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FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

# Programs help with transition to college

By Mark Bell  
Staff Reporter

Cynthia Montes arrived at the university eight years ago as a first-generation college student. She did not know where to go, how to study or anything about college life.

Then Montes found the Student Support Services program, aimed at transitioning first-generation students to college life. With the help of the Student Support Services program, Montes graduated in four years and is now an academic adviser for the program.

"I've seen the wonders it does for stu-

dents who come through," Montes said. "We provide students with anything that will help them transition and feel comfortable. We shoot for giving them a home away from home."

Student Support Services is just one of the programs at TCU aimed at enrolling and retaining high-achieving, low-income students and minority students, Montes said.

According to a study by Stanford University professor Caroline Hoxby, these students typically apply for public colleges close to home.

Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said the

university has made efforts to attract and enroll minority students.

The fall 2008 freshman class was the first class ever to have more than 20 percent minority students, he said. The 1998 freshman class was 8 percent minority students, he said.

"This institution was very, very white and it's been going 100 miles-an-hour to try to turn the ship around," Brown said.

The university has programs at the local level, the state level and the national level targeting high-achieving, low-income and minority students, Brown said.

The Community Scholars program be-

gan in 1999 and takes applicants each year from nine traditionally low-income high schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and offers 30 of these students scholarships, Brown said.

The 30 students have their entire financial need met in gift money, with a small loan and a small work-study component, he said.

"The program is in essence, 'Send us your best and brightest and we'll take care of them,'" Brown said. "It's a bit of a jewel in our crown at TCU."

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# MOTIVATOR



Head basketball coach Jim Christian speaks at the Alpha Delta Pi sorority chapter meeting Monday evening. Christian visited several sorority and fraternity meetings to encourage more students to attend the remaining men's basketball home games.

JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

# Students get dibs on lending site

Web site uses social networks for free DVD-lending program

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay  
Staff Reporter

Students will receive special access to a new DVD lending Web site before it is made available to the general public, a founder of the DVD lending Web site said.

Tim Jackson, founder of LendAround, said the Web site is currently a private, pre-release version but will be made available to the TCU community before going mainstream. Jackson said LendAround extending a free invitation to students to join the Web site to help set up the exchange of DVDs between online friends.

Jackson said the Web site allows users to browse and search their friends' DVD collections before requesting to borrow one. LendAround then monitors who has borrowed your DVD, and you can notify the borrower via e-mail when you would like it back, Jackson said.

There are a lot of DVDs in American households that sit around collecting dust instead of being put to good use, Jackson said. According to Video Business, Americans spent over \$21 billion on buying and renting DVDs in 2008.

"The average American has approximately 10 DVDs. The average U.S. college student has something around 150 Facebook friends," Jackson said. "Just think how many free movies that would be if you got to see all of the movies that belong to your friends."

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# New organization launched to market student-musicians

By Justin White  
Staff Reporter

A new student organization that gives student-musicians the opportunity to demonstrate their musical talent is testing the idea that nothing good ever happens after midnight.

Living Out a United Dream helps market students involved with different musical arts to the community, said LOUD creator Mike Vosters, a sophomore marketing major. The organization finds performance venues, promotes shows and searches for ways to gain more advertising, he said.

Vosters came up with the idea to start the group while walking from the Mary Coats Burnett Library at 2 a.m. one day last semester.

"I thought that if everyone came together we could do something to help all of the musicians on campus," Vosters said. "I think this campus really needs this to show the talent that we have." The Office of Student Organizations granted LOUD permission to become an official organization in December, Vosters said. The group currently has about 20 members, and anyone who has an interest in music and entertainment is allowed to join,

he said. The members' interests range from rock to jazz, he said.

"We are trying to keep a very close-knit group but are very open to more members joining," Vosters said.

Vosters said he asked Martin Blessinger, assistant professor of theory and composition, to be the organization's faculty sponsor.

Blessinger said his role is to advise the group and make sure that the rules and procedures outlined for students organizations are correctly followed.

"As a composer myself, I'm hoping to be able to consult with the artists as they go through the song-writing process," Blessinger said. "It all seemed a very natural fit, so I was happy to sign on."

Blessinger said the groups is still discussing possible avenues for funding. He said the group hopes to be funded by the Student Government Association, especially in the fall. Voster might also try to hold a fundraiser, but the details have not been defined yet, Blessinger said.

Vosters said LOUD is in the process of setting up a venue network. LOUD plans on teaming up with Red Cactus in the coming

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# Proposed BCS remodeling sparks discussion on bowls

By Tim Stephens  
The Orlando Sentinel

It's not even national signing day yet, and already the topic used to pass time in summer is moving to the forefront of college football discussion.

Let the conference expansion and realignment talk begin — with a side dish of BCS debate.

The first statements come from the Rockies, where the Mountain West Conference is saying thanks-but-no-thanks to overtures from Boise State of the Western Athletic Conference.

The Mountain West, fresh off the best football season in its history, is lobbying to receive a Bowl Championship Series automatic bid. But adding Boise State as a 10th member would bring no BCS guarantees at this point, so the league will stand pat at nine members and turn its attention to altering the criteria for BCS auto-bid status.

"We've run all sorts of models," MWC Commissioner Craig Thompson told USA Today. "And there's no model where a 10th member would guarantee us automatic access."

BCS rules allow for the conference automatic bids to be reviewed every four years, meaning the earliest the status quo could change is 2012. The MWC will lobby for the evaluation window to be shortened.

There is a case to be made that the league has been at least as competitive as the ACC and Big East of late. Utah's win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl to cap its second undefeated season in five years highlights a rise that isn't limited to 2008 or to the Utes. BYU and TCU are legitimate top-20 programs now, and the league's bottom tier also has been competitive against BCS-league teams, too.

You can't blame the MWC for trying, but remember that the BCS isn't really about championships or fairness. It's about money, power and influence.

The ACC, SEC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-10 aren't going to be eager to share their money. Don't expect other "non-BCS" leagues (C-USA, WAC, MAC and Sun Belt) to show a lot of support for the MWC either. They'll perceive that as less access for themselves.

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# OPINION

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## Low income no longer automatic college barrier

When it comes to students from low-income families, it's not surprising their options are often limited. These students do not have opportunities in many aspects of their lives. It's unfair that their ability to go to a selective college has to be one of them. Students' hard work in high school comes to almost nothing when, in the end, they can't afford to go to the college they deserve.

The university has recognized this problem and has programs in place to make up for student and family concerns.

The Community Scholars Program attracts minorities from area high schools by awarding scholarships and support services for college. The program helps bridge the gap between low-income students and actual college enrollment.

The TCU TRIO Programs were also designed with low-income and first-generation college students in mind. The Upward Bound Program educates students and families about college admissions, scholarship applications and academics. The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program provides disadvantaged college students with information they need to know about doctoral studies, and Student Support Services continues to assist enrolled college students maintain success.

Low-income students and families might not realize that there is a way for them to attend the college of their choice. All they really need to do is educate themselves about it.

These programs played a significant part in creating a diverse TCU community by informing economically-challenged students of the ways to cover large tuition costs.

Having a diverse community allows the student body to open their minds to a variety of perspectives and hone their ability to make the most informed decisions.

*News editor Rose Baca for the editorial board.*

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#### Calling for cooperation is not choking out dissent

Michael Lauck's Jan. 30 column "Obama shouldn't shut out dissenters" is another example of the persecution complex that seems to drive modern American conservatism. The article characterized Obama's remark as a warning to Republican congressional leaders not to listen to Rush Limbaugh, "or else." There is no "or else" implied by the president's words. That Mr. Lauck

and others have managed to twist this into a threat against open political discourse speaks only to the bitterness and desperation of conservatives, whose ideals have been rejected by the American people and, accordingly, by the new administration. Freedom of the press does not mean freedom from criticism, or the guarantee of an audience.

*Jarrod Greene is a junior radio-TV-film major from Fort Worth.*

## Clinton to have big part in America's change

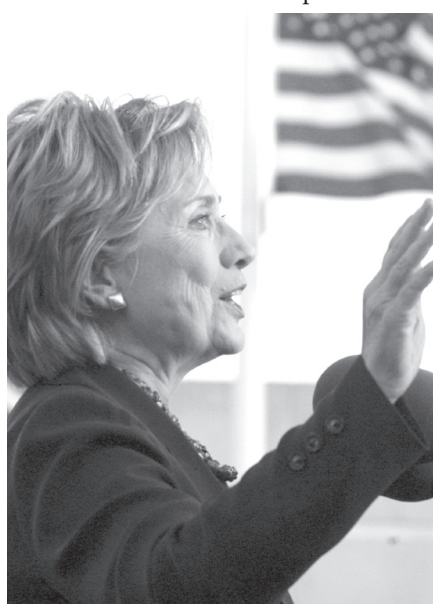


VLORA BOJKU

In the 30 years that Hillary Clinton has graced the political limelight, she has worked her way from the governor of Arkansas' wife to first lady of the United States and then to a New York senator before becoming the only female presidential candidate to ever really be taken seriously.

Now she has been appointed to one of the most prestigious positions in U.S. politics, and you can call her Madame Secretary.

Her election to the U.S. Senate in 2000 marked the first time a first lady had been elected to that position, a very fitting accomplishment for the trail-blazer of a woman who has paved the



JOE BURBANK / Orlando Sentinel via MCT

way for countless numbers of female politicians to follow in her footsteps.

After her bid for the presidency ended, instead of allowing disappointment to overshadow her dream of a better America, she actively endorsed then Sen. Barack Obama, giving speeches and pleading with Americans to make the "right choice." One of her aides told reporters that Clinton could "accept losing, but she could not accept quitting."

Obama made the right decision when he offered her the position of secretary of state.

She has already acknowledged that we have a lot of damage to repair. America has become increasingly alienated even amongst its allies.

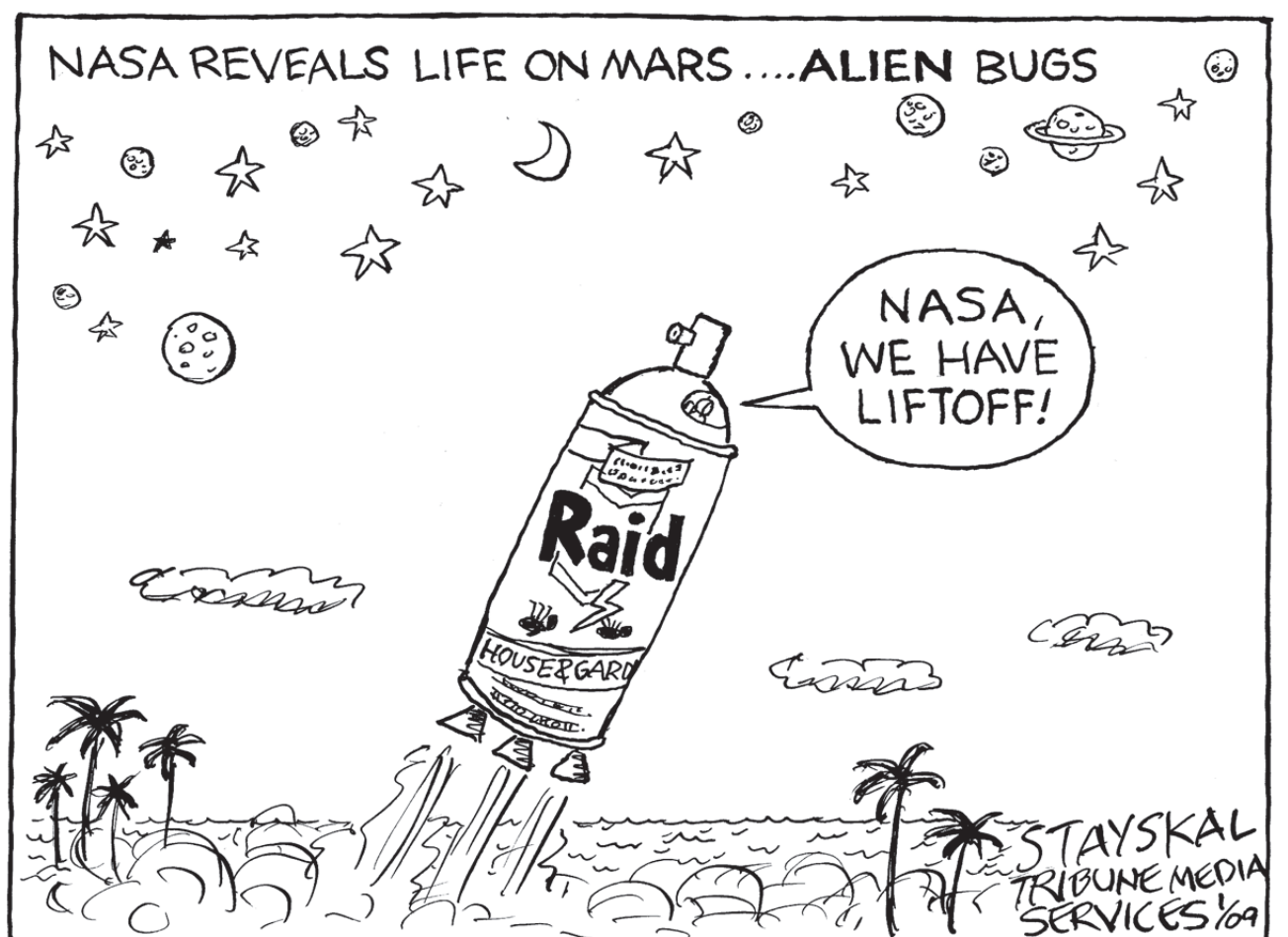
Clinton began her tenure by placing calls to other heads of state, opening the door to peaceful conflict resolution and making clear her and Obama's "willingness to engage meaningfully" with the world community.

It remains to be seen what the future holds with Obama as president, but it will bring a change to America, and Clinton is a big part of that change.

She has proved her loyalty to this nation by working tirelessly to improve the life of Americans. She has proved her strength by enduring the hardships of the campaign trail with grace, and she has proved her intelligence by her formation of key ideals and her ability to answer tough questions even when they are unexpected.

Having Clinton in the cabinet will only help our country repair its damaged reputation caused by the foreign policy decisions made during the past eight years. And I hope Americans will greet her with open arms, like the warm welcome she received from State Department staff, and give her the respect that she deserves.

*Vlora Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.*



Wayne Stayskal is a nationally syndicated columnist with the Tampa Tribune.

## Obama steers wars back on track



DEREK VERHAGEN

Just two days after taking office, President Barack Obama ordered the closing of Guantanamo Bay. The U.S. naval base in Cuba has been used as a detention camp where prisoners have been subjected to "enhanced interrogation" since 1991, according to the History News Network.

The controversy heightened in 2002 when the U.S. government ignored pleas from the United Nations to recognize captives from the war on terror, held at Guantanamo, as prisoners of war. This would have given them a meager set of rights via the Geneva Convention, which would have made torturing the captives illegal.

In December 2007, CNN reported that ex-CIA agent John Kiriakou admitted to using "waterboarding" as an interrogation technique on members of al-Qaida detained at Guantanamo.

Via presidential order, Obama ordered that the base be closed within the next year and issued an order titled "Ensuring Lawful Interrogations" that effectively abolishes the protocol put in place by the Bush administration.

According to Fox News, there are 245 detainees whose cases must be addressed within the next year.

This decision has made political waves around the world and will serve as a key step in improving relations with the Muslim world.

An essential error in the war on terror is the failure to fully understand who we are fighting. As a result of a series of miscalculations, the image of America around the world has deteriorated significantly.

The fact that America invaded two countries under the guise of spreading freedom and democracy, and then tortured the prisoners, made us look like hypocrites and eroded support for the cause.

The insensitive approach toward the people of Iraq and Afghanistan hindered our ability to make progress. It is the people of these nations that we intend to help and only through them can this war be settled. Closing Guantanamo Bay will acknowledge the wrongs of the past and show that the country is taking steps to correct them.

Perhaps after years of failure with the my-way-or-the-highway approach, it is time to try something new, and that is exactly what Obama is doing.

In his inauguration address, Obama alluded to a new approach when he addressed corrupt leaders in the Middle East with, "Know that you are on the wrong side of history, but that we will extend a hand if you will un-

The days of stubbornly ignoring our mistakes are over. It is time for the U.S. to get back on track and act on the values we preach.

clench your fist."

The days of stubbornly ignoring our mistakes are over. It is time for the U.S. to get back on track and act on the values we preach. No one said taking the position of the moral authority would be easy, but if we truly want to help the people of these corrupt nations then we will need to do so in a way that is consistent with the cause for which we are fighting. Maybe it is time to look in the mirror and ask, "What side of history will we be on?"

*Derek VerHagen is a senior entrepreneurial management major from Rockwall.*



CHUCK KENNEDY / MCT

President Barack Obama signs an executive order closing the prison at Guantanamo Bay on Jan. 22 in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

## Freedom of information key to democracy

Eight years of stultifying secrecy by the Bush administration was swept away by President Barack Obama on his first day in office, when he issued a memo ordering federal agencies to be more forthcoming with information when the public asks for it.

It's a much-needed step toward restoring citizens' trust in their government.

Shortly after 9/11, then-Attorney General John Ashcroft ordered government agencies to pull back from public access to information, promising to defend any government employee who said "no" to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Not surprisingly, the number of outright denials of such requests ballooned in the Bush years.

Obama turned that policy around 180 degrees Wednesday, ordering agencies to err on the side of disclosure.

The move should prove popular. A poll last March during the annual

Sunshine Week found that 74 percent of Americans believed the federal government was too secretive. That was up a dozen points from just two years earlier.

Obama made it clear he means to reverse that trend. He called the FOIA "the most prominent expression of a

**The American people have a right to know who is making decisions for them, and how those decisions are reached.**

profound national commitment to ensuring an open government," and quoted former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, who once bluntly opined that sunlight is the "best of disinfectants."

The Bush regime's love of secrecy was bad enough at the federal level, but its

example was followed by state and local governments. We hope that tendency is soon consigned to the dustbin as well.

Representative democracy cannot function without an informed public.

That doesn't mean divulging information that would create a genuine threat to national security.

But all too often, information is bottled up because its release would embarrass inept officials or reveal malfeasance, not because there is a real risk to the nation and its people.

The American people have a right to know who is making decisions for them, and how those decisions are reached.

Obama's swift action in reversing the policy of secrecy that spread during the Bush years is a welcome move into the cleansing sunlight.

*This editorial appeared in The Fresno Bee on Monday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.*

# FEATURES



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## Think purple, save green

### Earn some cash with these unique scholarships

By **Katie Ruppel**  
Staff Reporter

In these times of economic uncertainty, everyone is looking to save a buck, especially those paying for college or working to pay rent on their own. If you think the only way students can receive a scholarship is by making straight A's or being the star basketball player, you're wrong. The university and other programs and institutions offer a handful of scholarships with unusual criteria but not so unusual rewards (money). If you spin the dreidel in December or aspire to be the next Willy Wonka, you might be eligible to receive one of these scholarships.

### TCU SCHOLARSHIPS

The following are special eligibility scholarships from TCU:

#### The Zelda Ramsey Scholarship

Any ladies in the house? The Arlington Business and Professional Women's Club Inc. gives away its annual Zelda Ramsey Scholarship to women in need of financial aid. The \$500 to \$1,000 scholarship is aimed at women who are returning to college after being part of the work force.

#### The Bermont Family Undergraduate Jewish Student Scholarship

This scholarship gives away a varied amount of money to undergraduate students whose parents are religious leaders of the Jewish faith.

#### JELD-WEN Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship awards a \$2,000 scholarship for tuition, fees and books to an incoming freshman eligible for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. What's the catch? The applicant must come from a town with a JELD-WEN window and door plant nearby, so crack open that old map of your hometown you have laying around in your attic and start the search.

#### The Adrienne Miller Perner Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship offers its scholarship to female ballet majors whose parents or grandparents are or have been part of the armed forces or military. Although the scholarship is based on talent, if you can't stand on your toes or do 32 fouettes in a row, there's still hope. Those who volunteer and are active in the community can also qualify, even if you're not the best of in your class.

#### The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship

This scholarship is given out to student who best exemplify the values and ideals of MLK in their own lives. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, two letters of recommendation, and a 750-word essay describing their "Service to Humanity" — their present or proposed career, and how it would reflect the dreams of MLK.

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

TCU is not the only institution offering monetary rewards. Here is a list of scholarships awarded for various qualifications and talents:

#### The Klingon Language Institute

Hablas espanol? Sprechen Sie Deutsch? How's your Klingon? The Klingon Language Institute awards \$500 to a language studies graduate or undergraduate student recognized by his or her department chair. The award is not limited to Trekkies, however: a degree toward any language will suffice.

#### The National Candy Technologists Scholarship Program

The snozberries taste like snozberries! The National Candy Technologists Scholarship Program gives \$5,000 to a biological, chemical or food science major with a sophomore standing or above and a 3.0 GPA. Applicant must send in evidence of their interest in confectionery technology to the American Association of Candy Technologists, whether it be a research project or work experience. Hopefully an Oompa-Loompa or two will fit into the prized package.

#### The American Nudist Research Library Scholarship

Want a scholarship for doing nothing? How about wearing nothing? The American Nudist Research Library Scholarship awards \$1,000 to a freshman or sophomore college student who has spent three years in a nudist organization and sends in a short essay detailing his or her experiences (but not too detailed, please). So drop your pants and get writing.

#### The Little People of America Inc. scholarships

The Little People of America Inc. scholarships range from \$250 to over \$1,000. If you or an immediate family member have been diagnosed with dwarfism and is an LPA member, you could be eligible.

#### The National Make It With Wool Competition

Have you any wool? Students in a college-level fashion or design class can enter the National Make It With Wool Competition. In order to win the \$1,000 scholarship, competitors must create a garment made of 60% wool, and send it in to the national MIWW office with a description, photo and video explaining its marketability and appeal to the wool industry.



Michael League, left, bassist and composer for Snarky Puppy lays down a groove with the band at Hailey's in Denton.

## Snarky Puppy, sweet sound

### Jazz band goes national with energetic shows

By **Naheil Qudah**  
Staff Reporter

#### The Details

**Who:** Snarky Puppy with Oso Closo and Parachute Musical  
**When:** 9 p.m. Feb. 12  
**Where:** The Boiler Room  
101 W. Hickory St., Denton  
**Admission:** 18 and over  
**Price:** \$7 - 21 years and up  
\$9 - anyone under 21

Snarky Puppy, the band with a sweet name and an even sweeter sound, was formed in Denton by several University of North Texas jazz studies program graduates in 2004. Since then, the instrumental jazz group has grown to encompass over a dozen members, release three albums and go on more than a few tours throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Michael League, the 24-year-old musician who conceptually leads the band but shies away from the title of frontman, affectionately refers to the collective membership as "the pups."

"The group is kind of like a family, with most of its members in Dallas and two of them in New York," League said. "Almost everyone in the group is a multi-instrumentalist. You will see a different amalgamation of the same 20 people every time you see us play."

Their lively dynamic on stage illustrates a complete freedom from inhibition that most musicians strive to reach in the comfort of their own bedroom. It is hard not to be fascinated by 12 musicians who can tie so many layers and instruments into such a tight sound and still chalk up part of their performance to improvisation.

League, who acts as the band's bassist and composer, said that retaining a song's core message while playing it a little differently every night is the only way that music can stay fresh.

"I compose everything thoroughly and [include] opportunities for improvisation, where [some] people are playing things note-for-note and other people have complete freedom. But even with the parts that I compose, once the individual players become comfortable with that, they embellish and change the part on their own," League said.

League described the message behind their songs as largely circumstantial, detailing an experience or an observation.

"It's a double-edged sword. On one end, the new record is called 'Bring Us The Bright' because the world is in need of light — there's so much darkness," League said. "The wars and oppression that are going unaided, and the overall mood of people in the world seems to be very dim, so that's kind of the optimistic take on the title."

This band is made up of a desire to spread collective responsibility and a strong underlying passion for music. Do your ears a favor and catch Snarky Puppy before they embark on their next national tour in late February.

## Balancing class, jobs is all in a day's work for business major

By **Lizzy Karoly**  
Staff Reporter

While most high school students were spending their summers sleeping in and hanging out with friends, Jeff Livney was interning at a California law firm and enjoying the summer beach.

After his sophomore year of high school, Livney decided to get an internship at a law firm. Unable to find a paid internship in his hometown of Houston, Livney began searching in California where his aunt lived.

Today Livney is a junior majoring in entrepreneur-

**“I am a live-for-today kind of guy, my companies continue to have positive growth and I want to keep building them and take on any new things that come my way.”**

**Jeff Livney**  
junior entrepreneurial management and marketing major

ial management and marketing and is a member of the BNSF Next Generation Leadership Program.

He also owns his own company and helps manage the Fort Worth branch of Buffalo Specialties.

"When I got to the law firm in California they assumed that all high school guys knew how to use computers really well," Livney said. "My project ended up being building the firm a Web site, but I had no idea how to do that."

He did have a friend back in Houston who did. So Livney contracted the job out to his friend.

"My friend designed the Web site, and I enjoyed my internship on the beach," Livney said.

After the Web site launched, clients of the firm liked the site and asked Livney to design one for them. Livney passed the jobs along to his friend, still mak-

ing a profit for himself.

"I started doing the Web sites as a little side project and funneled them to my friend," Livney said. "It just grew from there."

After his internship, Livney turned his side project into his own company, Livney+Partners, a full-service brand marketing firm.

"We do everything from developing a company's brand, corporate image and logo to furthering the image through interactive media such as radio and TV," Livney said.

Livney's responsibilities include developing the company, meeting with potential clients, hiring and firing of staff, and sales.

At Buffalo Specialties he manages the designers who handle promotional products for Neeley School of Business, several Greek organizations on campus and other clients in the Fort Worth area including well-known companies such as Marriott Hotels, Beck construction company and the Texas Department of Agriculture to name a few.

Livney was named the 2006 TCU Texas Youth Entrepreneur of the Year and was a semifinalist for the Global Student Entrepreneur Award.

Brad Hancock, assistant director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said he is impressed by Livney's maturity and professionalism.

"I think his accomplishments are just outstanding and incredible," Hancock said. "He is an amazing young man to do this while going to school full time."

Livney said he has learned to prioritize his time and also gives credit to his staff.

"I am a big-picture kind of person, and I don't focus on little things that really aren't important," Livney said. "It's helped me to prioritize things and focus on the things I have a passion for."

Michelle Seliner, a client of Livney and the chief operating officer for S.A.F.E. Alternatives, a self-abuse treatment agency, said she was not aware of Livney's age.

"It was a huge project for our company and I had no idea he was only 20 years old," Seliner said. "But my

experience with him was nothing but positive and he was thorough, responsive, and had great ideas."

Megan Dewar, a junior business major and classmate of Livney's, said he is incredibly modest and brings humor and insight to the classroom.

"I think he has brought inspiration to many people to do what he has done and shown them not to be afraid of failure," Dewar said.

As for the future, Livney said he is not exactly sure what his next step will be. He said his company recently partnered with Admarc Southwest, an ad agency, and is looking forward to any new opportunities that may come his way.

"I am a live-for-today kind of guy," he said. "My companies continue to have positive growth, and I want to keep building them and take on any new things that come my way."

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Jeff Livney, a junior entrepreneurial management major, runs marketing firm Livney+Partners and manages Buffalo Specialties, which designs promotional products.



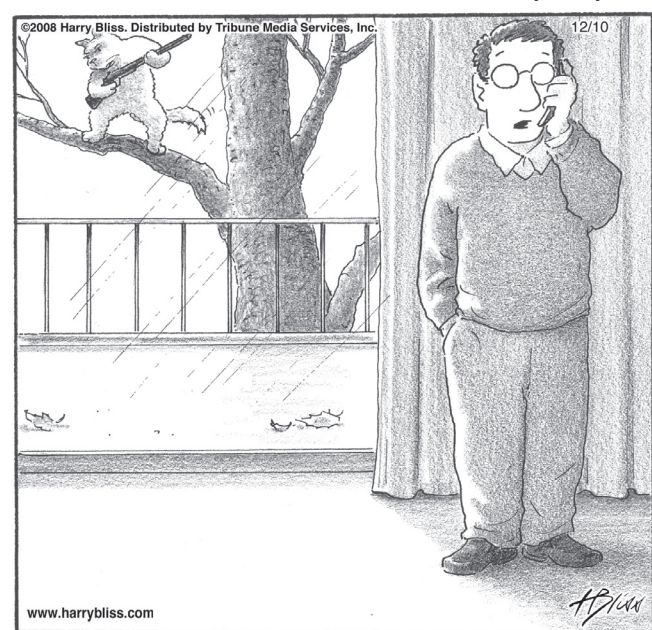
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**Today in History**  
Rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their plane crashes in Iowa a few minutes after takeoff on this day in 1959.

**Joke of the Day**  
Q: How can you tell if a calendar is popular?  
A: It has a lot of dates!

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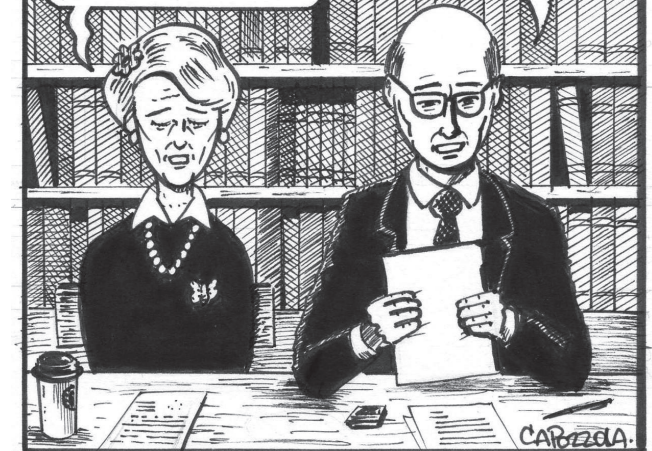


"What if the cat stuck in the tree has a gun? Is that an emergency?"

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

### Friday's Solutions

1	7	9	8	6	3	4	5	2
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7	2	4	3	1	5	6	9	8
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1 Org. of Wie and Webb  
5 Explode  
10 City on the Irtysh River  
14 Caspian feeder  
15 TV studio sign  
16 Okinawa city  
17 Winged Foot or Sawgrass  
19 Slightly open  
20 Baseball scores  
21 Night bird  
23 Way in  
26 Mid point  
27 Fuses metal  
28 Stand in the way of  
29 Stories  
32 Shakespearean lament  
33 Singer Janis  
34 Sherwood or Epping  
35 ... a Most Unusual Day'  
36 Educates  
38 One-time link  
39 Thin material  
41 Work at  
42 Petri dish  
43 Skedaddles  
44 Failure  
45 Coach Rockne  
46 Manias  
48 Taylor and Adoree  
49 Of plants  
51 Marsh bird  
52 Lena of "Havana"  
53 Sentence  
58 Stop up  
59 Bombards  
60 Abbr. on folk music  
61 "Citizen \_"  
62 Bread ingredient  
63 Meal scraps

**DOWN**  
1 Blockhead  
2 In favor of  
3 Guy's sweetie  
4 Nobel and Noyes  
5 Thugs  
6 Difficult concern  
7 Rower's need  
8 Carrie of "Star Wars"  
9 Trademark refrigerant  
10 Streaking  
11 Big time for batters  
12 Clarinetist Artie  
13 Economist  
18 Swear, casually  
22 Preminger and Graham  
23 Looks forward to  
24 Boston cager  
25 Kind of suit  
26 Second brightest star  
28 Scornful exclamation  
30 Will's contents  
31 Gawks  
33 Lemieux milieu  
34 Tsetse, for one  
36 Lazy lady?

By Adele Mann New York, NY 1/27/09

Friday's Puzzle Solved

O	A	T	S	P	I	E	T	A	I	M	P	S			
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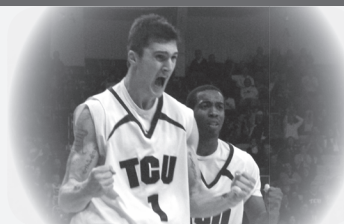
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# SPORTS



The men's basketball team prepares to wrap up the first half of conference play. Tomorrow

## EQUESTRIAN



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Sophomore Tassie Munroe rides Cosmo over fences in an equestrian competition against Delaware State on Friday in Mansfield. The team defeated the Hornets 15-2.

## BILLY KNOWS BEST

# Basketball season needs rearranging



BILLY WESSELS

Over the past two weeks the debate raged on: Arizona Cardinals or Pittsburgh Steelers?

The Steelers won, who honestly were my pick to win it all in the preseason, thanks to some shady officiating.

Before the weeks of analysis, we watched the NFL playoffs and before that there was the annual debate about the BCS.

Before that, we had college football and preceding that every year is Major League Baseball.

It may seem like what I am doing here is giving you a sports calendar in reverse, but what I am really doing is showing you how unimportant the NCAA basketball regular season is.

This has actually been one of the most topsy-turvy seasons I can remember, but then again I don't pay much attention to college basketball until March.

Before the first game is played, even the most half-hearted fan can accurately pick at least half of the teams that are going to make the tournament and probably at least a dozen of the teams that will be in the Sweet Sixteen.

So we play 30-plus games just to see what we already know will happen.

This makes the college basketball season pointless.

I will admit to spending a good majority of my Spring Breaks with my best friends watching tournament games, but I have also spent a Spring Break watching the Texas Rangers, who might as well be a college baseball team.

I know people hate college football because of the lack of a playoff system and praise college basketball because they have the best playoff in sports, but that is all college basketball has going for it.

You can get the whole regular season done in about 15-20 games or so, depending on the conference.

Just play everyone in your conference twice, once at home and once on the road, to set the stage for the conference tournament.

Play the conference tournament and let the winners go to the dance as usual. The 30 conference champions will be joined in March by the 34 best remaining teams according to rankings.

Rank these 64 teams from best to worst — arbitrarily of course — because if college sports has taught us anything it's that rankings don't need to be determined by reason or principle, and let them play it out.

You can get the whole thing knocked out in about two months, which is all the time that is needed to keep us busy between football and baseball seasons.

*Billy Wessels is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Waxahachie.*

## QUICK SPORTS

### Men's tennis beats South Florida, falls to Texas

The men's tennis team finished 1-1 this weekend in two matches at Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin.

The team faced the University of South Florida on Saturday and came away with a 4-1 victory. South Florida was ranked 28th coming into the match.

Things went a little differently for the Horned Frogs on Sunday against the University of Texas Longhorns.

The No. 2 Longhorns defeated the Horned Frogs 4-1.

With the win and the loss over the weekend, the team's record now stands at 1-2 in dual match play this season. All of the matches have come against teams ranked 28 or better.

The Horned Frogs will return to the court Feb. 14 against the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

### Women's Tennis defeats No. 20 Florida State 4-2

The women's tennis team moved to 2-2 on the young season after defeating Florida State University 4-2 on the campus of Georgia Tech University on Sunday.

Both of the women's wins this season have come against teams ranked higher than the team in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

TCU entered the matched ranked No. 25 by the ITA.

Seniors Macall Harkins and Anna Sydorska, ranked 16th nationally in doubles play, helped lead the women to victory against the Seminoles with an 8-5 win.

The team plays this Sunday at home in the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center against Auburn University.

### Flyin' Frog sets provisional mark at Houston meet

The track and field team sent four women to Houston for an indoor meet over the weekend.

Junior sprinter Jessica Young continued her early season success with a great showing at the Houston Indoor Invitational on Saturday.

Young set a NCAA provisional mark when she finished second in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.41 seconds.

Seniors Kishelle Paul and Meaghan Peoples also competed in the 60-meter hurdles. Paul finished in second place while Peoples finished 14th.

Up next for the Flyin' Frogs is the Texas A&M Invitational, beginning Feb. 13.

### Rifle team remains undefeated

The women's rifle team took down the University of Texas at El Paso on Saturday by a score of 4,618-4,563.

The team was led by freshman Mattie Brogdon, who had a score of 587 in air rifle and was awarded individual honors.

The team is undefeated in competition since its return from winter break.

The Horned Frogs will host the UTEP Miners on Saturday, the last competition before an NCAA qualifier match Feb. 14.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

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