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FACULTY REWARDS

Student feedback won't affect pay raises

By Elle Cahalan
Staff Reporter

Some public universities in Texas plan to reward professors who receive high marks on student evaluations, but TCU will not join these efforts anytime soon, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

The university is always willing to consider new ways to reward faculty, Boschini wrote in an e-mail. However, he would like to see research on the subject, he added.

At Texas A&M University, up to \$10,000 will be awarded to professors who rank highest on end-of-semester evaluations,

said Rod Davis, manager of communications media at Texas A&M. Davis said he and the university's student government see this as a positive way to acknowledge professors. Others, however, including some faculty members, are skeptical of students evaluating professors and worry that this system could encourage professors to make their courses easier.

Manochehr Dorraj, professor of political science, said he sees positives to A&M's policy, crediting the institution for rewarding good teaching and encouraging faculty to invest more time in their work. However, he remains wary of potential dangers, he said.

Dorraj said a drawback could be the temptation for professors to make their courses easier to cater to the students because faculty whose classes are more difficult are sometimes evaluated negatively by students who are just looking for an easy A.

A peer-review process could help decide whether a faculty member should receive the bonus, he said.

"I like to think most of our students are mature enough to distinguish between a good professor and an easy one," Dorraj said. "But at the same time, I have come across faculty who get poor evaluations because they teach a demanding course."

The A&M system implemented the Student Led Awards for Teaching Excellence last semester at its main College Station campus in addition to its Kingsville and Prairie View campuses, Davis said.

Students were responsible for making questionnaires, distributing them to faculty and evaluating them. The professors voluntarily chose to participate, Davis said.

"We purposely set this up so that it would be student-run," Davis said.

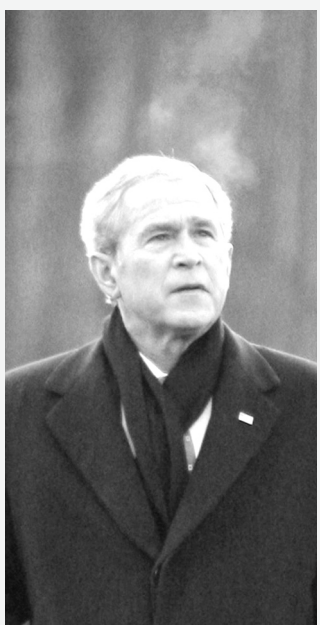
The student senate voted to approve the system, while the faculty senate voted

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History will remember Bush as a leader with good intentions. Opinion, page 3

WASHINGTON — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, charged with trying to sell the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by President Barack Obama, considered offering it to talk show star Oprah Winfrey. — Reuters

CORRECTION

A story in Friday's Skiff excluded a step in the process of ratifying a proposed sports broadcasting major. The proposal must first be approved by the Undergraduate Council, which reviews the proposal to verify it meets the minimum standards, including hours required and the specific path for the major, before it goes before the University Council.

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ERIC ANDERSON / Staff Reporter

Sophomore social work major Shelly Newkirk uses her meal plan to get breakfast at Market Square. A new meal plan option allows students to use their meal plan swipes at Bistro Burnett in the library and Sub Connection in the Neeley School of Business.

Official: To-go option widely used

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

Students are making good use of a new to-go dining option, campus officials said.

Simply To-Go, which opened Jan. 19 at Sub Connection, allows students on any of the Silver, Gold or Platinum Frog Pass plans to purchase a pre-packaged sandwich or salad meal that includes a fountain beverage and the choice between a cookie, fruit or a bag of chips for the cost of a swipe, said Legia Abato, marketing manager of Dining Services.

The pre-packaged meals are not made by Sub Connection, she said, and if students want to order off the menu, they

will have to pay with Frog Bucks.

"We've heard consistently that there was a need for food service on the east side of campus that would be part of the meal plan," Abato said. "It seems to be well-received thus far."

Abato said students with the Frog Pass Limited plans currently cannot use them at Simply To-Go. The initial talks between the university and Dining Services did not plan for the inclusion of the Frog Pass Limited plans, she said.

Some students have expressed interest in Dining Services allowing the limited plans to function at Simply To-Go, Abato said. If Simply To-Go is successful, the Frog Pass Limited plans will probably be added to the program, Abato said.

Frank Horak, supervisor of Sub Connection, said his staff had to adapt to the newfound sandwich demand.

"We've had to bring in more sandwiches every day as the business has increased tremendously," Horak said.

Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services, said the university decided to offer Simply To-Go because students needed a convenient eatery that was both on the east side of campus and covered by the Frog Pass.

"We had about 32 participants on the first day, and it has steadily grown," Flores said.

Amanda Simmons, freshman business

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SAT

Policy lets students pick scores by test date

University's policy remains despite College Board option

By Lizzy Karoly
Staff Reporter

A new SAT score-reporting option that allows students more flexibility in the college application process will not affect TCU, a university official said.

The College Board option, Score Choice, allows students to decide which scores — by test date — universities will be able to see, said Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admissions.

Waggoner said the university will continue to use its policy of accepting applicants' highest scores from each section, regardless of test dates.

Students applying to TCU may use Score Choice to submit their scores, but it might not be in their interests to do so because the admissions office will only be able to see scores from one test date, Waggoner said. This means the university might not be seeing students' best scores from all three sections of the test, he said. However, students will also have the option of using Score Choice to send scores from multiple test dates, he said.

Alana Klein, a communications and marketing director for the College Board, said colleges and universities have always set their own admissions policies and with Score Choice, they will continue to do so.

"With Score Choice, the College Board is giving colleges and universities the opportunity to clearly express their score-use practices to students on CollegeBoard.com," Klein said.

Klein said Score Choice was designed to reduce student stress and enhance the test-taking experience for students.

But Score Choice will probably not

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NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE "YEAR IN IDEAS"

17th-century economics inspire professor's proposal

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay
Staff Reporter

Economics professor Stephen Quinn has a theory about saving the economy, and The New York Times Magazine noticed.

The magazine published Quinn's theory — the Quinn Solution — in its "Year in Ideas" issue last month.

Quinn proposes to set up a government-sponsored corporation that would swap debt for ownership of the corporation's stock by putting all U.S. mortgage-backed securities in one pot that would be distributed in equal shares to the banks contributing to the pool. There is a lot of debt that banks cannot sell because those securities are all unique, and no one really knows how much they should pay to buy them,



Quinn

Quinn said.

The online auction site eBay is a good way to illustrate this point, Quinn said.

"eBay makes its living on learning to sell one-of-a-kind things," Quinn said. "No one really knows how much to sell a unique salt and pepper shaker for, so you put it on eBay and find out."

The ultimate goal of taking these different assets and putting them together is to create a price that can be bought and sold, Quinn said.

"All the banks give up heterogeneous assets and in return get an equal claim on a common thing," Quinn said. "When you

"Having your picture taken in the 'New York Times' without being indicted will make your mom happy."

Stephen Quinn

economics professor

get a lot of the same thing out there, the whole market can pop up fast because then people will buy and sell because they know a set price."

Quinn said he borrowed the idea from the English government when it was in a similar situation in the 1690s. England was

greatly indebted from borrowing money for wars before implementing the concept of common assets to create a set price that everyone could agree on, he said.

"They took something they couldn't sell and turned it into something they could sell," Quinn said. "The thing is, it works. They did it in 1697 and again in 1711, and they took 80 percent of the British national debt and reorganized it this way."

Quinn said getting his idea published in The New York Times Magazine was not his original intention. He was approached by Stephen Mihm, a writer for the magazine, after Quinn posted his idea in a blog on the Wall Street Journal Web site last September, he said. He was contacted by Mihm to verify that it was indeed his blog post

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NEWS

Obama's ease in cultures weird to some, cool to others

By Dahleen Glanton
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — For many young Americans, there was nothing special about watching President Barack Obama on the dance floor, bumping his hips against his partner's to the beat of Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours." After all, this was in keeping with the country they grew up in, a place where black and white culture meld into something wholly American.

"This is why the younger generation supported him," said Rudolph Byrd, a professor of African-American studies at Emory University in Atlanta.

"Black culture has become part of American culture for black and white youths, and culture is the foundation for the formation of identity," Byrd said. "In their eyes, Obama is a real cool guy, like Will Smith. He's like the hip black friend you have, so it was never a stretch for them to visualize him as president."

For some Americans, Obama's ease and embrace of black culture might take some getting used to.

After all, it's safe to say that no president in history could have moved as smoothly as Obama did on Inauguration Day between contrasting environments. Hours after taking the oath of office in a solemn ceremony on the steps of the Capitol, the president was busting a move at the Youth Ball and slow dancing to Beyonce at the Neighborhood Ball. In between, he managed to perfect the traditional presidential waltz with the first lady at more stately affairs such as the Commander-in-Chief Ball.

His ease on the dance floor sparked an observation from actor Jamie Foxx. "You could tell that's a black president by the way he was moving," Foxx cracked to the media.

There is no doubt, observers said, that the president is at ease with the vernacular and cultural mannerisms commonly associated with African-Americans. Obama, a Harvard-educated lawyer, is as comfortable conversing with hip-hop artists as addressing the world as the American president. Recently during a visit to Ben's Chili Bowl in Washington, Obama paid his bill and answered "we straight" when the waitress asked if he wanted change back. In introducing the first lady at several balls, he referred to her as "the one who brung me." And at one point, he used the term "old school," in referring to the music of an earlier generation.

When greeting men he knew, Obama often exchanged the "brotherhood clasp," grabbing the other's hand, pulling shoulders together and slapping the back. It is a gesture that was born in the hip-hop culture, and for many men, it is considered more masculine than hugging and more personal than a handshake.

"It is a cultural hug that transcends race, shows affection, camaraderie and respect," said Ben-



ZBIGNEW BZDAK / Chicago Tribune via MCT
President Barack Obama dances at The Neighborhood Ball on the evening of his inauguration as the 44th U.S. President in Washington on Jan. 20.

jamin Chavis, former executive director of the NAACP who now is the president of the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network. "It says used to.

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actor

to a man that I not only am glad to see you, but I respect you.

"What it tells us about President Obama is that he stands in the middle of two generations. He is old enough to relate very well to the civil rights generation but also young enough to relate to the hip-hop generation, and that is why he got such enthusiastic support," Chavis said. "Obama is the first urban president, and he celebrates what it means to live in an urban center."

As the hip-hop culture, born three decades ago in the South Bronx among blacks and Latinos, has become more mainstream over the past two decades, the gestures and lingo generated there have become more acceptable in the general population. It is now common for white men to greet one another with the brotherhood clasp. These days, young people listen to the same music, wear the same kinds of clothes and speak the same language.

Obama also walks with a swagger, a motioned step common with young black men, according to Bryant Marks, a social psychologist at Morehouse College.

"It's not overly done, but it's there," Marks said, explaining that in the black community it means general confidence and attitude in a man's walk. "He is an educated black man, but there is no indication that he is selling out his blackness or compromising his black identity. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, there is a ca-

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major, said she is a big fan of Simply To-Go.

"I think it's more convenient because you don't have to use Frog Bucks," she said.

Emily Silva, freshman business major, said she enjoyed the convenience of the new option as well.

"A lot of my classes are over here, and I have short breaks," Silva said.

Abato said students have to wait three hours after using Simply To-Go before they can use their swipe cards again at Market Square. The three-hour pause is a "meal zone," which is the time period when students will be satisfied after eating a

meal, she said.

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before asking if the magazine could publish his idea in its prestigious annual issue, he said.

The issue compiles ideas that helped make the previous 12 months "for better or worse," according to the magazine.

"I tossed out a blog and they liked

it, and it just picked up from there," Quinn said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he was excited for Quinn's accomplishment and glad that he was receiving proper recognition for his outstanding work.

"Anytime you get something you wrote in The New York Times, that's a big deal," Boschini said. "It's a really wonderful accomplishment. We have a lot of faculty at TCU who are

dence and rhythm in his speech. When you hear him speak, you know that he is black."

Obama sometimes stirred controversy during the campaign among those who did not understand the meaning of his gestures.

He was criticized when he brushed his shoulder with his hand during a debate. It was a reference to a song by hip-hop mogul Jay-Z — an artist whose music Obama has said he has on his iPod — called "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," referring to brushing off undue criticism that is hurled at you. And famously, Obama and his wife were questioned about the fist bump they gave each other, a common expression of congratulations.

Jennifer Lena, a sociology professor at Vanderbilt University, said that while such gestures are common among young people, they can be confusing to older generations.

"There is clearly a conversation going on about whether I have been left out or that everyone is laughing and I don't understand," Lena said. "People want to feel included in the conversation, but there is a big cultural divide in America. So the work that happens next is to try to bridge that divide without changing the (cultural) things that are important to America."

Todd Boyd, a professor of race and popular culture at the University of Southern California, said Obama's inauguration represented a new generation coming into power.

"If you are part of that generation, you expected to see Beyonce and Kanye West performing at the inauguration," Boyd said. "You would expect that the president, as a young African-American man married to an African-American woman, would bring something very different to the office of the presidency than his predecessors. The older generation might feel irrelevant. But to people of this generation, it feels like a coming of age."

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experts in their area, so it's just nice to see one of them recognized."

Despite national recognition and peer approval, Quinn said that hasn't been the most rewarding part of the experience.

"The best part of the experience was making my mother happy," Quinn said. "Having your picture in The New York Times without being indicted will make your mom happy."

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against it, he said. "Some faculty have said this is a popularity contest," Davis said. "They can say that if they want to, but it's kind of an insult to the students, who are the ones formulating the questionnaire."

Frank Ashley, vice chancellor for academic affairs at Texas A&M, assisted the students in areas that required expertise, such as polling the questions and calculating the statistics to evaluate them, Davis said.

Five hundred faculty members from the three campuses chose to participate and be evaluated last semester, Davis said. The results are currently being tabulated and will be released in late

February.

Funding for the faculty awards came from a grant that A&M system Chancellor Michael D. McKinney took out of a \$1 million budget. McKinney is seeking \$12 million to extend the program to each of Texas A&M's nine campuses, Davis said.

Davis has not heard any complaints from students concerning this system, and said he sides with the student leadership in supporting the idea.

"These teachers don't get paid enough, he said. "So if they do a good job, let's help them out and encourage them."

Such a system would probably not be necessary at TCU because good teaching is so highly valued, Dorraj said. Relationships between students and profes-

sors are very important and professors are encouraged to invest time into their teaching, he said.

Matt Maurer, sophomore business major, said he thinks that implementing such a reward system at TCU could potentially lower the integrity of the staff. He said that while faculty may not blatantly make their courses easier, professors might curve more exams, lessening the gap between the student who works hard and the one who just gets by.

Dorraj said he would never make his classes easier for a pay raise, even if TCU decided to adopt a system similar to that of Texas A&M's.

"Nothing worth while comes easy in life," he said.

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end up helping students, said Robert Schaeffer, the public education director of FairTest, an organization dedicated to preventing the misuse of standardized tests.

"Score Choice was designed to ease student stress, but now it is even more confusing and more stressful for students," Schaeffer said.

Score Choice adds more gamesmanship in the college admission process, Schaeffer said.

He said many schools such as Yale, Stanford, USC and Cornell are just a few that will not be implementing Score Choice and will stick with their own policies.

Jason Locke, a director of undergraduate admission at Cornell University, said the Score Choice program will lead to students taking the SAT more times than they should.

"Contrary to the College Board's statement that they hoped

to 'reduce student stress and improve the test-day experience' with this new option, we believe that Score Choice will only encourage more students to take the test many more times than is necessary," Locke wrote in an e-mail.

Locke said they also believe that students will needlessly agonize over which scores to submit as part of the admissions application process.

Waggoner said the general view among college admissions is that SAT scores belong to students, but an individual college can create a policy that requires students to send all of their SAT scores.

"The policy is between the student and college," Waggoner said. "The student can still choose which scores to send, but that student must decide if they are going to be in violation of the college's policy."

Another controversy surrounding Score Choice involves lower-income families. Schaeffer said Score Choice gives more ad-

vantages to kids who can afford to take the test more often.

Klein said the College Board doesn't recommend students take the test more than twice. The organization has an extensive fee-waiver program for low-income students, she said.

Schaeffer said the College Board gives low-income families two fee waivers.

Waggoner said the majority of students only take the test once or twice.

"TCU encourages students to take the test more than once, but after that it is not really necessary," Waggoner said.

Klein said Score Choice was created because of an overwhelming amount of student requests to have more control over their scores.

Despite the student requests, Schaeffer said FairTest believes that the best answer of all is to "de-emphasize standardized tests and end the game all together,"

The new policy will be implemented beginning with the March test dates, Klein said.

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The Skiff View

Meal plan changes executed prematurely

Like most recent changes to the university's dining plan, the Simply To-Go option added last Monday has been met with both praise and criticism.

The new option is Dining Services' response to concerns raised by students who weren't able to use their swipes on the east side of campus. The creation of the Simply To-Go program demonstrates Dining Services' commitment to students' needs, and it has resolved the issue of students not being able to purchase meals while on the east side of campus.

After its first week, the program seems to be a success, and some students have already expressed their appreciation for the convenience it offers. It has also increased Sub Connection's business "tremendously," said Frank Horak, Sub Connection supervisor.

However, the new plan also has some limitations that seem unnecessary and might actually negate the convenience factor that the plan was designed to provide.

The most obvious of these limitations is the three-hour period after using Simply To-Go during which students can't use their swipe cards at Market Square. The three-hour period, which Dining Services has termed the "meal zone," is the time in which students will be satisfied after eating, said Legia Abato, Dining Services marketing manager.

Although this restriction probably won't lead to any huge protests among the student body, it does seem unreasonable. Students should be able to decide what they eat and when they eat, especially with their widely varying class schedules, and Dining Services should not have the authority to tell them when they are and are not satisfied after eating at Sub Connection.

Another problem with the plan is that it is only available to students on the Silver, Gold and Platinum Frog Pass plans. Those on the Frog Pass Limited plan, which is open to Tom Brown-Pete Wright residents, are left out of the program completely.

Although Dining Services continues to make changes in response to student concerns, fewer changes would be necessary if Dining Services would more fully consider their actions before implementing them.

News editor Logan Wilson for the editorial board.

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

Bush led country with good intentions



CHANCE WELCH

The sun has set on George W. Bush's administration. The president who will be known for his Texan accent rode off into the sunset to reside in Dallas. While all of this sounds like it's straight out of a John Wayne western, his critics are busy painting a much different picture. They aren't debating whether he was a bad president but whether he was one of the worst in U.S. history. Only time will tell what Bush's legacy will be, but right now we can look at what has happened during the past eight years.

While the Iraq War and the war on terror are two important parts of it, it's easy to overlook domestic policies like the No Child Left Behind Act, healthcare initiatives and the economic bailout plan, which will have far-reaching effects into the future. Sure, the events as they are unfolding seem to appear one way, but hindsight is 20/20.

In the past, historians have looked at former presidents, like Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter, who left office with low approval ratings with a different perspective. Not many people are quick to point out how Nixon opened up U.S.-China trade relations (for better or worse) or how Carter was a pivotal part of the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel.

Here's an interesting idea: Let's look at some of the bright spots from the past eight years.

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Bush's approval ratings were riding extremely high on the waves of patriotism. The administration's first move to track down al-Qaida's mastermind Osama bin Laden and dismantle the Taliban, which sheltered him in Afghanistan, was met with popularity within the U.S.

He had a "Coalition of the Willing," a group whose member-nations have mostly scaled back in involvement since the contentious War in Iraq. CIA analysts suggest that the U.S. came close to capturing bin Laden in the mountainous region of Pakistan. Although we didn't find bin

Laden, the Taliban was dismantled for the most part, and an effort was made to democratize and stabilize the government.

What a difference a few years and another war can make.

In his January 2003 State of the Union address, Bush said Saddam Hussein was trying to obtain materials for weapons of mass destruction like "yellowcake" uranium in Niger. But upon further investigation, the evidence (like the "yellowcake" report that turned out to be forged) started to waver but by this time, we were already entrenched in two countries. With the attention shifting to Iraq, our operations in Afghanistan suffered.

Last year was the deadliest for service-

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men in Afghanistan since the initial invasion in late 2001. With articles like "Biden Arrives In Afghanistan to Discuss the War," which ran Jan. 10 in *The New York Times* suggesting we had lost our footing in Afghanistan with the resurgence of the Taliban, this bright spot easily fell into darkness.

Also announced in a 2003 State of the Union Address was an ambitious plan to put \$15 billion into the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a plan that would end up saving millions of people with wide-reaching treatments.

In my mind, Bush will be remembered as a president who had good intentions to spread democracy and aid across the world but whose misguided attempts to follow through ended up alienating his countrymen and the rest of the world.

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Obama's education secretary has history of helping schools

President Barack Obama's choice for Education Secretary signals two important advances in public education: a push for continued reforms and a coming period of detente in the education wars.

Chicago schools chief Arne Duncan is a change agent. He has shaken up the status quo with support for charter schools, performance pay and strict accountability for struggling schools.

He has gotten results.

In just seven years, Duncan boosted elementary test scores in Chicago from 38 percent of students meeting standards to 67 percent. The dropout rate in the country's third-largest school system has gone down every year under Duncan's tenure.

A laser-like focus on academic improvement has not put him at odds with teachers and their unions. Duncan has a reputation for reaching out to teachers, according to Randi Weingarten, head of the 1.4 million-member American Federation of Teachers.

Another thing to like about Duncan is his reputation for compromise and for embracing wide-ranging reforms. Like the incoming president, Duncan

is not rooted to any education ideology other than academic excellence for all. It is a nimble stance that has allowed the 44-year-old Harvard graduate to sidestep the "you're either for us or against us" traps often present in education-reform debates.

Duncan promises to lead the nation's public-education systems, from kindergarten to college, with the same boldness and innovation he has shown in Chicago.

Duncan has been unhesitant about shutting down failing schools and he supports paying educators for improved school performance. Reform-minded superintendents across the nation would find support in this nominee.

Another thing to like about Duncan is his steadfastness. Amid angst over the No Child Left Behind Act, Duncan has remained supportive of the law's overarching principles. He was among urban school superintendents who this summer urged Congress not to back away from the law's strict accountability requirements.

During that same moment before Congress, Duncan stressed the

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importance of "challenging the status quo, pushing the envelope and driving change." Public education will go through some challenging times ahead and Duncan ought not forget his words.

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Warm colors may help recession



JACKIE BURLISON

The malls were packed, elaborate sale signs hung decoratively in store windows and anxious souls swarmed the racks searching for the perfect gifts to go under the tree, but nobody bought much.

Despite the garland and 20-inch snowflakes, shoppers were in low spirits this holiday season.

Perhaps it's the economy or the warm weather that kept wallets shut this past December.

Whatever the reason may be, designers don't seem to be affected. After attending the Dallas Market Center this past weekend, I noticed that in the upcoming season buyers were in no way holding back on their spending.

Instead, they tended to buy more than normal, which I found very unusual considering the hard year many retailers faced. It made me wonder — was this the right move to take after the huge economic downfall we recently faced?

But besides buyers' huge spending behavior, I also noticed the re-emergence of bright colors in the market. Colorful, bubble-gum type clothes, the kind of garments that make you giddy and happy are sure to be in style this spring.

I suppose the theory is if we can make people happy with clothes, then they will shop. For years, scientists

have studied the physical, cognitive and emotional effects of colors. So far, they found that cool colors evoke a peaceful environment, and bright colors excite and warm the body. Color therapy works much like

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aromatherapy, and it is becoming equally as popular.

During the spring fashion shows, designers took advantage of the effects of colors by presenting bright and vibrant clothing lines.

Zac Posen showed a series of willowy yellow dresses and blouses, and John Galiano's designs ranged in color from cherry red to lime sorbet greens.

Children's prints are in full swing too, with Michael Kors' picnic table plaid and Lanvin's super-tailored, Minnie Mouse-style polka dot dress.

High-end designers aren't alone in the color craze. Shopping mall stores have also started pulling out the color wheel. For example, the window display at Express in the Hulen Mall has

mannequins dressed in jazzy dresses and shiny tanks.

Go head-to-toe with the playground cheer or tone down a bright blouse with dark or neutral bottoms.

If you walk out of your house this season looking unusually bright, fun and young, rest assured that you are doing your part to restore the economy and well-being of the community. Now skip on to the mall for a happier U.S.

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NEWS

Layers of wall graffiti unveil stories of Iraq war

By Leila Fadel
McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq is a nation of walls: tall concrete blast walls built during the past six years, ancient mud-brick barricades that date to antiquity and walls built of various materials from the centuries in between. The newest walls protect Iraqis from one another, but they also divide families. They separate the government from the people, and foreigners from Iraqis.

The walls don't just stand there; they're a constantly changing record of recent history.

Idyllic murals of flowers and scenic canoe rides mask bullet holes and graffiti, and campaign posters for the candidates who are running in provincial elections Jan. 31 paper many of the remaining

"God knows, in a day, in a second, things could change and this wall could change again. We used to see dead bodies thrown here. We never imagined that police would control this area."

Bassam al-Hamadi
Fallujah police officer

free surfaces.

Peel away the layers, however, and you'll find Iraq's recent history: the U.S.-led invasion nearly six years ago, the Sunni Muslim insurgency, a sectarian war and now low-level but steady violence in a year of elections.

In two neighborhoods, one that surrounds a water-purification plant in the Sunni city of Fallujah, the other in Baghdad's poor Shiite Muslim district of Amil, once controlled by the Mahdi Army militia

of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, two walls tell two histories of the last six years.

Fallujah

It was in Fallujah that the U.S.-led invasion came to grief. Sunnis, disenfranchised and marginalized by an invasion that gave dominance to Iraq's Shiite majority, lost their jobs when the U.S. disbanded Saddam Hussein's army and closed factories. Homegrown rebel groups allied with the foreign-led insurgents of al-Qaida in Iraq rather than tolerate a Western military on their soil.

The province rebelled, and two punishing U.S. offensives devastated Fallujah. Ultimately, though, the province was unwilling to live under the harsh interpretation of Islam that al-Qaida in Iraq enforced after declaring the region an Islamic state, and the Sunni Awakening movement to drive it out was born. The province is relatively calm now.

Along the low stucco wall that snakes around the water plant, Bassam al-Hamadi has stood guard for four years and watched the face of the wall change.

Spray-painted on the wall are the words "God Bless Saddam." Another layer of spray paint obscures some of the words. A banner covers both: "Choose from those who guide you to the good, not those who cheat you." It's by the Independent Bloc of One Homeland, a party that opposes the decentralized federal structure sought by Kurds and the most powerful Shiite party in Iraq, the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq. The Independent Bloc of One Homeland, like many Sunnis, fears that this would break Iraq into three nations.

It's one party of hundreds that are vying for seats on the provincial council, and its slogan brings the wall into 2009, when more than 14,500 candidates are competing for about 440 seats in provincial assemblies.

Hamadi peeled away one poster



Bassam al-Hamadi has stood guard at this wall in Fallujah, Iraq, for four years. He says the wall tells the "story of our horror."

LEILA FIDEL via MCT

to reveal what was underneath.

"Long live al Qaida," it read. "Down with the Iraqi police." Spray paint masks that slogan, and there's new graffiti proclaiming: "Long live the Anbar Revolutionists."

Hamadi gingerly restored the poster, which showed Abdul Sattar Abu Risha, a Sunni sheik who's credited with sowing the seeds of the Awakening movement, which turned on al-Qaida in Iraq in Anbar province. He was killed in a car bombing in 2007.

Today, women in Fallujah show their faces, and residents once again smoke on the streets. On this wall alone, the faces of two female provincial council candidates smile from posters.

"This wall tells the story of our horror," Hamadi said. "God knows, in a day, in a second, things could change and this wall could change again. We used to see dead bod-

ies thrown here. We never imagined that police would control this area."

Amil

In the streets of the Amil neighborhood in Baghdad, where sectarian warfare controlled the lives of poor Shiites and the few Sunnis who weren't run out, Sadr still watches from the billboards. The firebrand Shiite cleric, who inherited a grassroots movement of the poor and disenfranchised from his dead father, is shown in prayer above the traffic that flows into the neighborhood.

The Sadrists started out as the protectors of the Shiites and a national resistance movement, but evolved into sectarian killers and extortionists in the eyes of many, and the apparent support that parts of the militia got from Iran further tarnished their image. Prime Min-

ister Nouri al-Maliki sent the Iraqi army to attack the Mahdi Army in southern Iraq and in Baghdad's Sadr City district, and many were killed, have fled or melted away.

Here, the writing on the wall tells the Shiite story: the creation of the Mahdi Army and its campaign against the U.S. military and the militia's Shiite rivals.

A wall surrounding a girls' school now is painted white, but the outline of the black Arabic script shows through.

"Just like Saddam, Badr will go," the slogan says. The line refers to the Badr Organization — the armed wing of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq — which has been absorbed into Iraq's national security forces. The top ledge of the wall is covered in rusted concertina wire embellished with discarded pink and yellow plastic bags that got caught on the razor-sharp teeth.

Girls leaving school sashay past the graffiti toward a national police checkpoint at the end of the road. Just over a year ago these checkpoints were manned by plainclothes militiamen.

"Let it be known, Bush, that your soldiers are under our control," the black-painted words read through the white paint. The militia and the man who decided to invade Iraq are no longer in power.

On top of all the other layers of graffiti, the latest to grace the wall in Amil is that of the national security forces, which report to Maliki. "Long live the National Police."

More layers are yet to be painted or plastered, but some have had enough of the chaos and mess, both on the walls and in political life.

"We should have clean walls and clean hearts," said Mohammed Jassim, 42, a barber in Amil.

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NFL

Great coaches make adjustments when it counts

By Sam Donnellon
Philadelphia Daily News

Coaching comparisons are inexact science. You win a championship with an emotional, wired-to-the-max guy like Tom Coughlin or Bill Cowher, well, then that's the way to go. You lose a game you should have won with either at the helm, then those sideline histrionics are construed as unsettling to your squad.

Is Andy Reid's demeanor a plus or a minus? Maybe it's a bit of both, good for weeklong preparation, lacking on game-day adjustments and overall mojo. Tom Landry couldn't win the big game for years and it was supposedly because of his stoical approach. Bill Belichick's sideline stoicism is supposed to give his team an edge. Strengths can be made to look like weaknesses. Weaknesses can be made to look like strengths.

So what to make of Arizona Cardinals second-year coach Ken Whisenhunt? Is he simply riding a wave here, a wave his team has built via lack of respect from the entire football community? Or is he a rising star a few years ahead of schedule, taking advantage of a National Football Conference filled with good-enough teams that just couldn't get out of their own way this season?

"I don't know that I ever saw myself a certain way as a head coach," Whisenhunt was saying recently. "What I've tried to do is emulate some of the great head coaches I've

been around — notably coach Cowher, coach (Joe) Gibbs and coach Dan Henning."

In his first 12 years with the Redskins, Gibbs got his team into four Super Bowls and won three. Cowher needed 14 seasons to win his one and only, denied by teams coached by more stoical figures like Marv Levy and Belichick.

Cowher was fiery. At one point in "What I've tried to do is emulate some of the great head coaches I've been around — notably coach Cowher, coach (Joe) Gibbs and coach Dan Henning."

Ken Whisenhunt
Arizona Cardinals coach

his career, it seemed to be getting in his way. He adjusted. Whisenhunt, his assistant for the last six of those seasons, took note.

"A lot of times when I'm in situations where it's tough and you have to make a tough decision or you're faced with something that's difficult, I think back to what those coaches would have done and what I learned from them. I'm very excited, obviously, that we're at this point and I

think the thing I'm the proudest of is that we have good team chemistry. That's not something you can just say you're going to have; that's something that develops, and it's a credit to our coaches and our players."

Well, yeah, OK. But it comes from the top. Talking to former Eagles like Sean Morey and Rod Hood while out there during the week preceding their NFC Championship Game, you get the impression that what Whisenhunt does have in common with Reid is this:

There are no four-alarm controversies in either man's locker room, at least among players, or players and coaches. He benched Edgerrin James in October in favor of rookie running back Tim Hightower, and then reinserted him after the embarrassing late-season loss to the Patriots. By Wednesday of last week, he had doused any cinders left from Anquan Boldin's fourth-quarter put in the NFC Championship Game.

There is a difference in approach, easily seen. He holds people accountable in a very personal — and public — way.

Whisenhunt will call out his team in public, as he did following an ugly 47-7 thrashing by the Patriots in late December. Whisenhunt has, upon several occasions, told the media what he told his players: "I said, 'You better be ready to practice this week and play because if you're not, you're not going to play in the play-off game.'"

"That's why you have the eight-



ERIC MENCHER / Philadelphia Inquirer via MCT

Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid, left, meets with Arizona Cardinals head coach Ken Whisenhunt after the Cardinals defeated the Eagles 32-25 in the NFC Championship game at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Phoenix on Jan. 18.

man inactive list on game day?"

Here's another big difference: His press conferences are a real exercise in sharing. With little or no prodding, he will still tell you that New England game was "embarrassing" and that he's "angry" about it. He's also run victory laps around the Cardinals' home dome this season, and in truth, they are related.

Whisenhunt seems like a college coach out in the desert, like a guy looking to establish a brand where none existed. Reid often cites the

importance of Eagles fans even as he stifles them of any meaningful dialogue in weekly briefings. As a result, you are never quite sure whether he's calling the plays or someone else is, whether those annoying timeouts, clock burning and stalled drives are a reflection of his limitations or that of others — like, say, the quarterback.

Yep, coaching comparisons are an inexact science. But when you use the same pass-first formula year after year and all you produce is a lot of fizz, then it would seem reasonable

to provide your funders with better explanations for who did what and when.

Might even make you a better coach.

"I'm not going to sit here and tell you that we have arrived, by any stretch of the imagination, because that's only something that time will tell," Whisenhunt said. "But I think that we have a bunch of players who believe in what we are doing. And we have excited people about the steps we have made."

DEPRESSION

London-based school teaches optimistic interpretation of life

By Laurie Goering
Chicago Tribune

LONDON — The third Monday in January is officially the most depressing day of the year. That's according to a Cardiff University psychologist's formula that takes into account wintry weather, unpaid Christmas debt, failed New Year's resolutions and the ratio of motivational levels to the amount of work that needs to be done.

But 100 or so adult students at London's storefront School of Life were laughing off the bad news Jan. 19, champagne glasses in hand, at a lecture on How to Be Optimistic.

With Britain heading into what may be its deepest recession in 60 years and many people struggling with everything from stock market losses to layoffs, "it's quite natural to feel pessimistic," said Jo Matthews, 26, a charity marketer attending the lecture. "But there are quite a lot of things to appreciate in life."

The unusual school — which tries to get across just that message — opened in October near London's Russell Square, in a long-shuttered storefront crammed between an Internet cafe and a hair salon. It aims to give paying clients a place "to think about the big questions," which include: what constitutes a meaningful job, how to live an ethical life, how to cope with and enjoy family, love relationships, politics and play.

"Sometimes we feel we had a lot of education but we weren't taught anything about relationships" or other important life concerns, said Sophie Howarth, a former curator of modern art who now directs the school. The drop-in classes, which start at about \$15 each, aim to give "the education we didn't get anywhere else."

The school's inviting front window is piled with books, teapots and plates of cookies; inside are works by authors from Henry David Thoreau to Studs Terkel offering advice on everything from turning over a new leaf to simply being good.

Downstairs, in a basement painted to resemble a cozy living room, students sit cross-legged on the floor to take in lectures or "sermons" on curiosity, humor, play, poetry or seduction, among other topics.

The school also offers regular "conversation meals" and eclectic weekend courses and outings aimed at helping people discover what they love about their job or whether they're in the right relationship.

The idea is "to raid the wealth of cultural experience from philosophy, arts and science, and treat that knowledge as a way of living today," Howarth said. "It's kind of all incredibly obvious, but that's what people find refreshing."

On Blue Monday, as the bleakest day of the year is known in London, students at the optimism lecture were urged to "unleash their

inner pessimist" and moan about that day's setbacks to a neighbor as headbanger music pounded. Then they tried to think of three things that had gone well during the day, big or small.

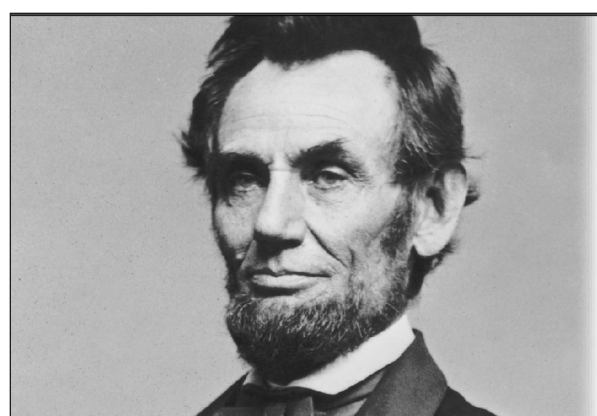
Taking a few moments every day to appreciate the good things in life is a clinically proven way to fight depression, said Laurence Shorter, the course instructor and a former businessman. Shorter has just released a book titled "The Optimist," drawn from his conversations with optimistic people around the world and his own search for "the brighter side of life" after a relationship breakdown and a sense the world's bad news was becoming overwhelming.

"Optimism is a style of interpreting reality," and bad news in particular, Shorter told the crowd. Bad things happen; the choice is how people feel about them.

In his experience, he said, the most optimistic people also are the most realistic ones, and religious faith has little to do with genuine optimism. Maintaining hope for a better future is key.

The evening ended as many of the School of Life courses do, with the crowd engrossed in conversation and only reluctantly leaving.

"There should be more stuff like this," said student Immanuel Bryson-Haynes, 25, a semiprofessional race car driver. "There's too much serious stuff in the world."



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FEATURES



Welcome "The Uninvited." Friday

Family, music among Niutei's loves

By Callie Mason
Staff Reporter

Balancing football, family, school and his ukulele is more than most can imagine.



Niutei

For Henry Niutei, however, it is a part of his daily life.

Henry Niutei, a junior communication studies major and a nose guard for the Horned Frog football team, was born in Fort Worth but raised in Euless by his Tongan-born mother and father. The Tonga is an archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean, south of Samoa.

"I like to think that I was Tongan raised, Texas made," Henry Niutei said.

Growing up Tongan in Euless was not as much of a culture shock as one might think because of the large Tongan population, Henry Niutei said.

"We were able to continue most of our Tongan traditions without any questions raised," he said.

The common attire for the Tongan culture for both men and women is the "lava-lava," a single rectangular cloth that

"I like to think that I was Tongan raised, Texas made."

Henry Niutei
Frog's nose guard

is worn much like a kilt or skirt. Henry Niutei still wears his lava-lava when he attends church in Euless.

"Sometimes I wear it around my room at school," he said. "My roommates are used to it by now. It is really comfortable. I think that I am very privileged because of my Tongan-American roots. I get the benefits of both worlds."

Henry's mother, Fehia Niutei, said that it was very important to her that her son continues the traditions from Tonga.

"We accept the American traditions as well, but we do not want to lose our Tongan roots," Fehia Niutei said.

The ukulele is a staple of the Tongan culture. Music plays a large role in many traditional festivities, Henry Niutei said. Growing up with the Tongan influence meant that there was always a ukulele or a guitar lying around the Niutei household.

"I do not remember who taught me how to play. It seems like everyone in my family plays the ukulele so I think that I just picked it up," Henry Niutei said.

He is all smiles as the music flows from the strings of

his ukulele. Swaying back and forth as he sings songs from every genre of music, he puts his own island spin on Shaggy's "Angel" and Bob Marley classics.

"I think that my brothers play better than me," Henry Niutei said.

Henry Niutei first expressed interest in football in elementary school. His parents enrolled him in Pee Wee football, which he said spiked his love of the game. His football career continued to Central Junior High and then to Trinity High School in Euless.

Fehia Niutei said the family had no question at all whether to enroll her son in football.

Henry Niutei decided to focus all of his strength on football. He viewed high school football as a chance to get out of Euless. He was contacted by TCU his senior year in high school with the news that he was being offered a full-ride scholarship to play football.

"We were so excited and blessed. We concentrated many of our prayers to our God that he would continue to guide and lead Henry where he was supposed to be," Fehia Niutei said. "We know God blessed Henry and our family with the opportunity to get his education paid for."

Henry Niutei said that family is one of the most important aspects of the Tongan culture and that being close to his family helped seal his conclusion to accept the opportunity at TCU. Josh Vernon, an offensive guard on the TCU football team, said that Henry Niutei has a way to make everyone feel like they are doing well. It is really important to him to include everyone on the team, he said.

Football continues to influence Henry Niutei in a positive way. Having a chance to be a part of a football team enhances his ability to bond with people that he may not normally be able to, Henry Niutei said.

"Football creates teamwork and unity. That is why I like it so much," Henry Niutei said.

Carie Kapellusch, an adjunct professor in communication studies, said that Henry Niutei's imposing size is an advantage on the football field but can be a disadvantage off the field. She said his size automatically stereotypes him as a typical football player but Henry Niutei is someone different than who he appears to be.

"He is a bit of a gentle giant," Kapellusch said.

Review Three 6 Mafia rapper now a solo standout

By Chance Welch
Features Editor

Lord Infamous (real name: Ricky Dunigan) worked his way up with the group Three 6 Mafia from the South Memphis, Tenn., projects in the mid '90s, releasing songs with horrific themes of violence.

Since Infamous' departure, his former bandmates DJ Paul and Juicy J have scored more radio-friendly hits like "Lolli Lolli (Pop That Body)" and an MTV reality show called "Adventures in HollyHood."

Infamous has stayed busy with a solo career releasing records through his own label Black Rain Entertainment. While he continues to collaborate with them, his third solo album, "After Sics," establishes him as a man apart.

The group even won an Academy Award for their song, "It's Hard out Here for a Pimp," from the "Hustle and Flow" film soundtrack.

At that time, Infa-

amous was said to be in jail, and with his absence the group hasn't really retained that gritty dark sound that defined them in their early years. For purists and hardcore fans alike, Infamous still holds true to unrelenting gruesome themes and borderline satanic imagery.

The album is a strong set of songs with mostly hits and few misses, featuring collaborations from other rappers on the Memphis scene like Mac Montese and II Tone. The production lends the songs a style that sounds like it's straight out of the soundtrack for "The Omen." Sure, it's not going to appeal to hip-hop crowds raised on the sleek sounds of Timbaland and The Neptunes, but the gritty sound lends itself toward a different target audience.

Songs like "Gonna Make It Shine" and "The Street" could receive radio play, but I doubt that it matters that much to Infamous. His style seems more suited to the underground, where his unique blend of horror can be embraced by hardcore fans.

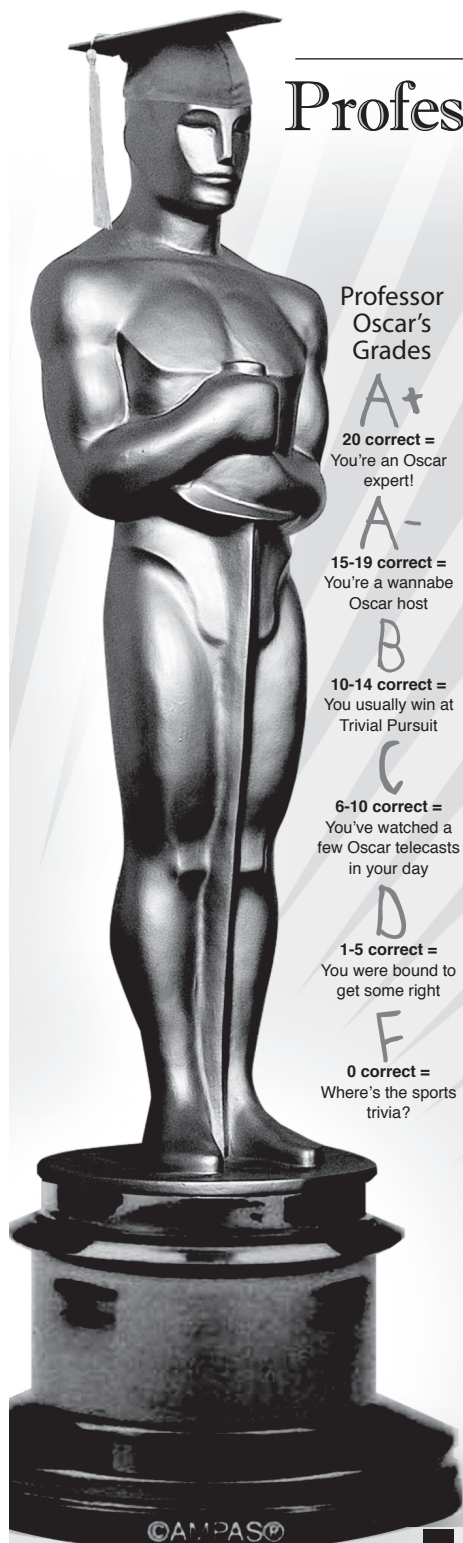
With "After Sics," Infamous has effectively stepped out of Three 6 Mafia's shadow. Fans hoping for a reunion will have to wait, but this album can tide them over until then.



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D
1-5 correct = You were bound to get some right

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1. What film won the most awards without winning Best Picture?
2. What film received only one nomination (for Best Picture) and won?
3. What country has won the most Best Foreign Language Film awards?
4. Name at least three of the seven foreign language films to be nominated for Best Picture.
5. What three films won the top five awards (picture, director, writing, actor and actress)?
6. What two films were nominated for 11 awards each, only to walk home with nothing?
7. What was the first color film to win Best Picture and what was the last black and white film to win Best Picture?
8. What film, which won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, is the longest movie to win an award (7 hours and 33 minutes)?
9. What individual has won the most awards?
10. What two Hollywood families have won an Oscar in three separate generations?
11. Name the only three women to be nominated for Best Director.
12. What two actors were each nominated for at least seven acting awards and never won?
13. Name the three people to win an acting award while starring in a foreign language film.
14. Name the three movies where all members of the cast were nominated for an acting Oscar.
15. Who are the youngest and oldest persons to have been nominated for an acting Oscar?
16. What is the shortest Oscar-winning performance?
17. Who holds the record for appearing in the most films before winning an Oscar?
18. What two actors won Oscars for playing the same person, but in different movies?
19. Name the only two Best Actor winners to direct their own Oscar-winning performance.
20. What was the last film to win Best Picture without a single acting nomination?

The Answers

1. Cabaret (1972) won 8 awards, with Best Director for the same film. John's daughter Angela won Best Supporting Actress for "Fritz's Honor" (1985) and "The Godfather Part II" (1974).
2. The Godfather Part II (1974) and The Godfather (1972).
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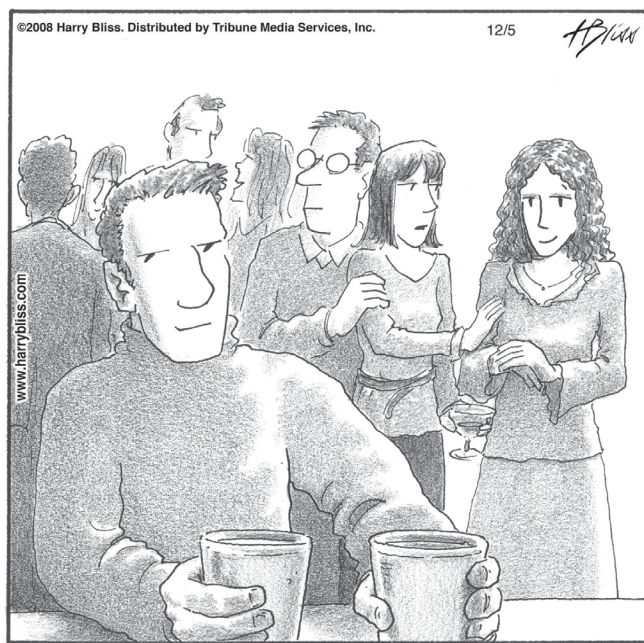
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Directions
 Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Friday's Solutions

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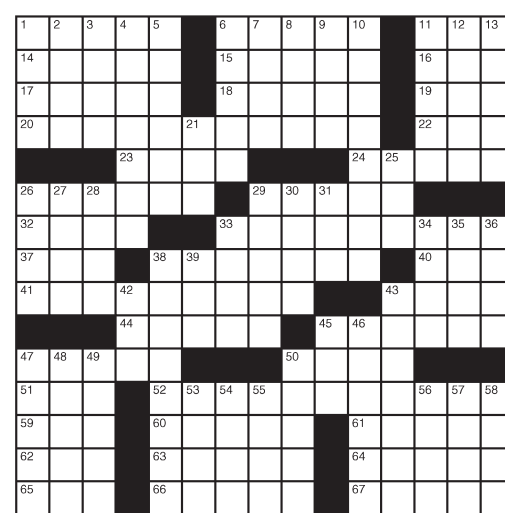
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 19 Raw mineral
 20 Start of a quip
 22 Triumph
 23 Fox chaser?
 24 Ocean speck
 26 Of poor quality
 29 Spoiled kids
 32 Blaze the trail
 33 Part 2 of quip
 37 Bobby of the Bruins
 38 DOA sites
 40 Coffee server
 41 Part 3 of quip
 43 Maniloba tribe
 44 Gray and Moran
 45 Lists of candidates
 47 Donkey calls
 50 Long, narrow inlets
 51 Set the pace
 52 End of quip
 59 Publishing grp.
 60 Concerning bees
 61 City on Baranof Island
 62 Dine
 63 Doggie catcher
 64 Range of the Rockies
 65 Superlative ending
 66 Martin of "Apocalypse Now"
 67 Borneo ape, briefly
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 1 Peru's capital
 2 First grandfather
 3 Actress Sorvino
 4 Fingered, in a way
 5 One way up



By Alan P. Olschwang
 Huntington Beach, CA

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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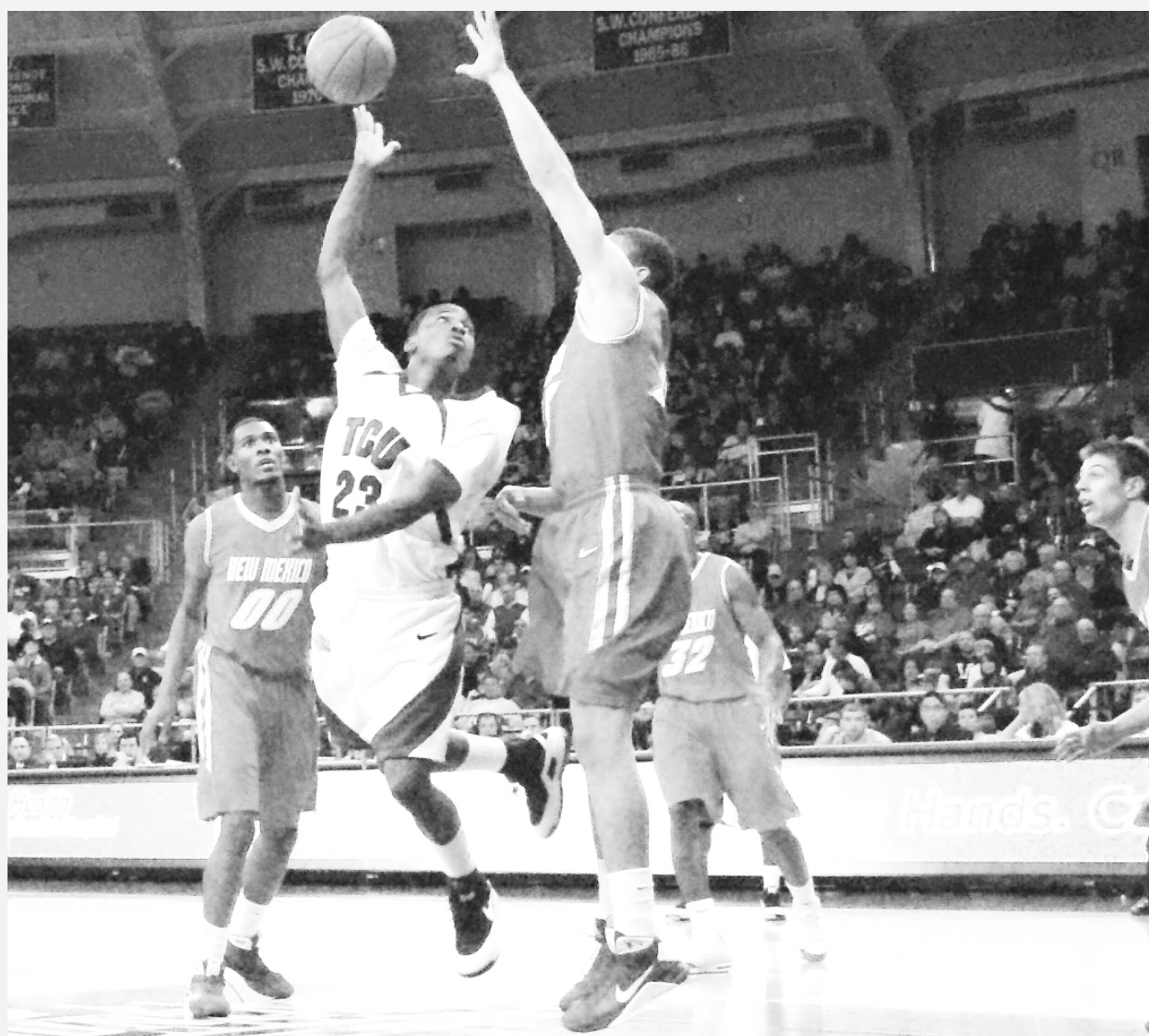
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OVER AND OUT



Freshman guard Kavon Rose attempts a shot over a New Mexico player during Saturday's 69-52 loss in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

PAIGIE McCARDLE / Design Editor

Team struggles at both ends in loss

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

The Horned Frogs missed the offensive presence of freshman guard Ronnie Moss in Saturday night's loss against the University of New Mexico. Moss missed the game because of a violation of team policy.

The good news for the team is that Moss will be eligible to play in Wednesday's road game against San Diego State University.

The Horned Frogs never led in Saturday's 69-52 conference loss against the Lobos.

The team went into the game in first place in the Mountain West Conference, but is now left wondering how to correct the mistakes that led to New Mexico's convincing win.

"This is a team that's been very, very hot, and we come in here and, I thought, for 40 minutes, did a lot of good things against them," said New Mexico head coach Steve Alford.

With the loss, the Horned

Frogs record now stands at 13-7, with a 4-2 mark in conference play.

The game was a struggle for the Horned Frogs from the start.

Problems on both offense and

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Jim Christian
men's basketball coach

defense plagued the team early in the first half. The Lobos (12-8, 3-2 MWC) jumped out to a quick 10-point lead nearly 10 minutes

into the game after connecting on seven of their first nine shots from the field.

"I give New Mexico all the credit," TCU head coach Jim Christian said after the game. "They came in, they beat us to every loose ball in the first 10 minutes of the game ... we just did not play hard or well all night."

The Lobos cooled off as the first half progressed, but still hit 12 of 25 shots, including four out of five behind the three-point line.

By comparison, the Horned Frogs, whose halftime deficit of 30-21 was as close as the game would be throughout its remainder, connected on only eight of 21 first-half shot attempts. The team shot poorly from behind the arc as well, connecting on just two of 14 shots by game's end.

The Lobos went on to shoot 70.6 percent in the second half and led by as many as 20 points late in the game.

The absence of Moss had a noticeable effect on the Horned Frogs' offense. Turnovers, fouls

and general poor play throughout the game gave the team little chance to regain control from the Lobos.

Moss ranks fourth on the team in scoring and is second in assists.

"We need every single player to contribute to be good and not having him hurt," Christian said.

Junior forward Edvinas Ruzgas, the hero of Wednesday night's overtime win against the University of Wyoming, was held without a shot in the first half and finished the game with four points in 32 minutes of play.

Senior forward Kevin Langford was the lone bright spot for the Horned Frogs, putting together another solid offensive performance. He led all players with 21 points after coming off a career-high 36-point effort against Wyoming.

The Horned Frogs will hit the road to take on conference opponent San Diego State University on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL

Final nonconference game to be announced

By Billy Wessels
Staff Writer

The 2009 Horned Frog football schedule is still missing one opponent, but not for long, according to Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal relations.

Hesselbrock said the athletic administration has reached an agreement with a school, but wants to wait to make an official announcement.

The nonconference schedule should be finalized within seven to ten days, Hesselbrock said.

"We've got a couple things we've got to work out with another school to move some things and they have got to move some things, but we are pretty locked in on one school in particular."

Hesselbrock said the Frogs and this unnamed team will play a home-and-home series, meaning the Frogs will go on the road this year and this opponent will visit Amon Carter Stadium in the future.

"We are probably going to do a letter of agreement so that both

schools can announce it without confirming a date," Hesselbrock said. "There is one nonconference game that may get moved for a better TV time and that is the only thing we are waiting on."

The director said it isn't a matter of if this matchup will occur, but when.

"It's a nice, solid name that people will know," Hesselbrock said.

According to fbschedules.com and team Web sites, there are approximately 30 teams other than TCU that are in need of at least one nonconference game. The University of Virginia is on that list, but the Cavaliers are already on the Frogs' slate.

No. 8 Penn State is the highest ranked team without a full nonconference schedule, other than the No. 7 Frogs. The University of North Texas and University of Houston are the only other teams from Texas on the list.

TCU is the only Mountain West Conference team without a full nonconference schedule, according to these Web sites.

QUICK SPORTS

Women's basketball falls to New Mexico on road

The Lady Frogs met the same fate as the men's squad Saturday, falling to the University of New Mexico 75-63 in Albuquerque, N.M.

The conference loss puts the team's record at 12-7 overall and 4-2 in the Mountain West.

Sophomore guard Helena Sverrisdottir led the team with a career-high 25 points while adding eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Emily Carter was the only other Horned Frog to reach double figures in scoring, adding 15 points and seven rebounds.

Neither team shot well, but the Lobos held advantages in both rebounding and turnovers by game's end.

The Lady Frogs also allowed three different Lobos to reach double figures. Junior guard Geonika Jackson led New Mexico with 23 points.

The team will play host to San Diego State University on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Swimming and diving tops New Mexico squad

The women's team was on the road this weekend for a conference meet against the University of New Mexico and came away with a 127-106 victory. The team won 11 of the 13 events.

The Horned Frogs (7-3-1, 4-3-1 MWC) were led by sophomore Maria Alvarez, who took first place in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events. The two victories give Alvarez a team-leading 15 wins on the season.

Junior diver Jennifer Fergu-

son took first place in both diving events, including a career-best score of 302.17 on the one-meter springboard.

The teammates' impressive performances against New Mexico came just days after they were named as the Mountain West Conference Female Swimmer and Diver of the Week after last weekend's home meet against San Diego State University and Centenary College of Louisiana.

The women's next meet is scheduled for Feb. 4 against the University of North Texas in Denton.

Track and field team succeeds at Razorback Invitational

The Flyin' Frogs won one event title and set two NCAA provisional marks at the Razorback Invitational on Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark.

Provisional marks are a qualifying standard for the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Junior sprinter Jessica Young had a hand in each of the provisional marks, placing second in the 60-meter and as part of the women's 4x400 relay. Her time of 7.35 seconds in the 60 was a seasonal-best.

Sophomore runner Sean Zurko took first place in the men's 800-meter with a time of 1:52.53.

Jeff Pels, another sophomore runner, finished in seventh place in the men's mile event with a time of 4:18.64.

Next up for the Flyin' Frogs is the Houston Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

WINTER X GAMES

Women receive equal prize money for first time

By Brian Gomez

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

ASPEN, Colo. — Torah Bright can dunk a basketball, perform one-handed push-ups and ride a snowboard at breakneck speed while going airborne and twisting her body into a pretzel.

She always has been like the guys at the Winter X Games. Now, she's paid like them.

For the first time, Winter X organizer ESPN is offering equal prize money to men and women in all disciplines at the action sports festival that continued Friday and runs through Sunday at Buttermilk Mountain.

Women received considerably less money than men the first decade of Winter X, which started in 1997 after solid attendance and soaring ESPN ratings the first two years of the summer version of the event.

A few years ago, ESPN raised the compensation of women's snowboarders, making it the same as their male counterparts. The network announced in October that women's skiers would gross as much as men's skiers.

"It should be like that," said Bright, an Australian. "It's about time."

Thirteen Winter X gold medals will be awarded to men and six will go to women. No women are registered in skiing and snowboard big air, disabled skiing or any of the four snowmobile competitions.

Winter X golds are worth at least \$30,000, about \$20,000 less than first-place checks at the X Games in Los Angeles. Second and third place finishers in Aspen net four figures, and athletes off the podium get a few hundred bucks.

The Burton Global Open Series, a six-stop snowboarding tour with a \$900,000 purse, also recently evened its pay for men and women.

Since 1984, the Colorado Springs-based U.S. Olympic Committee has given Olympic gold medalists \$25,000, silver medalists \$15,000 and bronze medalists \$10,000. That amounted to \$5.1 million last year in Beijing and \$710,000 in 2006 in Turin.

"They're following our lead," USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said of ESPN. "It's something the USOC has done since the inception of bonus funding, and it's good to

see. There should not be any differences in bonus funding."

In 2006, the Action Sports Alliance, a female athlete group, lobbied ESPN executives for equal pay at Winter X. Then Canadian skier Sarah Burke and the Women's Sports Foundation, founded by tennis legend Billie Jean King, sealed the deal.

ESPN executive vice president of content John Skipper said, "ESPN

has been a leader in promoting and programming women's athletics, and this recent action sports prize purse increase is the latest example."

Bright maintains higher stakes will raise the caliber of Winter X women's snowboarders.

"We enjoy seeing everybody push each other," she said. "We have been trying to work hard and become better snowboarders."

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