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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-

"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

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

dents who come through," Montes said. 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

> "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,

'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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JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

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.

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 allow 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

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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 Couts Burnett Library at 2 a.m. one day last semes-

"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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Camp College is a state program for low-income students that TCU has participated in for six years, hosting three years, Brown said. According to the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling Web site, Camp College is a week-long program designed to inform rising high school juniors and seniors how to begin their college search, compare colleges and interact with college representatives.

At the national level, the university participates in the National Hispanic Institute, a week-long college

preparation program, Brown said. TCU hosted the event the past five years, he said.

"Folks around here have stopped hearing, 'TCU doesn't want me, I'm the wrong color," Brown said. "People are finally seeing that this is an institution that is serious about diversifying its student body."

Montes said without programs like Student Support Services, minority students wouldn't have the opportunities she experienced as a student.

"I found this program, and it was amazing," she said. "It was because of this program that I did end up graduating in four years."

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Mike Haeg, a senior political science major, said he thinks students will like the idea because it's original and an easy way to save money.

"It sounds like you can save some money on renting DVDs by just borrowing from your friends," Haeg said. "You might not know what DVDs your friends have and they might have a huge collection."

Marco Cuevas, a senior in the artist diploma program, said the idea is good in some ways but that it would ultimately hurt those in the movie industry. The decrease of album sales in the music industry is a good comparison, Cuevas said.

"If you want to record a CD, for

example, you have to work maybe years and to see your work not being purchased is not very nice,"

Jackson said despite some moral objections, there is a lot of buzz and excitement surrounding the possibilities for LendAround.

"Once you've built a community of friends that has proven themselves trustworthy, then there is tremendous potential to do lots of different things," Jackson said.

To get your free invitation, send an e-mail to dailyskiff@lendaround. com saying what kind of movies you like, what experiences you've had in the past with lending and borrowing DVDs, and how many friends you think would trust you with their DVDs.

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weeks to have dinnertime concerts, he said. LOUD's current student artists are Timmy Dixon, Tim Halperin and the Wesley Gentle Band.

Patrick Wynne, a junior music education major in his first semester in LOUD, said the organization also targets students who want to be involved on the business side. Members use LOUD to meet people and make connections, he said.

"I hoped joining LOUD would influence my music production as well as my interest in music business," Wynne said.

LOUD meetings consist mostly of promotion and setting events, Wynne said. The group is still in the process of creating a Web site, he said.

"We set a goal of having 250 people attend the first music performance event," Wynne said.

LOUD meets at 10 p.m. on Sundays in the Brown-Lupton University Union organizations office.



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A more likely move, with some prodding from Congress, is more at-large access — perhaps a guaranteed berth to the highest-ranked non-BCS league champ regardless of ranking (currently, a team must be ranked 12th or higher).

The solution most likely to solve issues without total upheaval of bowls: adoption of the plus-one, championship-game model and adding another game (Cotton Bowl or Capital One Bowl?) to the BCS lineup. Unfortunately, that idea doesn't have much traction.

So don't expect much change.

Other BCS tidbits:

The Boise-to-the-MWC-talk is over — for now. It will probably be revisited. The precedent is set for rankings to follow a team changing leagues. The Big East held on to its BCS bid, for example, in part because it was allowed to count new member Louisville's ranking achieved in Conference USA. The MWC doesn't need Boise now, but don't think for a second it won't consider the Broncos

later in the review period if necessary.

How ironic would it be for those C-USA East teams pining for a Big East bid to finally get the call — only to see the Big East lose its bid to the Mountain West? That's not likely, but it'd be a hoot.

The Big East's rankings over the past four years have been buoyed by C-USA additions Louisville, Cincinnati and USF. The Mountain West's claim has gotten a boost from TCU, another former C-USA team. Does that mean those programs took off because they got new, better conference addresses? Or does it mean the old C-USA was better than anyone realized?

This and that

In a sign of the tough economic times, Boise State has decided it won't give Coach Chris Petersen a contract extension despite his leading the Broncos to their second undefeated regular season in three years. He has two years remaining on a deal that will pay him about \$1.1 million in 2009.

ranking achieved in Conference USA. The Where will former Miami QB Robert Mar-MWC doesn't need Boise now, but don't think for a second it won't consider the Broncos after signing day, his high-school coach at ing 102 teams, set for Feb. 20-21.

Tampa Plant told the Tampa Tribune. Marve has narrowed his choices to Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Purdue, Texas Tech and USF and will wait to see who those schools sign at his position.

position.

No one can accuse the Gophers of overindulging on cupcakes in 2010 or 2011. Minnesota this week announced a home-and-home with USC, with the Trojans visiting Minnesota

apolis in 2010.

It didn't take long for the basketball coaches on my hot seat list from last week to start getting the pink slips. Last Monday, Alabama accepted the resignation of Mark Gottfried. On Thursday, Georgia fired Dennis Felton. Anyone else smelling a Tide-Bulldogs bidding war over VCU's Anthony Grant? Stay tuned — though the Tide might have its eyes on Missouri's Mike Anderson. And if I'm Auburn's Jeff Lebo, Maryland's Gary Williams or Oregon's Ernie Kent, I'm very nervous that I'm next

Are you ready for some Bracket Busters? The matchups for ESPN's annual made-for-TV, mid-majors showcase was to be announced on Monday. That's 51 games involving 102 teams, set for Feb. 20-21.

Puerto Rican to represent in space

By Alsy Acevedo

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ralph Acaba will never forget the day his son Joe called to let him know his life had astronomically changed.

"He called me at work, so I answered as I used to do, 'Hi, this is Ralph,' and my job title," said the father, who was a private-school administrator. "He said, 'Hi, this is Joe, astronaut.' There are very few things in life that one remembers forever."

Nearly five years after that phone call, the Acaba family is counting the days until Joe's first trip aboard space shuttle Discovery, which is scheduled to launch from Kennedy Space Center on Feb. 12.

He'll be America's first astronaut of Puerto Rican descent. "I'm very proud to represent the Puerto

Rican community," Joe Acaba said during a recent interview.

Ralph, 70, and his wife, Elsie, 73, will likely see Joe at Kennedy Space Center on Feb. 10.

"Traditionally, there is a barbecue with the astronauts' families and we will see him on that day," he said. "But we have to remember that they are in quarantine and we have to pass a physical exam before meeting with him for an hour."

Joe Acaba, ex-Marine, ex-Peace Corps volunteer and a former math and science teacher at Brevard's Melbourne High and Dunnellon Middle School in Marion County, Fla., was one of three teachers chosen by NASA in May

2004 to become astronauts.

He moved to Houston to sit in a classroom, this time as a student.

He learned to use the shuttle's robotic arm and trained for the two spacewalks he'll make during the Discovery mission.

Last February, when he traveled to his parents' homeland, Joe Acaba was received like a celebrity, recognized by the Puerto Rican House of Representatives. He also met with students.

"I was very surprised with all the love people showed to him, especially the students who were in their (teens)," said Ralph Acaba, who accompanied his son. "The girls received him as if he was a rock star."

Discovery is set to fly a truss segment to the international space station and install its final set of power-generating solar arrays.

"I can't even begin to realize how cool it's going to be and what it is going to feel like," Joe Acaba said.

"The one thing I hear from all the experienced fliers is, 'Don't forget to take a moment and look out the window, take a moment to enjoy it ..."

The family is well aware of the risk of shuttle nissions.

Last week marked the 23rd anniversary of the breakup of Challenger, 73 seconds after it was launched Jan. 28, 1986, killing the first teacher/astronaut, Christa McAuliffe, and her six fellow crew members.

Ralph Acaba says he trusts his son's training as well as NASA's professionalism. And he and his wife are people of faith.

Joe Acaba's aunt, Irma Carrasquillo, also prays every day for her nephew. She is Elsie's younger sister.

"We call each other every night for support," she said. "We are kind of anxious about the trip, but we have faith in God that everything is going to be all right."

Joe Acaba knows the space program's future

"He called me at work, so I answered as I used to do, 'Hi, this is Ralph,' and my job title ... He said, 'Hi, this is Joe, astronaut.' There are very few things in life that one remembers forever."

Ralph Acaba

Father of new astronaut Joe Acaba

is uncertain — the shuttle is scheduled to be retired next year — but he knows where he is headed after he leaves NASA.

"When I started teaching I knew that was the job that I wanted to do," he said.

"Like all teachers you become more valuable when you share your personal experiences with students, and I think I will have some neat stories to tell and maybe some interesting ways to keep them motivated and want to learn a little bit."

Toy replacements go for high prices

By Valerie Schremp Hahn St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Any mommy and daddy whose child has lost a favorite blanket or stuffed animal knows the lengths they will go to make everything better again. But parents often are powerless, because the well-worn blankie their child loves most is no longer

found in stores.

Enter the blankie black market.

Numerous eBay sellers, keen to the desperation of parents, are marking up prices—some drastically—on blankets and stuffed toys no longer stocked on store shelves. The sellers are snagging up discontinued lovies, knowing that one day, some desperate parent may want them.

Just check out one recent posting of a Carter's brand blanket sprinkled with pink flowers. The seller gave it a "buy it now" price of \$54.88.

"Please do not e-mail asking why the price of this is high," the seller writes on the description notes. "It is priced high because it is nearly impossible to find except on eBay."

KiYoshi Ankoviak, 7, of south St. Louis County, and Woobie, a pink stuffed bear, have been inseparable since the day KiYoshi was born. Woobie's been lost forever a few times, and

Rick and Michelle, managed to find replacements at department and thrift stores.

But when Woobie went missing sometime around Thanksgiving, the Ankoviaks figured

reincarnated a few times, because her parents,

this was the end. Of Woobie. For good. KiYoshi was heartbroken. She couldn't sleep. She teared up at television commercials featuring anything cute and fluffy. She didn't want toys for Christmas, because none

of them would be as good as Woobie.

"It wasn't like she was this bratty kid who was just pouting about her toy," Michelle Ankoviak says. "This is like her best friend in the whole world. To her, this is like a death in the family."

So Michelle Ankoviak made a desperate search on eBay, wading through offers of similar Woobies for \$50 each, and managed to find a Woobie match for \$16.99.

"I kind of thought, thank God there's one for \$16 because I would have spent \$50," she said. With a simple search on eBay, you can

find numerous stores from across the country with names like "Loveys and More" and "Woobie World."

Jenny Collins of Richland, Mo., sells

blankies from her online store, The Sugar Beans Closet. When her 4-year-old daughter, Jaidyn, was about 2, they lost her beloved "bear," a stuffed bear head with a pink blanket attached to it. Collins found a replacement on eBay for about \$20. A light clicked on in her brain. Thus began her descent into the blankie black market.

Her prices range from about \$9 to \$25, and she'll take best offers on some items.

Debbie Martin of Imperial, Mo., specializes in lovies in her eBay store, Mary Jane's Attic Toys and Treasures. Most of her prices range from \$15 to \$30, and she also will take best offers.

"You don't want to extort anyone, but what you're doing is you're spending your time looking for these things," said Martin, who, like Collins, looks for lovies at yard sales and thrift stores. "It's just like any other business."

Last year, she found a stuffed snowman for a dollar at a thrift store, and put it online for auction. It finally sold for \$101 to a mother in Taiwan. The woman's 4-year-old lost one just like it the week before.

But the Internet black market isn't all about commerce.

The site Plush Memories Lost Toy Search Service, at plushsearch.dirtybutter.com, specializes in connecting people with lost lovies and blankies.

The service sells replacements for reasonable prices. Parents write pleading listings and post sad stuffed animal mugshots as if they've lost their own children. If browsers happen to own a match, they can send it to the desperate family just because they want to help, often at no cost.

As for Woobie, KiYoshi was a bit skeptical when she opened the specially marked package ("Attention KiYoshi, From Woobie") that mysteriously appeared on the front porch.



LAURIE SKRIVAN / St. Louis Post-Dispartch via MCT "After I get dressed, Woobie gets dressed," said Ki-Yoshi Ankoviak, 7, who has been inseparable from her pink teddy bear since the day she was born in Clayton, Mo., Jan. 23.

"Well ... ," KiYoshi told her parents. "I don't know if this is mine. It's not dirty."

"You know," her mom said. "It's like when grandma and grandpa go away on a cruise. They go looking kind of tired, kind of pale. When they get back, they have tans, grandma has her nails done ... "

KiYoshi bought it. Woobie just went on a little getaway.

Now, KiYoshi and Woobie are tighter than ever.

Since then, Michelle Ankoviak has done a bit more eBay shopping, and for \$20 she found the perfect accessory for Woobie, which she pinned to its chest: an electronic tracking device.

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The Skiff View

Low income no longer automatic college barrier

hen 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.

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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 trailblazer 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

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 amongt 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.

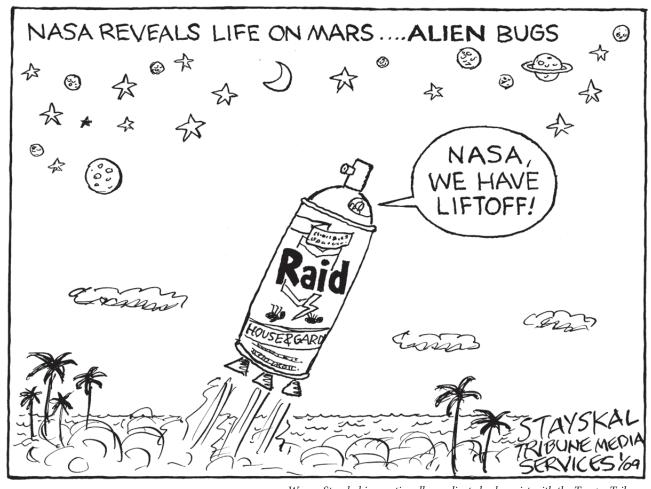
She has proved her loyalty to this nation by working tirelessly to improve the life of Americans. She has proved her strength by enduring the hardships of the campaign trail with grace, and she has proved her intelligence by her formation of key ideals and her ability to answer tough questions even when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

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Obama steers wars back on track



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 detainment 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 administra-

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 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

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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

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

Sunshine Week found that 74 percent of 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



Check out the brand new arts and entertainment blog and the humor blog at **DailySkiff.com** while they still have that new web site smell.

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

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

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 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

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

"I compose everything thoroughly and [include] opportunities for improvisation, where [some] people are playing things notefor-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 to be fascinated by 12 musicians are going unaided, and the overall who can tie so many layers and in-mood of people in the world seems struments into such a tight sound 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.

> > IASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia editor

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

Today Livney is a junior majoring in entrepreneur-

66 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. **99**

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- idea he was only 20 years old," Seliner said. "But my

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 selfabuse treatment agency, said she was not aware of

"It was a huge project for our company and I had no

experience with him was nothing but positive and he Jeff Livney, a junior entrepreneurial was thorough, responsive, and had great ideas." management major, runs market-Megan Dewar, a junior business major and classing firm Livney+Partners and mate of Livney's, said he is incredibly modest and manages Buffalo Specialties, brings humor and insight to the classroom. which designs promotional products. "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."

ETC.



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

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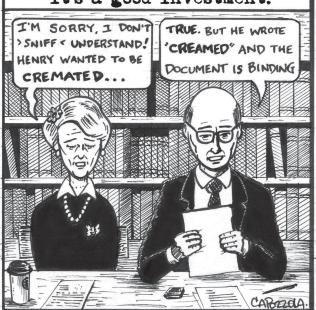
by Harry Bliss



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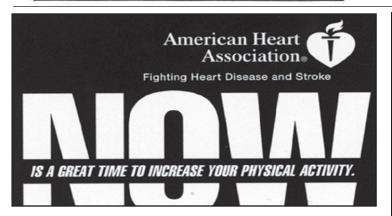
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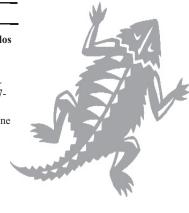
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SPORTS



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.

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

BILLY KNOWS BEST

Basketball season needs rearranging



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.

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