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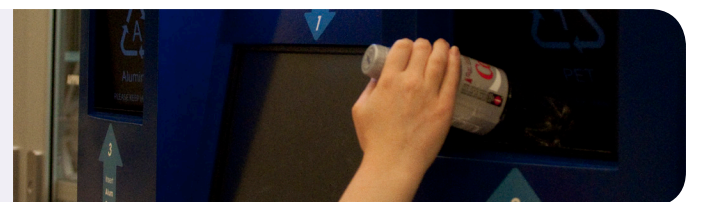
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## Process to invite new sororities begins

By Katie Terhune  
Staff Reporter

TCU's Panhellenic Council has begun the process of bringing new sororities to campus, the first of which is slated to arrive in fall of 2012, Panhellenic Adviser Jordan McCarter said.

The proposal to invite more sororities to TCU passed Wednesday with a vote of 9-2, with each of the 11 current sororities allotted one vote, McCarter said.

Potential new sororities are currently being encouraged to apply through the Panhellenic application process.

"We plan to make a decision by the end of the school year on which of those, who apply, we would like to invite to campus for presentations," she said.

According to McCarter, sororities that are selected would come to campus to present shortly after next year's fall recruitment, and the first new Panhellenic organization will be added in the fall semester of 2012. McCarter also said the council hoped to bring a second new sorority to the university, but the timeline for that had not yet been established.

Adding a new chapter would help current sororities maintain a more manageable size, McCarter said.

"Our chapters are very large for a type of institution like TCU, especially one that prides itself on close relationships," she said. "It's just difficult to manage that many people."

McCarter said participation in Greek life has increased dramatically over the past few years, and is expected to keep rising.

"The amount of people we have is too big for the number of chapters we have," she said.

In 2008, 580 women started the recruitment process, McCarter said. Last year, there were 720. She said over two years, a jump of 150 people is enormous.

"One new member class is [usually] between 45 and 50 people," she said. "To add...150 more people, that's like three new sororities right there. That's a huge increase in people."

McCarter said the new chapter would be able to define their own recruitment practices.

"We really won't know how they will come on the campus and recruit until we make the decision of which chapter it is," she said.

Hayley Lyddon, a sophomore psychology major and president of Kappa Alpha Theta, said she saw adding a new sorority as a good way to get more incoming freshmen

involved in the Panhellenic system.

"It will give all the girls more opportunities to participate in Greek life," she said. "I think it's really exciting for TCU just because we're expanding so much. It's a great opportunity for Panhellenic as a whole."

Lyddon said bringing new sororities to campus was unlikely to affect Theta's recruitment process.

"There are so many girls going through recruitment, it all works out OK," she said.

Caroline Cauley, a freshman member of Delta Delta Delta, said having more options for recruits would only help students going through the process.

"I think that the girls that come in will just have more of an opportunity to find the sorority they're meant to be in," she said. "It's a new way to bring more diversity to the Greek system."

Cauley emphasized the role she hoped current Greek organizations would play when the new chapter came to campus.

"I think [the Greek community] is going to be positive and welcoming to the new sororities coming in," she said. "We're going to be really helpful to them and show them how the process works."

## Program makes first campus weekend count

By Sydney Hicks  
Staff Reporter

A new program will begin in the 2011 fall semester to create opportunities for first-year students to meet and to build relationships their first weekend on campus, Student Activities Coordinator Brett Phillips said.

The program, titled Frogs First, is a collaborative effort with Student Affairs and Student Government Association and will take place Aug. 18-21, the last weekend before the 2011 fall semester begins, Phillips said.

Phillips said regardless of whatever organization, sport, college or group students eventually belong to, students are all Frogs first.

"We all matter, we are all together and unified...that is how the concept happened," he said.

Phillips said he hoped the program would become an annual event for students after the program's first year.

The freshman class will break into groups of 30 and participate in activities and bonding time led by two or three student leaders, Phillips said.

The group leaders would "help mentor, guide, build relationships and look after them [the freshmen] that whole weekend," he said. The deadline for leadership applications was April 8, but Phillips said the application process would continue for others who were interested in the position to apply for it. With just

more than 200 positions available for students, Phillips said he hoped all interested candidates would get a group leadership position.

Saman Sadeghi, a former SGA representative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, and sophomore accounting and finance major Sean Shahkarami co-authored a resolution to create a program to unite incoming freshman students on campus in the House of Representatives for the 2009 fall semester.

Sadeghi said he and Shahkarami formed a committee within Frog Aides, a student-led leadership training program exclusively for first-year students, during the 2010 spring semester after the resolution passed to come up with tangible ideas for the program.

Sadeghi said the goal behind the resolution was for incoming freshmen to fall in love with TCU by learning about TCU traditions.

"The vision is a sense of pride and sense of community and unity that comes with our common bond of being Horned Frogs," he said. "That's what the goal of it is."

Shahkarami said, "The vision was for the attitude to be so appreciated that alumni would hire and seek out 'Frogs first' in new job openings. This we felt could potentially rival the alumni bases of both A&M and UT and have great benefits for TCU."

Macy Pulliam, an SGA repre-

sentative for the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said she thought the Frogs First program was what incoming TCU freshmen needed at the beginning of their college careers. Pulliam said she was not directly involved with the program but she was present for the committee to pitch ideas.

"Starting college is an exciting yet scary step," she said. "This program will most certainly ease the transition."

Pulliam said the program would not only help freshmen, but also everyone in the TCU community, including the team leaders by giving them a chance to share their TCU stories.

"Frogs First will be beneficial to TCU as a whole, teaching newcomers the ins and outs and helping them find their place on campus," Pulliam said. "I am looking forward to the start of this brand-new program and to kick off the new semester right."

Phillips said the specific events during the weekend vary from an on-campus challenge to outdoor movies and two-stepping.

The weekend will begin with a social mixer Aug. 18 with the groups getting to know each other and will feature giveaways and other activities, Phillips said.

He said, "We're hoping for fireworks...We're hoping to do it in the stadium, but we don't know because of renovations what that looks like...But it would be awesome to do it on the field."

## New TCU Police officers build relationships on campus they protect

By Crystal Galvan  
Staff Reporter

New TCU Police officers found that a great advantage to their new jobs was building relationships with the students they protect, Officer Kevin Foster said.

Both Foster and Officer James Harrison said they discovered working at the university level allowed for more accessibility to the community they serve. The officers could act as guides to helping the students succeed, Foster said.

"We're not looking to put anybody in jail or anything like that," Foster said. "We want to help the students help themselves, and I get a lot of satisfaction doing that."

Harrison said he believed the smaller setting around campus allowed the officers to interact with students by more than just enforcing the law.

Foster and Harrison were two of the four officers recently added to the TCU Police patrol division after TCU Board of Trustees allotted funds to hire more officers, Lieutenant Ramiro Abad said. With the growth of the community surrounding the university, TCU Police needed more officers to

aid in patrolling, Abad said.

The officers were hired over a six-month period, beginning last summer, Abad said. The most recent officers were hired near the end of the fall semester, he said.

Each officer met the requirements set by the university and TCU Police, such as the requirement to be licensed in the state of Texas, Abad said. Then they looked at how well the officers would fit into the TCU community, he said.

"We want the people that work here to be able to interact with the students," Abad said. "We want them to be supportive and helpful with students."

These requirements were specific to the needs of a university level of policing, Abad said. All of the officers that were recently hired were retired from the Fort Worth Police Department, Abad said.

Foster and Harrison said they did not have the emphasis of interaction with people at their previous positions. The city level of policing was focused on a broad area of policing and involved more people to work with and protect, Harrison said. This made it difficult, Harrison said, to build strong relationships with the

people in a city setting.

However, a huge part of a TCU officer's job has been interacting and connecting with students, he said.

"You actually can develop relationships and work with the faculty, students and staff and have close relationships with folks which actually is rewarding in-and-of itself," Harrison said.

As an officer in a city setting, Foster said there are not many opportunities to personally help someone with a problem, but that changed in a university setting. Officers could help students through a myriad of ways, like giving students a ride back to their residence halls, Foster said.

After 25 years of working with the Fort Worth Police Department, becoming a TCU Police officer provided a refreshing change in pace, Harrison said.


Officers become involved by attending events, and some have even taken part in the Frog Camp experience, Abad said. The officers' involvement helped build a close connection with not only other officers but everyone on campus, he said.

"We want to treat everyone like they are all a part of our family," Abad said.



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Officer James Harrison poses with one of the TCU Police vehicles outside of the on-campus station. Harrison is one of four new officers to join the TCU force since last summer.



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## SUSTAINABILITY

# University recycling works in ways many students don't see

By Brooke Crum  
Staff Reporter

More than half of students who completed an email survey for recycling indicated they did not think TCU has an effective recycling program, according to a recent survey conducted by students at the university.

The survey was conducted by a group of nine students in Assistant Professor Wendy Macias' Strategic Communication Campaigns class.

Hillary Hall, a senior advertising/public relations major, said Macias assigned the class to come up with a campaign project to raise students' awareness of recycling on campus. The purpose of the survey was to gauge students' understanding of recycling, Hall said, so the group could make recommendations to improve knowledge of TCU's recycling program.

Macias said she chose to focus the student projects on recycling this semester because recycling is important to her.

This was her first year at TCU, and she had a hard time understanding the recycling program at the university and what it entailed, she said.

"A lot of it seemed to be miscommunication or people not understanding," Macias said. "That's when it really clicked that it would make a great student project for strategic communication because that's what we do — the communication aspect of it."

Hall and her group members generated the survey through a survey website called Qualtrics, she said.

Senior strategic communication major and group member Amanda Shipman said the group was able to send the survey out to a random sampling of 2,000 students via email. They received 341 responses.

Fifty-four percent of students surveyed did not consider TCU to have an effective recycling program. And 73 percent did not think that recycling was convenient on campus.

There were several open-

ended questions on the survey where students could enter their own responses. One question asked for suggestions to improve TCU's recycling program, and more than half of the responses recommended implementing some sort of recycle bins around campus.

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**Amanda Shipman**

Senior strategic communication major

Most students who took the survey said they would recycle more if it was more convenient to do so, according to the survey. But as it is, 73 percent did not know where any recycle bins were located on campus.

Shipman said overall, the responses they got called for

more recycle bins near trash cans to make recycling more convenient. People also wanted to know more about how TCU recycles, she said.

"Nobody knows what the program is, and nobody realizes that TCU is actually doing things to make the campus greener," Shipman said.

Trevor Yarbrough, a senior geography major, said he thought there were not many places on campus to recycle.

"I think that if you had recycle bins along with the trash cans, it would get students thinking more about recycling," Yarbrough said. "We know that TCU is trying to be a sustainable campus, but at the same time, we can't really see that as far as recycling our waste goes."

**TCU Recycling**

Keith Whitworth, an instructor of sociology, said TCU students are not normally aware the university recycles because it is done behind the scenes.

"With the single stream system, the average TCU student

or staff or faculty doesn't see a recycle bin," Whitworth said. "It's just a regular trash can. It's not labeled recycling."

TCU recycles in two ways, according to the university's sustainability website. First, in all administrative and academic buildings, the university employs a single stream recycling system. This means that all trash is placed in the regular trash cans and is later sorted at the Waste Management recycling center in Arlington, according to the website. Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects and facilities planning for the Physical Plant, said the main problem with recycling on campus was contamination.

If soda bottles and leftover food containers get tossed into the trash can, then that trash is no longer able to be recycled because it has been contaminated, Metra Collins, service assistant supervisor for the Physical Plant's Facility Services Department, said. Once the trash has been contaminated by food or drink,

Collins said, it is taken to an on-campus trash compactor to be disposed.

The other recycling method, which is currently in use by residence halls, is a blue bag recycling program in conjunction with Evergreen Recycling Inc. Blue bags are placed in trash rooms so students can recycle plastic and paper products, according to the TCU sustainability website. The housekeeping staff comes by once a week and takes the blue bags out to the curb to be picked up by Evergreen.

The survey indicated students want to recycle, but were not sure about how to do so. Yarbrough said he thought the addition of easily recognizable recycle bins was just what TCU needed.

"It would be a good reminder to see recycling bins and kind of promote recycling and sustainability more because people would be more aware of what's going on, and they would think about recycling instead of just throwing something away," Yarbrough said.

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SUSTAINABILITY

# Recycle bins added to residence halls

By Brooke Crum  
Staff Reporter

Recycle bins have been added to the lobbies of Milton Daniel and Moncrief Halls and will be placed in all residence halls by next year, Director of Housing & Residence Life Craig Allen said.

Housing & Residence Life purchased the recycle bins, made out of recycled milk jugs, last semester, Allen said.

The bins were added to the lobbies to help improve

recycling efforts in the halls by making them more visible to students, Allen said. The bins each cost about \$1,000 apiece, but Allen said he still hoped to have them in the lobby of each residence hall next year because they have been so popular with students.

In addition to the newly purchased bins, the university also received a dozen free recycle bins from PepsiCo, Allen said. PepsiCo donated them after TCU was approved to receive the Greenopolis Dream Ma-

chines. The PepsiCo bins will be placed in the trash rooms of the residence halls.

The biggest problem with recycling in residence halls has been contamination, Allen said. He said he thinks the new recycle bins will curtail the problem because the bins are unique and identifiable with a recycling logo on each one.

The Dream Machines were delivered April 18 and were placed in the University Recreation Center and in Colby and Sherley Halls.



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Freshman psychology major Kylie Corson uses the new Dream Machine recycling machine in the University Recreation Center.



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PepsiCo Dream Machines have been installed in Sherley Hall, Colby Hall and the University Recreation Center.

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## CONSTRUCTION

# Sadler second floor renovation on track to finish in July

By Chelsea Katz

Staff Reporter

The current construction on the second floor of Sadler Hall has displaced all of the offices on that level, but crews are on track to finish the construction in late July.

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Leo Munson said the offices of Development, Academic Affairs and University Advancement were the last to move out of the building for construction.

University Advancement and Academic Affairs are in temporary locations in the Rickel Building and Scharbauer Hall, respectively.

Munson said people in the building now describe it by levels instead of floors, calling the basement the first level and so on to the fourth level, which was formerly the third floor.

Nancy Petruso, associate vice chancellor and chief of staff for University Advancement, said she likes being in her temporary location in the Rickel Building because of the amount of students who pass by her office there compared to the amount she saw in Sadler.

The Office of University Advancement has had a problem with individual offices within the department being scattered around campus. Petruso said the finished third level of Sadler Hall will bring the organization

together in one location.

Petruso was one of the few who had to move twice, going from the third floor of Sadler Hall to the second floor and then to the Rickel Building. Even with the extra experience in moving, she said it was still a challenging process.

"I'd been in the same office for 10 or 11 years, so I had accumulated a lot of files and a lot of things that I really had put off going through," she said. "It's more than just throwing things in boxes; you have to really go through all your files and organize them and decide what's important to keep and what you can toss."

Petruso said it should be easier to move back into Sadler Hall because she left some of her boxes packed.

"You get smarter about it each time you do it," she said.

Those working in the Campus Life office are already settling into their new space in Sadler Hall, taking over the area the Office of Admission left vacant on the second level.

Although everyone from Campus Life is in the new area, Dean of Campus Life Susan Adams said the process of moving back into the building is not finished. She said the Campus Life office did not have many problems with moving in or out of Sadler Hall, and the Physical Plant and moving crew helped them move in to



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The entrance to the third floor of Sadler Hall is blocked off to keep students and faculty out as renovation takes place.

the new offices.

"We're just doing what we can so we can continue to function on a daily basis," she said. "People are settled in their offices because we are not closed to move."

The Campus Life office is also near other offices such as Scholarship and Financial Aid, she said. Campus Life works together with those other offices to help students with their questions or concerns.

The office still needs to get student artwork on the walls of their new space, Adams said.

"We're working with [the] Fine Arts [department] to be able to do that," she said. "We think that's very appropriate for the Campus Life office."

The Campus Life office will put student artwork on the walls of a room specific to their area. The new offices include a private room for anyone who comes into the office upset, Adams said.

ams said.

"They don't want to sit out there and cry; it's embarrassing," she said. "[It is] just a place where they can [take deep breaths]."

Adams said she liked the larger space because it makes people feel less crowded. It also helps people feel welcomed while having privacy and confidentiality, she added.

"[It is] much improved, and we're very pleased," she said.

Munson said he thought the moves had gone well and said the displacement was not much of a problem. The segmentation and distance between the offices is a bigger problem, but he said technology helps the situation.

"In the age of computers and cell phones and telephones, [the segmentation is] just a change of environment rather than a loss of work ethic or anything like that," he said.

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## HOUSING &amp; RESIDENCE LIFE

# University proposes additional sophomore housing by 2012

By Cathy Pham  
Staff Reporter

The university has proposed additional housing for sophomores that will try to accommodate about 300 students in a residential facility in Worth Hills by 2012, according to a Board of Trustees agenda action titled, "The Sophomore Housing Facility Project."

Craig Allen, director of housing & residence life, said the project is currently only a proposal.

Preliminary costs for the Sophomore Housing Facility Project are around \$28 million, but are subject to change, according to the document.

An increase in student admission and renovations

to on-campus housing will leave 400-500 students who want to live on campus searching for alternatives, according to a document written by Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration. The document was distributed to representatives at the Student Relations Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 7.

The proposed new housing facility would be located at the intersection of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North. The proposal for a new residence hall occurred as a result of the delay in the Greek Village project at Worth Hills, which would provide updated housing for

students living in fraternity and sorority housing.

According to the Trustee Student Relations Committee agenda, the TCU Master Plan for housing is to have two-thirds of all undergraduates living on campus.

About 450-600 sophomore beds will be needed in the new residence halls. Factors such as parking space, funding and reuse of existing residence halls are still undecided.

According to the document by Mills, more detailed plans regarding the Sophomore Housing Facility Project and the Greek Village will take place after Kathryn Cavins-Tull, the new vice chancellor for student affairs, starts at TCU next fall.



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A proposed housing facility to help alleviate the current housing crunch would be located at the intersection of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North.

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## HOUSING &amp; RESIDENCE LIFE

## Office aims to meet high housing demand

By Kim Burdi  
and Cathy Pham

Staff Reporters

Although the demand for students who want on-campus housing is higher than ever before, TCU Housing & Residence Life is trying to accommodate each student to the best of its abilities, Director of TCU Housing & Residence Life Craig Allen said.

"We have more beds than we have ever had, but at the same time we've increased beds, the number of freshmen being admitted has increased," Allen said.

Two years ago, there were a little over 1,800 freshmen who are now sophomores and as sophomores they are becoming juniors this year, he said. There is less space available for them as there has been for previous classes because there are more juniors and seniors than TCU has ever had before, he said.

Allen said halls are already set aside for incoming freshmen and they are not going to be filled up by juniors or seniors.

"Freshmen are still applying, so we haven't done anything with freshman assignments yet," Allen said.

Regardless of classification, all current students were asked to fill out a housing application if they wanted to live on campus next year, Allen said. There were about 2,200 students who applied and each student received a randomly generated lottery number that determined when he or she could sign up for housing, he said.

"Everyone had the same chance of getting a good lottery number as everybody else," Allen said. "The order in which people went were sophomores with priority, mixed groups of sophomores with juniors and seniors and juniors and seniors were the last group."

Sophomores who are wait-listed will all eventually be guaranteed housing, he said.

Allen said on-campus housing is not guaranteed for juniors and seniors and if upperclassmen thought differently, they should have done their research. Although several hundred juniors and seniors live on campus, there are not enough beds for all upperclassmen, he said.

"There's this myth that no juniors and seniors live on campus — that's not true," he said. "We added beds in the last five years. All of Sandage and McCart [apartments] used to be graduate students and are now undergraduate juniors and seniors. We have condos at Bel-

laire, and there are 30 beds for juniors and seniors."

One option for students who are unable to find housing on campus, Allen said, is the GrandMarc apartments off of Berry Street.

"We partner with the GrandMarc and lease beds that we make available in our housing lottery so that's another way we've added beds," Allen said. "But even in those beds that we've added, the numbers of students have grown. As those numbers of students have grown, the freshman and sophomores are taking up more and more beds, which in effect means there are less beds for juniors and seniors."

#### "A different environment" — The GrandMarc

According to the Housing & Residence Life website, a single room in a quad in Carter is \$3,600 per semester compared to a single room in a quad \$4,400 at the GrandMarc. This is an \$800 difference for students who chose to live in the GrandMarc instead of on campus in a dorm.

"If [students] chose to live in the GrandMarc, the cost for rent when including housing and meal plan is comparable to on campus," Allen said. "Obviously, it's different because it's a different living environment."

Overall, Allen said prices are determined based on the model of living. For example, living in Colby Hall is different than living in Amon G. Carter Hall.

Representatives from GrandMarc at Westberry Place, an apartment building located on Berry Street, wrote in a letter to the *Skiff* that they are not affiliated with TCU residential housing and questions about living on campus should be directed to housing & residence life.

Freshman music education major Kayla Poole said she could not find a group to sign up with and missed the deadline for the housing application. When she found a group of three other girls, she was not able to sign up with them and had to wait until the second-to-last day of sign ups.

"When I went to sign up there were only three rooms left in the GrandMarc," Poole said. "I'm [going to be] a sophomore and I'm required to live on campus, but technically the GrandMarc isn't even on campus."

Poole said she emailed Housing & Residence Life to get on the waitlist for a room in Amon G. Carter Hall. She said she hoped the fourth spot in the room would become available.

"I also told them I want anything else besides the GrandMarc," she said. "Because I am a music major and the GrandMarc is kind of far from the music building," Poole said.

#### Other off-campus options

Allen said Housing & Residence Life is doing a number of things to help students.

Juniors and seniors attended an info session in the Brown-Lupton University Union about off-campus housing alternatives for upperclassmen.

In addition to the GrandMarc, there are resources in the housing office for students who are unable to live on campus, Allen said. There is a guide for off-campus living and listings for other apartment complexes in the area, Allen said.

The office doesn't necessarily point students to one particular place, but it makes opportunities available for students to decide for themselves what might be the best place, he said.

The office can also provide students information about local real estate agents who can help them find a place to live, whether it be a house or apartment.

"We do a lot of talking to students whether they are calling or emailing us," Allen said. "We respond to questions to help students make the decision where is the best place for them to live."

Sophomore secondary education major Matthew Castaneda said he called housing because he had no idea where he and his roommates were going to live next year.

"Now it's just a waiting game," Castaneda said. "I understand that housing is trying its best and I recognize it's hard with the surplus of students."

Allen said he is always open to suggestions for the process but the reality is that until TCU has more beds, the process of signing up for housing is not the main concern.

He said a goal for TCU Housing & Residence Life is to try and find a space for all the students who want to be on campus.

Allen said if students are not able to live on campus he wanted students to always feel welcome and be a part of campus life.

"I want everybody to know that I understand how important [housing] is to students. I will do whatever I can to ease the anxiety," Allen said. "I ask for people to be patient and trust us. We want people to be happy as much as they want to be happy."

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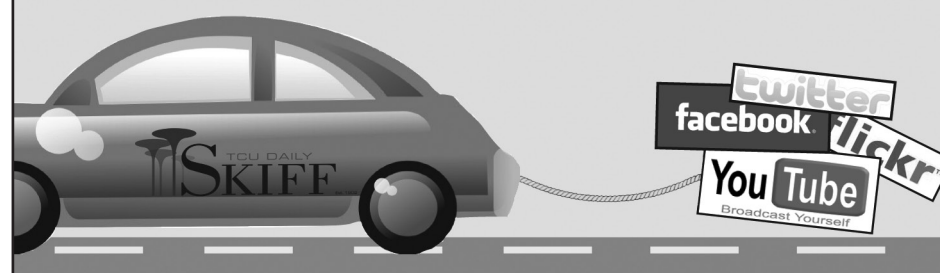
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## Jump on with the Skiff





CAMPUS

# TCU professor walks 3.5 miles to class, rain or shine

By Sarah Fleischer

News Now

It is not odd that Loren Spice walks to school every day — many students and professors do. What is unique is the length of his daily walk.



Spice

Spice, an assistant professor of mathematics, said he walks from his apartment, located near Interstate 20 and Hulen Street, to the university. The distance between the two points is about 3.5 miles, meaning Spice walks a total of seven miles a day. The walk to campus takes about 45 minutes one-way, he said.

Each school week, Spice walks about 35 miles, which is approximately the same distance as a trip from the university to Cowboys Stadium and back.

CAMPUS

## Study shows faculty/student relations lack quality time

By Clay York

Staff Reporter

Researchers at Indiana University Bloomington discovered in a study that although students believed faculty members could highly impact their professional development, students had not spent much time interacting with their professors.

This study, found in Indiana's 2010 Law School Survey of Student Engagement, coincided with the perspective of sophomore strategic communication major Tyler Woodward.

"I probably don't spend as much time as I should [with my teachers]," Woodward said.

Woodward estimated he had spends about an hour or two with his teachers on any given week, he said.

"The teachers that I have visited with before had more of a profound impact on me as a student and as a person," Woodward said.

"I think not only are they teachers, but if you go to their office hours, you can really get to know them on a personal level," he said. "At that point, they become your role model and not your teacher."

Bill Moncrief, the senior associate dean and professor of international business at the Neeley School of Business, said the faculty make themselves available to help students both inside and outside the classroom.

"The relationship with students and faculty is real," Moncrief said.

"I think that one of the advantages of TCU is that the faculty genuinely like students and like to work with the

uses to cover his valuables, such as his computer and even homework, so they stay dry.

"I have had the embarrassing situation of having to hand homework back to students and say, 'Sorry this is dripping, sorry this is dripping,'" Spice said.

In 2001, Spice said he broke his leg when he was hit by a car while walking. After that, walking had more meaning to him, he said.

"It got me interested in walking as sort of an intentional action," Spice said. "... Now I was planning ahead. 'How can I walk [there]? What distances [of walking] can I handle?'"

When Spice and his wife moved to Fort Worth from the North, the ability for Spice to walk to school was not something they considered much when looking for apartments, he said. After they picked the apartment

and settled down, Spice said he began to think about walking to school.

However, he was unsure because the distance was farther than anything he had walked before on a regular basis.

"Once we settled on this place, I remember having this discussion with [my wife]," Spice said. "Am I going to give it up? I can't give up walking. It is the only exercise I have. And if I stop, I'm going to go right back and gain weight again..."

Spice first tried the walk during the summer, but said the heat was a problem.

"Once I learned to bring a change of clothes and that you can shower over at the gym, it stopped being an issue that I was stinky and smelly when I got there," Spice said. "I found that I enjoyed the walk."

However, even though Spice said he enjoys the walk, it is not always easy. Spice

said he believed Fort Worth should be more pedestrian friendly.

"When I say it is not pedestrian friendly, I mean literally that," Spice said. "That it is hard to walk. That it takes advance planning. If I have a new destination, I can't just say 'Well I am going to walk there.' I have to know. If I can get there by driving, it does not imply I can get there by walking."

Spice said he believed one solution to the problem would be more sidewalks.

"I find it almost comical how few sidewalks there are here," Spice said.

Gloria Solomon, a professor of sports psychology, said there are both good short- and long-term effects to exercise like walking.

"Even if it is leisurely walking, the exercise process, both physically and psychologically, has the capacity to uplift your mood," Solomon said.

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The more chronic the exercise, the more long-term the effects, Solomon said.

"So this gentleman, if he is [exercising] regularly, is certainly going to benefit from those long-term effects, which include, among other things, self-concept enhancing, so feeling better about yourself," Solomon said. "We know that people who exercise and get those concept enhancements actually will approach more diverse situations."

Solomon said the idea of exercising too much, even walking, does exist. However, she said, it is about the individual's mentality, not the number of miles walked.

"You can do too much exercise, and it all really comes down to your psychological attachment to the exercising experience," Solomon said. "Most exercise is a good addiction, though."

## Frog Feature

### Getting to know Kathryn Cavins-Tull, the future Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

By Katie Terhune

Staff Reporter

Kathryn Cavins-Tull, the future Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, came to the university for the spring Board of Trustees meeting. She was introduced by the current Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Don Mills. In a Q&A with the Skiff Cavins-Tull spoke about her impressions of the university, her style of leading and how she hopes to relate with students.

#### Q: What influenced your decision to come to TCU?

A: "TCU is a great school and a really unique school. I work at a small private university right now at Illinois Wesleyan, and it's a lot like TCU. The students are really smart and there's a lot of involvement on campus, and it's got a really strong reputation for being a high-level school. I love my work at Illinois Wesleyan because I get to work very closely with students. TCU offers a bigger school with more opportunities and more resources, but still [has] opportunities to actually work directly with students. There aren't very many universities in the country that are like TCU, and it was a perfect opportunity for me to go to a little bit larger school, but still have all the things I love about this work and actually working with students."

to students, and figure out what really works for TCU and what kinds of things would make life better for students here. I heard some things that I think are really workable, like getting some more resources for the health center and counseling services and also looking at expanding some of the areas in Career Services and some of the things that would make student life even better at TCU. Probably what I'll do in the first semester or the first year is to really get out and speak to students as much as I can, and listen to them and see where I can best help student life here."

#### Q: How will your style be different than that of Don Mills, the previous Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs?

A: "I know Dr. Mills from the field of Student Affairs; he's pretty well-known in our field. I think his style was one that was pretty accessible by students, and he's a very friendly person with a great sense of

humor, so I hope I can be friendly and not take my job too seriously. It's hard for me to compare his style with mine because I don't know that much about his style. But I'll tell you about my style, and that is that I try to be at as many things as I can be. For students, if you have a big program, if there's something big happening on campus, I try to go and participate or judge and see what student life is about. So you'll see me a lot, and I think that, like Dr. Mills, if you want to meet with me, you're going to be able to get in to meet with me. Being accessible to students is kind of the core at what Student Affairs people do, so you'll find that you'll have easy access to me."

#### Q: What was your first

#### impression of TCU?

A: It's a very friendly place. Everybody has been very warm and very kind to me. I'm coming from Illinois, so it's a little different from Texas. People have been very gracious in extending their help to me, and very sort of "southern hospitality." And the campus is in great shape. I got to meet several students during my interview and then more [Thursday] and the students seem very friendly and very academically focused, but also involved in their campus. I'm really thrilled to be a part of this campus, and I can't wait to get started. I start in July, and I'm ready to go."

#### Q: What are you looking



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#### forward to the most?

A: "I think that the first year will be a bunch of firsts. The first orientation processes, the first Frog Camp, meeting the new students, getting to know students who have been at TCU and already have love for that. There's all

those exciting firsts for me.

Every time you move into a different university, that first year is like a whirlwind of trying to get to know people and to know the traditions, so I'm excited about going through all those firsts when I get here."

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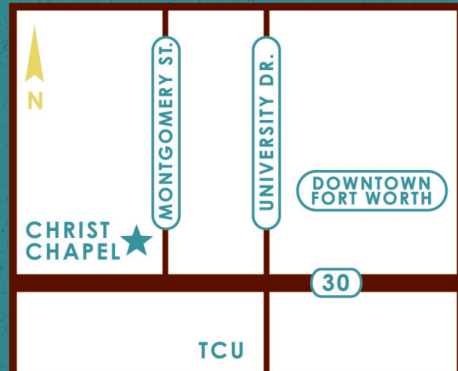


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## ADMISSION

# Increase in applications sparks need for new process

By Jordan Daigle

Staff Reporter

With the enormous increase in admission numbers this year, Dean of Admission Ray Brown said the university is going to need to figure out a more efficient application method that will work better in the future.

According to a university news release, TCU received 18,903 applications in 2011, compared to 13,852 in 2010 and 11,730 in 2009. This represents an overall increase of 36.5 percent.

Chancellor Victor Boschini was out of town and unable to be reached for comment.

"I think we got a few too many [applications] to handle this year," Brown said.

According to Brown, the admission office is knocking at the door of 19,000 [applicants], which is an enormous increase in any year.

"We had to rethink everything we do," he said. "Our primary goal this summer is to sort of wipe the slate clean and start over to figure out a model that will work better."

With this in mind, Brown said the admission team has decided to visit some other universities this summer to see how they work their application process.

"We are very labor-intensive

in our review process," he said. "And I fear that those days may be over."

The application process may have to become less personal, Brown said. And although that is something he said he hoped would not happen, he said he was not feeling confident.

The major rise in applications can be attributed to a convergence of multiple aspects, Brown said. This increase has been from the university's efforts to improve the physical appearance along with the efforts from the university to create personal relationships between students and faculty, he said.

"When you put all of that together and throw in the benefit of athletics teams, which bring in all sorts of national publicity, it just makes for the perfect storm," he said.

While going through the college process, John Novalis, a freshman environmental earth resources major, said he first recognized TCU for its football success, but the university's personalized recruitment also helped him make his decision.

"What truly attracted me was during my application process they sent me copious emails and letters in the mail," Novalis said.

He said the university never hesitated to contact him or see



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Counselors at the Mary Wright Admission Center have processed a record number of freshman applications this year.

how his thought process was going with admission.

"They just seemed very personal and very interested in having me as a student here," he said.

The university has also seen a rise in the past year for out-of-state and in-state applica-

tions. According to the release, there has been a 39.5 percent increase in out-of-state applications. In particular, the state of California saw a 102.9 percent jump this year in applications, according to the release.

"I think most people would agree that it would be nice to

have as varied group of students as one could possibly muster," Brown said in regard to out-of-state applicants. "That is why our staff visits 35 states a year and about 20 different countries."

They want to provide students with a college experience

that is as varied and diverse as they can possibly craft.

As of Monday, Brown said the office has more than 700 hopefuls on the wait list.

"We are very thankful for it," he said. "But I don't hold out a great deal of hope for students on the wait list."

## ALUMNI

## Grads share plans for staying connected to TCU community

By Katie Terhune

Staff Reporter

For most graduating seniors, their connection with TCU will not end with their journey across the stage in May.

Katelyn Fischer, a finance and accounting major, said she planned to stay involved with her alma mater after graduation, even as she moves out of Horned Frog country.

"I hope to be active, but I will not be living in Fort Worth," said Fischer, who will be moving to Houston to work as an auditor for the accounting firm Deloitte. "I'm hoping that I'll be able to make it back, and attend events and eventually move back here."

Fischer said alumni remain an important part of TCU and should continue to help improve the university.

"I think the role of alumni is to benefit the university and work towards the advancement of the role of TCU as a forerunner in the nation," she said. "[We're] shaping how TCU will be in the future."

Fischer said she had heard of Young Alumni groups, but had not yet tried to get involved.

Fischer said it would be difficult to leave her friends behind when she graduated.

"I think I will miss...having my friends with me all in one place, living together," she said. "It'll be hard as we all go our separate ways."

Carrie Wright Brown, associate director of alumni relations, said graduating did not mean students needed to sever ties with their friends as they moved away.

Brown said froglinks.com, the alumni website, is an important tool for TCU gradu-

ates looking to stay involved with the school and each other. The website provides information about former students across the country as well as any meetings or events, she said.

"That's a great way to keep our alumni connected [if] they aren't living in the chapter. But if the alumni are lucky enough to live in one of our 16 chapter cities, we have tons of programming that goes on," she said, comparing the site to the online community Facebook. "That's our mission, to actively engage our alumni so that they have that connection."

There are Young Alumni chapters in Fort Worth, Houston and Dallas that are geared towards alumni that have been out of school for fewer than 10 years, according to the website. The groups provide a chance to socialize and network with

other Horned Frogs.

Brown said she encourages students to get involved with the university as soon as they graduate. She said seniors should update their profiles on froglinks.com so the university could stay in touch with them and provide information about alumni events or opportunities in their city.

"The only way we can get a hold of people is if they update their information," she said. "Students' email accounts will shut down after they graduate at TCU, and so if they don't update, it's hard for us to keep track of them."

Brown said recent graduates move often, making it harder to provide the information about networking or alumni gatherings. One such get-together is the annual Frog5 Tailgate, an event for alumni who have graduated within the last five years. The tailgate is held on the lawn of the Kelly

Alumni Center and usually brings in about 800-1,000 recent grads, Brown said.

Brown said many TCU graduates choose to give back by donating to the university. Interested students in their final year can donate to the senior class legacy and are encouraged to donate to the university once they leave.

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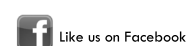
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Queens reached California on April 22 after a six-day trip. The cab made a pit stop in Las Vegas, where the friends won more than \$2,000 at the craps and blackjack tables. They told the New York Post that they woke up cabbie Mohammed Alam “with a shower of \$100 bills.” The pair told the newspaper the idea for the trip was hatched during a birth-

day party. The two friends haven’t yet said how they’ll get back. The cab driver says a friend will help him make the drive home. Misaddressed marijuana goes to elderly Pa. couple

UPPER DARBY, Pa. (AP) — Police say an elderly Pennsylvania couple was the unintended recipient of a very seedy delivery: a five-pound brick of marijuana. Police in Upper Darby, just outside Philadelphia, say the

couple paid little attention to the package when it was delivered in April. Not recognizing the name, they left it on their porch, expecting it to be picked up. When nobody claimed the package, the couple opened it to find what police say was \$10,000 in high-grade marijuana. Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood tells the Delaware County Daily Times the couple gave the package to police, who determined the return address in Tollison, Ariz., was fake.

Chitwood says the department sees about a half-dozen similar deliveries a year and can sometimes track down the sender. Alligator finds its way into Fla. woman’s bathroom PALMETTO, Fla. (AP) — A Tampa-area woman found an unwelcome weekend guest in her bathroom — a 7-foot alligator. Alexis Dunbar says she screamed and the alligator hissed when she found it inside the bathroom of her

home April 23. Her boyfriend propped a small table by the bathroom to keep the gator inside until an officer from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission showed up to take him away. Dunbar believes the alligator used a doggie door on the back porch to get inside the house. Dunbar lives in Palmetto, which is south of St. Petersburg. Spring is mating season for alligators and wildlife officials urge people to be extremely cautious, especially around water.

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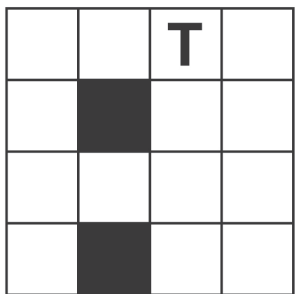
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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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## DINING SERVICES

# Healthy eating options available at Market Square

By Bryn Zimmermann  
Staff Reporter

Choosing to eat healthy at Market Square is in students' hands, and TCU Dining Services provides resources to help, Kelly Raw, district marketing coordinator for TCU Dining Services, said.

"We make sure to have a really good variety of things at the salad bar and fresh fruit every day," Raw said. "All of our nutritional info is on our website, so if students are concerned, or if they are not really sure what they are eating or how many calories they are eating, they can look that up."

Raw said she was proud Market Square offered students a wide variety of foods to choose from.

Even though students can look up different foods' nutritional value, sophomore movement science major Katie Dalton said she only eats specific foods after finding out the nutritional information of a grilled cheese sandwich.

"I've started to really embrace the salad idea there because I feel like that's my only options these days," Dalton said. "I know that the calorie count exists, but I'm too afraid to look it up. Once I found out a grilled cheese was

440 calories, I was not about to look anything else up."

According to the TCU Dining Services website, a grilled cheese sandwich has 300 calories.

Freshman nutrition major Millie Pool said she was afraid of trying different foods in Market Square for fear of consuming unhealthy items.

"I am getting tired of eating sandwiches and salads every day," Pool said. "But I am scared to try the other stuff because I don't know what they are putting in it exactly."

Pool said she hoped Market Square could provide more options that are both made in-house and that are healthy.

"I think you can still make healthy foods taste good," Pool said. "Some of the options that they change out every day aren't very healthy, and I think that they could make them healthy and still taste good."

Sophomore movement science major Nicole Toomey said she thought it was hard to find foods she could eat on a daily basis.

"I don't really like [Market Square] because I am a vegetarian, and I feel like they don't really have that many options unless you want to eat pasta and vegetables all day," Toomey said. "There is

nothing wrong with that except that it kind of gets monotonous."

In addition to the salad bar, Toomey said there are other good choices but it was sometimes necessary to go through all of the stations to find them.

Stephanie Dickerson, nutrition counselor for TCU Dining Services, said students may have to shop from section to section to put together a balanced meal but that there were many different foods to choose from.

She said the key to eating healthy in Market Square as well as anywhere else was proper planning before eating. A link is available on the dining website to help students develop their own plans, she said.

"You can click on the items that you are interested in having," Dickerson said. "You have to plan. You can always eat healthy at Market Square. We have lean meats, fruits and vegetables and whole grains."

Raw said students might overlook portion control when eating in Market Square as well. She said students might underestimate how many calories they consumed at a meal because they ate more than one serving size. Checking the serv-

ing size when looking at the other nutritional facts online is just as important, she said.

Raw also said TCU Dining Services has constantly worked to get different options and recipes, including more gluten-free options for students with gluten intolerance.

## Healthy, do-it-yourself meal ideas for TCU students using foods from Market Square

### Morning Mix

- 1 cup unsweetened yogurt (Located in salad bar)
- Mix of fresh fruits, sliced
- Tablespoon of dried cranberries and raisins (salad bar)
- 1/2 cup of granola or low sugar cereal

### Hummus Sandwich

- Two slices of whole wheat bread (Located next to bagel and cereal station)
- Fresh hummus
- Spinach leaves
- Fresh tomato
- Provolone cheese

### Caesar Wrap

- Mixed greens tossed with Caesar dressing (salad bar)
- Grilled chicken breast, sliced
- Whole wheat wrap
- Roll ingredients in wrap, serve with fresh fruit



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## FEATURE

# Student gains world experience through karate

By Ashley Iovine

News Now

Most people associate karate with actors Bruce Lee or Jackie Chan, not necessarily a TCU fraternity member in the National Honor Society.

But Tom Scott, a junior criminal justice major, is also a second-degree black belt who has traveled around the world for more than six years competing in karate tournaments.

"Just seeing the world, seeing how other people live and seeing what other people have to deal with is one of the best experiences I've gotten from karate," Scott said.

Scott started karate when he was 8 years old, he said, under the direction of Brody Burns, an instructor at the Academy of Classical Karate-Do in Plano, Texas.

Mary Scott, Tom Scott's mother, said she was sur-

prised when he decided to put all of his time and energy into karate, instead of sports like soccer or football.

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**Tom Scott**

Junior criminal justice major

"He didn't like soccer because he didn't like being bumped, which I find hilarious now, because he's had his nose broken probably seven times since he started karate," Mary Scott said.

Broken nose aside, Tom

Scott has won more than 20 championship titles in his career, which helped get him a sponsorship from Adidas, he said. His face can be seen in advertisements used to sell the company's karate equipment.

"I get free equipment if I ask for it, and shirts and stuff," he said. "But I don't let it get to my head. My coach, Brody Burns, keeps me in a good place."

And while these accomplishments are a perk, Tom Scott said the greatest thing karate gave him was his faith in God.

"He teaches me a lot of lessons through traveling, through winning and losing and working hard," he said.

Mary Scott said karate helped Tom Scott spiritually. It also gave him the discipline he found useful in other aspects of life, like school, she said.

"He's learned to incorpo-

rate a lot of discipline into his life," she said. "We're real proud of that for him."

As for the future, Burns said he has no doubt Tom Scott will be a world champion. He said he hoped he will win the title at the

2011 Pan American Games in October.

"Tom's always evolving," he said. "The fighter Tom is today is not the fighter Tom was a year ago."

And while Scott continues to train for the world

championship title, he said he leaves most of his future up to fate.

"I like Proverbs 19:21. 'Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it's the Lord's purpose that prevails,'" he said.



COURTESY OF TOM SCOTT

Junior Tom Scott poses for an Adidas advertisement for the karate sparring mitts. Scott is a second-degree black belt and started at it at only 8 years old.

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## STUDENT LIFE

# Nontraditional students manage more than school

By Katie Terhune

Staff Reporter

Sheri Milhollin always imagined that she would attend college. She just never thought she would attend college with her children.

Two of Milhollin's children attend TCU and plan to graduate before their mother. Milhollin, a 46-year-old communication studies major, said because she could take only six hours a semester, she might take up to 10 years to graduate.

But she is committed to obtaining her degree. Last year, 155 nontraditional students entered TCU, according to an e-mail written by Director of Transfer Admissions Joael Kelly.

"I graduated in the top 10 percent of my class, but I was crazy in love, and I got married to my high school sweetheart the day after I graduated from high school," Milhollin said.

Milhollin said she spent the next nine years helping her husband get through school. By the time he was finished, Milhollin had

three children and no time to return to school.

Once her children graduated from high school, Milhollin said she decided she wanted to go to TCU. She received full tuition to attend the university after working for TCU in the ID Center for three years.

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**Sheri Milhollin**

Junior 46-year-old communication studies major

"Most students are going to school to prepare for a career. I already have a career," she said. "So for me, it's kind of to supplement the skills I already have and to just truly enjoy the pro-

cess of learning."

Like Milhollin, Christie Shields, a 34-year-old junior English major, said she always planned on attending college. Shields transferred to TCU this semester from Tarrant County College.

"I was always the girl who was going to go to school," Shields said. "I never did because of money...life happened."

Shields said she returned to school after almost 15 years. She chose to transfer to TCU, despite the cost, to challenge herself academically.

"Academically, I'm doing awesome," she said. "I feel like I'm actually ahead of a lot of the people in my classes because I have life experience on top of my academic skill."

But Shields said she felt she had little in common with other undergraduates socially. Many conversations she overheard were about dorm life or going out partying. Shields said she had trouble relating to younger students, making connections difficult.

"It's a challenge because I want to get the full benefit of TCU and not just the academics," Shields said. "But where do I fit into the scheme of things at my age?"

Shields said she works six days a week at Money Management International and that she often has had to do homework at work or get up early in the morning to study. Despite the lack of time, Shields said she was planning to get more involved on campus.

"I'm hoping next semester maybe I can find something that I can get involved in and relate to...where I'm not 14 years older than everyone else," Shields said.

Like Shields, Milhollin said the difference in life experience between her and younger students presented some difficulties.

"[The students] are my

peers in the sense that they are my classmates, but they are not my peers in the sense of experience...so that's already been a challenge," Milhollin said. "The kids, though, have been very great and very accepting and inclusive."

Milhollin said being a nontraditional student made her push herself to excel in her classes.

"I think that I put more pressure on myself to be a top student because I'm older," she said.

Chris Farley, assistant director of the Ranch Management Program, said he sees a significant number of nontraditional students come through the program.

Farley said he went through TCU's Ranch Management Program as a nontraditional student as well after more than eight years of working in the oil field

business. Although his oil field job paid well, Farley said he knew he wanted to do something different, so he returned to TCU at age 30 to get his Certificate of Ranch Management.

Farley said the Ranch Management Program encouraged students who are older than traditional undergraduates to apply.

"This is a very intense program; it does take somebody who is probably a little more mature than your normal 18-year-old student," Farley said. He also suggested that older students may come to TCU with more of a drive to learn the material.

"It's all in the attitude and approach," Farley said. "They come here really wanting this information...they see the value of it in what they're going to be doing out in the workforce."

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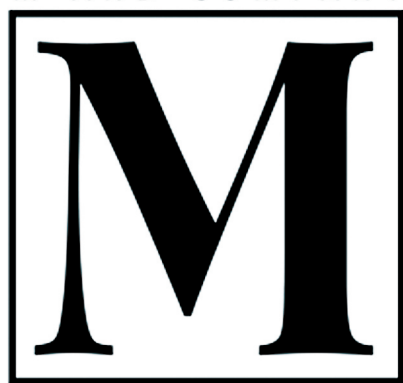
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## CAMPUS

# Budget includes aid for individuals, departments

By Mandy Naglich

Staff Reporter

Changes to next year's budget will include benefits for faculty, staff and students on both an individual and departmental level. TCU's Board of Trustees approved a \$406.2 million budget for 2011-2012 at its meeting April 8.

According to a press release regarding the board's spring meeting the new budget will: fund new faculty and staff positions to support continued student success; increase overall financial aid funded by TCU 8 percent, which matched the tuition increase; give larger operating budgets for academic affairs and instructional support departments; and provide a salary merit pool of 3 percent for faculty and staff to preempt expected increases in health insurance and retirement expenses. The pool is the amount of money available for raises based on going above what is asked for

by professors, whether that is teaching an additional class or doing additional research.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said in the release he was excited about the new budget.

"This budget allows the university to focus on its priorities of maintaining TCU's competitive advantage, intensifying the university's momentum, and strengthening the student experience," Boschini said in the release. "We will continue to move this institution forward in a manner that maintains the quality of a world-class, values-centered university experience."

Boschini was out of office and could not be reached for other comment by the time of publication.

With a larger freshman class entering the university, part of the budget aimed to increase the number of faculty and staff positions.

Ann C. Sewell, associate provost of planning & budgeting, wrote in an email the

Provost was still reviewing the specifics of the number and placement of the faculty positions.

"We feel like these increases will allow us to continue providing a quality experience for TCU students, faculty and staff," Sewell wrote in the email.

Kenneth Janak, director of budgets and finances, said it was important to maintain the same student experiences in places like the library, the Health Center and the Brown-Lupton University Union.

In order to achieve that goal, the budget had to address new faculty and staff, he said.

"There are more students on campus now and they interact with students all the time," Janak said.

Thomas Moeller, an assistant finance professor, said it was important to bring in new faculty and staff to maintain TCU's small class size. He said students have been added to classrooms

every year over the last few years and it was important to get classroom sizes smaller again.

"The faculty is happy about that, seeing new staff added," he said.

In addition to the increase in teaching positions, he also said he was glad to see the 3 percent raise merit pool for faculty and staff and the increase in money raised for student scholarships.

Janak said tuition will be raised 8 percent and the budget outlines an 8 percent raise in university-funded financial aid to match the tuition change. However, he said he could not say exactly how this financial aid would be allocated.

Janak said academic affairs and the individual colleges were each given more funding to work with to help the colleges improve their specific students experiences.

The new board chairman, Clarence Scharbauer III, was out of office and could not be reached for comment.

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Senior guard Emily Carter goes to the basket for a layup against Air Force in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.



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## ACADEMICS

# Patterson teams with math prof for stats and football talk

By Kim Burdi

Staff Reporter

In a crowded room in the Tucker Technology Center, professor of mathematics Efton Park and TCU head football coach Gary Patterson teamed up April 13 to discuss the mathematics behind the decision to go for it on fourth down.

Park examined whether it was mathematically best to punt, kick a field goal or go for a first down depending on the line of scrimmage in a football game. He pieced together his information from the research compiled on the website advancednflstats.com. All the fourth down decision values were based on only the first and third quarters of games to prevent the data from being skewed by close games going into halftime or by the final result of the game, Park said.

"I love mathematics, and I love football, so I thought a place where they came together would be interesting, especially with the great [TCU football] season," Park said. "I thought there would be a lot interest in the TCU community to talk about it, and [Patterson] graciously came over to join me."

After Park mathematically explained what would be best for a team, Patterson shared what statistics meant to him as a coach.

"We use statistics all the time," Patterson said. "Football is the same as any other business. We use computers and we use numbers. We run [numbers] to find out if there are any advantages."

Patterson said statistics help but that other factors play a role in the final deci-

sion of whether to go for the first down. He mentioned other factors as well, like the variable of momentum from game to game.

"Some games you have to take more chances for an opportunity," Patterson said.

Junior mechanical engineering major Allen Grammer attended the event and said he enjoyed learning about the scientific side of football.

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**Efton Park**

Professor of Mathematics

"I don't doubt the accuracy or validity of the finding, but the predetermination that comes from making plays based on efficiency calculations seems like it would take some of the fun away from playing," Grammer said.

Grammer said he wondered how the feel of coaching would change if a coach made decisions solely on statistics of the game. He



COURTESY OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

TCU football head coach Gary Patterson talks with professor of mathematics Efton Park about the statistics behind whether or not it is best to punt the ball or to go for the first down depending on the line of scrimmage.

said it would be like pilots flying on autopilot instead of having the ability to fly themselves.

"I thought it was interesting to see football, usually played with so much passion, broken down into something as cold and austere as mathematical prob-

abilities," Grammer said.

Park said mathematics tells people some things and that their gut tells them other things.

"There's other things that come into making a decision about football or anything in life," Park said. "It's just one piece of the puzzle."

Having more information is always better even if one decides not to use it, he said. "Statistics and mathemat-

ics are important," Park said. "They get used in places where you might not expect them."

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## STADIUM RENOVATION

# Construction will cause seat relocation, decrease parking for 2011 season

By Heather Noel

Staff Reporter

The ongoing renovation of Amon G. Carter Stadium will cause seat relocation, decreased parking and a more temporary nature for 2011 season ticket-holders TCU Athletics Director Chris Del Conte said. According to current plans, the stadium will operate with 13,000 to 15,000 fewer seats than in the 2010 season, he said.

"We're just doing everything we possibly can to make it as comfortable as possible in an uncomfortable situation," Del Conte said.

The Frogs could have moved home games to an off-site location like the Cotton Bowl, he said. However, he said he believed keeping home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium was important to keep the city of Fort Worth engaged.

"We wanted to make sure that we were still in our town, that purple was in Tarrant County and that we were part

of our community," Del Conte said.

To keep games in Fort Worth, Del Conte said some season ticket-holders would have to relocate to a different seat for the 2011 season.

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**Chris Del Conte**  
TCU Athletics Director

Current seating location and the Horned Frog Priority Points System would determine where season ticket-holders will relocate for the 2011 season, according to the renewal brochure that went out to last year's season ticket-holders in March. According to the TCU Frog Club website,

points are earned by annual contributions to the club, capital project gifts, the amount of money donated to the athletic department and the number of years one has held season tickets.

Season ticket-holders sitting on Row 21 and below on the lower West side, the side under construction, will remain in the same seat, while those sitting in Row 22 or above on the West side would move to mid-level West side and to overflow on the East side of the stadium, according to a renewal packet sent to season ticket-holders.

Those with seats normally in the upper deck on the West side of the stadium would move to the new upper deck in the North end zone, according to the packet. All West side and East side "Family Value Pack" seats would move to the lower North End Zone deck.

Ken Wardle, a TCU alum, has held season tickets since 1999, he said. His current seats on the lower West side would not be affected by the

stadium renovation.

However, his parents' seats were relocated due to the stadium renovation. Wardle said they were not as happy with their new seats on the East side.

Wardle's father had difficulty walking and the new seats on the East side were further up, he said. He said the TCU ticket office did their best to accommodate his parents, but that they still were not as pleased with their new seats in comparison to their old seats.

Stadium construction also caused all of parking lots one and two near the stadium to be closed for the 2011 season. Attendees would need to park in alternative lots around the stadium and TCU campus, according to the packet.

Sean Conner, director of ticket operations, said on top of the changes in connection with the stadium renovation, the addition of a seventh home game to the season ticket package would require season ticket-holders to pay a higher price for season tickets in 2011.

Conner said the change in price resulted from the addition of the TCU-BYU game Oct. 28 at Cowboys Stadium.

He said the price for the six home games at Amon G. Carter Stadium stayed the same, and the inclusion of \$55 for non-club or \$75 for club seat ticket at Cowboys Stadium



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A picture of April construction on the Amon G. Carter Stadium. The cranes worked to build the west side of the stadium.

constituted the difference in price from the 2010 season.

Wardle said he was happy with the inclusion of the Cowboys Stadium game in the season ticket package. He said the same ticket would have cost him about \$100 or \$150 last year and that he was fine with having this year's ticket included at \$75 and still be able to understand where the seats will be.

Del Conte believed the addition of the seventh home game at Cowboys Stadium gave more value to the season ticket package.

"We try to keep things affordable," Del Conte said. "We try to make sure we're fan-friendly and family-friendly,

and we're doing the very best jobs we can. But I can tell you if you start to look around there's no one that compares to TCU in value across the country."

With season ticket renewals 50 percent ahead of last year's sales at this time, the 2011 season ticket campaign had great momentum, Del Conte said. The campaign's current success would bring sales a step closer toward the goal of selling out the stadium with season ticket-holders, he said.

Wardle said he believed at the end of the day, the price offered a great value for the quality of product on the field and the whole experience he had with his family during each football season.

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## FOOTBALL

# Football's Frog Horn has rich story behind the noise

By Alex Butts  
News Now

Every time the football team scores a touchdown, Horned Frog fans cover their ears from the roaring blast of the Frog Horn. However, many fans might not know the four men behind all the noise.

Jim Garvin, his son Justin Garvin, and Jason Lesikar have maintained and operated the Frog Horn for the past eight football seasons. Both Lesikar and Justin Garvin are TCU alumni.

This season the team added Colby Cagle, who met the men through his father.

"They've let me keep working on it. And they have given me the opportunity to keep it maintained, to house it, to protect it, which has actually worked out really well in the long run for the horn itself."

**Jason Lesikar**  
TCU Alumnus

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime," Justin Garvin said.

When the horn is not making noise at football games, the men store it at Lesikar's construction ware-



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For the past eight seasons Jim Garvin, his son Justin Garvin and Jason Lesikar have kept up the Frog Horn. This season the number of keepers grew to four with the addition of Colby Cagle.

house outside of Fort Worth. Lesikar said it was an honor to take care of the horn.

"They've let me keep working on it," he said. "And they have given me the opportunity to keep it maintained, to house it, to protect it, which has actually worked out really well in the long run for the horn itself."

Lesikar puts the horn through a process called winterizing, he said. The process includes draining the horn of all fuel and oil, running stabilizers through it to clean it and checking

the compressor and coolant system.

The horn is then tucked away in the warehouse to protect it from the elements. Lesikar said he thought all of the hard work was worth it.

"I would say what makes it worth it is seeing and hearing the alumni when they talk about how great it is," Lesikar said.



CARRIE ADAMS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeremy Kerley celebrates in the end zone after scoring a touchdown against Baylor during the past football season.

Jim Garvin felt the Frog Horn had become an icon for fans, alumni and students at TCU, he said.

"The Frog Horn has had its amount of contribution to the success of the TCU football program," he said.

He thought the magic of

the horn made it special to fans, he said.

"It's about seeing the little kid light up," Justin Garvin said. "It's about seeing the 75-year-old man light up and the look on their face."

All of the men said they hoped to continue to take

care of the Frog Horn. Justin Garvin said eventually he wanted to write a book about the horn and all of the stories and people behind it.

"We do it for the love of the university," he said. "I do bleed purple very deep. We'd like to keep doing it."

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FOOTBALL

## Patterson won't wait for new squad to grow up



### TCU 2011 Football Schedule

Sept. 2 – at Baylor, 7 p.m., ESPN  
 Sept. 10 – at Air Force\*, 2:30 or 6:30 p.m., Versus  
 Sept. 17 – vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 1 p.m., The Mtn.  
 Sept. 24 – vs. Portland State, 6 p.m., not televised  
 Sept. 30 – vs. SMU, 7 p.m., CBS Sports Network  
 Oct. 8 – at San Diego State\*, 9:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network  
 Oct. 22 – vs. New Mexico\*, 1 p.m., The Mtn.  
 Oct. 28 – vs. BYU^, 7 p.m., ESPN  
 Nov. 5 – at Wyoming\*, 1 p.m., The Mtn.  
 Nov. 12 – at Boise State\*, 2:30 p.m., Versus  
 Nov. 19 – vs. Colorado State\*, 2:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network  
 Dec. 3 – vs. UNLV\*, 1:30 p.m., Versus

\*denotes a MWC game  
 ^game to be played at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington

REBECCA PHILP / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore quarterback Casey Pachall goes to throw the ball during the spring football game April 2. The Frogs' first game next season will be on Sept. 2 against Baylor in Waco.

**By Nathan DeWitt**  
 Staff Writer

Since the Horned Frogs won the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, TCU football has had questions to answer.

With the loss of half his starters from the 2010-11 season, head coach Gary Patterson said after one spring practice in March that the team lacks leadership on the field. He's also said he will not ask projected sophomore starting quarterback Casey Pachall to fill the shoes of former Frog Andy Dalton, just as he didn't ask Dalton to fill the shoes of

his predecessor, Tye Gunn.

Patterson's new motto could answer any questions regarding his 2011 squad: Do it now.

With spring practices over, Patterson said he will not wait on his squad to grow up.

"Do it now" — that's our motto, and it'll be on top of the pyramid," Patterson said. "Everybody thinks we need to have a year to grow up, but no. Our goal is to come out and win a lot of ballgames now."

After concluding the final spring practice April 7 at Amon G. Carter Stadium, Patterson's confidence comes

in part from the progression he has seen from his young players over the last 15 practices.

"We got better," he said. "We don't have time to wait until the end of the year to become the kind of team we want to become. That's what we coached all spring, to grow our younger guys up. And I think we did that."

Going forward, Patterson said the plan was pretty simple, but the rest of the off-season improvement will be up to the players. Workouts and running resumed April 11, and Patterson said he was ex-

cited to see where this bunch can take itself before the Sept. 2 season opener at Baylor.

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**Gary Patterson**  
 Head Coach

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Patterson said. "I'm re-

ally excited to see how this team does. Because in the past years, we've made giant strides from May to August."

As far as the incoming freshmen go, Patterson is not allowed to coach any of the new recruits per NCAA rules, but he said he is already developing relationships with some of them.

Whether it's a visit to the office or meeting for lunch, this year's recruiting class, which was ranked as the best in school history, is quickly learning what this program is all about.

"I can't have meetings, but

they can come up to the office and say hello," Patterson said. "I will be able to tell once we start having meetings with the new group."

Patterson reiterated his confidence in his team before the day was over.

"For us to be who we want to be, somebody will have to grow up," Patterson said. "That's the way it always is. You've got to find your best 11 on both sides of the ball. Hopefully we can pull it off one more time. Our goal is to outwork the opponent, out-condition the opponent and out-prepare the opponent."