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The H2O Frogs take on UNLV in their final home meet of the season Saturday.

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NEWS

Plans for a rumored parking garage on-campus may come to fruition within the next few years.
Tuesday

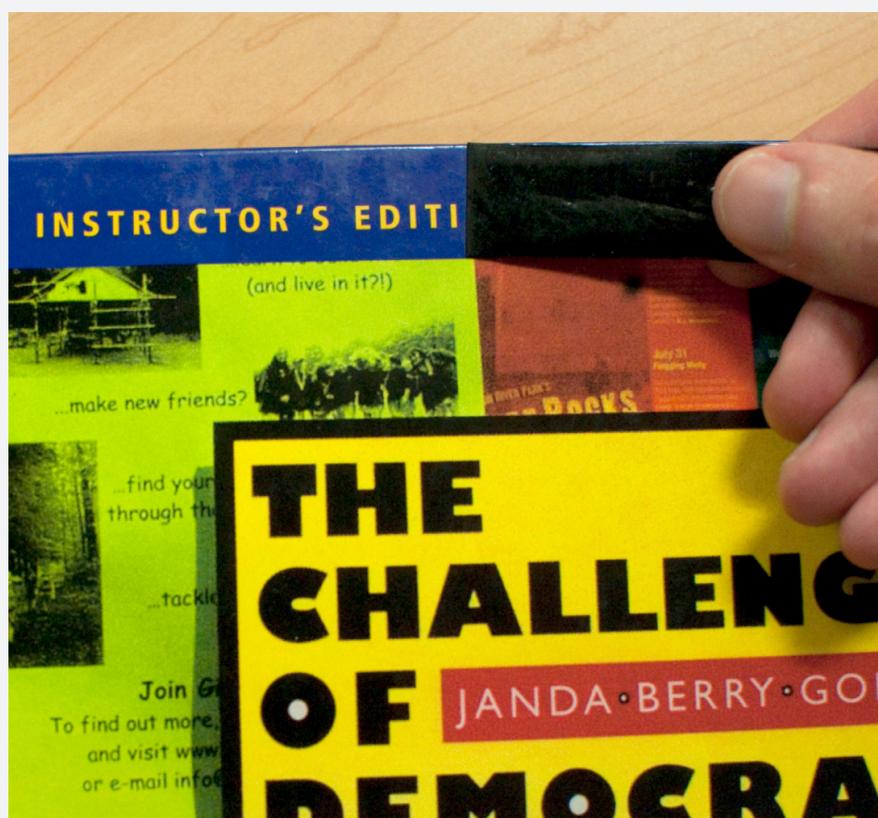


NEWS

Next week Brite Divinity School will host a speaker series on Christian theology featuring guest ministers from around the country.
Tuesday

TEXTBOOKS

UNCOVERED



Black tape covers "instructor's edition" labels on some textbooks sold at the campus bookstore. Professors at universities nationwide sell free copies of unsolicited instructor books to book buyers, who sell them to wholesalers, which send the copies to campus bookstores.

Seller: Instructor book resale legal

By Marshall Doig
Staff Reporter

If you've noticed any black tape on one of your textbooks, chances are it's the result of a deal between a faculty member at any university nationwide and an independent book buyer.

The results of these deals, publishers said, drive up the cost of textbooks, but they said there is nothing they can do to stop faculty members selling the books.

The black tape covers labels that identify the books as instructor copies, which are sent to professors free of charge, noting that they are not to be resold.

At the campus bookstore, textbooks for at least 10 courses were covered with black tape at one point.

Roman Coronado, textbook manager at the campus bookstore, said the bookstore is aware that the taped copies are resold instructor copies, and that wholesalers put a new barcode on the instructor copies so they appear as student copies.

"At that point, it's already been ordered (by the bookstore) and pretty much almost already been

paid for," Coronado said. "I can return it, but I'm losing out because if I just place another order, chances are they're going to send (the same copies) back again."

Bruce Hildebrand, executive director of higher education for the Association of American Publishers, said it is a standard practice for publishing companies to send free textbook copies to professors, whether they are requested or are unsolicited, as a form of advertising. The copies are intended to allow professors to consider using the book for their classes, and if the books are not used and sent back, then professors may keep them for reference, he said.

Nanci Brown, manager of etextshop.com, a discount online bookstore, said that although labels on the instructor copies read "Do not resell," it is not illegal to sell them.

Professors sell the books to independent book buyers and online textbook companies, Hildebrand said. The book buyers may visit professors in person, he said, or professors can go to the online buyers and send the

books to them in exchange for payment.

Brown said that the textbook companies put the tape on the books and sell them to students.

Coronado said the TCU bookstore receives taped books from the wholesaler it orders from when the bookstore does not have enough used books after buying them from students, and that is how the taped books end up in the bookstore.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of undergraduate studies at the Neeley School of Business, said the Neeley School has an informal policy that warns professors against selling their instructor copies to independent book buyers who come to campus, but professors are not and cannot be penalized if they do sell their books. He said the policy was started as a means of support for professors' fellow textbook authors, who receive no royalties from the sale of a used copy.

"Since (the publishers are) sending (instructor copies) free, it seems unethical to me to turn

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BRANDING

Police launch criminal inquiry

By Lawrence Embry and Wyatt Kanyer
Staff Reporters

Police in Breckenridge, Colo., said Thursday that the department is investigating a January branding incident involving sophomore pre-business major Amon "Chance" Carter as a criminal assault.



Carter

Carter, great-grandson of city icon Amon G. Carter, said last week that he suffered second- and third-degree burns on his buttocks after fellow Kappa Sigma members branded him with a hot coat hanger while he was intoxicated. Carter said the incident took place Jan. 9 during a ski trip in Breckenridge, Colo.

"While the incident is being investigated as a criminal assault, it has not been determined for certain whether a crime occurred or not," according to a Breckenridge Police Department press release.

Investigators are working with Carter through his attorneys and have also been in contact with attorneys representing other students involved to obtain statements and identify every individual who was present and witnessed the incident, according to the press release.

Investigators also searched a Breckenridge residence on Beavers Drive, interviewed the property management company and the cleaning crew of the residence, according to the press release.

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FINANCIAL AID

Official: Federal programs get boost

By Jennifer Ivy
Staff Reporter

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said Thursday that making it easier for college graduates to pay back federal loans will help improve the national college completion rate and possibly attract more interest toward careers in public service.



Duncan

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the Income-Based Repayment plan would apply to the major types of federal loans made to students. Under the IBR plan, which became available in July, the required monthly payment would be capped at an amount that would be affordable based on the graduate's income level and family size, according to the Federal Student Aid office.

In a telephone media conference with college students, Duncan said the IBR plan would allow graduates entering into a career service field, like teachers and police officers, to be able to forgive remaining debt after 10 years of payments based on income

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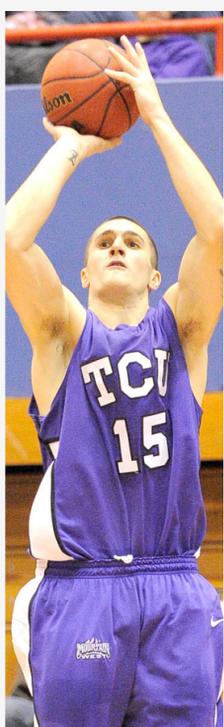
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For Horned Frog game coverage and updates over the weekend check dailyskiff.com.



PECULIAR FACT

A New Yorker faces a \$135 traffic fine for using a mannequin as her "plus one" in the high-occupancy vehicle lane of the Long Island Expressway.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



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HIGH LOW

Mostly Cloudy

Tomorrow: Partly Sunny
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EDUCATION

Senator to meet with advisory council

By Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

A Texas state senator will address issues related to Fort Worth education at public schools in the city's urban areas in a speech today, a university official said.

Jennifer Brooks, director of the Center for Urban Education Advisory Council, said Sen. Royce West will lead an engaged discussion at the Kelly Alumni Center.

"There are a lot of issues out there that are needing to be discussed in the field of education and a number of things that we need to look at in terms of where we're going to go next, what's go-



West

ing to happen next, and he (West) is on the committees who will be making those decisions once they go back into session next year," Brooks said.

As an adjunct professor, Brooks said she worked to give children in urban schools the same opportunities for education as students in other schools receive. She said she hoped the event would be more of a conversation with the senator about the status of education in the state and about things that need to improve.

Brooks said the event invited students and members of the Center for Urban Education Advisory Council, which include professors and community leaders. There will also be educators from the districts the center works with, such as Fort Worth Independent School District and Crowley Independent School District.

West was unavailable for comment Thursday.

According to a biographical press release, West is a member of the Education and Higher Education committees. West has been a state senator for District 23 (Dallas County) since January 1993. He has worked on rewriting the Education Code, Tort Reform, Welfare Reform and revised the Juvenile Justice Code.

West has also advocated legislative action on such topics as higher education, at-risk youth and non-traditional families in the past, according to his biography on the Texas State Senate Web site. Most recently, West helped achieve the establishment of the University of North Texas at Dallas, a four-year program with its own law school, set to open its doors in fall 2010.

NEWS

CARTER

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Mitchell Wilson, national executive director of Kappa Sigma, said the ski trip the fraternity members were on was not an official chapter event.

Wilson wrote in an e-mail that the fraternity's own investigations "have determined that this was an individual incident."

The fraternity's investigations concluded that there was no connection between Carter's

branding and his membership in the fraternity, and there was no evidence that it was against his will, Wilson said.

Jerry Loftin, Carter's attorney, said he is not sure exactly how many people were there to witness the incident, but he said he thinks the number was between 15 and 20.

Loftin said it would be up to the Summit County District Attorney's office, where Breckenridge is located, to determine whether or not there would be

criminal charges filed after police conclude their investigation.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said Thursday that the university would release a statement early next week regarding the status of the university's investigation. Mills said he had no further comment regarding the status of the investigation.

Efforts to contact Carter by telephone on Thursday were unsuccessful.

DUNCAN

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level and family size.

"We are particularly focused on bringing in the next generation of great teachers into our country's classrooms," Duncan said.

Lenders perform calculations based on the person's income, family size and state of residence to calculate the IBR monthly payment amount, according to the Federal Student Aid office Web site. If that amount is lower than the monthly payment under a 10-year standard repayment plan, then the person is eligible to repay his or her loans under IBR. However, lower payments may result in a longer repayment period and additional interest, according to the office.

Duncan also discussed President Barack Obama's plan to make student loans and college more affordable, noting that by increasing Federal Pell Grants, which provide need-based grants to low-income undergraduates, more students would have the opportunity to attend colleges and universities who may not have had the opportunity to

do so in previous years.

The U.S. House of Representatives in July passed the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which would increase funding for Federal Pell Grants and Federal Perkins Loan program by cutting the subsidy money currently paid to private lenders for their federally backed loans. The legislation is pending Senate vote.

The legislation would implement Obama's budget proposals for student financial aid, including a switch to 100 percent direct lending, according to FinAid, a student financial aid Web site.

The increase in funding for the Federal Pell Grants would not raise taxes or contribute to the national debt, Duncan said. Instead, it would come from stopping bank subsidies, he said.

"All of the funding for this would come from the fact that we would simply stop subsidizing banks who are currently making loans, remove those subsidies from banks, and simply invest the savings," Duncan said.

About \$87 billion could be acquired for student loans from stopping the bank sub-

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Arne Duncan
U.S. Secretary of Education

sidies on loans, Duncan said.

Along with the increase in federal financial aid programs, decreasing the cost of textbooks for students was also a part of the president's plan, said Robert Shireman, deputy under secretary of education.

Making professors aware of the cost of student textbooks before they assign them would be one way to lower the cost of educational expenses, Shireman said. Any faculty members say they wouldn't have assigned certain textbooks to their students if they had known before that they were so expensive, he said.

STOCK MARKET



Trader Gregory Rowe, left, and specialist Michael Sollitto, center, react on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange as the Dow Jones Industrial Average briefly dips below 10,000, Thursday. Stocks buckled Thursday under the growing belief that the global economy is weaker than many investors expected and likely to stop companies from hiring. The Dow Jones industrials briefly traded below 10,000 for the first time in three months.

Concerns over tumbling stocks may stunt hiring

Tim Paradis
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks buckled Thursday under the growing belief that the global economy is weaker than many investors expected and likely to stop companies from hiring. The Dow Jones industrials briefly traded below 10,000 for the first time in three months.

A flood of bad news, including rising debt levels in European nations and an unexpected jump in the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits, had investors pulling money out of assets like stocks and commodities that look increasingly risky. Fears of more disappointing news Friday, when the government issues its January employment report, contributed to the slide.

Demand for safer investments sent the dollar and Treasury's higher and the euro falling. Major indexes skidded as much as 3.1 percent to their lowest levels in three months. The Dow fell 268 points and briefly traded below 10,000 for the first time since Nov. 6. The

Dow's 2.6 percent drop was its biggest in seven months. And it was the ninth time in 14 days that the Dow has moved by more than 100 points.

Just 273 stocks rose on the New York Stock Exchange, while more than 2,800 fell. One of the weak performers was metals producer Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., which tumbled 5.3 percent. The few winners included Cisco Systems Inc. following a big increase in its earnings. Consolidated trading volume at the NYSE rose to 5.9 billion shares from 4.3 billion Wednesday.

The day's news reminded investors that the global economic recovery remains tenuous. It also raised questions about whether the market can resume its rebound from 12-year lows it hit last March.

The slide began in Europe on concerns about onerous debt levels in Greece, Portugal and Spain. Worries about those countries set off broader concerns that governments will have difficulty containing rising debts and borrowing more money to

help revive their economies.

"The market is becoming aware that the wall of cash that lifted it last year is coming to an end," said Jon Merriman, chief executive of Merriman Curhan Ford in San Francisco.

The euro hit a seven-month low against the dollar on the news. The rising dollar hurt demand for commodities, which are priced in dollars and become more expensive to foreign buyers when the dollar climbs. Gold tumbled \$49, or 4.4 percent.

The drop in stocks was the latest leg of a stumble that began in mid-January. Stocks fell then in response to China's attempts to curb its overheated growth. Those moves raised fears that the other world economies could suffer as a result. The pullback in stocks worsened as leaders in Washington said they would impose tighter regulations on U.S. banks.

Investors also worry that a slowdown in foreign countries would spill over to the U.S. and make it harder for the economy to overcome its biggest problem: unemployment.

HEALTH

FDA worried about flavored tobacco

Michael Felberbaum
AP Tobacco Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is saying in letters to two tobacco companies that flavored, dissolvable tobacco products — that the agency compares with candy and says contain a lot of nicotine — could be particularly appealing to kids and young adults.

The FDA's Center for Tobacco Products wrote to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., maker of Camel cigarettes, and the smaller Star Scientific Inc. on Monday voicing concern over smokeless products that are consumed like breath mints but made from finely milled tobacco.

"CTP is concerned that children and adolescents may find dissolvable tobacco products particularly appealing, given the brightly colored packaging, candy-like appearance and easily concealable products," Dr. Lawrence Deyton, director of the Center for Tobacco Products, told the companies.

Deyton said regulators are worried the products' nicotine content and rapid dissolution could cause nicotine dependence and addiction and be especially dangerous to children and young adults.

He asked the two best known makers of dissolvable

tobacco products to provide their research and marketing information on how people under age 26 perceive and use the products.

Exercising new power to regulate tobacco that the FDA was granted in June, Deyton also requested research on misuse of the products, including potential accidental nicotine poisoning.

Regulators also want a summary of user demographics, including at what age "tobacco-naive consumers" start using the products.

The products are available in few markets and account for a small share of the tobacco industry.

Star Scientific, based in Petersburg, Va., markets its Ariva and Stonewall tablets in wintergreen, coffee and tobacco flavors. The first versions appeared about nine years ago.

R.J. Reynolds, which is owned by Reynolds American Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C., is test-marketing dissolvable tablets, strips and a toothpick shape under the names Camel Orbs, Camel Strips and Camel Sticks in mint and other flavors.

The Orbs last about 15 minutes, the strips dissolve in five minutes or less and the sticks, which are slightly bigger than toothpicks, last 15 to 20 minutes.

The FDA is seeking the information as its Tobacco Prod-

ucts Scientific Advisory Committee prepares to study the issue later this year.

Reynolds spokesman David Howard said that company is reviewing the FDA's request and plans to help regulators evaluate the products.

"Our products are made for, and marketed to, adult tobacco consumers," Howard said. He said dissolvable items are sold on the same shelves as other tobacco products and carry the same warnings and age restrictions.

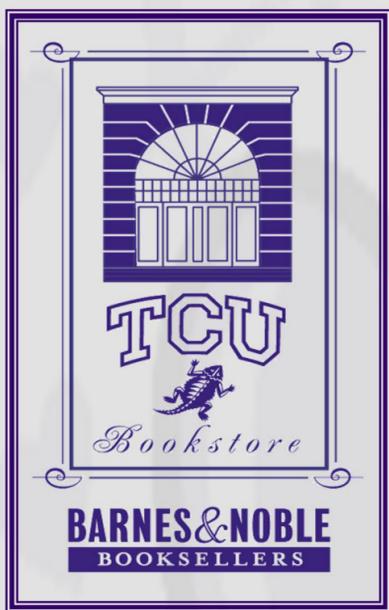
Star Scientific, which has been involved in a patent dispute over some of the technology behind its dissolvable products, disagrees with the FDA's characterization of them and looks forward to speaking with regulators, spokeswoman Sara Troy Machir said.

"The challenge that we have faced in attempting to meet the needs of adult smokers ... is to develop a product that is palatable to the customer while at the same time not making it attractive to the non-tobacco user," she said.

Machir said flavors are added to the products to make them taste less harsh.

Tobacco companies are focusing on cigarette alternatives — such as cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco, as well as other forms of nicotine replacement — for future sales growth as demand for cigarettes continue to decline.

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Today in History
 On this day in 1631, the co-founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.
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 A: A cartoon.

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See Tuesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Thursday's Solution

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by Harry Bliss



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By Gary Cee 2/5/10

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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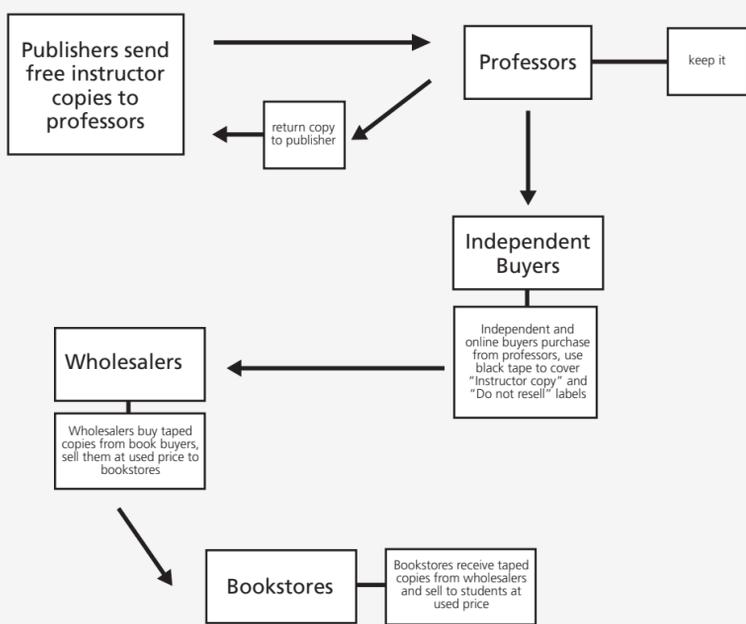
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NEWS & SPORTS



BOOKSTORE

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Junior communications major Jordan Brown said he thinks it is fine if professors return books to publishers, but does not think it is OK for professors to sell something that was sent for free. He said, however, if he were a professor, he would probably sell his free copies too.

"If the publishers can't keep me from doing it, why not?" he said. "But as far as being a student, no, I wouldn't want them driving our textbook prices up."

Hildebrand said publishers lose money when instructor copies are sold on the used book market because it detracts from a possible sale of a new textbook from the publisher. Because the publishers need to make up the cost of publishing the textbooks, he said, they raise the price.

Brown disagreed. "Selling used books and instructors' copies) does deter new textbook sales, and that's why they don't want you selling," she said. "But it doesn't matter; (publishers) don't want you buying or selling used text books either...because they don't get the royalties from that."

Coronado said even though the used book system is good for students, the selling of instructor copies is the reason why books are more expensive.

"The more expensive a new copy...the more expensive the used copy's going to become," he said.

Rebecca Jordan, management professor in the Neeley School of Business, said if the publishers do not want professors to put instructor copies on the market, they should not send as many unsolicited copies. She said if they want the books to be sent back,

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Jordan Brown
junior communications major

publishers should make it easier for professors to send them back, like providing an envelope for return mail when the books are originally sent.

Hildebrand said, however, that some books include an envelope, and there are other ways for professors to send back books, like having them picked up by a publisher's marketing representative.

Sending electronic copies could help solve some of the problem, but Brown said going to electronic copies wouldn't make a difference.

"I think it would make pirating a lot...easier for certain people out there that can do that," she said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men to take on AFA Falcons

By Austin Pearson
Staff Writer

Following a 20-point loss to Brigham Young in Provo, the 10-13 Horned Frogs will stay on the road to take on another Mountain West opponent, the Air Force Academy Falcons. TCU head coach Jim Christian ran an intense practice Thursday afternoon to prepare the team for the showdown with Air Force.

The main theme of the practice was finishing plays and playing hard.

"It's hurt our team," Christian said. "We break down on the big possessions before they do. They have to have a resolve to win in order to win."

The Horned Frogs have dropped their past four games, all of them in conference play. The team's recent slide has its record at 2-6 in the MWC.

Christian said his team can't win if it doesn't change the mentality of losing.

"You can't win until you're tired of losing," he said. "Regardless of whether you play well or not play well, you've

"You can't win until you're tired of losing. Regardless of whether you play well or not play well, you've got to come to work."

Jim Christian
head coach

got to come to work. I can't stir your fire everyday to be a great player."

This is the second meeting this season between the teams. The Frogs won the first meeting 59-50 in Fort Worth. Senior forward Zvonko Buljan had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds in that contest.

TCU swept Air Force last season. The first meeting last season was a nail-biter. The Frogs pulled out a 57-54 win. Buljan had a double-double in that game with an 18 point and 11 rebound performance. He also made a three-point play with less than a minute

left to give the Frogs a 55-54 lead.

The second meeting last year in Fort Worth was a 62-50 TCU victory. Buljan came up big again with 20 points and eight rebounds. Senior Guard Keion Mitchem was the second leading scorer with 12 points.

The Frogs are currently tied with Wyoming for seventh place in the conference. Air Force is currently last in the conference with only one conference win and seven conference losses.

Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss is the leader in scoring and assists for the Frogs. He averages 14.3 points a game and 6.4 assists. Buljan is the second leading scorer and leading rebounder with an average of 13 points and nine rebounds per game.

TCU vs. Air Force

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BOB SCHIEFFER & SUSAN ZIRINSKY

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A special screening of the 1987 romantic comedy-drama "Broadcast News"



8:15 - 9 PM
Bob Schieffer, 1959 TCU graduate and host of CBS News' "Face the Nation" and the Schieffer School of Journalism welcomes Susan Zirinsky, executive producer of CBS' "48 Hours" and technical advisor and associate producer for writer/director James L. Brooks on the film "Broadcast News."



Presented by the Schieffer School of Journalism. This event is free and open to the TCU community and to the public. Seating is limited. For more information, please contact the Schieffer School at 817.257.7425 or journalism@tcu.edu.

QUICK NEWS

Two renowned journalists will speak Monday evening about their experiences in the television industry.

Bob Schieffer, a 1959 university graduate and host of CBS News "Face the Nation," and Susan Zirinsky, executive producer of CBS' "48 Hours," are the featured speakers at the 6 p.m. event, which will take place in the Brown-Lupton University Union auditorium.

The event will include a screening of the movie "Broadcast News," for which Zirinsky was a technical adviser.

The event is free and available to the students, faculty and the public, though seating is limited.

For more information, contact the Schieffer School at (817) 257-7425 or journalism@tcu.edu.

—News editor Libby Davis



Schieffer



Zirinsky

Bob Schieffer and Susan Zirinsky

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6 p.m. – introduction of featured speakers
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The Skiff View

Selling free instructor's copies burdens students

The selling of used instructor's textbooks for students highlights a flaw in the college textbook market. The reselling of instructor's textbooks creates issues not only for college students, but also for the original book publisher.

Professors who sell their instructor's books to wholesale companies should reconsider their actions. There is a profit involved for professors, especially if they sell a textbook they received for free. But while selling the textbook appears to be an insignificant move, repercussions are felt throughout the market, and it directly affects college students who already have to pay high tuition costs. Textbooks add another expense to an already steep higher education cost, and resold instructor's edition textbooks lead to increased textbook prices as publishers raise prices to compensate for the free editions.

Likewise, book publishers are guilty of creating issues in the college textbook market. Publishers should review the practice of giving teachers and professors unsolicited free samples in a seemingly cavalier manner. Book publishers don't receive any compensation when their free copies are resold, and by giving away so many textbooks, resources are wasted and publishers' profits fall.

Web editor Maricruz Salinas for the editorial board.

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Police responsibilities do not include profiling, beating



MARSHALL DOIG

I have the utmost respect for police officers and the job they do. It takes courage and guts to do their job. I just wanted to make that clear before starting.

Jordan Miles, an 18-year-old Pittsburgh resident and violinist who attends the city's prestigious Creative and Performing Arts High School, was beaten by three plainclothes police officers because they thought he had a gun, according to an Associated Press wire report. It turns out it was only a bottle of Mountain Dew, according to the police affidavit.

To begin at the beginning: Miles left his mother's house at about 11 p.m. Jan. 12 and headed for his grandmother's house, where he spends most nights, wearing a new jacket he received for his birthday, according to the wire report.

Miles noticed three men in a white car as he walked, and said he "thought nothing of it," according to the AP report.

Now the story splits: Miles said he was walking when the three men got out of the car and shouted at him, "Where's the money? Where's the gun? Where's the drugs?" He said he tried to run back to his mother's house but slipped on the icy sidewalk and before he could get up, the men began beating, punching, kicking and choking him.

Miles said he was arrested 15 minutes later when uniformed officers arrived in a van and put handcuffs on him.

According to the police affidavit, Miles was standing against a building "as if he was trying to avoid being seen." Miles appeared to have something heavy in his pocket, which police believed to be a gun. That "gun" was actually a Mountain Dew bottle, according to the affidavit.

Miles insists he didn't have anything in his pocket.

I'm all for the due process of law and investigating this incident, but this beating was uncalled for and over the top. Don't believe me? Search "Jordan Miles WTAE TV" on YouTube, click on the second result and look at the pictures of Miles.

I understand it must really be stressful to be a police officer, considering how much negativity they attract because of gangster rap and incidents such as this, and it's this stupid attitude of hating the police in rap that might have supplied those police officers with a bad image of Miles that caused them to act in the way they did.

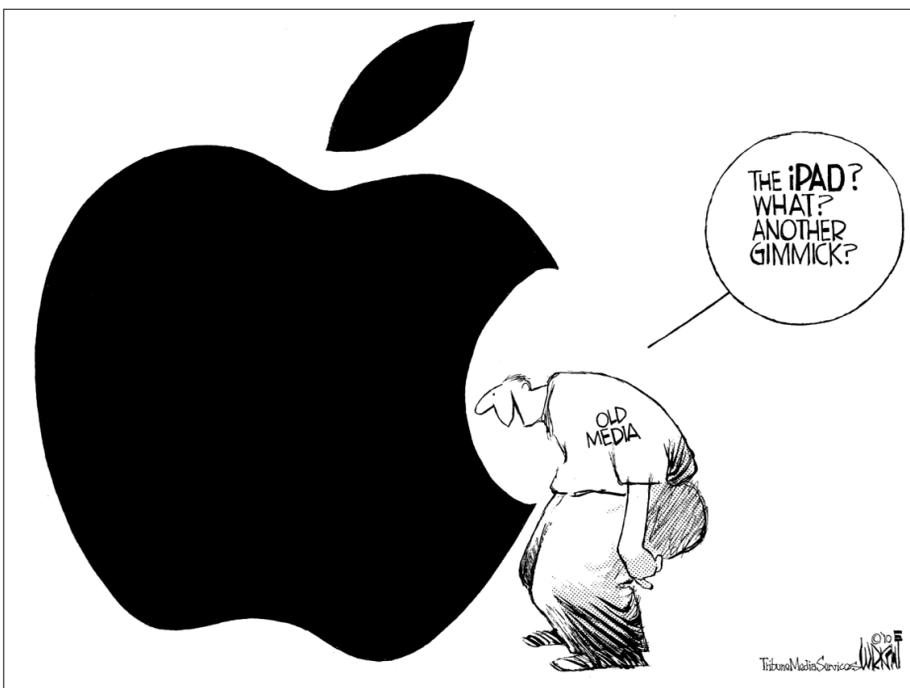
But I'm tired of hearing about police beating up people like this. It's wrong, sick and hateful. Even if Miles did have a gun, was it not enough to get him on the ground and subdue him? Was it necessary to, as Miles said, beat, punch, kick and choke him?

No, it was not.

I thought police were not supposed to profile. Obviously not in the case of these three boneheads.

According to the wire report, the officers have been reassigned to uniformed duty. After the investigation and court case, and if the officers are found to be guilty or to have done wrong, I hope they are fired immediately and never get a job like that again. It's the very least that can be done for Miles.

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Pregnancy increase unsurprising



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

Is anyone really surprised that the teen pregnancy rate has risen for the first time in 15 years? Sadly, the 3 percent increase is a telling result of the failure of abstinence-only education.

Teenagers need to be educated about the realities of sex and contraception, but instead they have been throwing chastity parties and given candy-coated content about how true love waits. The kids that do end up having sex are usually not using contraception, because a lot of them haven't had any education about birth control. Talk about backlash. A new study showed that teens who took "virginity pledges" were just as likely to have sex as teens who hadn't, but they were less likely to use condoms or other forms of birth control, according to The Washington Post.

The study showed that 82 percent of teens who had taken the pledge ended up having sex. Are we really so naïve as to think they wouldn't? Most kids take these pledges under pressure from teachers, parents or church organizations. Interestingly enough, the highest rate of teen pregnancy occurs in more "religious" states such as Mississippi, according to MSNBC.

Thankfully, the Obama administration will be tossing out abstinence-only education in favor of a less conservative approach, according to The Huffington Post. Our children need to be educated. We know they will get the information somewhere else if they don't get it from us, and it could be faulty or wrong.

But I also don't think parents should leave it in the hands of

educators. Parents should engage their kids in honest discussion about sex and birth control. It may seem awkward and embarrassing, but it will arm them with what they need to know. Children talk and make up stuff, and they will get the wrong information if a parent doesn't sit down and tell them the truth. Why are people so afraid to tell children about sex? Talking to them about it doesn't mean that they are going to run out and do it. It just means they can make an educated decision.

Kids will also be more likely to confide in a parent they feel they can talk about sex truthfully with,

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which could prevent them from getting into a bad situation.

Alongside the pregnancy rate rising, the abortion rate has also gone up, according to USA Today. This is sad and shouldn't be happening. Shows like "Teen Mom" and "16 and Pregnant" on MTV show a more realistic view of teen motherhood and pregnancy. Teenagers should watch these shows with their parents and open a dialogue about the subject matter and talk about real life teen moms such as Bristol Palin and Jamie Lynn Spears.

Because so many teenagers are moms these days, girls could get the wrong idea and glamorize teen pregnancy. News stories about the "pregnancy pacts" in Massachusetts and movies like "Juno" could make teens think pregnancy is something that's socially acceptable or cool.

According to Time magazine, teenagers may become pregnant because they want someone to love them "unconditionally", which leaves me wondering why these girls feel unloved and how that could be changed.

There is a lot of controversy involved in schools actually giving out birth control, according to USA Today. Some parents feel that handing out condoms will encourage teens to have sex; others say it will prevent teen pregnancy. I'm not sure how I feel about that. I'd rather my kid talk to me about birth control rather than get it from school, but if she is going to have sex regardless and the birth control is accessible at school, it might not be such a bad idea.

Can it really be any worse than advocating abstinence-only education? We are now seeing the results of that, so maybe giving out condoms can't be worse.

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QUICK NEWS

10 Americans charged in Haiti with kidnapping

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Ten U.S. Baptist missionaries were charged with kidnapping Thursday for trying to take 33 children out of Haiti to a hastily arranged refuge just as officials were trying to protect children from predators in the chaos of a great earthquake.

The Haitian lawyer who represents the 10 Americans portrayed nine of his clients as innocents caught up in a scheme they did not understand. But attorney Edwin Coq did not defend the actions of the group leader, Laura Silsby, though he continued to represent her.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get the nine out. They were naive. They had no idea what was going on and they did not know that they needed official papers to cross the border," Coq said. "But Silsby did."

Brown sworn in as U.S. senator from Massachusetts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Scott Brown took over the seat of the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy on Thursday, vowing to be an independent voice in a bitterly divided Senate.

"I can't promise I will be right in every vote I make...I will do the very best job I can," Brown told reporters.

Brown was sworn-in by Vice President Joe Biden at a Capitol Hill ceremony a week earlier than he originally planned, and just in time to plunge into a partisan fight over President Barack Obama's choice of a union attorney for a top labor job.

Brown's arrival in the Senate ends the Democrats' supermajority and gives the GOP 41 votes they can use to block President Barack Obama's agenda.

Coroner: Pneumonia, drugs killed Brittany Murphy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia, and probably would have survived if she had gone to a doctor in time, a coroner's official said Thursday.

The Dec. 20 death was accidental, Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said. While it likely could have been prevented if the "Clueless" star had seen a doctor, he said, she did have an appointment scheduled with a physician a few days after she died.

Prescription drugs and anemia also played a role in the death, the coroner's office said. Winter declined to specify what types of drugs were involved and said further details would be released in several weeks when the report was completed.

He also said there was no evidence of wrongdoing.

Superstar farewell for U.S.-born, China-bound pandas

WASHINGTON (AP) — They were treated like pop idols — except for being stuck in travel crates.

Adoring crowds and television viewers watched Thursday as American-born giant pandas Mei Lan and Tai Shan were loaded onto a special cargo jet for a flight to their new homes in China for breeding.

Normally placid, 3-year-old Mei Lan from Zoo Atlanta whirled and paced in her crate as flashbulbs popped. Tai Shan, a 4½-year-old born in Washington, hid at first but was drawn into view as his longtime keepers at the National Zoo knelt silently at his crate to say goodbye, hand-feeding him slices of apples and pears.

Federal police officers escorted Tai Shan to the airport, and FedEx workers transporting the pair buzzed around in "Panda Team" jackets.

AT&T now says SlingPlayer for iPhone on 3G is OK

SEATTLE (AP) — AT&T Inc. said Thursday it will now allow Sling Media Inc.'s television-viewing program for the iPhone to operate over its "3G" high-speed mobile network.

The reversal comes as the Federal Communications Commission is drafting rules to keep broadband providers — including wireless companies — from favoring or discriminating against Internet traffic flowing over their networks.

AT&T said last May it worried SlingPlayer Mobile, which sends a user's home cable or satellite programming to devices such as smart phones and laptops over the Internet, would clog its network.

Meantime, versions of the program that used the 3G network were available for use on other smart phones sold by AT&T.