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NO JOKE



Supporters of "Tonight Show" host Conan O'Brien on Monday rally outside Universal Studios where the show is shot to protest NBC's move to push the show to a later timeslot.
COURTESY OF SAM WUNDERL

Conan exit leaves student stranded

By Courtney Jay
Projects Editor

Senior film-TV-digital media major Sam Wunderl was interning for "The Tonight Show" with Conan O'Brien, before O'Brien on Thursday struck a deal with NBC, ending his contract.

Wunderl said he was planning to stay in Los Angeles until June, but the uncertain future of the show has left many on staff worried for their jobs.

Wunderl said the deal between



O'Brien



Leno

O'Brien and NBC was at a lengthy standstill prior to Thursday because Conan wanted more severance pay for his staff.

"I've talked to a few staff members about it, and they have no plan either," he said. "Most everyone at that show was on 'Late Night' in New York, so most of them have moved out to LA from there."

Of the 190 staff members, 70 relocated from New York just one year ago.

The settlement ended O'Brien's close-to-20-year career with NBC. With two years left on his current contract, O'Brien will receive \$32.5 million to leave the show early. Including staff compensation, NBC will be out about \$40 million, according to the New York Post.

Amber Watts, an assistant professor in the FTDM department, said NBC's support of Jay Leno, who will be assuming O'Brien's role as host of "Tonight," dates back to 1992 when Leno was chosen over then-"Late Night" host David Letterman to replace Johnny Carson. Watts said that later, O'Brien came to "Late Night," pulled in great ratings from the 18-49 age demographic and received offers from other networks. In order to keep O'Brien with the network, Watts said, NBC promised him the "Tonight Show" in 2009 when Leno was scheduled to retire. When fears arose that Leno would not retire as expected, NBC suspended all of their popular weekly 9 p.m. CST programs to

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MEMORIAL

Family starts nursing scholarship

By Wyatt Kanyer and Julieta Chiquillo
Staff Reporter and Editor-in-Chief

Junior nursing major Amanda Bebout's parents hope that a newly established scholarship in her memory will help others fulfill their daughter's dreams, the student's mother said.

"This is a horrible tragedy...but

we have a ray of hope, and if it's having a scholarship for other students at TCU, then that is wonderful," said Sharon Bebout, Amanda Bebout's mother.

Sharon Bebout said her family was told by the university that the scholarship would be endowed if it reaches \$50,000. However, she said the family will wait after her daughter's funeral to iron out the details for the new scholarship.

Amanda Bebout, a 20-year-old student from California, was found dead at her off-campus residence



Bebout

Scholarship donations may be made to:
Texas Christian University - Office of University Advancement
The Amanda Bebout Memorial Scholarship Fund
TCU Box 297044
Fort Worth, TX 76129

Monday night. Her funeral services will take place in Mission Viejo, Calif., where she will be buried with her

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RANCH MANAGEMENT

Speakers to address agriculture regulations

By Nathan Wall
Staff Reporter

Greenhouse gas emissions regulations and current economic issues will be the main focus of two guest speakers at the ranch management department's annual Roundup Saturday.

Ron Gill, associate department head for extension at Texas A&M University, said he plans to talk about emerging issues in animal agriculture and different regulatory programs that impact Texas agriculture.

Mark Welch, an assistant professor and Texas AgriLife Extension

Economist at Texas A&M University, will give an update on the economy as it pertains to ranchers.

Gill said he will talk about the new cap-and-trade regulations, which deal with how agriculture can fit into the current effort to regulate greenhouse gasses. The regulations require ranchers to limit the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted by their operations, Gill said. The new cap on emissions, set by the government, went into effect Jan. 1.

"If (the ranchers) can't stay... under those caps, then they have to purchase or trade what they call offsets in industries that utilize car-

Roundup 2010

All-day Saturday

Morning session starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Brown-Lupton University Union

Afternoon session starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Stockyards Station

For more information, contact the ranch management department at 817-257-7145, or go to ranch.tcu.edu.

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CAMPAIGN FOR TCU

Official: Financial aid now priority

By Thomas Koenig
Staff Reporter

The Campaign for TCU, which has already reached more than 86 percent of its \$250 million goal, is changing its priority from the construction of new facilities to scholarships, a school official said.

The \$100 million Scholarship Initiative has recently gained priority over new facilities, said David Nolan, associate vice chancellor for university development. As of Tuesday night, the campaign had earned \$216,498,370 since it began in 2005, Nolan said.

According to the campaign's Web site, the campaign was originally broken into four categories: Strengthening the Vibrant TCU Community by improving the Living Learning Community, Endowed Scholarships for recruiting high-caliber students, Academic Programs for improving class rankings and Operational Support/Annual Fund, which supports the annual budget. The campaign originally planned to allocate \$90 million, \$65 million, \$60 million and \$35 million to each respective category, according to the site.

"We've met the original category goal on facilities (originally part of the Living Learning Community category), and now we want to emphasize the scholarship category because we're not where we want to be there," Nolan said.

According to the campaign's Web site, the Scholarship Initiative has raised money to boost support for some of the 75 percent of TCU students who need financial aid.

Michael Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said he was excited to hear of the priority switch.

"It just gives us more flexibility to

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TEXTBOOKS

Rental program possible

By Bethany McDougle
Staff Reporter

Students looking to save money on textbooks may soon have access to another option via a new book rental program initiated nationally by Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, a bookstore official said.

Roman Coronado, textbook manager at the university bookstore, said a textbook rental program at the university "could be a potentially good idea," but that the university has not confirmed any plans to implement the program. Barnes & Noble College Booksellers first introduced the rental option at a regional meeting a few months ago.

Jade Roth, vice president of books for Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, said the company was looking to expand the program and would be talking with many of the schools they serve this spring.

"We are starting discussions with a broad group of stores...so we certainly will be having discussions with TCU about it," Roth said. "From our prospective, rental is yet another op-

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The idea that the U.S. should follow suit with Britain's tax on banker bonuses is unconstitutional.

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PECULIAR FACT

LORTON, Va. — Doctors at a small practice in Virginia got a big surprise when a tennis ball-sized meteorite punched a hole through their roof at about 5:30 p.m. Monday. No one was injured.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



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Mostly Sunny

Tomorrow: Slight Chance of Showers
69 / 45

Sunday: Mostly Sunny
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NEWS

LEADERSHIP WEEK

Executives to visit campus

By: Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

The Leadership Center and the Neeley School of Business are collaborating to bring guest speakers from TOMS Shoes, Starbucks and Kodak to campus during the TCU Leadership Week Jan. 25-29.

Jimmy Hopper, a senior history major and Student Development Services intern, said speakers include TOMS Shoes founder Blake Mycoskie, Sen. Florence Shapiro and Sandra Taylor, former senior vice president of corporate social responsibility for Starbucks and former vice president and director of public affairs for Kodak.

"It's going to be a good opportunity to learn a lot of things along the lines of modern leadership and what it looks like today, both in the community and I guess, more specifically, within the TCU community, and how they can be better student leaders," Hopper said.

Daniel Terry, assistant director of the Leadership Center, said students sign up individually to attend the events. He said they expect between

350 and 400 students, faculty, staff and community guests to attend the Friday night event alone.

"We're kind of exploring this theme of what does it mean to be able to make a living and do good for other people," Terry said. "Those two things are not mutually exclusive."

Kate O'Carroll, a sophomore finance major, said attending the sessions would benefit her in the future as she prepares to apply for the business school's BNSF Next Generation Leadership Program.

Information about the event and registration details are available online at www.leadership.tcu.edu.

Event Schedule TCU Leadership Week Jan. 25-29

Monday 5-6:30 p.m.

Sen. Florence Shapiro
Brown-Lupton University
Union Ballroom

Tuesday 5-6:30 p.m.

Jonathan Long, head of the
Mahindra United World College of India
Kelly Alumni Center

Wednesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Case Competition
Smith Hall Room 104

Thursday 7:30-9 a.m.

"Leadership in Minority Communities" breakfast panel
Kelly Alumni Center

Friday

Noon Sandra Taylor, former senior vice president of corporate social responsibility for Starbucks

1:30-4:30 p.m. - afternoon breakouts with regional leaders

4-5 p.m. TOMS Shoes shoe drive

6 p.m. State of Leadership Conference and Institute Dinner with Blake Mycoskie, TOMS Shoes founder

All Friday events are in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom.

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grandparents, Sharon Bebout said.

DeVonna Tinney, development director of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said the scholarship will be available for students in the nursing program. Tinney said there have been several calls inquiring about donations.

"We will give the parents the option to make it an endowment," Tinney said.

Students may also make donations in person at Tinney's office in Bass Hall 229, she said.

Sharon Bebout said the campus community's response to the scholarship was "a blessing," and she said she thinks many of the people who were close to her daughter in California will also contribute because they know nursing was her passion.

"Amanda's calling was to help people, and nursing was how she was going to do it," she said.

Sharon Bebout said that for spring break, Amanda Bebout traveled to Swaziland in Africa through the nonprofit Fort Worth Sister Cities International, which promotes

relationships between U.S. citizens and those of other countries. During the winter break, the family volunteered at a women's homeless shelter, Sharon Bebout said. Her daughter was considering joining the Peace Corps after graduation, she said.

Amanda Bebout was also a star swimmer at Tesoro High School in Orange County.

"She still holds the school record," Sharon Bebout said. "She was, as everybody would always tell me, 'She's so humble; nobody knows.'"

The university will hold a memorial service in honor of Bebout at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Robert Carr Chapel.

Sharon Bebout, her husband, Don, and daughter Kelsey won't be able to attend the campus memorial but are sending a letter to be read at the service and pictures, Sharon Bebout said. The family will hold a service in California on Monday, she said.

"Amanda loved TCU, so we want to keep that going," Sharon Bebout said.

The family will travel to Fort Worth next week to get their daughter's belongings and meet with her friends, Sharon Bebout said.

Amanda Bebout Memorial Service

When: 7:30 p.m. tonight
Where: Robert Carr Chapel

Parking: Lot behind the chapel or at the corner of West Cante Street and South University Drive.

"There's so much of Amanda's life that I'm going to miss, you know, she was 20 years old; she had a lot going, and I hope I can stay in contact with some of her close friends and that they remember her," she said.

Vice Chancellor of University Advancement Don Whelan was unavailable for comment.

Toxicology results for Amanda Bebout are pending, according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, but police said this week that the investigation has shown the death is "a likely suicide." Until police receive the results from the Medical Examiner's Office, the investigation is ongoing, said Sgt. Chad Mahaffey, Fort Worth Police public information officer.

(Staff reporter Bethany McDougle contributed to this report.)

RENTAL

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tion at yet another price point that we can offer to students."

Karen DiScala, manager of corporate communications at Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, said the rental program was an effort to offer students a cheaper alternative to purchasing new textbooks. DiScala said textbooks would rent at a rate of 42.5 percent of the original cost to purchase. For example, a \$100 textbook would cost a student \$42.50 per semester, she said.

Rented books need to be postmarked by the last day of finals to avoid additional fees and penalties. A penalty of 75 percent of the new

book's price, plus a processing fee of 7.5 percent of the original book cost would be assessed for unreturned books, DiScala said.

Coronado said that if implemented, a rental program could cause issues with bookstore inventory. Initial discussion concerning the program raised questions about a drop in sales, which would also be a problem, he said.

"Sales determine your budget...the bigger your budget, the more books you can order," Coronado said, adding that the ultimate goal is to make sure students are happy with the bookstore.

University of North Texas and University of Texas at Arlington are two local universi-

ties offering students textbook rentals through their bookstores, which are managed by Follett Higher Education Group, according to a Dallas Morning News article.

Corinne Hodges, a junior theatre major, said she would prefer the textbook rental option for classes outside of her major because she would be unlikely to ever use those books after the class concluded.

"I know I'm going to return (the books) at the end of the year and it would really save me the hassle and the money of buying them in the first place," Hodges said. "You never get as much as you paid for them when you have to sell them back."

CAMPAIGN

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try to recruit the good student who other schools are also trying to recruit," Scott said.

He also said he expects the percentage of students receiving financial aid to increase.

As of Jan. 17, the Scholarship Initiative had earned \$50.4 million, Nolan said. The Scholarship Initiative has a May 31, 2012 target deadline.

Nolan said the Scholarship Initiative was added on to Endowed Scholarships after the creation of the four categories, and will most likely overlap into some of the other categories

as well. While the categories are no longer as clear-cut as before, the university hopes to gain enough donations to fill all of the original categories, as well as the new Scholarship Initiative, he said.

The Campaign for TCU had a large role in the construction of new facilities on campus. The campaign helped support the Campus Commons project while buildings such as the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation Education Complex and the Sam Baugh Indoor Practice Facility were 100 percent donor-funded.

Nolan said the campaign has received more than 40

"It just gives us more flexibility to try to recruit the good student who other schools are also trying to recruit."

Michael Scott
director of scholarships and financial aid

gifts of \$1 million or more, which have been used to support Vision in Action, the university's main strategic planning initiative, of which Campaign for TCU is a part.

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bon dioxide," Gill said. "It's a very complicated process."

Gill said he would also discuss Trichomoniasis, a sexually transmitted disease that causes infertility and occasionally abortions in cattle.

Welch will talk about ethanol regulations and use as well as what it means for corn prices in the future, said Chris Farley, assistant director of the ranch management program.

Welch could not be reached for comment.

Farley said the all-day event will also include breakfast and a rodeo, along with music, dinner and dancing in the evening. He said the event's main purpose is the alumni scholarship auction in the evening, which will auction off items people bring to put up for bid. The money received from the auction will go toward

"It's a good time for the alumni to come back and for us to network with them, build relationships, and stay connected."

Craig Cowden
first year certificate ranch management student

next year's Ranch Management students. Farley said the event is a way for the ranching community to stay informed and alumni to stay in touch.

"We have two events every year that we try to get together as TCU Ranch Management alumni," Farley said. "A lot of them will go to the rodeo. We offer them rodeo tickets in the afternoon, and then we hold a night social event."

Craig Cowden, a first year certificate ranch manage-

ment student, said he was looking forward to attending the Roundup.

"It's a good time for the alumni to come back and for us to network with them, build relationships and stay connected," Cowden said.

Farley said he remembers his days as a student in the ranch management program and how the Roundup has changed.

"I went through the program in 1996 and had a Roundup," Farley continued. "(I've) just been back here teaching since 2007. In the past we've had a DJ, and we've had some alumni that have wanted to sponsor a band."

This year, Billy Mata, an award-winning country music artist, and The Texas Tradition will be playing at the Roundup.

Tickets are \$5 for breakfast, \$22 for the rodeo and \$22 for dinner, auction and dance and can be purchased through the ranch management department.

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NEWS & SPORTS

SECURITY

Religious mix-up grounds plane

By Peter Mucha and Allison Steele
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — A teenager strapping Jewish religious ritual prayer boxes to his head and arm caused a scare on a plane from New York to Kentucky Thursday, prompting the pilot to land in Philadelphia, officials said.

Authorities determined there was no threat and the 17-year-old boy and his 16-year-old sister, who live in White Plains, N.Y., were not held.

Flight 3079, a U.S. Airways Express operated by Chautauqua Airlines, was en route from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Louisville about 8:15 a.m. EST when a flight attendant saw the youth putting on his tefillin, police said.

Tefillin are leather boxes containing scriptures with leather straps that observant Jewish men wear on their foreheads and arm and fingers during obligatory weekday morning prayers.

Philadelphia Police Chief Inspector Joseph Sullivan said the flight attendant became concerned and alerted the pilot.

"It's something they had never seen before," Sullivan said.

"This is something most Americans probably have never seen before," FBI spokesman J.J. Klaver said later.

In a statement, Republic Airlines, Chautauqua's parent company, said the crew "tried to discuss the issue with the passenger" but "they did not receive a clear response."

Taking no chances, the pi-

lot decided to make an unscheduled landing in Philadelphia and reported a man with a device with "wires" on the plane, Sullivan said.

The wires turned out to be the leather straps, officials said.

Police were notified about 8:23 a.m. and federal and city law enforcement vehicles surrounded the plane after it touched down.

Authorities took the jet to a remote area and removed the boy and his sister from the plane. The pair explained what the boy was doing with the tefillin, Sullivan said.

He said passengers were surprised to see law enforcement officials board the plane but they were not upset.

Officials decided by 8:45 a.m. that there was no threat, Sullivan said.

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While the team looks to build on a five-match winning streak, Nebraska's season has also been defined by streaks.

Nebraska's current three-match losing streak followed a five-match win streak.

Nebraska's third-straight defeat came in a 4,618-4,597

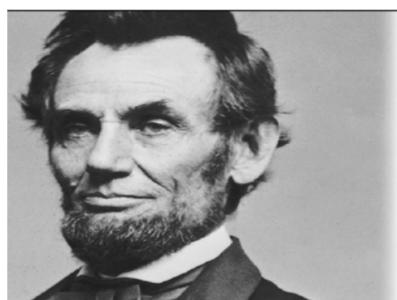
loss at Murray State on Sunday.

Of 25 NCAA Division I schools who sponsor rifle teams, TCU and Nebraska are two of nine schools who sponsor all-women's teams, Monez said.

"Physically there is nothing to hinder (women) compared to males in this sport," Monez said with a wide grin. "In fact, they may be more focused and disciplined."

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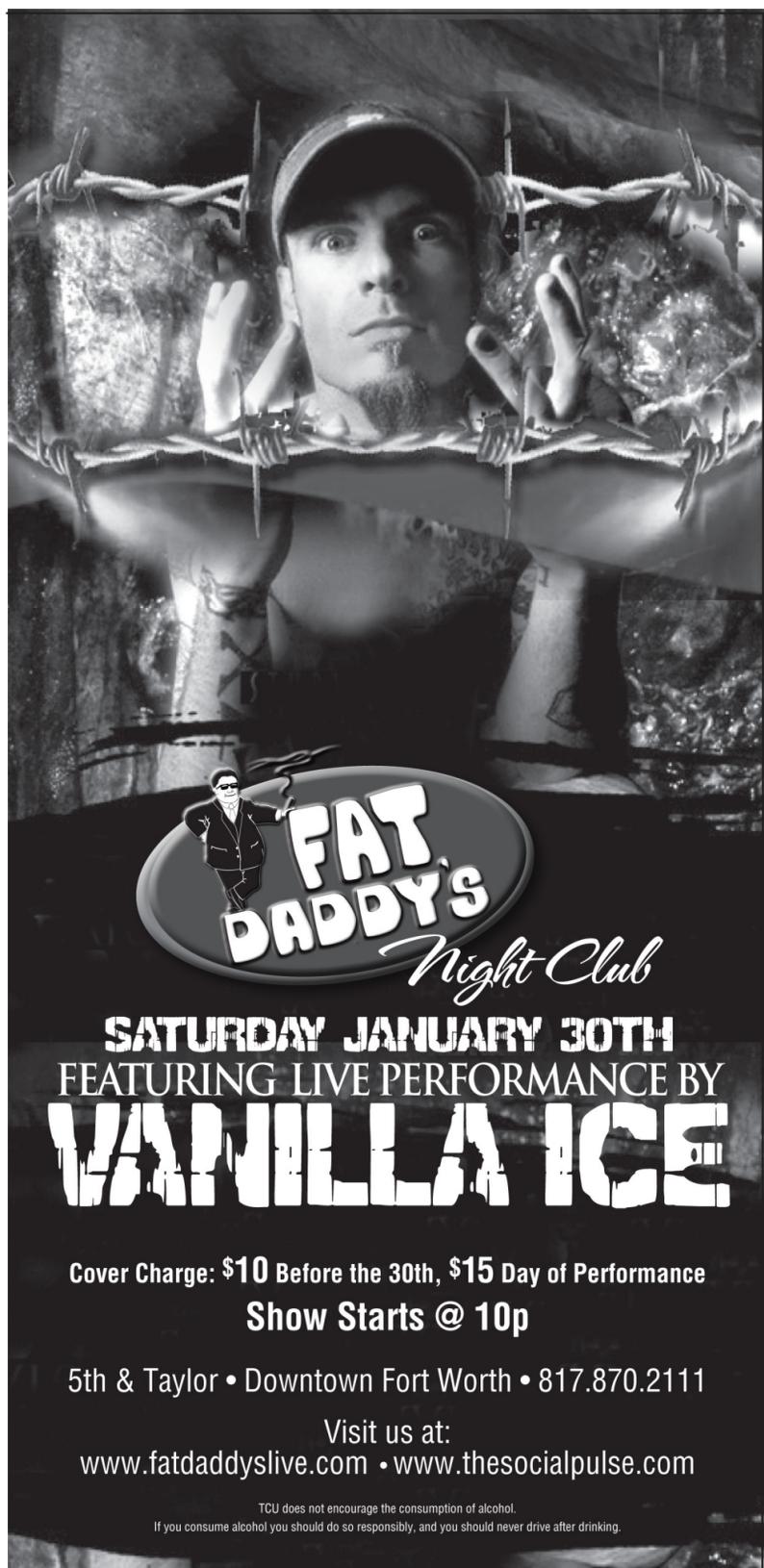
Karen Monez
head coach



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COURTESY OF SAM WUNDERL
Senior film-TV-digital media major Sam Wunderl stands in front of the "Tonight Show" sign at Universal Studios in Universal City, Calif.

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give Leno his own show, rather than facing his possible departure to another network.

"The fact that NBC was doing this kind of thing set the industry abuzz," Watts said. "It was bold, and it was pretty much doomed to be a failure."

Watts said NBC's argument that Conan's ratings were subpar wasn't entirely accurate because the poor performance of Leno's show contributed to O'Brien's failures. As the beginning time slot in nightly programming, Leno cost both local affiliates and O'Brien ratings because viewers tended to turn off their TVs after the disappointing show. If people weren't watching Leno, then they weren't watching local news and they weren't watching O'Brien, Watts said.

In fact, Watts said O'Brien pulls in better ratings than both of his competitors in the 18-49 age demographic, which is the most desirable group to the television industry.

In any case, Watts said Leno's projected drop in ratings upon his return to the "Tonight Show" is not the biggest loss the network will feel.

"The biggest net effect is that it's done horrible things for the image of NBC," she said. "This is sort of just a very permanent example of how the network has failed on many levels in the past decade."

Throughout the controversy, support for O'Brien showed up in many places.

Wunderl attended a rally Monday outside the NBC studios, where O'Brien greeted fans on the roof with a megaphone. Wunderl said some of his fellow interns have ordered

"I'm with Coco" T-shirts with "intern" on the back to support O'Brien.

Wunderl said there have also been signs outside the studio asking people to honk for Conan.

"You couldn't even walk down the street without a bunch of cars driving by and honking," he said.

"The interns are pretty much in the same boat, and so far I've been surprised that no one at NBC Universal has made an effort to place the stranded interns in any of their other departments."

Sam Wunderl
senior film-TV-digital media major

But Wunderl said so far the best show of support came from ABC's Jimmy Kimmel doing an hour-long imitation of Leno on his show, "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

"There were a bunch of times when the mood at work was just really dour, and everyone was in a bad mood and worried," Wunderl said. "You're really glad that you're working at a place where people really like it, and you're doing something that people are enjoying and people are standing up for...it kind of counteracts how terrible some of the feelings were just being there."

As of Thursday, a Facebook group titled "Team Conan" had more than 194,000 members. Leno's comedian fan page,

with more than 48,000 members, was oddly-enough sporting the "I'm with Coco" picture.

Steven Rupp, a 2009 TCU graduate and member of the "Curtis Needs a Ride" comedy troupe, said his comedian friends already found Leno untrustworthy because his life lacked challenges that lent themselves to an edgier brand of comedy.

"Everyone is kind of on Conan's side because he's a comedian's comedian," Rupp said. "He's the type of person that has worked his way up basically to the top through kind of a nontraditional route."

Wunderl said the settlement announcement Thursday didn't clear up questions staff members still had concerning their severances. But, Wunderl said, the rumor around the office is that O'Brien will be compensating much of the staff out of his own pocket.

In addition to full-time staff, Wunderl said interns from universities across the country are now wondering what the rest of the semester will hold.

"The interns are pretty much in the same boat, and so far I've been surprised that no one at NBC Universal has made an effort to place the stranded interns in any of their other departments," he said.

Wunderl is a monologue intern for the show, and his research has contributed to the creation of several jokes featured on recent shows. He said it's been harder to write new material now that most of the jokes in the monologue are about NBC.

"It's not too disappointing though," Wunderl said. "Because those NBC jokes are the best jokes!"

HEALTH CARE



COURTESY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks to media Jan. 6. Pelosi said Thursday she lacks the votes to move the Senate's sweeping health overhaul bill through the House.

Senate bill lacks House votes

By David Lightman and William Douglas
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives can't pass the Senate's health care bill in its present form, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday, which is a potentially lethal setback for Democratic efforts to salvage health legislation.

"In its present form, without any changes, I don't think it's possible to pass the Senate bill in the House," Pelosi told a news conference. "I don't see the votes for it at

this time."

The White House bowed to the need to pause on health care.

"The president believes it is the exact right thing to do, by giving this some time, by letting the dust settle, if you will, and looking for the best path forward," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

At the same time, he stressed that President Barack Obama still wants an overhaul.

"If we don't do anything, it will only get worse in the days to come," Gibbs said.

The White House and con-

gressional leaders had been reeling for the past two days over the message from Massachusetts, where Republican Scott Brown upset Democrat Martha Coakley in a special election Tuesday to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by the death of Edward Kennedy last August. Brown's victory was rooted largely in voter anger, particularly over the health care bill, which he opposes.

Paying a courtesy call to Capitol Hill on Thursday, Brown said he agreed with suggestions that Democrats should scrap their health care proposal and start over.

SPORTS



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RIFLE

ON TARGET



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

Freshman pre-business major Caitlin Morrissey practices at the TCU Rifle Range Oct. 26.

Rifle looks to add more wins

By Ryne Sulier
Staff Writer

After a two-match sweep of Air Force last weekend, the rifle team (6-1) will travel to Lincoln, Neb. to face the Cornhuskers on Saturday.

The team is looking to continue a six-match winning streak as well as a second straight win over Nebraska this season, but will have to do so without two of its best shooters, head coach Karen Monez said.

TCU last defeated Nebraska 4,651-4,615 on Nov. 21 in a match where multiple Horned Frogs set personal bests.

Those same shooters who set personal bests, however, will not be competing at Nebraska on Saturday.

Freshmen shooters Sarah Beard and Sarah Scherer will be in Munich, Germany to compete with the U.S. rifle team this weekend, Monez said.

Beard and Scherer have

been two of the four shooters whose scores have been totaled for the team's aggregate, or total, team score this season.

"This is the third year we've shot at Nebraska and we've never lost to them. The seniors are totally capable of getting a win."

Karen Monez
head coach

"We can still produce a winning score at this match," Monez said. "This is the third year we've shot at Nebraska and we've never lost to them. The seniors are totally capable of getting a win."

While Monez did not believe traveling to matches away from TCU affected the team's performance overall, senior Emily Pa-

per said more experienced shooters on the team had the advantage of knowing the nuisances of each shooting range.

"Lighting is what can affect performance," Paper said. "I write in a journal to help me keep track of the things to remember about each (shooting) range."

Although Beard and Scherer will not be shooting Saturday, Paper said the depth of the team has been a large contribution to this season's success.

Freshman Caitlin Morrissey said she would most likely be shooting for one of the four scores that compile the team score.

"We've got the seniors' experience and scores to get us through," Morrissey said.

Morrissey, who shot personal bests in air rifle and smallbore this season, will look to beat her own personal bests this weekend, she said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men take on the Rebels

By Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team is set to take on the UNLV Runnin' Rebels on Saturday after a 70-58 win over UT-Pan American on Wednesday night.

Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss said playing a non-conference game mid-week helped get the team going again in preparation for the UNLV conference game.

"This is like practice," he said. "Just [getting] closer with the teammates and [learning] how to play with them."

In the recent win against

the UT-Pan American, Moss went for double digits in both points scored with 15, and assists with 11.

The Frogs played UNLV twice last year, winning the game at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum by 7 points before losing 71-57 in Las Vegas.

"They have a lot of weapons on their offensive end," Moss said. "This will be a good game for our guards to defend and handle the ball well under pressure."

The win last year was the first time TCU beat UNLV since February 1999.

Head coach Jim Christian said winning home games is important to keep up in the

TCU vs. UNLV

When: 5:05 p.m.
Saturday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
Admission is free for students with a student ID. The game is scheduled to be broadcast on CBS College Sports.

Mountain West standings.

"It's very difficult to get wins on the road in this league, so you have to protect your home court," Christian said. "We've got two days to prepare for it. It's going to be pretty intense."



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Senior forward Zvonko Buljan goes for three points in TCU's win over Southern Methodist University 60-53 at Moody Coliseum on Dec. 2.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Phillips extends contract

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Wade Phillips is sticking around as coach of the Dallas Cowboys for two more years.

Dallas won the NFC East for the second time in Phillips' three seasons. The team also won its first playoff game since 1996 and the first in Phillips' head coaching career. The Cowboys are 34-17 over his three seasons in charge. Only three NFL teams have won more games in that span.

"We want to build on the foundation we have put in place over the last three years," team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday, when announcing Phillips' new two-year deal. "I want to take advantage of the continuity."

Jones would not give any specifics about the financial terms, although he made it clear there would be a hefty bonus for reaching a Super Bowl.

"Is he being overpaid? Not one penny," Jones said. "Is he being underpaid? Probably, for what I think he is. The bottom line is we have something that works."

Phillips had been among the league's lowest-paid head coaches at around \$3 million per season. This past year, he also took on the role of defensive coordinator, and Jones called him "the MVP of the defense."

"The money is not the most important thing, I can tell you that," Phillips said. He also said he was fine with the length of the deal, which does not include an option for 2012.

"It doesn't matter if it's one year or 10 years," he said. "With this team right now, I feel very comfortable. I think we can go further and we will go further."

The Cowboys have gone a franchise-worst 14 seasons without winning or reaching a Super Bowl. Next season, the Super Bowl will be at Cowboys Stadium, and

Jones has long wanted to become the first host team to play in the big game.

"I feel like we're going to be knocking on the door," he said.

Jones added that he expects to bring back the entire coaching staff, including three assistants whose contracts expire after this season. Among them is Phillips' son, Wes, who is in charge of offensive quality control.

"That's what Wade wanted and that's what we'll do," Jones said.

Phillips just finished his 33rd year in the NFL, 28 of them spent as either a defensive coordinator or head coach. He's 62.

If Phillips finishes this contract, he will match Jimmy Johnson as the longest-tenured coach during Jones' ownership.

"We've produced well, but that isn't good enough," Phillips said. "I think we have a lot better opportunity to do that now."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's conference race continues

By Kylie Osterloh
Staff Writer

The AP No. 23 women's basketball team will travel to match up with UNLV on Saturday.

The UNLV Lady Rebels are 0-3 against conference opponents at home this season and 1-1 in road contests.

Since last week's decisive win over San Diego State University, the Lady Frogs have climbed to the top of the Mountain West Conference standings and have broken into the ESPN/USA Today poll at No. 24.

The team is among the top 50

in the nation in nine categories, excluding only five: field goal percentage, scoring defense, blocks and rebound margin and personal fouls per game.

Head coach Jeff Mittie addressed the rebounding margin after the Lady Frogs' 80-63 win over SDSU.

He said he reminded his players to focus on both offensive and defensive rebounds after the first half of the game, as SDSU pulled in six more boards than TCU in the first 20 minutes. The Lady Frogs made the adjustment and out rebounded SDSU in the second half, 26-25.

TCU vs. UNLV

When: 5 p.m. Saturday
Where: Las Vegas
The action can be followed live on KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice."

Last year the Lady Frogs swept the Rebels during the regular season, but lost in the second round of the MWC Championship in Las Vegas as they were unable to overcome a 22-point deficit.

The power trio consisting of junior guards Helena Sverrisdottir and Emily Carter, and freshman forward Starr Crawford are all nationally-ranked individually. Sverrisdottir makes her impact in assists, averaging 5.2 per game. Carter contributes by converting 46.1 percent of her field goals from 3-point range.

Crawford, one of only seven freshmen ranked in this category, averages 9.5 rebounds per game.

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The Skiff View

Textbook rentals should be an option

As an inescapable part of the college experience, textbook costs are widely considered an agonizing subject for university students. A new program initiated by Barnes & Noble College Booksellers would allow students to rent books for the semester for less than half of the original textbook cost.

Possible budget and inventory issues stemming from a textbook rental program have been noted by bookstore officials, and the option of renting has only been said to be "a potentially good idea." While Horned Frogs already pay a premium to attend this private institution, books can tack on several hundred dollars in additional costs per semester.

It is true that some students prefer to keep their textbooks for use in the future, but a majority of students will undoubtedly attempt to resell books for classes that do not pertain to their major. If feasible, why not offer the option to rent? It's unlikely a horde of 8,000-plus students would move en masse to rent books in the first months of such a program, so the bookstore would presumably have enough time to respond appropriately regarding budgets and inventory.

The thing to remember here is the established goal among bookstore employees to satisfy the students. Students are rarely upset by an increase in options. Spending less money on textbooks may not be the reason students flock to the university, but it could well be another reason for them to stick around.

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Banker bonus tax bad for Brits, worse for U.S.



MICHAEL LAUCK

Over winter break, the British government announced a 50 percent tax on banker bonuses of more than \$40,700. Like the United States' banks, British banks were also bailed out in the current recession, and many were outraged by these bonuses. Some think the U.S. should follow suit with the Europeans' example. To do so, however, would be idiotic, unthinkable and downright unconstitutional.

Thankfully, our Founding Fathers were intelligent enough to write down the rights we have as Americans. They learned from their previous rulers that laws can sometimes be unfair and unjust.

According to the Constitution, neither the federal government nor the states can make an ex post facto law, meaning they cannot punish someone for doing something that is later made illegal. For instance, let's say one day you buy a cheeseburger, the next day the government makes cheeseburgers illegal, and they put you in jail because you broke the new law yesterday. Any sane courtroom with a proper understanding of the Constitution would throw out your case because you did not commit a crime when the law was in effect.

The same should be true for taxes. After all, nowadays, taxes are used to control people's behaviors. Case in point: cigarette taxes. However, the Supreme Court has determined that ex post facto laws do not apply to taxes. Apparently, nine men and women know what is better for the country than the Founding Fathers did. Despite what the justices say, taxes like the British banker tax are unconstitutional and should not be allowed for this reason alone.

Aside from the legal issues of this sort of tax, other problems will arise from it. This new tax may be the first step in destroying Britain's banking sector. Big banks like Goldman Sachs are now threatening to leave London for places like Singapore, where taxes are much lower and regulation is looser. Technological innovations make this plausible. If the U.S. government takes the same route, U.S. banks might follow suit.

In the end, laws like this probably won't work. We all must remember one of the most important principles of economics: People respond to incentives. One of two things is going to happen. Bank prices will go up, shifting some of the weight of the tax on bank consumers. Or, banks will simply put off giving bonuses until the tax goes out of effect. Both of these situations will not affect the bankers' bonuses at all, and the former may even make a recession worse.

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Dubai bailout unwise choice

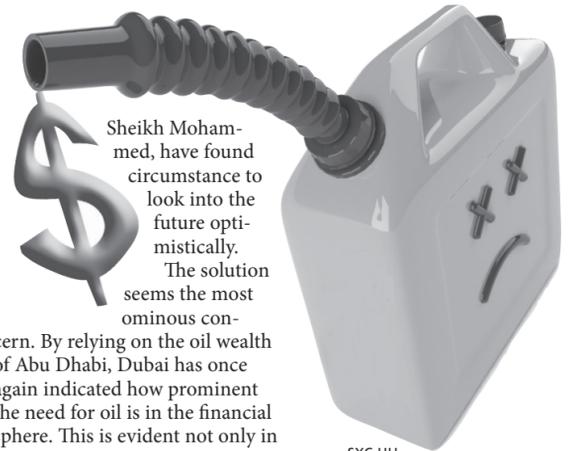


MATT BOAZ

The illustrious growth in Dubai over the past decade has been one filled with industry and development, but also one with whimsy and fanciful buildings being constructed alongside islands shaped like palm fronds. Though originally just another oil-powered fixture in the Persian Gulf arena, the recent expansion was funded only partly by petroleum. The opulent hotels and rapid rise of business centers saw this city in the United Arab Emirates garner interest from both high-dollar corporations and jet-setting vacationers alike.

Yet, with the recent recession, funding for projects became overambitious and the new urban metropolis found itself deep in debt, with some estimates as high as \$80 billion, according to the Wall Street Journal. This led to further panic and contraction, ceasing all current development and causing most construction to halt completely. Thus, the call for bailouts began to rise as foreign investors saw their profits sink slowly off the figurative shore of promise in the Middle East.

While the national government was able to absorb some of the debt through the re-acquisition of bonds, the main realm of support fell with Abu Dhabi, a neighboring, oil-rich city. Through the provisions of between \$5 billion and \$10 billion, the various business endeavors in Dubai now at least have a base to attempt economic recovery. With the opening of the world's tallest building, the Burj Dubai Skyscraper, local businessmen and the local ruler,



Sheikh Mohammed, have found circumstance to look into the future optimistically.

The solution seems the most ominous concern. By relying on the oil wealth of Abu Dhabi, Dubai has once again indicated how prominent the need for oil is in the financial sphere. This is evident not only in the Middle East, where the members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries enjoy wealthy government positions, but also in potential foreign threats such as Iran, Venezuela and Russia. While these countries are known for their typically non-supportive views of the United States' policy, the greater danger lies in other countries, underdeveloped ones, which depend on this revenue.

By relying upon this revenue, a dangerous precedent is set where accountability is not considered and the future is ignored. Dubai was a great example on how industry and constructive development could provide for a positive market and business place. Now, certainly the surrounding wealth was helpful when beginning such an enterprise, but it sustained itself and, if it was not for the world's economic crisis, the enterprise would have probably continued to flourish. States continue to base their own developments on oil, or rely on the wealth of others who have accumulated their riches by such means.

Such reliance unnecessarily empowers those who make these provisions to other countries and

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provides them with a false sense of secure establishment. This will lead to more powerful negative actors on the world platform and will result in eventual crumbling and collapse. Instead, countries should look within themselves to moderate growth. Financial support should be regional but should not rely fully on one nation whose own potential downfall could have a resultant chain reaction. By examining the bailout methods so far and considering the future, one must look with certainty at the follies that have been committed and refuse to embrace them again.

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QUICK NEWS

Haiti's mass graves swell; doctors fear more death

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Workers are carving out mass graves on a hillside north of Haiti's capital, using earth-movers to bury 10,000 people in a single day even as relief workers warn that Haitians are still dying of injuries from the Jan. 12 quake for lack of medical care.

Clinics have 12-day waiting lists for patients, untreated injuries are festering and makeshift camps that have sprung up in parks, streets and vacant lots now house an estimated 500,000 people, many in need of food, water and a doctor.

The death toll is estimated at 200,000, according to Haitian government figures relayed by the European Commission, with 80,000 buried in mass graves. The commission now estimates 2 million homeless.

John Edwards admits paternity, Elizabeth relieved

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards finally admitted Thursday he fathered a child during an affair before his second White House bid, dropping long-standing denials just ahead of a book by a former campaign aide who initially took the fall.

Edwards released a statement admitting paternity of the girl, Frances Quinn Hunter, who was born in 2008 to videographer Rielle Hunter as the result of an affair Edwards has already confessed to.

The admission comes ahead of the Feb. 2 release of a book by former Edwards aide Andrew Young that is expected to describe how Edwards worked to hide his paternity with Young's help.

Brown arrives on Capitol Hill, meets with senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen.-elect Scott Brown came to Congress with celebrity swagger Thursday, attracting hordes of cameras while proclaiming Washington needs help because "we've sort of lost our way."

Still basking in the glow of his stunning victory in the Massachusetts special Senate election against Martha Coakley, Brown said he looks forward to getting to work.

"I plan to look at every bill and make a rational decision," said Brown, speaking to reporters outside a Senate office building after he arrived on Capitol Hill.

He immediately went to visit Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a staunch campaign supporter, and also had visits scheduled with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Massachusetts Democratic Sens. John Kerry and Paul Kirk.

China: Google case not linked to ties with U.S.

BEIJING (AP) — Google's threat to pull out of China over concerns about censorship and security should not affect ties with the United States, a top Chinese official said Thursday, seeking to contain the government's dispute with the Internet giant.

"The Google case should not be linked with relations between the two governments and countries; otherwise, it's an over-interpretation," he told a news conference, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Google said on Jan. 12 that it will remain in China only if the government relents on rules requiring the censorship of content the ruling communist party considers subversive. The ultimatum came after Google uncovered a computer attack that tried to plunder its software coding and the e-mail accounts of human rights activists protesting Chinese policies.

Man in custody after firing shots at Texas Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A man fired several shots into the air Thursday while standing on the Texas Capitol's south steps before throwing down his handgun as state troopers closed in and tackled him, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Nobody was wounded in the shooting, department spokesman Tom Vinger said. The 24-year-old suspect from the Houston area was taken to the Travis County Jail and faces felony charges of deadly conduct, Vinger said. His name wasn't immediately released.

The shots rang out just after noon, and officers with rifles quickly swarmed the scene. More than a half dozen Department of Public Safety cars quickly appeared, and troopers quickly surrounded the building. The Capitol was on lockdown as officials searched as a precaution.