Jordan Shipley will need to stretch the defense because Nebraska certainly will do what it can to keep McCoy from hitting his favorite target.

Nebraska: QB Zac Lee is mostly considered a bus-driver type of quarterback, someone who keeps the offense going without doing too great or too terrible. For the Cornhuskers to pull off the upset, he might need to do something special. Nebraska also needs RBs Roy Helu Jr. and Rex Burkhead to grind out yards and chew up the clock.

Facts & Figures

Texas is 6-1 against Nebraska since the start of the Big 12 and has won the last four meetings. ... The team have split two Big 12 championship meetings, with the Longhorns winning in '96 and the Cornhuskers winning in '99. ... Nebraska has won five straight, its best streak in Big 12 play in eight years. ... The Cornhuskers are 2-0 in Big 12 title games they have played in Texas.

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