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Two university students are gaining recognition for their independent business endeavors.  
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Careers in environmentally-friendly fields may be more abundant than students think.  
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Freshman shooters on the women's rifle team have more in common than just their names.

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## CORRECTIONS

In an article in Wednesday's issue, sophomore Elisa Elizondo was quoted inaccurately as saying she was the only woman in her astronomy and geology classes. In fact, Elizondo said it appeared to her that there were fewer women than men in her physics and geology classes, as well as her environmental science classes.

An article in Thursday's issue incorrectly stated that the curriculum for a proposed journalism degree would require 38 journalism hours with an additional 15 hours for each certificate. In fact, each certificate requires nine specific hours and six hours of journalism electives, which would count toward the 15 hours of journalism electives included in the 38 hours of journalism classes required for the degree.

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Pollution in small amounts is not detrimental to our health; it is nearly impossible to remove all of the impurities from our water supply.

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## PECULIAR FACT

WEST CAPE MAY, N.J. — An unknown person dubbed The Midnight Knitter by West Cape May residents is covering tree branches and lamp poles with little sweaters under cover of darkness.

— The Associated Press

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Tomorrow: Sunny  
66 / 40

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73 / 47



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## NEIGHBORHOOD

# FAREWELL



Posters adorn the walls of Oui Lounge in honor of longtime bartender Trent Reid, who worked there for 28 years.  
CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

# Oui Lounge to salute bartender

By Chance Welch  
Multimedia Editor

A bartender well known among university students will be honored by friends and his family at Oui Lounge this weekend.

Trent Reid was a bartender at the Blue Bonnet Circle location for 28 years before he died of cancer March 1 at the age of 56. Co-workers and "regulars" will hold a memorial for him Saturday night with music by guitarist Bill Hamm, a friend of Reid's, and barbecue.

Chad Chipman, a bartender at the Oui Lounge, said Reid was not only known for his long beard and cowboy hat, but also for his love of history and reading.

Reid chose bartending as a living, even though he had a bachelor's degree in civil engi-

neering from the University of Texas at Arlington, Chipman said. Although he could be quiet at times, Reid would carry a conversation with anyone over a beer or drink of his or her choice, Chipman said.

Senior finance-real estate major Kevin Tofsky said Reid was an "institution" at the bar. "The Oui definitely has a lot to make up for now that Trent is not here," Tofsky said.

Tofsky said that he will attend the event and that having the memorial at the bar would be a fitting tribute.

Senior film-TV-digital media major Thomas Fenoglio said he was saddened by Reid's death.

"Trent was kind of the heart and soul of this place for a real long time," Fenoglio said. "When I heard that he died, I almost

## Oui Lounge Tribute to Trent Reid

Where: Oui Lounge, 3509 Blue Bonnet Circle  
When: 4 p.m. Saturday

didn't want to come back here. I didn't know what to expect."

Senior ranch management major Taylor Marley described Reid as "a guy who would give you advice, help you out and pour the best drinks."

Marley acknowledged that the bar would be different without Reid but said he was hopeful that the bar would carry on in his memory.

"You never know when it's your time to go, but Trent always lived like his last day was tomorrow," Marley said.

## FINANCIAL AID

# Former mayor honored by fund

By Thomas Koenig  
Staff Reporter

Former Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen lives by the simple motto "Always leave a place better than you found it."

After a recent gift to the university to create the Bob Bolen Leadership Scholarship, he continues to practice exactly what he preaches, a university official said.



Bolen

The university received a \$2.5 million gift from The Sarah & Ross Perot Jr. Foundation to go toward the new scholarship, said Don Whelan, vice chancellor for University Advancement. The money will go into the university's endowment, allowing 5 percent of the gift, or \$125,000, to be put into scholarships starting in the fall, Whelan said.

Bolen, who served as mayor from 1982 to 1991, said the scholarships in his name, which will increase in amount each year due to more donations, are a great honor for himself and the university. He said Ross Perot Jr.'s generosity has been an honor.

"He's been so good to me," Bolen said. "We've worked together a lot, and he loves what I do at TCU and believes in it."

Ross Perot Jr., son of former presidential candidate H. Ross Perot, is a prominent businessman from Texas and the founder of Perot Systems, a data-services company.

Scholarships will be given to multiple students each year who display the first-class leadership skills that personified Bolen's tenure as mayor, Whelan said. He said the exact number of re-

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## FINE ARTS

# Art student spotlight of exhibit

By Chilton Tippin  
Staff Writer

The art of DJ Perera, a senior studio art major, will be displayed in two exhibitions in the Metroplex during the months of March and April.

The first exhibition, titled "Introducing DJ Perera," will be hosted at the ThirdSpace Gallery in downtown Dallas until April 3 and will feature between 12 and 15 paintings.

Perera said this is a display-and-sale exhibition, with paintings starting at \$600.

"It's going to be the body of work that I've created for the past year," Perera said.

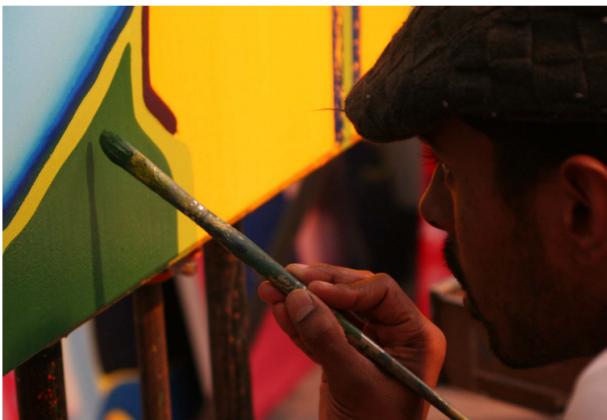
Jordan Roth, one of the partners of Ro2 Art, the art dealers putting on the exhibition, said he initially planned to show the work in a restaurant space.

"But when we actually went to Fort Worth to see his paintings, and when we got there, we were pretty mesmerized by the scope of his work," Roth said. "There were so many paintings that were really good. We really wanted to take the whole exhibit to Dallas for it to be seen."

The second exhibition, titled "Untitled," will be at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center and will run April 1-30.

Kat Versfelt, the program assistant for the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, said she invited Perera to display his work because she liked the meaning behind it.

"He has a good idea behind his work," Versfelt said. "None of his



Senior studio art major DJ Perera paints in a studio on the second floor of the Moudy North building.  
CHILTON TIPPIN / Staff Photographer

paintings are titled so the viewer can look at the compositions with a blank slate and they can come up with their own opinions about the pieces."

She said Perera was a good candidate because of his youth and because he was an artist from within the community.

"I think that he's a promising up-and-coming artist," she said. "At the Community Arts Center we focus on helping and exposing local artists."

Perera said he thought the exhibitions would be beneficial for his career as an artist.

"This is a huge step forward, especially for an undergraduate student," he said. "My artwork is going to be seen in a community outside of the TCU community."

## Exhibit Times and Locations

"Introducing DJ Perera"  
Opening Reception: March 20, 7-10 p.m.  
Exhibit ends April 3  
Location: ThirdSpace, 1608-C Main Street, Dallas

"Untitled"  
Opening Reception: April 9, 6-9 p.m.  
Exhibit ends April 30  
Location: Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1309 Montgomery Street

## NEIGHBORHOOD

# Jack in the Box to get face-lift

By Lawrence Embry  
Staff Reporter

An outdated Jack in the Box restaurant on West Berry Street was torn down to be completely rebuilt and renovated, a company spokesperson said.

Brian Luscomb, spokesman for Jack in the Box, said the West Berry Street site, built in the 1970s, was one of the older storefronts and was going to be updated by the company.

According to the City of Fort Worth Planning Administration, a permit to tear down the existing Jack in the Box was issued Monday.

Luscomb said the new restaurant could open as early as mid-June and will definitely be open this summer.

David Schroeder, planning manager for Fort Worth's Planning and Development Department, said Thursday afternoon that it doesn't look like there has been a submission for a new permit to build on the space yet, but the building of a new Jack in the Box in the same space was discussed in a pre-development meeting.

NEWS

IMMIGRATION



Bishop John Wester, from Salt Lake City, talks to the media outside the White House in Washington on Thursday following after a meeting with President Barack Obama to discuss comprehensive immigration reform. ALEX BRANDON / Associated Press

# Obama 'unwavering' in overhaul

By Darlene Superville  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Thursday assured immigration advocates frustrated by the wait for a promised overhaul of U.S. immigration laws that he remains committed to fixing a system he has said is broken. What remains unclear is whether Congress will send him a bill this year. Obama also met separately later in the day with Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who gave the president an outline of a bill they are drafting. Obama said afterward in a statement that he "looked forward to reviewing their

promising framework." Obama said he told the senators and the advocacy groups that "my commitment to comprehensive immigration reform is unwavering, and that I will continue to be their partner in this important effort." The immigration issue is an important one for Obama, who has promised to work to solve the problem. Hispanics voted heavily for Obama in the 2008 presidential election, making the difference in key states like Florida, and their votes will be critical in the November mid-term elections when Obama and his fellow Democrats will be fighting to maintain control of the House and Senate. Latino voters who don't

think progress is being made on the issue may not go to the polls. Graham said he told Obama "in no uncertain terms" that the immigration effort could stall in Congress if the health care bill, which Republicans oppose, moves forward under a special process known as budget reconciliation that would limit the GOP's ability to derail the bill in the Senate. Schumer said he and Graham asked Obama for help building support in the Senate for an immigration bill, and getting business and labor groups to agree on the future flow of lower-skilled labor. The South Carolina Republican said Obama also prom-

ised to help resolve outstanding issues pertaining to "virtual fencing" along the border with Mexico to detect people trying to enter the U.S. illegally, and creation of a temporary worker program that is satisfactory to business. Another idea on the table is some type of high-tech Social Security card to keep illegal immigrants from getting jobs. After meeting for more than an hour with Obama, immigration advocates told reporters they want Schumer and Graham to at least release their blueprint before a planned March 21 demonstration at the Capitol, with a bill introduced in the Senate soon after.

POLITICS

# Words 'under God' upheld in fed court

Terence Chea  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court upheld the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency, rejecting arguments Thursday that the phrases violate the separation of church and state.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel rejected two legal challenges by Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow, who said the references to God are unconstitutional and infringe on his religious beliefs.

The same appeals court caused a national uproar and prompted accusations of judicial activism when it decided in Newdow's favor in 2002, ruling that the pledge violated the First Amendment prohibition against government endorsement of religion.

President George W. Bush called the 2002 decision "ridiculous," senators passed a resolution condemning the ruling and Newdow received death threats.

That lawsuit reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 2004, but the high court said Newdow lacked the legal standing to file the suit because he didn't have custody of his daughter, on whose behalf he brought the case.

So Newdow filed an identical challenge on behalf of other parents who objected to the recitation of the pledge at school. In 2005, a federal

"The Pledge of Allegiance serves to unite our vast nation through the proud recitation of some of the ideals upon which our Republic was founded."

Carlos Bea  
federal judge

judge in Sacramento decided in Newdow's favor, prompting the appeals court to take up the case again.

Judge Carlos Bea, who was appointed by Bush in 2003, wrote for the majority in Thursday's 2-1 ruling.

"The Pledge of Allegiance serves to unite our vast nation through the proud recitation of some of the ideals upon which our Republic was founded," he said.

Bea noted that schools do not require students to recite the pledge, which was amended to include the words "under God" by a 1954 federal law. Members of Congress at the time said they wanted to set the United States apart from "godless communists."

In a separate 3-0 ruling Thursday, the appeals court upheld the inscription of the national motto "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins and currency, citing an earlier 9th Circuit panel that ruled the phrase is ceremonial and patriotic and "has nothing whatsoever to do with the establishment of religion."



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ipients has not been decided, but preference will be given to students involved in military programs. However, it is not required.

Whelan said Bolen serves as senior adviser to the chancellor, adviser to the dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business and is a visiting lecturer.

"Bob really has had a lifetime devotion to education and providing opportunities to young people," Whelan said. "We saw that when he was mayor and we see that

now in his capacity at TCU."

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, said some of the money will also go toward helping MBA students. He said the scholarship, which will honor students who have earned distinctions like Eagle Scout status or have shown other leadership skills, is a huge boost for the university.

"It provides funding for an area that we really need some extra dollars pointed to," Scott said. "We don't have a lot of funding currently for leadership scholarships."

A special selection commit-

tee will recommend deserving students to the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, where the recipients will be chosen, Whelan said. The committee will consist of Bolen, a representative from the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid and Mike Berry, president of Hillwood Properties, which is a Perot company. Berry earned his MBA from TCU.

Scott said his office had not yet finalized the award application process or criteria. Minimum and maximum amounts for the scholarship are undetermined, but will be

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## The Skiff View

### Change in bus route's time calls for feedback

Relatively few students use public transportation on a regular basis, so they may not think the city's proposal to cut in half the number of times the bus travels on Route 7 is a big deal. However, Route 7 happens to stop along South University Drive on campus, dropping off or picking up students, faculty and staff members on campus every day.

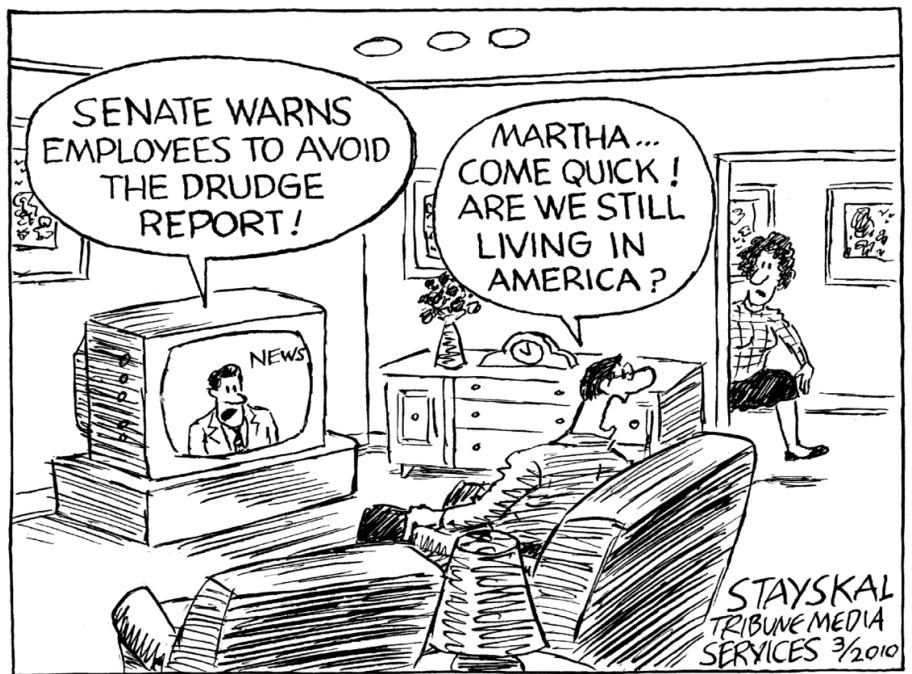
Cutting the frequency of the route is sure to anger some of those who rely on it as a convenient, or necessary, means of getting to campus. But city officials have said that it needs to be done for budgetary reasons. Other measures to prevent a budget crisis have been tried, said city officials, and though the change may throw a kink into some people's daily routines, it is preferable to cutting dozens or more jobs in the city to save money. And at least the city isn't getting rid of the route all together.

For those who will be affected, a slight adjustment to one's schedule should resolve most issues caused by the change.

On the other hand, people who feel strongly about the change and the impact it may have on those who rely on the current bus schedule should realize the power they can have to influence those who will decide the fate of the proposal. Students and staff, including administrators, can and should lobby city officials on behalf of members in their community if they feel strongly about an issue.

Managing editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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



Wayne Stayskal is an editorial cartoonist for the Tampa Tribune.

### A little pollution necessary for economy



MICHAEL LAUCK

When I read articles like last week's "Neglect of Clean Water Act troubling," it makes me wonder what world some people are living in.

The article makes it seem like pollution is getting worse than it really is and that Americans are suffering from some sort of poisoning epidemic.

I'm going to make a completely bold statement now: not all pollution is bad. Before you almost choke on your all-natural smoothie and go to recycle this paper, let me explain myself.

Pollution is usually the result of a product being made. In this sense, some pollution is definitely necessary. It is the byproduct of wages, standards of living being increased and creating wealth.

The article acts like all pollution is bad. It throws out the number that "about 117 million Americans get their drinking water from sources that may be vulnerable to the water masses that are being tainted..."

The question that should be asked is how sick is this making people? Obviously we are exposed to chemicals every day, yet Americans seem to be living longer and healthier lives. But how many chemicals can be put in the water before people get sick?

The FDA has many restrictions but allows trace amounts of bacteria, feces and animal hair in our food. To get all of it out would be impossible, and small amounts make no one sick.

Second, the article should have been about the failure of

government policy to change people's incentives, not those of greedy companies. Simply because government legislates that all oranges must be lemons doesn't make it happen automatically.

Since no one owns these waterways, no one has an incentive to keep this clean or use them for anything useful, so they get dumped in.

Put the cleanliness in the hands of the locals. If they really want better water, they should use their local governments to clean it. People in Washington, D.C., such as EPA officials, don't know the situation in the towns as well. Have those closest to the problem take care of it.

The last point that is wrong is when the author wrote, "The Clean Water Act has been around for a long time, and I think most of us don't even realize how much it protects our water." While no doubt the Clean Water Act may be protecting our water (maybe a little too much as I pointed out

earlier), it's nonsense to think that it's the only reason water has been cleaner.

Sympathy with the author is definitely called for. Unclean water can be a scary thing, especially when exposed by scaremongering media like the New York Times. However, a little reasoning and fact checking makes us feel a little safer about the water we drink.

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### Letter from the editor: Transparency crucial



JULIETA CHIQUILLO

Usually when you pick up the Skiff, you'll notice a sports picture on the left-hand side inviting you to flip to page 6. Or maybe you just want to check the weather forecast at the bottom of the page. Unfortunately, that space has been devoted to house-keeping this week with a slew of corrections and clarifications, which is something we are not proud of.

Accuracy is paramount to the Skiff. It's what we strive for. However, in the process of reporting and delivering the news to you, we will inevitably make mistakes. But when we do, we'll make sure that you know it, and we'll take steps to amend them.

As the campus community's newspaper, it is our duty to report the news fairly and accurately, and it is extremely important to us that you trust our commitment to do our job right. That is why all corrections are prominently displayed on the front page, where most, if not all readers, will see them. This is the case whether the glitch occurred on page 1 or on page 6. While most newspapers print corrections, only a small number of those print all corrections

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on the front page. It is not a universal practice, even among professional newspapers.

Just like we are not above making mistakes, we are not above admitting our mistakes where everyone can see. We do this for the sake of transparency. While we cannot promise you perfection, we can promise you a commitment to accuracy. We owe it to you.

We don't particularly enjoy airing our dirty laundry, but we understand that being transparent helps build trust in our relationship with you, our reader.

That being said, our relationship with you is not a one-way street. The opinion page is a forum for public discussion, and we invite you to give us your feedback, whether positive or negative. Just yesterday the Skiff ran a letter to the editor criticizing a news article that ran in the newspaper this week and pointing to an error in a front-page photo caption. We want to know what you think so we can improve our product.

We value your readership and your input, as well as our place in this community. Our mission is no other than to serve you.

Editor-in-chief Julieta Chiquillo is a senior news-editorial journalism from San Salvador, El Salvador.

## QUICK NEWS

#### Dems look to health vote without abortion foes

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders have concluded they cannot change a divisive abortion provision in President Barack Obama's health care bill and will try to pass the sweeping legislation without the support of ardent anti-abortion Democrats.

A break on abortion would remove a major obstacle for Democratic leaders in the final throes of a yearlong effort to change health care in the United States. But it sets up a risky strategy of trying to round up enough Democrats to overcome, not appease, a small but possibly decisive group of Democratic lawmakers in the House.

Democratic leaders are working to rally rank-and-file members around last-minute agreements on several sticking points, health insurance taxes and prescription drug coverage among them — all as Republicans stand ready to oppose the overhaul en masse.

#### Slowly, Americans are regaining their lost wealth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are recovering their shrunken wealth — gradually.

Household net worth rose last quarter, mainly because the healing economy boosted stock portfolios. But the gain was slight. And it was less than in the previous two quarters.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that net worth rose 1.3 percent in the fourth quarter to \$54.2 trillion. It marked the third straight quarter of gains. But economists say consumers would need a stronger and more prolonged increase in their wealth to persuade them to ratchet up spending.

Net worth had risen by a more robust 4.5 percent in the second quarter of 2009 and an even faster 5.5 percent in the third quarter. Net worth is the value of assets such as homes, checking accounts and investments minus debts like mortgages and credit cards.

#### Massive school closures in KC to be done by fall

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City's school superintendent said Thursday the plan to shutter nearly half the district's schools, while "painful," will move forward quickly so that all the closures will be complete by fall.

The school board narrowly approved the plan Wednesday night to close 29 of the district's 61 schools to try to stave off bankruptcy. The closures have angered many parents, students and teachers, but administrators say they had no choice because without them, the district would have been in the red by 2011.

"It has been a difficult and painful and emotional process that affects our entire community," said superintendent John Covington.

Now officials have to focus on the massive job of downsizing the district — reworking school bus routes, figuring out what to do with vacant buildings and slashing its payroll.

#### Conan O'Brien will take his show to theaters

NEW YORK (AP) — Without a TV show to do every night, Conan O'Brien is taking his act on the road.

The former host of "The Tonight Show" announced a 30-city theater tour on Thursday. Sidekick Andy Richter and the former "Tonight Show" band will join O'Brien for what he promises to be "a night of music, comedy, hugging and the occasional awkward silence."

The "Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television Tour" begins April 12 in Eugene, Ore., and concludes June 14 in Atlanta. It will visit theaters in at least 20 states and two Canadian provinces. Additional dates may be added.

O'Brien quipped: "It was either a massive 30-city tour or start helping out around the house."

On the itinerary is the Gibson Amphitheater in Universal City, Calif., near the studio where he presided over "The Tonight Show" for eight months.

#### Texas ed board debates race in history classes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An effort to require Texas students to learn about congressional Medal of Honor recipients turned into an emotional debate about race for the State Board of Education.

The board, in the second day of a three-day meeting Thursday, ultimately rejected the effort to list the names of two Hispanic and one black medal recipients in a world history class. But they agreed to revisit the amendment in an American history class. The board is updating social studies curriculum standards that will be in place for Texas students for the next decade.

Board member Mary Helen Berlanga said while race relations in the U.S. have progressed significantly, Hispanics "are still going through discrimination if we can't even put two names as recipients of the Medal of Honor."

#### YOUR VIEW

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Thank you for bringing attention to the T's proposal to cut back bus service. Fort Worth and TCU need better bus service, not less bus service. TCU students and employees need to oppose this reduction in service on Route 7, which runs by the university.

It's bad for everyone! Contact the T at tboard@the-t.com or call 817-215-8669 to voice your concern.

Roger Pierce is a 1998 TCU graduate and a teacher for FWISD's International Newcomer Academy.

# FEATURES

# 3 Steps for a Safe Spring Break

By Marshall Doig  
Staff Reporter

There are just some things students would rather not experience during spring break.

Getting caught up in a foreign country's judicial system; worshipping the porcelain god before, during and after a hangover; and waking up next to a stranger might compete for the top spot on that list.

But as easy as it is to get into those situations, it is just as easy to stay out of them. Having a safe, fun spring break is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

## 2 Don't mix alcohol and energy drinks

Energy drinks may attract student drinkers because of their effects, a student said.

"It's kind of glamorous because it's being able to drink but still having the energy to go out and stay out and party hard and you know you are going to have that energy drink to back you up," said Traci Clayton, a senior strategic communication major.

However, a study at the University of Florida showed that students who mixed energy drinks with alcohol were three times more likely to be intoxicated. It also showed that the students were more likely to stay out drinking for longer and that they were four times more likely to drive while intoxicated.

## 1 Know your limits

The university's Alcohol and Drug Education Center and the Texas Department of Public Safety have advice on how to avoid potentially dangerous situations from putting a damper on students' holiday plans.

Rachel Leshner, program specialist for the university's Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said students should remember to drink responsibly on their vacations.

"We understand that spring break allows for longer periods of time to be out playing," Leshner said. "We certainly recommend just keeping an eye on (alcohol intake and) staying hydrated, especially if you're going to be in the sun or in high altitudes."

She said one of the worst

case scenarios with drinking is alcohol poisoning because it can be a life or death situation. A person with alcohol poisoning could exhibit symptoms such as shallow breathing, a pale appearance and clamminess. The person may also be unresponsive, cold to the touch or turn blue.

A good rule of thumb would be to have one drink per hour in order to avoid drinking too much, Leshner said.

Other tips for a safe vacation on the center's Web site include wearing sunscreen, being aware of drinking limits, using a designated driver, setting sexual boundaries, staying in groups with friends and getting the car checked out before leaving.

## 3 Heed travel advisories

The Texas Department of Public Safety is also urging students to consider the safety of their travel destinations.

The agency warned students to avoid Mexican border towns because of drug war violence and urged students to travel elsewhere.

"Parents should not allow their children to visit these Mexican cities because their safety cannot be guaranteed," DPS Director Steven C. McCraw said in a press release.

State Trooper Rex Akin said non-border cities, like popular spring break destinations Acapulco and Cancun, are still safe to travel to because drug violence is not a big problem there. He said the DPS was more com-

fortable with people traveling to those areas.

Akin said students traveling to non-border cities should still follow normal tourist safety guidelines, such as paying attention to surroundings, staying in groups and not wandering off alone.

David Baker, assistant director of the Texas Highway Patrol, stressed the importance of having a safe vacation in the press release.

"We want spring break to be memorable, but in a good way," Baker said. "You don't want to get arrested for (driving while intoxicated), receive a ticket or be injured somehow because you were irresponsible. Have fun, but please be safe."



## SPORTS



For a story on the men's basketball game against BYU in the opening round of the MWC Championships, go to [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com).



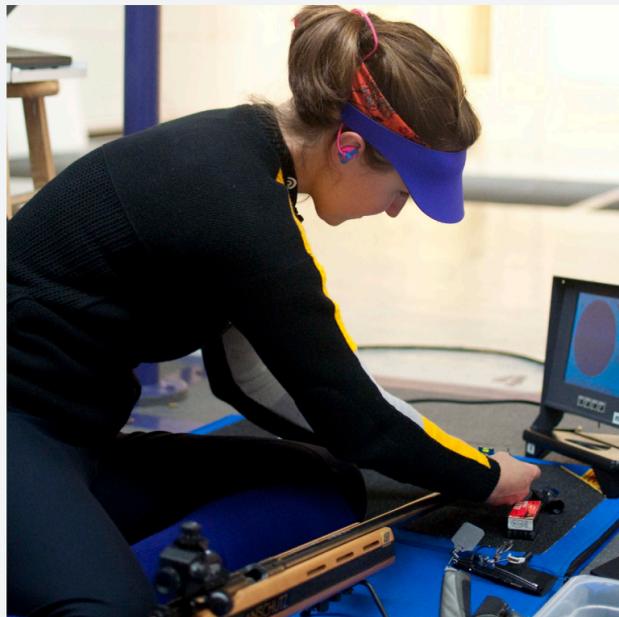
## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

## DYNAMIC DUO



Freshman Sarah Scherer peers down her sights in practice at the TCU range on Oct. 26.

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Freshman Sarah Beard prepares for her next shot in practice at the TCU range on Oct. 26.

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## Rifle team owes success this season in part to team of two

By Jessica Reho  
Staff Writer

With two talented freshmen shooters on the same team — sharing the same name — things can get a little confusing. Sarah Scherer and Sarah Beard have played an instrumental role in the rifle team's success this season, and they've also become fast friends.

"We call each other clones," Beard said. "It's just fun, it's interesting with two Sarahs."

Head coach Karen Monez said the duo has added incredible depth to this year's team. She also claimed responsibility

for Beard's nickname: Palin, after the former vice presidential candidate.

"One of her favorite hobbies is hunting, so there's a connection there, and she kind of resembles a young Sarah Palin," Monez said. "You might call her a little bit more conservative than most. It just kind of stuck."

Beard, a mathematics major and Army ROTC member from Danville, Ind., said she signs everything as "Palin," and the nickname is on all of her equipment, too.

Scherer, a movement science major from Fort Worth,

said that as the two have gotten to know each other better, they've realized they have more in common than their first names.

For both women, an interest in shooting is a family affair. Beard's father, William Beard, was a member of the U.S. Shooting Team during the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Scherer's brother, Stephen Scherer, was a member of the 2008 Olympic team in air rifle and also attends TCU. Scherer said she was only 9 years old when she started shooting, and she credits her brother for her start.

Representing USA Shooting, the national governing body for the sport of shooting, both Scherer and Beard traveled to Munich, Germany in January to compete in the Bavarian International Airgun Championships.

Scherer competed in the Women's Air Rifle competition and finished 11th. Beard competed in the Junior Women's Air Rifle competition and finished 21st.

For Beard, the event was her first international match, and she said it was very exciting. Both her dad and Scherer had competed there before.

She said the competition really helped her shooting because she was able to observe world-class shooters in action.

"I'm used to only seeing U.S. shooters, and there was a lot more variety over there," Beard said. "If I needed to work on a position, I could see what others were doing for that position."

Scherer will return to Munich in August to represent the U.S. in the 50th International Shooting Sport Federation World Championships. She, along with three of her teammates — including Beard — took part in the Spring Airgun Championships this past

month. Scherer was one of six shooters to be named to the World Championship team.

She qualified in third place with 1796.4 points, behind two-time Olympian Emily Caruso and Jamie Beyerle, a 2008 Olympian. Monez said Scherer is the first shooter to accomplish this in her six years of coaching at TCU.

TCU will host the NCAA 2010 Rifle Championships this weekend. This will be the second year in a row that TCU has hosted. With any luck, the two Sarahs have three more years of competing together to look forward to.

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## WOMEN'S RIFLE

## Team to host NCAA champs

By Parker Fleming  
Staff Writer

The TCU women's rifle team will host the NCAA Rifle Championships this weekend, as seven other teams from across the country (Alaska-Fairbanks, West Virginia, Kentucky, Army, Navy, Murray State and Nebraska) travel to Fort Worth to determine the best guns in the nation.

The rifle competition consists of two parts: the air rifle shooting and the smallbore. It

takes place after an outstanding season by the Horned Frogs, where they only lost one head-to-head event, and earned first in the two major tournaments they entered.

TCU is hosting the event for the second year in a row, after claiming the No. 5 spot in the nation last season.

Senior Erin Lorenzen will lead the rifle team and has been awarded the team's Most Valuable Player Award for three straight years. The other four athletes slated to participate for the Frogs this

weekend are senior Simone Riford, and freshmen Sarah Beard, Caitlin Morrissey and Sara Scherer.

#### NCAA Rifle Championships

**When:** Saturday-Sunday  
**Where:** Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Tickets can be purchased at a price of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

## GOLF

## Frog golfers head to tournaments

By Kylie Osterloh  
Staff Writer

The golf teams will travel to compete in their respective invitational tournaments this weekend.

The men's team will play at the Southern Highlands Collegiate Masters in Las Vegas. The Frogs finished ninth overall in the John Hayt Collegiate Invitational earlier in the month.

The women's team will compete in the Tiger/Wave Classic in New Orleans. The tournament roster consists of 23

teams, nine of which are currently ranked among the top-20 programs in the nation.

The Lady Frogs posted a second place team finish in their last tournament. Sophomore Rachel Raastad, senior Valentine Derrey and junior Melissa Loh were among the top-10 individual finishers.

This weekend, Raastad, Derrey and Loh, as well as sophomore Brooke Beeler and freshman Louise Kristersson, are included in the line-up.

#### Men's Golf

Southern Highlands Collegiate Masters  
**When:** March 12-14, All day  
**Where:** Las Vegas

#### Women's Golf

Tiger/Wave Classic  
**When:** March 12-14, All day  
**Where:** New Orleans

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