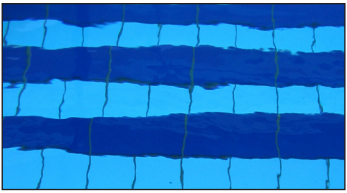




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FACULTY SENATE

Proposed policy may hurry tenure appeal process

By MICHELLE ANDERSON
Staff Reporter

A proposed policy may give faculty members a faster, more objective appeal process when denied tenure. The Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee presented a revised draft of the Faculty Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Appeal Policy on Thursday at the first Faculty Senate meeting

of the semester. The new appeal policy would provide a neutral third party to ensure that all parties abide by the procedures outlined in the appeal policy. The new policy would protect appellants from fear of reprisal if they appeal, according to a document distributed at the meeting. The committee will take

suggestions made by senators at the meeting and continue to make changes to the draft, said Dianna McFarland, the committee chairwoman. If a professor goes up for tenure and is rejected, he or she has one more year to teach at TCU and is then required to leave, McFarland said. Professors apply for tenure after six years at the university.

Several senators were concerned about confidentiality and how it would be enforced. Others wondered whether the neutral third party should be a faculty member or someone from outside. None of the concerns raised were resolved at the meeting but will be considered by the Grievance Committee, McFarland said. The committee plans to

present another revision at the next Faculty Senate meeting in March and will vote in April or May, said Stuart Youngblood, Faculty Senate chairman. "We want to create a new policy that is updated and more timely in terms of how an appeal takes place," McFarland said. The committee is taking its time revising the document

to make sure it gets as much feedback as possible from faculty members. In other business, Rhonda Hatcher, the faculty athletics representative to the NCAA, gave a report on student-athlete academic performance. She said every team met the required mark for the academic progress rate that is measured by the NCAA See **FACULTY**, page 2

'It was unbelievable...'



A woman looks over what remains of Sharon Baptist Church on Wednesday in Hardin County after it was destroyed by a tornado Tuesday night. Sam Shutt, who signed a letter of intent Tuesday to play football at TCU lives within 10 minutes of the church and was talking to a TCU coach as the tornado made its way through Savannah.

On eve of signing day, storm hits recruit's town

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Multimedia Editor

In the town of Savannah, Tenn., the concept of disaster is not typically a conversation topic. Trouble may come in the form of a few guys looking for mischief down by the shores of Pickwick Lake or after some hard loss in a Friday night rivalry at the football stadium. Disaster struck Savannah on Tuesday night during one of the most devastating tornado outbreaks in Tennessee history. One of the residents in the town of 7,100 was 2008 TCU football recruit Sam Shutt, a wide receiver at Hardin County High School who was sought after by both Southeast and Mountain West conference teams.

Night of Infamy

The night before he inked his name to become a Horned Frog, Shutt was in the middle of a severe weather system that spawned tornadoes across three states. "When it all happened I was in my room and heard the wind

blowing outside," Shutt said. "I was talking to coach (Jarrett) Anderson from TCU, and he asked me if I was alright, and I said 'I'm fine coach.' Then my dad said, 'come downstairs,' and we saw a bunch of trees down and heard the police sirens and ambulances going crazy." The Shutts' house was fine. However, for the recruit's close family friend, Logan Collier, the situation was not so fortunate. Collier had been living in his house for four years, but after the tornado plowed through the northern part of Savannah, his boat and four-wheeler were strewn into a neighbor's house a couple hundred yards away. On a wall amid the rubble of Collier's 4-year-old son's room is a painted No. 4 — Shutt's number. Collier said he plans to give the painted drywall to Sam as a token of his appreciation. "Within 30 minutes of the storm about 75 people were at my house helping clear furniture out, and Sam was one of them and he stayed until they all quit," Collier said. "In fact,



Courtesy of SAM SHUTT
Sam Shutt delivers a stiff arm during a game last fall. During his senior year at Hardin County High School he was a selection for the All-West Tennessee Team. He will leave his home in Savannah, Tenn., to continue his football career at TCU in the fall.

he beat his parents here." About 10 hours before Shutt scrawled his name, he was in the yard working alongside his neighbors clearing Collier's house. "There are not many high school seniors in the event of a disaster that would drop everything and start working without being asked, and that says a lot about a person," Collier said. Shutt left Collier's yard about

midnight with signing day on the horizon like the silver lining on the back end of the storm clouds. "He called early the next morning and said he was OK," TCU wide receivers coach Anderson said. "The night before he was worried about faxing papers, and the worry wasn't about faxing papers — it was about the people in town and helping them." See **TENNESSEE**, page 2

Profs disagree over Romney's race withdrawal

By ROB CRABTREE
Staff Reporter

Political science professors have different interpretations of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's withdrawal from the presidential race and its potential influence on the rest of the primaries for the Republican Party. Former House Speaker Jim Wright said he thinks Romney's withdrawal will benefit Republican Arizona Sen. John McCain's campaign, but political science department chairman Ralph Carter said he predicts the pullout will benefit former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. Romney's announcement came two days after he won seven states in the Feb. 5 primaries, with McCain winning nine states and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee claiming five states. Carter said he thinks Romney's exit could potentially help Huckabee's campaign because both Romney and Huckabee were fighting over support from social conservatives. Carter said if Romney's support shifts to any candidate he thinks it would be Huckabee because they were targeting the same constituency. "While none of these guys wants to have sleepovers together and sit around and make hot chocolate or anything," Carter said, "it does seem that See **ROMNEY**, page 2

Organizers cancel yearly talent show

By BIBEK BHANDARI
Staff Reporter

Rachel Patman, a freshman political science major, wanted to sing at the sixth annual Night at the Apollo today, but she will not have an audience. Night at the Apollo, one of a series of events celebrating Black History Month, has been canceled. "Our publicity wasn't probably where we'd liked to have seen it," said Greg Trevino, director of intercultural education and services. "We weren't just drumming up the right support, so we thought it was best if we went ahead and didn't do the program." Trevino said he is disappointed because the event has been an annual tradition. Joanna Bernal, a senior advertising/public relations major and one of the coordinators of the event, said she was saddened that the plans did not work out. Event organizers planned to get a DJ, a band, a comedian and a jazz saxophone player. "I really wanted to have it this year since it's my first time putting together this event," Bernal said. "We were supposed to have rehearsal today." Brittany Richards, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, said she was sad to hear about the cancellation. See **APOLLO**, page 2



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Film fest participants to discuss spirituality

By **BIBEK BHANDARI**
Staff Reporter

Red carpet, glitz and glamour are all a part of a Hollywood film festival.

Movies, popcorn and a platform for discussion will be a part of the fifth annual REEL Religion film festival this weekend at University Christian Church.

A joint effort by University Christian Church, Broadway Baptist Church, the radio-TV-film department and Faith and Life Program, REEL Religion is a film festival with spiritual and ethical aspects that creates an opportunity for conversation, said Karen Parker, an alumna and chair of the event.

“It gives us an opportunity to talk what we experience in our lives,” she said.

David Grebel, director of Extended Education and representative for Life and Faith, said all movies in the festival have a religious, spiritual and ethical emphasis and an aspect that creates a forum for discussion.

This year's event focuses on themes of education, marriage and relationships, and the death penalty. Senior ministers from both churches, professors and people from different fields in the community are leading the discussions, Parker said.

Grebel said films are a “third-way approach” to discuss some of the questions that help to create deeper understanding of social issues and each other that people would not discuss otherwise. He is leading a discussion on the film “Being John Malkovich,” through which he wants to “raise questions about what it means to be a human being — what it means to be uniquely me,” he said.

Ken Loomis, an assistant radio-TV-film professor, said the festival is a mix of popular movies and those that some people haven't seen.

Claudine Marion, an alumna and minister of hospitality and arts at Broadway Baptist Church, said organizers of the festival want people to discuss their real life situations during film discussions.

“All of the movies have life situations

that are worth discussing,” she said. “They are contemporary issues that need thoughtful discussions.”

Loomis said the festival is a safe way to share diverse opinions.

“It's good to see diversity of interpretations through films,” he said.

Jim Riddlesperger, a political science professor who is leading a discussion on “Good Night, and Good Luck,” said he wants to have a productive discussion on public affairs and the importance of civil liberties in the United States.

A 15-member committee composed of church members and TCU associates chose the films for the event. The films represent diverse points of view, Grebel said.

He said students could benefit from the event by participating in thoughtful discussions about the movie amid a diverse audience in terms of race, gender, age and profession. It also helps people engage with other community members and learn how to work effectively and stay positively connected, Grebel said.

FOR YOUR INFO REEL Religion

Where: University Christian Church
Admission: Free

7 p.m. Friday

The History Boys (R), Amazing Grace (PG), Good Night and Good Luck (PG), Waitress (PG-13), Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R), Charlotte's Web (G)

9:30 a.m. Saturday

Paper Clips (G), Bruce Almighty (PG-13), Street Fight (NR), Husbands and Wives (R), Being John Malkovich (R), Pocahontas (G)

1:30 p.m. Saturday

Freedom Writers (PG-13), Dead Man Walking (R), The Lives of Others (R) The Painted Veil (PG-13), Vanilla Sky (R), The Prince of Egypt (PG)

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The Morning After

Overtaken trucks, leveled houses and rubble were left as reminders of what the F3 tornado did to Savannah. Meanwhile, a pen and paper solidifying a career at TCU was not Shutt's priority.

“The next morning everyone was like, ‘Did you sign today,’ and I said I wanted to help any way I can as long as everyone needs help,” Shutt said.

Although the town was looking at Shutt as the local superstar, he wanted to roll up his sleeves and be part of the community that helped raise him.

“We came down Tuesday night around 10 o'clock.” Hardin County High School receivers coach Andre Lott said. “As soon as he finished signing his letter of intent the next morning, he was back at the house and still there until around 6 p.m.”

A Fresh Start

The sense of community Shutt tries to communicate goes beyond the lakeside town of Savannah. He said it was TCU's family atmosphere that drew him to join Horned Frog

Nation in Fort Worth.

During a visit to the university, Shutt's grandmother died, forcing him to end his trip early. But, he said the people he met were consoling him for his loss.

“It's kind of like a family. It's kind of like my home town,” Shutt said. “It's a lot like my town getting together now and getting everyone to come out.”

After signing with the Horned Frogs on Wednesday, he spent the afternoon knee-deep in debris, aiding the early stages of a long recovery process for a crippled town.

He said he plans to spend today back in town helping neighbors and friends salvage whatever is left in the Hardin County area.

“It's unbelievable to see. I never thought anything like this could happen — especially in small-town Tennessee,” Shutt said.

Five people have died and Sharon Baptist Church has been leveled by the fury of the storm.

For the time being he will be hauling splintered wood and pieces of shattered homes away in hopes that those affected can have a new beginning.

This fall he will be competing for a spot as a receiver for the Frogs.

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there was some tension between the Romney and McCain camps. Social conservatives may feel like they have no other place to go than Huckabee.”

Wright said he thinks Romney's withdrawal will benefit McCain.

“This is a good break for John McCain,” Wright said. “It is likely, in my opinion, that he will come through strong enough to win the nomination.”

Wright said he doesn't think Romney's decision will benefit Huckabee as much as McCain.

Freshman political science major Jennifer Kinney said she thinks even without Romney's endorsement, his departure will aid Huckabee.

“It's going to give Huckabee a lot more momentum,” Kinney said.

“Before Romney dropped out, McCain definitely had the advantage because the other two canceled each other out. Now McCain has a little more pressure because Huckabee could potentially take all of Romney's would-be delegates.”

Carter said he is not surprised Romney dropped out but is surprised at the timing.

“It's not like Romney didn't win any primaries, and McCain doesn't have it totally sewed up yet,” Carter said. “I'm just surprised that Romney pulled out so quickly. I would think that normally a candidate with as many delegates as he had would hold out a little longer.”

Carter said Romney's personal finances may have been a factor in his decision because it is reported that he spent \$35 million of his own money on his campaign.

“I don't care how wealthy you are,

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“I wish people could have been able to participate because it's a huge part of history,” Richards said.

A combination of various factors led the coordinators and event committee to decide to cancel the event, Trevino said.

He said the time factor could also have contributed to the event's cancellation. Previously, the events were on Thursdays at the end of February, but limited on-campus facilities caused coordinators to schedule it earlier in the month.

The lack of interest from participants was also a reason for cancellation, Bernal said. Seven participants had signed up and four of them backed out because they had scheduling conflicts.

Trevino said it might have been bad timing since the students are loaded with busy schedules.

Richards, who withdrew from the event, agreed with Trevino. She said she wasn't able to give time and effort to the event.

“I didn't want to participate if I wasn't able to give 100 percent,” Richards said.

A Night at the Apollo started in 2003 and has been successful with more than 300 audience participants in past years, Trevino said. The organizers plan to reschedule the event later this semester.

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except for men's basketball.

An academic committee is watching the basketball players closely and monitoring whom they bring in to participate in men's basketball as a solution to the problem, Hatcher said.

The Faculty Senate also welcomed one new senator, Connie de Veer, a theater professor.

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THE SKIFF VIEW

Tethering law good move

Who let the dogs out? Fort Worth. The city passed an ordinance outlawing the use of a leash, rope, chain or tether to detain an untended dog, according to the Fort Worth Public Health Department. And local residents who violate the tethering law, which went into effect Jan. 22, could be fined \$2,000.

Kudos, Fort Worth. It's time for the city to intervene and attempt to prevent animal cruelty — whether intentional or not. And, yes, essentially shackling an animal outdoors in the heat or cold for hours at a time is cruel.

The city's intention is to control animal abuse and animal attacks, said Amy Casas, spokeswoman for the Fort Worth Public Health Department.

Dog owners in Fort Worth, many of whom are students, have a responsibility to care for their animals.

Although some dog owners might argue that chaining up animals protects the neighbors from free-roaming dogs, it only makes the dogs more angry and obnoxious. Even the best animals can become mean when taunted on a daily basis.

Not only does neglect affect the animals, it puts an undeserved burden on the city to pick up the slack.

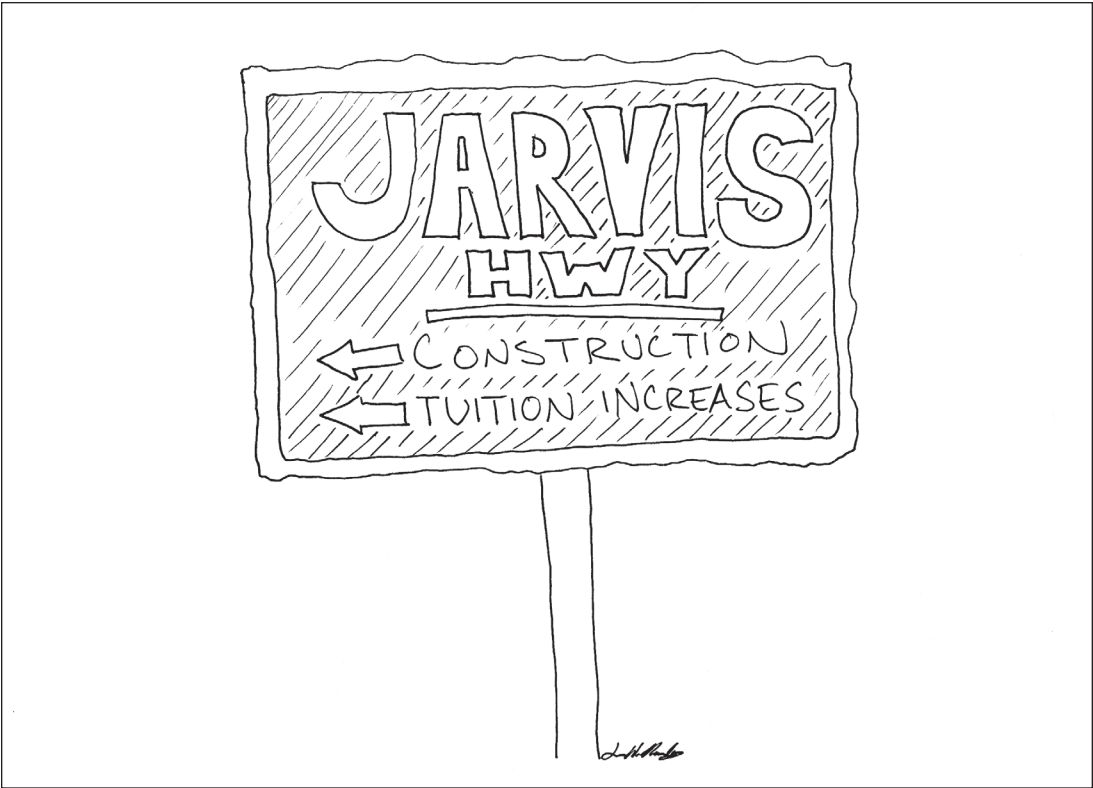
Last year, 25,500 neglected animals were impounded by Fort Worth animal control officers, and 70 percent of those animals died in shelters, according to the Public Health Department.

The city can't be expected to take responsibility for every neglected animal in Fort Worth. And it can't rely on every dog owner to abide by the law. But without a city ordinance to regulate animal care, nothing will change.

Fort Worth has the right idea.

Web editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



Jeremy Arnold is a junior religion major from Sugar Land and Whitney Waller is a junior English and religion major from Garland.

Clinton, Obama should look to each other's strengths

Following the results of Super Tuesday, one thing was clear: The front-runner for the Democratic nomination is anything but clear.

Democratic primaries and caucuses in 24 states across the country attracted voters who said the nation's economy is at the top of their minds, followed by the war in Iraq, according to a CNN exit poll. While this news is probably no surprise to Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, it does raise questions about which candidate is best equipped for the White House.



Kara Peterson

Obama's inexperience is relatively immaterial and replaced by his wide appeal among African Americans and younger voters.

Does this mean Clinton is unlikely? Well, yes. Even liberal women, arguably the most similar to Clinton, aren't quick to support her, according to a December article on CBSNews.com.

On the other hand, Clinton's demonstrated leadership capability cannot be ignored. Her experience as first lady in Arkansas, later in the White House and now as a two-term U.S. senator, has given her the credibility needed to lead the country. If anything will hold Clinton back, it will be her vote to invade Iraq, an issue Obama has been quick to point out. But when it comes to economic and health care issues, Clinton and Obama mostly agree.

Although Clinton is the obvious choice for credibility and experience, likability is important. Obama's appeal shouldn't be discounted and isn't necessarily in contrast with his capability as commander in chief. His chances of earning the nomination may be enhanced by his inexperience in Washing-

“To win the nomination, Clinton and Obama must embrace their strengths and improve on their weaknesses.”
Kara Peterson

ton — he's had less time to become a politician. But voters shouldn't choose Obama based solely on his likability. Rewind eight years, when President Bush was elected in 2000 largely because of his image as a good ol' boy. His aw-shucks demeanor and tale of born-again Christianity lured voters — how could this down-home Texas rancher-turned-governor ever be a bad president? Oops.

To win the nomination, Clinton and Obama must embrace their strengths and improve on their weaknesses. For Clinton, this means she should continue to draw on her past experiences and work to gain popularity among younger Democrats. Obama must not lose his charisma and continue his promise of change. He also needs to appeal voters who are uneasy about his short tenure in Washington.

As both candidates battle for victory in remaining primaries, neither should ignore the value of the other. After all, what could be better than a credible and likeable Democratic ticket?

Kara Peterson is an advertising/public relations graduate student from Fort Worth.

Female/male language barrier prevents relationship honesty

Heather Mayer is a feature writer for College News, a Web site just for college students and what matters to them. Last Friday, she wrote an incredibly interesting article titled, “Girl Translator — What Girls Really Mean,” that I encourage every girl to read for pure comic relief from their stressful lives and every guy to read for the truth.



Marissa Warmes

Mayer breaks the article up into responses from single girls, girls with excuses and girls in relationships.

“I just want to take things slow,” she said, means “I'm convinced you are going to rip my heart out of my chest and play hacky sack with it, so I can't get too involved because I can't trust you as far as I can throw you.”

I have to admit, I haven't been single for a while, but I remember those days like they were yesterday, and I have to laugh at the truth in her translation.

Girls, let's work on a little more truth in our words. Guys are supposed to be the tough ones, they can take it. Plus, the faster we break the news, the sooner they'll back off!

Guys, when girls use a line like this on you, let her know that you want more clarity. Don't settle for ambiguity because it won't be any clearer tomorrow than it was coming out of her mouth today.

You deserve to know the truth.

“I hate official titles for dating ... we know what we are,” Mayer said, translates to, “I can't make us 'in a relationship' because then the cute guy from environmental science won't stalk me on Facebook.”

I was impressed that she used Facebook as part of her translation, because so many of us care so much about what our profiles on Web sites like Facebook say, that we are hesitant to change our relationship status for fear of what people will say or ask.

In one last example Mayer states that the words, “I don't want to talk about it,” means, “please, for the love of God, ask me to tell you more about it so I know that you are interested in my mind, not just my body.”

This one didn't really make me laugh, because it hit home. I'm always thinking that guys only care about what they see, not what they hear. They don't care how intelligent I am or what I'm studying in school or even if I have any siblings. Right?

Actually, I've found that the guys worth dating do care about those things and will ask you to give your opinion frequently. Girls, if you have to test your man by saying “I don't want to talk about it” in

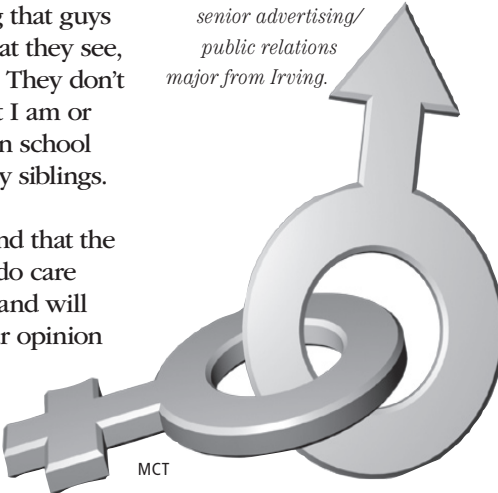
hopes of getting him to give you the right response, maybe you should rethink your relationship.

Guys shouldn't be tested because they will rarely ever give you the response you are looking for. They aren't inside of our heads and they don't know what we want. That is why they read articles like Heather Mayer's, they want to understand us.

The truth is that women will never understand men, and men will never understand women, and I think it's best we don't test the other gender. If we have something to say, or we feel a certain way or we want something, then we should come out and say it. What every person has to say is important.

Let's all work on speaking when we feel as though we have something important to say, and stop using hidden meanings to convey our true feelings.

Marissa Warmes is a senior advertising/public relations major from Irving.



Tennessee tornadoes remind of life's most valued treasures

It was about an hour wait. They were sitting in a room with no windows waiting for it to be over.

A tornado warning was in effect. After being cramped in a room waiting anxiously, the rumbling occurred.

Things seem so important. New items hit the market everyday, the new 32 gigabyte touch iPod, the new Hobo purse or that new dress from Nordstrom. But it isn't until everything is gone that



Ana Bak

you learn to appreciate things.

The night the tornado hit in Jackson, Tenn., I was online trying to buy a new backpack from Anthropologie. My friends were trying to survive and I was just trying to figure out if I could afford the bag.

When I heard about the disaster Tuesday, I was in shock. Two of my best friends are at Union University, the school that was affected by the natural disaster. Pictures of the incident seem so surreal. CNN said this tornado was the worst in the South in 20 years.

Sure I've seen “Twister” and the cow stuck in the tornado, but this one, probably because

of the emotional attachment, was hard to watch.

I was teary all day, constantly texting and calling to see if my friends were OK. The lines were dead and would go straight to voice mail. I started to worry that they were part of the 54 who died.

Then the news came, and relief trickled in.

But all I could think about was how much they have lost, how all of their stuff lay under a pile of rubble.

My friend Alaina, a junior education major at Union, explained to me what happened. It was a Tuesday night and that meant she had to be at

work in the gym. Luckily, she decided to take her purse with her.

Spring semester had only started three days ago and she was just trying to get into the flow of events. Then the warning was in effect. She had to evacuate into a safer room.

Then it happened.

The tornado hit campus and the walls behind her began to shake.

“My ears started to hurt,” she said. “It was like being in an airplane when the pressure makes your ears pop.”

It swirled through the campus, picking up cars, breaking windows, destroying the cam-

pus. Alaina and the other 2,000 students were left with debris once the tornado had run its course. More than 50 Union students were taken to the hospital. Her car, now a mere metal frame with no windows, sits in the parking lot. She isn't allowed to go to her room because it is too dangerous.

Her dorm room is destroyed and she has nowhere to live at Union at the moment. Her family is in Ecuador and her brother is in Fort Worth.

“I'm homeless,” Alaina said.

It's only for the moment, yet that feeling of not owning anything takes a toll. Thankfully, members of her church have

offered their homes and have taken care of Alaina and her roommates.

She said school was tentatively set to start Feb. 18, but she's not sure what's going to happen, how the school will rebuild or if she'll ever get her stuff back. One thing is clear, she's just thankful to be alive.

There are no words for the relief I felt to know she was OK, and this incident just makes me appreciate the warm bed I'll get to sleep in tonight, and maybe save the money for a better cause than buying that new backpack I've been eyeing.

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Dean of College of Education to step down after eight years

By ELIZABETH SEHON
Staff Reporter

When TCU officials first contacted Sam Deitz nine years ago for the College of Education dean position, he promptly refused.

Eight years later, Deitz will be stepping down from his position this summer.

Deitz has achieved many milestones in his time at TCU, and said he considers the renovation of the Bailey Building his legacy.

Deitz said retirement is a good option considering the combination of achievements his administration has accomplished.

“All administrators after a certain period of time need to go somewhere else or refresh themselves,” Deitz said.

When Deitz began his tenure eight years ago, the College of Education building had not been restored or worked on in 50 years, he said. It was poorly built and not handicap accessible, Deitz said.

After meeting with administrators and pushing the renovation to top priority, it took seven years from the administration's first efforts until the new building was opened.

Built in 1914, the Bailey Building is one of the first buildings

on campus and originally was the home of the Brite College of the Bible, the original name of the Brite Divinity School, Deitz said. When the Brite school moved across University Drive, the building became the home of the College of Education and was renamed in memorial of TCU supporters Mary and Rob-

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Sam Deitz

dean of the College of Education

ert Bailey. The building had not been touched for renovations since 1958, and Deitz was determined to change that.

There were only two restrooms in the Bailey Building before the renovation, said Emily Caswell, an education graduate student.

“The old Bailey building was very outdated and technology was lacking in it,” Caswell said.

Deitz said the Bailey Building was funded completely by outsiders, like the ranch management building. He said he

gained the funding by seeing and meeting people throughout TCU and Fort Worth.

The Bailey Building is now the most beautiful building on campus, Deitz said.

Ten classrooms and a 150-seat lecture hall have been added, Caswell said. The latest in technology for teaching and laboratories are now available for students and faculty. The space has been tripled, the building includes an elevator and now meets handicap needs, Deitz said.

“I had never really met (Deitz) until the ground breaking ceremony for the new building and I just glanced over and saw him smiling,” said Meredith Emory, an education graduate student. “He was so happy about it all.”

Deitz's entire family has greatly appreciated the Texas and TCU experience and considers the time spent making the new building possible wonderful, he said.

Deitz said he plans to volunteer time at the United Way, the Fort Worth Museum of History and other local foundations after retirement. Traveling with his wife to visit their three children who live in San Francisco, Denver and Switzerland will be a top priority, he said.

Democratic gains reroute campaign contributions

By STEPHEN FRANKLIN
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — As head of a political action committee that will dole out about \$1 million by Election Day, Craig Wolf made a critical decision a while ago: He decided to shift his group's donations so that two-thirds will go to Democrats rather than, as before, to Republicans.

“I'm looking for people who support our issues,” explained Wolf, president and CEO of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America Inc. of Washington, D.C., which two years ago gave only about a quarter of its campaign contributions to Democrats, according to figures compiled by the Campaign Finance Institute, a Washington-based think tank.

Wolf appears to be part of a trend.

About 56 percent of the money given so far by corporate America — business-related PACs and individuals — has gone to the Democrats. That's a near reversal of what happened during the last election cycle in 2006, according to figures compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, a Washington, D.C.-based research organization.

And in a number of cases the increase in campaign funding to the Democrats, who have controlled Congress since 2006, counters long-term funding links between the GOP and

business and trade organizations.

For example, most recent figures show that just less than half of the insurance industry's money has gone to the Democrats, a level that the Democrats have not seen since 1990.

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Larry Sabato

election observer at the University of Virginia

Also, more than half of the money from health professionals has gone to the Democrats, ending an advantage that had favored the Republicans since 1994, figures from the Center for Responsive Politics show.

The rationale behind the shift is “very, very simple,” contends Dr. Stuart Weinstein, a physician at the University of Iowa Hospital and chairman of the political action committee for the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

“Our goal is to improve the health of Americans. The only way you can do that is to work with the leadership party and in this case it is the Democratic Party,” said Weinstein, of Iowa City. About 60 percent of his organization's

contributions lately have gone to Democrats, up from 40 percent in 2005, he said.

As a result of the switches in business contributions, Republicans are seeing their usual dominance in campaign support fade, said Larry Sabato, a long-time election observer at the University of Virginia.

“For the first time since Watergate, Republican committees are raising far less than Democratic committees, and this in part is because business and their allies are not giving as much,” Sabato said.

There are exceptions, however. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation's largest trade group, and leading spender on lobbying in the last decade, much of it lately on pro-business Republicans, is not changing course.

In fact, it intends to step up its campaign efforts, especially on behalf of pro-business candidates, said officials with the Washington-based organization.


One reason for its concern is the anti-business populism that it is hearing from candidates, said Eric Wohlschlegel, a chamber spokesman. The chamber plans to spend over \$40 million in the current election, up from \$38 million in 2006, he said.

Sabato views the chamber's strategy, however, as “literally swimming against the tide.”

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Collectors amass political trinkets

By KATIE MENZER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Rumormongering. Name-calling. Finger-pointing. Think the 2008 presidential campaigning is already getting too dirty?

You don't know dirt. In 1896, opponents of William McKinley produced a china doll of the presidential candidate wearing an American flag-print dress.

Wonderfully patriotic, yes? Well, when the doll was flipped over, a black baby appeared — playing on a rumor that the future president had scandalously fathered an illegitimate child.

“Whatever you say about the current campaign — the Clintons and their marriage or (Barack) Obama's drug use — that was dirty politics,” said New York collector Jordan Wright, speaking of the McKinley doll. “And we think things are crummy now?”

Elections and presidents come and go, but the campaign buttons, ribbons and other kitsch remain forever — or decades, at least.

Before radio or the Internet, these trinkets were a candidate's central means of wooing voters. And while a wannabe president's campaign options are much wider today, memorabilia remains an integral — and sometimes indecorous — part of the election process.

Collectors, of course, wouldn't have it any other way.

“It's the fun of the hunt, but part of it is enjoying the collection,” said Pat Glaser, who's been buying political memorabilia for eight years.

“I get it out and look at it and think, ‘Where has it been? Who owned it? Who touched it?’”

Glaser's friend, David Quintin, got her into the hobby. He has



Part of David Quintin's collection of political memorabilia is displayed at his home in Collin County. Some collectors have landed pieces of campaign memorabilia with five-figure values that date back through more than a century of presidential campaigns.

been collecting and selling political memorabilia for 30 years, and a room in his Collin County home is dedicated to his obsession.

Quintin said he got hooked after a trip to a flea market years ago. He bought some campaign buttons and sold them for a profit.

Now, the owner of a property-tax company organizes auctions as a hobby and sells some political items at an antique mall in Plano.

But he keeps the best stuff, including one of the most coveted pins among collectors: a “Me and Roosevelt for Johnson” button.

The pin dates back to 1941 and Lyndon B. Johnson's congressional run. It displays a photo of President Franklin D. Roosevelt beside the young Johnson.

“LBJ was Roosevelt's fair-haired boy,” said Quintin, holding the lithograph pin, worth \$10,000 in good condition.

Hobbyist Bill Wardlaw also appreciates historically signifi-

cant memorabilia — he's got letters written by presidents William Harrison, Franklin Roosevelt and others — but he, too, has a heart for classless campaign collectibles.

His political memorabilia includes a 1988 pack of “Dukakis for President” cigarettes, “Vote for President Carter and Keep America Clean” bar of soap from 1980 and a Hillary Rodham Clinton nutcracker. The toy costs \$24.95 at hillarynutcracker.com, but add another \$5 if you want some “Hillary Nuts” walnuts.

“At work, they refer to my office as a museum,” said Wardlaw, whose Waco business provides adjusters to insurance companies.

Wright, author of “Campaigning for President,” said his collection highlights how candidates and supporters will do whatever it takes to get votes, and past campaigns were no less civilized than today's brawls.

His collection of a million-plus

political items includes miniature jars that were handed out at the wild whisky parties candidates threw to woo voters in the 1800s. The commemorative jars were printed with the candidate's name so you'd be able to remember the next day which side you owed for the drunken stupor.

“I'm not sure that's much different than current fundraisers,” said Wright, 49, who began collecting political memorabilia at age 10.

Dallas resident Alicea Fletcher is a collector more by happenstance than choice.

She had been president of the Young Democrats club in high school, and her boyfriend was president of the school's Young Republicans group. He gave her a toy lunar landing vehicle in 1968 with “Vote for Nixon” stamped on the side in jest.

“I wonder if he has the plastic Panama hat I gave him with the bright red ‘Robert Kennedy’ band?” she asked.

‘Jena 6’ member arrested in Texas after school fight

By RACHEL SLADE
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A member of the “Jena Six” accused of being in a fight at Hebron High School in Carrollton was released from jail Thursday morning, according to Denton County jail records.

Police said they arrested Bryant Purvis, 19, who is a student at the school, after a fight broke out Wednesday.

Dean Tackett, a Lewisville school district spokesman, confirmed Thursday morning that an assault took place at the school, but did not have details on the incident.

Purvis' mother, Tina Jones, told an Alexandria, La. newspaper that her son was upset a fellow student had vandalized his car.

Jones told the Town Talk that when her son returned from a basketball game Tuesday evening, he found that his passenger-side tires were flat. On Wednesday, he learned who may have vandalized his car. He went to the other student, “grabbed him by the collar and pushed his head on the table, talking to him,” she said.

According to county jail records, Purvis was released on a \$1,000 bond at about 1:30 a.m. He was charged with assault causing bodily injury. If convicted, Purvis could face up to a year in jail.

Jones also said she has learned from the school principal that her son will be suspended for three days and face a 10-day in-school suspension.

“I'm very upset right now with this situation. We are really, really going through a lot already with the Jena Six. I wish this had never happened. But it is what it is, and now we have to deal with it.”

Tina Jones
Bryant Purvis' mother

it is, and now we have to deal with it,” she told the Town Talk. Jena is the small Louisiana town that made national headlines after six African-American teens were accused of assaulting a white classmate in December 2006. Jones said that after the incident, she sent her son to Texas to live with his uncle, Jason Hatcher, a Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman.

In September, thousands marched through Jena, La., in support of the teens.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Swimmers head into championship with season-ending loss

By REESE GORDON
Staff Reporter

The women's swimming and diving team wrapped up its regular season with a loss to the University of North Texas on Wednesday night, and the conference championships are next on its schedule.

UNT beat TCU, 161-139, and the team fell to 6-8 on the year, finishing 2-6 in conference.

The win for the Mean Green was its first ever against TCU. The women's team was previously 16-0 against UNT dating back to the 1998-1999 season.

Coach Richard Sybesma said he

was proud of the effort displayed by his team.

"We're building to a peak, which is where we are going to be three weeks from now when the conference meet starts," Sybesma said.

Junior Cheryl Townsend placed first in the 400-meter individual medley against UNT and said despite the loss, the team's effort is a good indicator for the conference championship.

"Everyone on the team really fought hard and it's looking like it's going to be a good conference meet for us," Townsend said.

The team has overcome both injury and illness recently, with one-third of

the swimmers not able to swim in the meet Wednesday, Sybesma said.

However, he said the team is not using that as an excuse. Sybesma said he'd rather have swimmers not able to swim now than miss out on the conference meet.

While the team has faced adversity brought on by illness, sophomore Stephanie Futscher said the team could benefit from being challenged.

"We're in a pretty tough conference, with BYU and Utah," Futscher said. "So we've got to be pretty tough mentally."

Illness has also caused some of the divers to miss time, and it forced junior diver Claudia Combs to miss

the meet Wednesday.

Sophomore Destiny Glampe has been impressive in her first year diving for TCU and has helped keep the team competitive.

"We've had a rough season, with injuries and people getting sick," Combs said. "But overall, I think we've done pretty well. Destiny has come in and performed very well for us."

Glampe placed fifth in the 3-meter dive and fourth in the 1-meter dive competition against UNT, Glampe said mental toughness and good coaching have helped her to execute dives she didn't think she could master when she first started.

"Coach Chester has given me a lot of confidence," Glampe said. "He's pushed me harder than I thought I could be pushed."

The men's team also finished its season with a loss to SMU on Jan. 25, and both teams are now preparing for the Mountain West Conference Championships.

Last season the women's and men's teams each finished sixth in the conference championships. The swimming and diving team will participate in the Mountain West Conference Championships in Oklahoma City, starting Feb. 27. The meet will run through March 1.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Head coach Jeff Mittie and his Lady Frogs are riding a three-game winning streak into San Diego on Saturday and face the SDSU Aztecs, who have won four in a row.

Streaks in jeopardy for Lady Frogs, Aztecs

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

The Lady Frogs will try to stretch their winning streak to four games this Saturday at San Diego State University.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said even though the Frogs beat the Aztecs handily in the team's first meeting, he is not taking SDSU for granted.

"In a conference where you play both teams twice, a lot of it depends on when you play people. They're a different team than they were last time," Mittie said. "You have to make some adjustments and look at what worked and what didn't work."

The Horned Frogs (13-9, 6-2) beat the San Diego State Aztecs (13-7, 4-4) 86-63 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Jan. 9.

Senior forward Jenna Lohse said she thinks the Aztecs will put up a good fight, but her game plan is simple.

"Just play hard," Lohse said.

TCU is the second highest scoring team in the conference, averaging 69.4 points per game. San Diego ranks

just behind in third with 68.3 points per game.

Senior guard/forward Lorie Butler-Rayford said she wants to slow the game down to suit the Horned Frogs' pace and throw off the Aztecs' quick offense.

"I don't want to tell any secrets that we have," Butler-Rayford said. "San Diego State is a quick team. If we slow down and cut our turnover ratio, that'll help us a lot."

Turnovers should be hard to come by, as San Diego State and TCU lead the conference in turnover margin at +6.00 and +6.0, respectively.

The Aztecs are on a four game winning streak after, last defeating Air Force 62-45 Wednesday.

SDSU's leading scorer is sophomore guard Jene Morris, who is averaging 13.1 points per game.

Senior guard Adrienne Ross leads the Horned Frogs' scoring attack, ranking 8th in the Mountain West Conference with 13.7 points per game.

Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. in Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl in San Diego.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

B-BALL BLUES

Team faces difficult test at home

By JOE ZIGTEMA
News Editor

With a losing streak at four games and counting, the men's basketball team is facing a must-win game at home Saturday against the San Diego State Aztecs, the head coach said.

The Horned Frogs come home after an 83-72 road loss Thursday to Brigham Young University, the current leader in the Mountain West. The Aztecs (16-6, 6-2 MWC) currently sit one game behind the Cougars in second place.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said he knows how big the game is to the team's season.

"It's huge. There isn't any other way to put it," Dougherty said. "We have got to do everything we can to win Saturday."

TCU (11-10, 3-5 MWC) will welcome junior guard Henry Salter back to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Saturday to try to stop the team's skid. Salter suffered a knee injury in the Horned Frogs' loss to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Rebels on Jan. 30.

"When he gets in sync it's huge (to have Salter back)," Dougherty said. "At the same time, we've got to be a better team as a group. You just have to try to figure out how to continue to play."

Salter said he can complement both senior guard Brent Hackett's and junior forward Kevin Langford's ability to score by adding another scoring threat.

"We have different players on our team capable of scoring the ball, and I add a lot to the team offensively," Salter said.

Junior guard Lorrenzo Wade will lead the Aztecs into Fort Worth. Wade ranks seventh in the conference in both field goal percentage and points, in which he averages 15.1 per game.



Star guard Henry Salter will try to get the Horned Frogs back on track Saturday. Salter returns for his first game at home since injuring his knee Jan. 30. The Aztecs sit at second in the Mountain West standings.

Dougherty said the team will have to get to the foul line against San Diego State, something the Frogs failed to do at all in the first half against BYU on Thursday.

"You've got to attack the basket, and a couple of times we did, but we didn't attack it enough," Dougherty said.

The Aztecs are one of the more athletic teams in the conference, Dougherty said, and the Frogs will have to play well on the boards to win. San Diego State ranks second in the conference in rebounding margin at +3.9 rebounds per game.

"Whenever you play them,

rebounding is always an issue, getting the ball to the basket is always an issue, and those two things will be bigger than any other one factor in the game," he said.

Hackett said the team lacks focus and concentration on both defense and offense, and the team needs to pick up its intensity for a must-win game Saturday.

"There are some things that need to be changed quickly to still have a positive outlook on the season," Hackett said. "It's not over yet, but if we don't get things changed around soon it will be."

At times the team does show great patience on offense and defense, Hackett said, and it just needs to play hard.

"As long as we're playing hard it means that we can do the things we're supposed to do — the things the coaches ask us to do," Hackett said.

Dougherty said the team enjoys that attendance has been up at recent home games.

"I've been pleased with how the students have responded, because that is just so important to trying to get things on track," Dougherty said. "You have to get your student body involved."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Utah guts out conference victory against former MWC leaders

By TONY PIZZA
The (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Rebel Yell

SALT LAKE CITY — Grit and toughness — that's all Utah head coach Jim Boylen has asked of his team this season.

Wednesday night, guard Johnnie Bryant brought the grit, and center Luke Nevill provided the toughness.

Nevill scored six of his sea-

son-high 26 points during a crucial 90-second stretch in the fourth quarter and led the Utes to a much-needed 81-73 conference win over the league-leading UNLV (17-5, 6-2 Mountain West) Rebels. Bryant matched his teammate with a season-high 26 points of his own, including 16 in the first half, as Utah broke a five-game losing streak to the Rebels.

Both teams contributed to

TCU's current four game losing streak. The Utes started the streak with a 74-58 win, and UNLV took the next game at TCU 70-58.

"We have to play with grit and play with toughness," Boylen said. "I thought we handled adversity better tonight."

The win for the Utes (13-8, 4-4 Mountain West) is the first time their conference record has been at .500 or better

this late in the season since 2005. After jumping out to a 9-2 lead early, the Lobos (17-5, 6-2) were taken out of what has made them successful for much of the game.

"It's a big win for us," Boylen said. "I think this was a big win for where we want to go. It's a step in the process."

With Utah holding a slim 37-35 lead at the break, the Utes allowed UNLV to shoot just

3-for-12 from behind the arc for the rest of the game. Utah also found a way to bypass UNLV's stingy perimeter defense to find their 7-foot-1 center in the post. Nevill answered with 18 second-half points and three crucial offensive rebounds and was equally effective on the defensive end.

"Nevill is a big target and a good player," UNLV head coach Lon Kruger said. "In the

second half, we didn't do what we did in the first half to keep the ball away from him."

UNLV could not convert on a 3-point attempt by Terry in the closing minute and was forced to play the fouling game until time expired.

The loss dropped UNLV out of first place in the Mountain West, while the win moved Utah into a three-way tie for fifth place.



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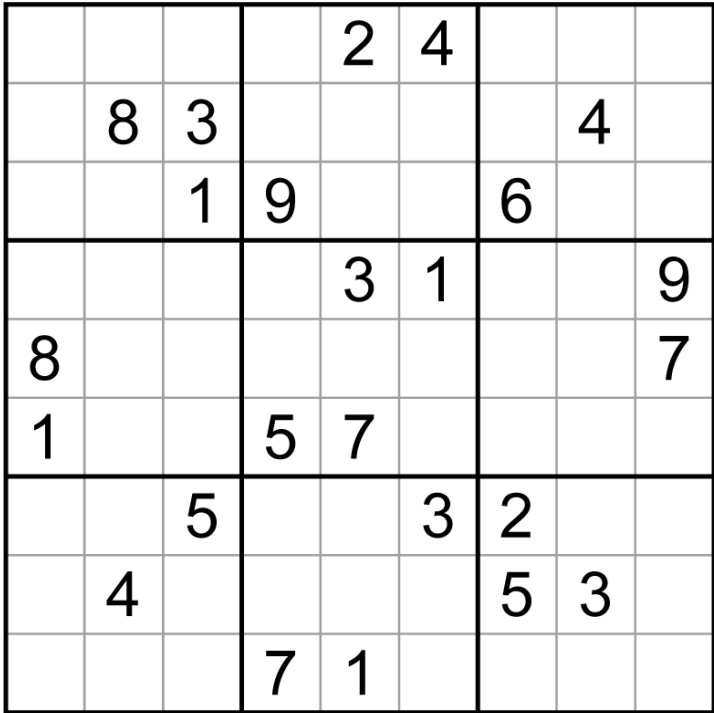


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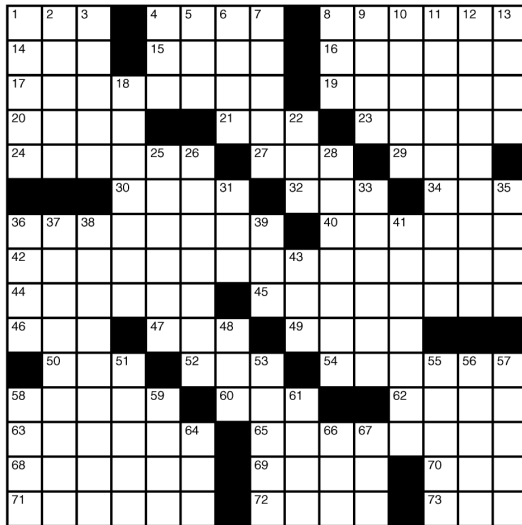
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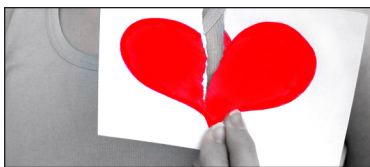
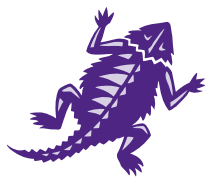
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Arturo Clark is an '04 alumnus from Guatemala who works for El Ferretero magazine.

By BIBEK BHANDARI
Staff Reporter

They crossed their borders for an educational purpose. They landed at TCU, making the campus their academic abode and home away from home. They took off on a journey to live their dreams.

International alumni are on a quest to forge a professional identity inside and outside the “land of the free.”

Peruvian native Jose Velazquez Castro began his journey when he crossed the international border to gain new experiences.

The class of '02 alumnus said he is glad he had the opportunity to study abroad and considered himself lucky to study in the U.S. because few have the opportunity.

Studying in the states earned Castro a job as a consultant for KPMG, a multinational accounting firm in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

John Singleton, director of international student services, said according to national statistics, 70 percent of international students will stay in the U.S. — most of them forever.

“I think in general, large parts of our international students do go back home,” Singleton said. “Many TCU students feel that the economic opportunities are better in their home countries than in the U.S.”

Singleton said the international students spend the most important time of their lives in the U.S., and it is interesting how

they become capable of translating the U.S. economic culture into a local culture on their return home.

Post-TCU

After graduating, Sandhya Klein, class of '04, wanted to stay in the U.S. and work with the international community.

Before landing at Harvard, she worked as a marketing coordinator for the Spanish version of the Star-Telegram and program coordinator for Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services.

The work opportunities and graduate programs the country offers for international students after graduation influenced Klein's decision to stay.

“I thought it would be nice to continue my life here,” Klein said.

Klein serves as the Latin America Project Manager for International Education Initiative, WIDE World, at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Klein came as an exchange student from Autonoma University, Colombia, and loved the radio-TV-film department so much she transferred.

“It sparked my creativity and passion for communication,” Klein said. “All the experience I had with my professors was a great influence for my professional development.”

But not all international students plan to pursue their careers in the U.S.

Castro, a marketing and e-business major, graduated in the wake of Sept. 11 when the U.S. economy was hit hard. Because he had a hard time finding a job, Castro continued his master's degree at TCU.

After graduating, Arturo Clark, an '04 alumnus, worked for the Guatemalan mission at the United Nations in New York City.

“It gave me a good chance to explore,

in practical terms, the field that I had studied at TCU,” he said. “It also gave me the chance of living in a really big city and all its implications.”

But Clark decided to return to Guatemala.

“I felt like it was the right time to leave,” he said. “I felt like I had a good opportunity waiting for me back home. I've had hard times and good times, but ultimately it was my decision, and I'm content with it,” he said.

Although jobs in her native land are not as highly paid as in the U.S., Sayuri Tamura, class of '03, decided to leave, knowing that a good job awaited her in Colombia.

“The jobs that I was being offered in the U.S. were not very appealing, which became a strong factor when I made the decision to go back to my country,” she said.

Clark now works as a writer and project manager for a bimonthly magazine, El Ferretero, in Guatemala.

Tamura lends her expertise as a business intelligence consultant for Carvajal S.A., a Colombian multinational company in Cali, Colombia.

Nostalgia

TCU might be in the past, but the memories are fresh for some international alumni.

Castro had no idea what a fraternity was, but joined Pi Kappa Phi. He laughed as he relived his TCU days. He was also involved with the Student Foundation, Student Government Association and International Student Association.

Klein said the education she received helped her professionally.

“Having the opportunity to interact with people from U.S. and all over the world at TCU gave me a great awareness and skills to be a team player,” Klein said. “I'm happy

to connect the knowledge and experiences I got at TCU and apply them in my everyday professional life.”

Clark credited TCU for making him who he is today and acknowledged the professors and people who made a difference.

“Being an international student is a great experience. When you are outside your home country you start seeing all these great things about it that before you wouldn't really appreciate,” he said. “You really discover your own culture by being outside of it. Now, I feel the same way about TCU. I identify with it. I even watch their football games on TV when I get the chance, and I'm not even a football fan.”

Klein also said she has a wonderful friendship with TCU and frequently visits the campus Web site and reads TCU Magazine.

“TCU is definitely in my heart,” she said.

What Next?

They've been here, done that, but the question that lingers is what the future holds for current undergraduates.

Michelle Fabrega, a senior advertising/public relations and psychology major, plans to stay in the U.S. to continue her master's degree and gain professional expertise.

“I can gain experience with more vision and understanding of the industry,” she said. “When I'll go back to my country, I'll have a different view of the industries and its trends.”

Peruvian native Karen Estrada, a senior economics and finance major, has already secured a job with American Airlines and plans to go to graduate school after two years.

“It's way ahead of my time to plan to settle in Peru,” Estrada said. “But I'm open to going back and living.”

Everybody's working for the weekend

Three different places to act like an animal in Fort Worth

Friday

Pop's Safari Room: 2929 Morton St.

For everyone out there who like to kick back, have a nice cigar and chill out in a country club atmosphere, this place is for you. Pop's Safari is the type of place where after you finish your pan-seared salmon in the bistro, have a couple of beers and listen to the live music, you will forget you have been there for hours. Don't forget to stay for the chocolate cobbler dessert, which would go nicely with the selection of cigars from the humidor. This local hangout is for 18 and older.

Saturday

The White Elephant Saloon: 106 E. Exchange Ave.

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Sunday

Fort Worth Zoo: 1989 Colonial Parkway

If the weather is nice, the Fort Worth Zoo would be a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Don't worry, you can sleep off all the partying you did the night before. Besides, walking through the 12 different exhibits would be great exercise. It's a quick trip down University Drive, and it will leave only a \$10 dent in your wallet. If you really want to be prepared, buy a ticket at the Student Center Information Desk and get a discount.