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Center pushes students to do more research

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

The science and engineering department is trying to encourage research and reward the students involved, an associate dean of the college said.

Ken Morgan, associate dean of the college, said the Science and Engineering Research Center, is dedicated to encouraging more undergraduates to participate in research and discovery. Last December, the Vision in Action

initiative approved a grant that will allow SERC to fund undergraduate research for four years through three grant programs.

According to the SERC Web site, the grant programs available include an undergraduate research program, an undergraduate summer research program and a travel program to attend the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

Morgan said students with a sponsoring professor can submit a

proposal in order to receive an undergraduate research grant.

Magnus Rittby, associate dean of the science and engineering department, said SERC hopes to fund 30 to 50 research programs of this kind each semester.

"No proposals are in yet, but this will be a major category of research where money will be spent," Rittby said.

According to the SERC Web site, students who apply for the undergraduate research grant can receive

\$500 to \$1,500 depending on the needs of the project.

All students who participate in the undergraduate research grant program will be required to present their research at the Student Research Symposium, a showcase of undergraduate and graduate research in the spring, Rittby said.

About six students who present the best research at the Student Research Symposium will be chosen for the travel grant program to the Nation-

al Conference of Undergraduate Research, Morgan said.

The department will review proposals this spring and plan to take students to the conference in spring 2007, Morgan said.

"Usually a couple thousand students attend the conference but next spring will be the first time TCU students will attend," he said.

According to the SERC Web site, the National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be held in

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Panel to administer relationship advice, communication tips

By SONA THAPA
Staff Reporter

Questions concerning relationships and the opposite sex will be answered by a panel of students today at 5 p.m. in The Main during the "She Says, He Says" event.

Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said this event is about having healthy communication in a relationship.

"This is more critical than having information about condoms and STDs because (partners) need to have that communication before (being intimate)," Giovanis said. "It is an opportunity to give students a chance to voice their questions in an anonymous way and hear what others have to say."

Participants can either ask their questions during the event or submit them in a question box, which will be kept at a table outside the Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Giovanis said that using this method to ask questions will allow panelists to choose respectful questions from participants who remain anonymous.

Marcy Paul, director of the Women's Resource Center, said the goal of this program is to acknowledge differences in communication styles.

"Both men and women are shortchanged and have advantages in how they communicate with each other," Paul said. "The key is to get both sexes talking, trusting and sharing responsibility in communication."

This program is a combined effort of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, the Women's Resource Center, Programming Council and Hyperfrogs.

A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

Laura Crawley, the assistant dean of campus life and health promotion, educates students on how to maintain mental and physical health. After obtaining a master's degree from the Brite Divinity School and serving as a hall director from 1994 to 1997, Crawley returned to TCU in fall of 2005.

*Crawley brings unique experience, holistic approach, colleagues say*By ADRIENNE LANG
Associate editor

At 39, Laura Crawley's strong and slender limbs are masked behind her black leggings and rubber flip-flops. Normally a marathon runner, she had to change her workout because of a stress fracture.

Fresh out of her yoga class, Crawley sat at the table, tearing her sour dough bread apart with her shivering hands. "I'm cold," she said with a quiver. A blue bandana pulled her cinnamon hair back from her cornflower blue eyes and fresh face lacking makeup. She brought her chilled fingers above her ears that contained only one gold stud to point to the gray hairs that weren't there. "I watch all of these people spend all of this money to fight growing older,"

she said. "This gray hair is part of my experience."

Her unconventional approach to age is the culmination of experiences now important to her position at TCU as assistant dean of Campus Life and health promotion.

Part of the position, Crawley said, is part of a committee that observes students, asks questions and makes recommendations. "Our job is to look at issues that affect our students' health, in a holistic way," she said.

That includes educating students on violence prevention, study skills, time management and suicide prevention. Other issues she and the committee considers are alcohol and drug use, sharing prescription drugs, safety shuttles and the health of the faculty and staff.

Glory Robinson, associate dean of Campus Life, said it was Crawley's experience and intelligence that impressed her during interviews.

"One of her major skills is being able to communicate with others, in which I think she does an excellent job," she said. "She's hard-working. She seems to be very honest. She seems to be one you can talk to easily."

Growing up

Before Crawley became a preventative health promoter, she was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, a place that fostered her interest in health and community outreach.

"As far as health and service, I started

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History professor openings increase

By GRETCHEN HOLLIS
Staff Reporter

Student seeking job opportunities in the present are looking to the past.

For the first time in 15 years, openings for history professor positions in 2004-2005 exceeded the number of doctorate degrees awarded, according to Perspectives, the American Historical Association magazine.

The increase in available jobs is a result of the baby-boomer generation that created the need for more classrooms and teachers in the 1950s and 1960s, said Ken Stevens, the history department chairman.

Now the children of baby boomers are in college so that leads to the need for more professors, Stevens said.

"A lot of historians are drawn to teaching," Stevens said, "because it's a profession that allows them to continue to engage in something they love doing and to communicate with others."

The vast majority of history graduates teach at four-year colleges, and these are the positions that are becoming available, said Peter Worthing, director of the history graduate program at TCU.

TCU granted three history doctorate degrees and eight history master's degrees last year — which is typical, Worthing said.

In 1985, there were about 450 college and university positions available for historians, and there were about 550 doctorate degrees granted that year, according to AHA. In 2004-2005, there were about 950 job openings for history professors and about 840 doctorate degrees granted, according to the AHA study.

Dana Cooper is working on her doctorate in history at TCU and said she is hoping to teach at a four-year college or university after graduation.

Cooper said the job market for historians is competitive because there are so many students seeking history doctorate degrees in the United States, concentrating on American History, which she is studying.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education Web site, Africa had the greatest increase for history jobs in 2004-2005 at 92 percent. North America had a 9 percent increase.

President: Disney apology not enough

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
Associated Press

EL PASO (AP) — Texas A&M University-Commerce President Keith D. McFarland said Wednesday that Walt Disney Studios' response to complaints about accuracy in the movie "Glory Road" is inadequate.

McFarland's university was linked to some of the most racially charged scenes in the movie depicting Texas Western College's unlikely run to the 1966 NCAA basketball national championship.

Richard Cook, Walt Disney Studios chairman, wrote to

McFarland this week that some events had to be condensed to fit into a two-hour movie.

"Since 'Glory Road' is not a documentary, it was sometimes necessary to consolidate events in order to convey the life and times of the story in a roughly two-hour period," Cook wrote. "It was never the intention of Walt Disney Pictures or the 'Glory Road' filmmakers to unfairly depict any particular group, individuals, community, or institution and we regret any misunderstanding this might have caused."

McFarland said in a statement that Cook's response "reads more

like an explanation and justification than an apology."

In the movie, the Texas Western College Miners, who made history by starting five black players in the national championship game, are shown being berated and taunted with racial slurs during a regular season game at East Texas State University, now Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Former Texas Western players and others familiar with the 1966 team have said some of the movie's scenes, including one showing Bobby Joe Hill meeting his wife in a Mexican cantina, were fictionalized.

On the hunt



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

Senior finance major Sara Shipman (left) talks with a representative from Guaranty Bank at the Career Expo Wednesday evening in the University Recreation Center.



WEATHER

TODAY: AM Clouds / PM Sun, 80/39

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy, 41/35

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FUN FACT

A North Dakota State student called police Saturday asking where to buy pot. The student was arrested at the station after a dispatcher told her the police had some in evidence. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CRAWLEY

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early," she said. "I came from a family that valued service."

Born the youngest of four, a status shared by a twin brother, Crawley said her father was a large influence. As a social worker, her father got involved with a Vietnamese immigration camp and would take her and her siblings to play with the immigrants who sought sanctuary from the Vietnam War. She said she played with the Vietnamese kids on a regular basis. On Sundays, her family would invite about 12 to 15 immigrants over to their home for dinner.

Her father's job also allowed Crawley to witness other realms of social work. Because her father also worked with a local mental health agency, Crawley said, the family hosted many mentally ill patients in its home for six to nine-month increments over a three-year period. Although her father was not a psychologist, he still helped out the patients with what he was skilled in, she said.

"My father was about the everyday ... functioning," Crawley said. He looked at the holistic aspect of their health and helped them develop some interdependency, she explained with the help of her hands.

"It wasn't like my family had a lot of money growing up — this is just how they chose to spend it," she said. She said she can remember some of the psychotic tendencies of patients her family hosted, such as a woman who tried to catch sunlight reflecting from the window onto a wall.

As the kids grew into puberty, her parents stopped inviting mental patients into their home and the children went to soup kitchens and youth "penitentiaries," which housed minors too dangerous for regular juvenile halls a few times a year.

College life

With her childhood of service in mind and following her father's foot-

steps, Crawley headed to California Baptist University and graduated in 1989 with undergraduate degrees in sociology and social work. Although she enjoyed her college experiences, such as skinny-dipping in the vice chancellor's pool, putting a couch in the bell tower and learning how to change into a bikini on the freeway, she still yearned for something more. With the help of her major professor and colleagues, Crawley said, she developed into a healthier person. "They mentored a lot of us women," she said. "They would challenge us."

Crawley said that in the mid to late 1980s, women still had a more domestic role, but that her professors went against the tide. She remembered telling her professor that she was too afraid to have strong opinions because that wasn't her societal place. She said her professor responded, "Oh, that's not my world. I don't think that's yours either."

In another realm

Keeping her "feminist" professor's words in mind, she thought beyond what she was expected to do, and instead, did what she could do. After working in a home for troubled boys after graduation, Crawley headed to Africa in 1991 for two years and taught English, distributed medicine and took people who were too ill to be at home to centers.

"I grew up a lot there," she said. "The world was a lot bigger than I had been raised in."

Crawley took in a lot in Africa. She remembered a young girl who developed gangrene from gauze that was never changed after she broke her arm falling out of a mango tree. She talked about her bout with malaria. Her most vivid memory, however, was when she first realized that she could contribute to the community in her own way. A pregnant woman approached her because she saw that Crawley owned a truck. The woman needed a ride to the hospital and it became apparent that the baby was

coming soon when her water broke in the back seat. Crawley said she tried to drive slowly because of the deep pits in her path.

"These roads were worse than country roads," she said. "It takes a lot of gumption to survive when you don't always have access to health care."

The woman got to the hospital in time and Crawley felt that she had a major part in the birth. She said she thought to herself, "I'm probably not going to be a doctor ... well, one person can drive a truck and get to the hospital."

Two Horned Frogs fell in love

She returned to California at age 27 to work in a home for court-appointed children before moving on to graduate school at TCU, where she obtained her master's from the Brite Divinity School in theological studies. From 1994 to December of 1997, she worked for Residential Services and became the hall director for Jarvis and Sherley Halls.

Mary Ruth Jones, the office assistant in Sherley Hall, has been an administrative assistant at TCU for 20 years and knew Crawley as a graduate student.

"She's always been a very outgoing person," she said. "She spent a lot of time with her residents. She blossomed as a hall director."

Crawley not only started a career path at TCU, but also met her husband, Robert Crawley, in 1994. Robert Crawley, 41, was a graduate student working as a program coordinator in Martin-Moore Hall at the time.

He said they were both tailgating at the house of Don Mills, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, when Laura introduced herself to him. He said it took him an entire semester to ask her on a date.

Although he adores her fun personality, quick wit and constant desire to improve herself and others around her, the laidback California native said it was her roots that drew him in for life.

He said with a smile, "The California thing was the icing on the cake. I

never thought I'd meet a Californian in Texas.

"She's the exciting half. She'd hop in my truck and would not stop talking."

Virginia-bound

The couple married in 1996 and lived in Idaho and Maryland for two years before settling in Virginia for four years, where Laura Crawley worked in the office of the dean of students and in the residence life office from 2000 to 2004 at the University of Virginia.

Sitting behind her cluttered desk, she brought up the images of the historic UVA lawn and pavilion on the Internet. She rubbed lotion between her hands and talked about the situations she saw at Virginia. "There was a lot of pressure to achieve."

"I never met an undeclared student in four years."

She said that because of the pressures the students felt, she encountered a lot of mental health issues and anxiety in students. Although a part of her job was to educate students on alcohol, most of her work was in crisis management and response.

Lillian Lacy met Crawley as a senior at Virginia, working on the resident staff. She spoke over the phone with reverence at the mention of Crawley's name.

"She was doing a lot of counseling for students," she said. "Laura was always incredibly compassionate. She always wanted you to learn from a situation," she said.

Lacy said she was always impressed with Crawley's ability to relate to her students.

"Laura became the running partner of several students," she said. "That was definitely part of her appeal. She has all of this energy."

Anne Magnan, who also met Crawley at Virginia when she worked as an area coordinator, agreed with Lacy.

"She connects with students like they're one of her peers," she said. "Just because someone's 18 doesn't mean they're stupid and I think Laura

would agree."

Magnan said Crawley used to run in the evening, trotting past the fraternity houses, waving to people.

"Laura just is what she says. She sets an example."

Besides setting an example, Crawley has an easygoing personality that made students comfortable. Magnan said she would never forget meeting Crawley.

"She definitely said 'Laura Crawley. Damn glad to meet ya!'"

Back to Cowtown

Her impression seems to stay in other people as well. After four years, Crawley left Virginia to live in Lawrence, Kan. for 15 months before residing in Fort Worth for the second time. When the position of health promotion opened at TCU, Crawley was asked to interview. In September 2005, she and her husband returned to TCU; this time Laura Crawley became the assistant dean of Campus Life and health promotion and Robert Crawley was hired as an adviser for Academic Services.

Laura Crawley said she enjoys her job at TCU because it allows her to use preventative measures instead of reactive implementations, such as her job at Virginia.

"If we can lower those numbers of assault by creating an environment that doesn't lend to it," Crawley said, providing an example. "It's a lot more challenging to my intelligence."

That intellectual challenge, she said, is what keeps her young.

Crawley finished her bread and soup and eyed their remnants as the server carried them away.

"I like my age and what it took to get me this age," she said.

Leaving the restaurant, Crawley turned to watch a group of elderly women with wintry gray hair enter the eatery. She took in their confident demeanors despite their purple varicose veins and wrinkled skin underneath their short neon blue, green and pink tennis skirts before she exclaimed, "I just love that I love that! I think that is the bomb!"

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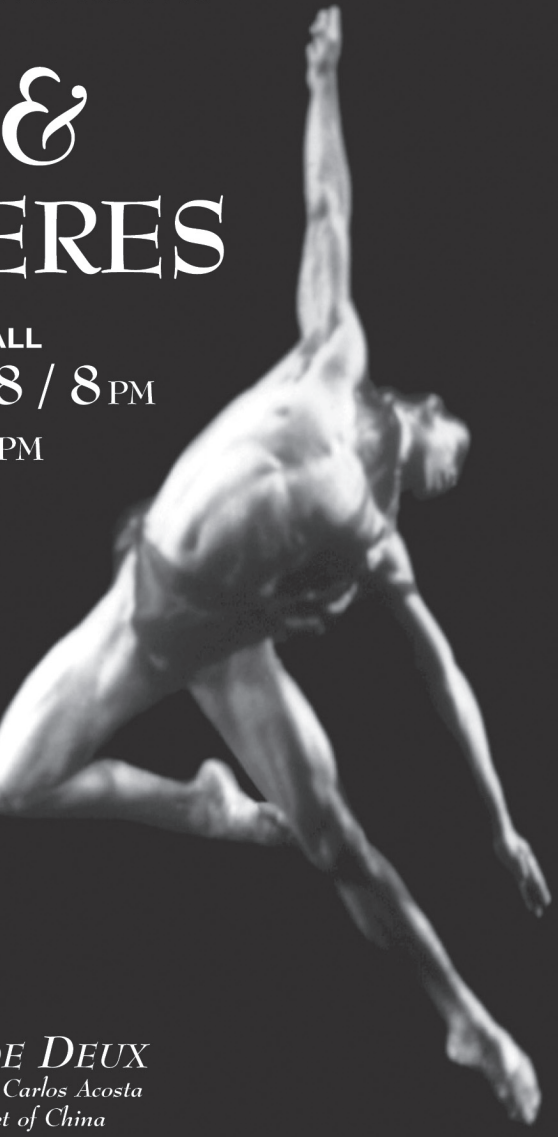
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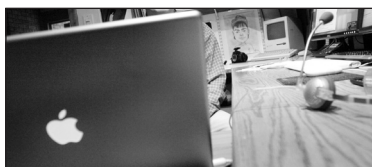
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CENSORSHIP AS A WAY IN ...

"Your abhorrent actions in China are a disgrace," U.S. House Representative Tom Lantos said at the subcommittee hearing on U.S. technical service companies self-censorship in China in order to provide services to the communist nation.

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Company's prices out of line

It has been said that you can't put a price on life.

But apparently, drug maker Genentech can. The New York Times reported Wednesday that the drug Avastin, which is produced by Genentech and is already being used in the treatment of colon cancer, could extend the lives of hundreds of thousands of people when used to treat other cancers — but at a hefty price.

According to the report, the drug would cost patients about \$100,000 a year; not because of the drug's cost of production, but, as a company executive said, because of the inherent value of sustaining life.

In other words, Genentech is saying to cancer patients: "You don't want to die, do you? Well, good. Give us your money." It looks like Genentech's executives have found a way to use lung or breast cancer as a weapon in committing armed robbery.

Of course, Genentech is a business. They have the right to seek profit. But as the Times reported, sales of Avastin are expected to soar to more than \$7 billion by 2009, up from \$1.1 billion last

year, which will cause a tripling in Genentech's profits from \$1 billion to \$4 billion.

William M. Burns, a Genentech board member, told the Times the company has no reason to change the price of Avastin given current health economics, and that when it comes to cancer therapy, "The pressure on society to use strong and good products is there."

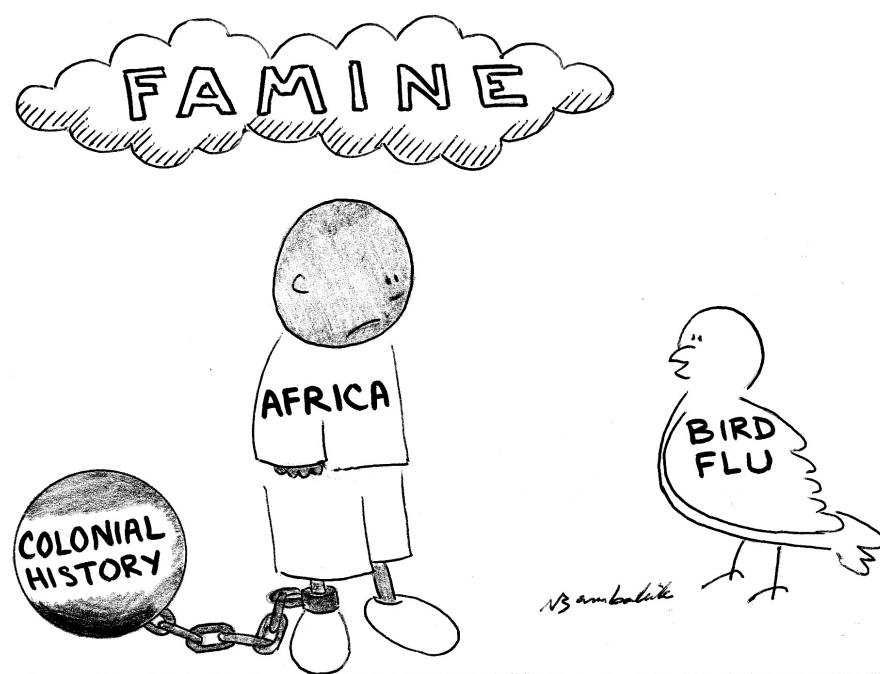
Genentech obviously recognizes society's need to take care of the dying, and the company is exploiting it.

The Times reported that other companies may follow Genentech's lead and begin offering their lifesaving medications at inflated prices that may be difficult for even those with insurance to afford. Imagine facing death knowing that if you had only made a few more dollars in life, you would be able to buy a few more years.

Life is filled with battles between the haves and the have-nots, but now, thanks to companies like Genentech, even the ability to live may only be available to the haves.

News editor Mike Dwyer for the editorial board

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"AND YOU THOUGHT AIDS WAS AN ALBATROSS AROUND YOUR NECK!"

POINT

Ask females for fashion advice

All right, I have a confession to make. I like frat-daddy clothing.

Honestly, the boat shoes, the khaki shorts, the Polos — minus the popped-collar (read: misguided fad) — I love it all. Now, look down. If you are currently sporting clothing similar to this, you can kindly stop reading; this won't apply to you ... today. For the rest of you, take a seat, continue reading and please, try not to let me hurt your feelings.

Let's take it from the top. Boys, I know that some of you truly believe in a man's right to primp his hair. Fine, at least you are trying. Let's go over a few points. Frosted tips — don't do it. Just because Ryan Cabrera thinks frosted tips are cool, does not mean they are. He is misinformed.

You know what Ryan Cabrera also does incorrectly? The use of hair gel. Don't do that either. Girls want to thread their hands through your hair, not be stabbed by it. The trick to hair products is to make it seem like you aren't using them. Go ask your girlfriend/female friend/sister about it. If you don't have one single female

in your life, maybe you should ask yourself why. Do you wear hair gel?

Now, let's chat about body piercings. I know they were in for a while in the early '90s, and that was "all that and a bag of chips," but it's 2006 now. Take the earring out.

Moving right along to the shirt, I have one question. Is your shirt wrinkled? Probably. I know that mornings are stressful, and going to class does not always seem like a more productive option to sleeping, but you aren't fooling anyone with that wrinkled polo. Just because it's a good shirt does not make it OK. I (and every other girl) know you just picked up the least wrinkled, foul-smelling shirt off the floor in a quick haste. Don't deny it either; I've witnessed the sniff test. Though there is one positive aspect to this act — you probably didn't have enough time to get around to the hair gel.

Now, pants are a big issue. Can you please just pull them up and get everything in place? Thank you. Visible bra straps on girls are tacky, and you know what? You are no exception to the undergarment rule. I really do not want to see the St. Patrick's Day boxers your mommy bought you in honor of your Irish heritage. Be a man and

buy a belt, and if you want to go for bonus points, match the tone of said belt (brown or black) to your shoes.

Now that we have determined the correct location of your shorts, let's discuss the material. Take a peek downward. Are your shorts denim? I hope not because jean shorts were totally rad in the '80s — not today. Khakis are a much better option.

There is also a correct length for shorts. If you are currently sporting shorts the same length as your girlfriend's, you might want to consider lengthening them.

Out of the kindness of my heart, I'll share with you this. On the right guy, some of these fashion don'ts can be cute. We may still try to change them, but they can be attractive. If you are going to try this strategy, keep in mind that an exceptional personality is required.

I think it's time for me to get off my soapbox. Remember, if you don't know whether something looks good, just go find any female and ask her. Honestly, we aren't trying to be mean; it's for your own good — or so we say.

Shannon Kelly is a sophomore advertising/public relations major from Dallas. She does not hate men — just some of their fashion faux pas.

COUNTERPOINT

Women's wardrobes need work

Women's fashion has never made sense to me. I'm continually amazed when I see naturally beautiful women who mangle and contort their bodies in order to fit into something "cute," all so they can impress their girlfriends.

See, from what I can tell, women don't dress to make guys notice them. If they did, they'd listen to our complaints. Instead, many women participate in a daily battle to see who can be the best-looking. It's an internal war, and the victims are the men who are forced to view the disgusting ensembles worn by the combatants.

Let's start with an oldie but goodie: Ugg boots. I have no inherent problem with Ugg boots. According to Ugg's Web site, they're "cozy shoes" that I "won't ever want to step out of." Best of all, they keep feet warm and toasty, and who doesn't want that, especially on cold winter days? But there arise two problems: First, it doesn't get that cold in North Texas. I can see wearing Uggs if you live in Minnesota, but Fort Worth? Second, if you want to be so warm, why wear them with

miniskirts and shorts? Ugge-wearers are just as bad as people who wear white tube socks with sandals.

Now for my next point. I live (yes, live) on the second floor of Moudy, where, like in every other building at TCU, it is always 40 degrees below whatever the temperature is outside. You'd think that people would figure out this system by modifying their wardrobes, but every day I see female classmates sporting next to nothing. "It's so cold in here," they cry.

Either shut up and deal or wear something more than glorified underwear.

Speaking of underwear, you are not Beyoncé; no one wants to see your thong.

But enough about cold weather and undies. Spring is almost here and the new fashions are upon us. This year's big item: sunglasses. Here's the interactive part of the column. Take your sunglasses into the bathroom and, facing the mirror, put them on. Ask yourself, "Do I look like a bug?" If the answer is "yes" or "maybe," promptly remove the sunglasses and dispose of them in the nearest trash can. Sunglasses should cover your eyes, not your entire face.

Let's move on. I'll preface this next topic by saying

that I agree that women's clothing sizes are difficult to understand. In "man land," everything is in inches, which makes perfect sense. You ladies have to deal with ambiguous numbers like "4" and "6," which often change from store to store.

After much research, however, I think I know how many women pick their sizes. They try on a pair of jeans that fit, go back to the rack and buy a pair that's one size smaller.

This may shock and offend you, but, chances are, you don't wear a "0," as much as you try to delude yourself. So many women would be gorgeous if they just wore clothes that fit instead of cramming themselves into khaki shorts from Limited Too.

Women's fashion isn't a total loss, though. Many of the attempted trends die quickly, such as the ruffled miniskirt or the Von Dutch trucker cap. And most female Horned Frogs dress well. With a little work, and a little advice from guy friends, we can make TCU a very fashionable campus. But, as an immediate favor to me, lose the Uggs.

Brian Wooddell is a senior news-editorial journalism major from The Woodlands. He's no fashion guru, but he knows what he likes.

Fundamentalist actions merit no respect

Here's a progressive idea: screw people's religious beliefs. This imperative of sensitivity that has the world tip-toeing around every-

body's version of the gospel like rare flora in some canonical garden is overdue for review. With fundamentalism flaring up, it's high time we discarded this half-baked permissiveness, and respect only that which is respectable.

Religious convictions deserve no more consideration than the schizophrenic mutterings of bus stop winos — especially when the faithful show themselves to be irrational and violent. The latest protests by throngs of angry Muslims are such an exhibition; reaction to the Muhammad cartoons has inched the world closer to a bloody jihad. A Muslim cleric demanded the severed heads of those responsible. Presum-

ably, he meant the cartoonist, the editorial boards, kids with paper routes, etc. Riots broke out all over the world. Embassies were torched in the name of Allah. Somehow, these homicidal holy-rollers thought this would correct the misapprehension that they're a short-fused rabble of reckless zealots.

Jacques Chirac, on behalf of right-thinking Westerners everywhere, prescribed more and better tip-toeing. But if religious beliefs are an injunction to threaten or perpetrate violence against fellow humanity, no tip-toeing is in order. A big fat "Screw you and your religion" is.

Nothing in this world, and certainly not severe orthodoxy, entitles us to never be offended. It is because people are self-professed "true believers" that they feel offense is in order. There will not be more respect for religious beliefs, but less —

and that's as it should be.

With the Islamic world losing its mind over some cartoons, hundreds of millions of Jews and Christians needn't climb into their ivory towers. We have plenty of so-called Christians here at home who can't play well with others.

Pat Robertson, the man of God who called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, also deemed Ariel Sharon's stroke an act of divine vengeance. How does Robertson's faith, and his devotees by implication, command even tacit respect?

When Baptists from Topeka, Kan., preach that casualties of the war in Iraq are divine retribution for tolerance of homosexuality, and attend military funerals waving placards that read "Thank God for IEDs," no respect is due.

The Israelis, hiding behind the leg of big brother America, have no compunction

about butchering Palestinians. The Pentateuch reads like a cultural rap sheet. Screw that religion too.

Isn't peace of mind through detachment from worldly concerns a chief function of religion? Perhaps, but mostly, religion is melodrama. These kooks go in for cinematic religion. They see themselves as players in some epic holy war saga where the one true faith (read: they) will prevail (read: become a ghost and float up to an ethereal paradise to live with their god for eternity).

If there is a God, he'll save us from all those who would burn the world to the ground in his name — and forgive us the "sin" of not respecting their sacramental excrement.

Dylan Lightfoot is a columnist for The Louisville Cardinal at the University of Louisville. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Standardized testing not necessary in college

As if we didn't have enough essays, midterms, projects and graduation requirements to deal with, the federal government is thinking of adding a standardized test to the mix.

The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education is considering standardized testing for colleges and universities. In response to the growing concern that college fails to prepare students for the real world, the commission is looking at testing as a way to raise colleges' accountability for student achievement.

Commission president Charles Miller certainly has the credentials to advocate for such a program. As the former head of the Regents of the University of Texas, he oversaw the first attempts

at standardized testing at the nine-campus system.

But while the university succeeded in implementing a program, it would still be impossible to administer a nationwide test. The costs to universities would be enormous — the only people who would benefit financially from such a program would be test-coaching companies.

A test, isn't real life. Tests require not real-life knowledge, but test-taking skills. That's why many kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers waste valuable class time "teaching to the test" rather than educating students.

Being admitted to a university implies exploring new areas and exercising academic freedom. That's why it's called "higher education."

This staff editorial appeared in the Daily Californian at the University of California at Berkeley. It was distributed by U-Wire.

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Skater compensates for earlier failure

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Apolo Anton Ohno managed to stay out of trouble. With no medals on the line, that's all he needed to do.

Ohno shook off a disappointing start to the Turin Olympics by leading the Americans into the relay final with a vintage short track performance Wednesday night: He put his team out front with a gutsy pass of two skaters and gave an emphatic pump of the fist when he crossed the finish line ahead of everyone else in the chaotic 5,000-meter race.

"It was just total instincts," Ohno said. "I just let it go."

He also advanced comfortably from the preliminary heats of the 1,000 — an expected result, but one that couldn't be taken for granted after Ohno's mishap on the first night of short track.

The 23-year-old skating star cost himself a chance to defend his Olympic title in the 1,500

with a boneheaded move in the semifinals. Already in position to advance, Ohno bumped the leader in a turn, wobbled and bobbled before regaining his balance, and wound up missing the final.

"I know what happened," Ohno said. "Everybody knows what happened. I had to come out strong."

The only gold medal Wednesday went to China's Wang Meng, who fulfilled the role of overwhelming favorite in the women's 500. The 20-year-old Wang, competing in her first Olympics, led from the opening gun and held off Bulgaria's Evgenia Radanova by the length of her right blade.

Radanova also won silver in the 500 at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games and has three Olympic medals in all. Canada's Anouk Leblanc-Boucher earned the bronze.

Ohno won a gold and a silver at the last Olympics, and he hopes to lead the men's relay



AMY SANCETTA / Associated Press
United States' Apolo Anton Ohno celebrates his team's victory in the men's 5000 meter relay race at the Short Track Speed Skating at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

team to its first medal since 1994.

He took control of the semis with one dynamic move, shifting into a higher gear that sent him careening around skaters from China and Italy with 30 laps to go. The crowd let out a gasp, then erupted in cheers at the skater moving so effort-

lessly from third to first.

"It was the right move at the right time. It was perfect," said Rusty Smith, one of Ohno's teammates.

China and the Americans swapped the top spot a couple of times before Smith grabbed it for good, then passed off to Ohno for the finishing kick.

CAMPUS LINES

- May 2006 Degree Candidates should file their Intent to Graduate forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. Each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the Registrar by Feb. 10.
- Information concerning dates and times changes for graduation can be found on the Web page. Go to Academic Programs on Home Page then to Registrar's Office then to Graduation Information.

RESEARCH

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Research grant will include travel to the conference, accommodations and any other applicable fees.

The undergraduate summer research grant will be a substantially larger grant than the other two grant programs, Rittby said.

"The reward could be up to \$5,000 a student, depending on where the research will take place," he said.

The summer program will allow students to research at other labs across the coun-

try, Morgan said. "Collaborative research is important for TCU because it creates connections for the university," Morgan said. "This kind of research makes our students as attractive as possible for graduate programs."

Rittby said it is a priority of the college to stimulate research and the Vision in Action funding will enhance, even more, the research the department started with the Student Research Symposium.

Although this semester will be a trial and error, Morgan said, no researcher should be left behind.

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Season ending with bang

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

With the regular season finished and only the NCAA championships ahead, TCU rifle head coach Karen Monez said the team has compiled a season that they can be more than pleased with.

"I'm very proud of their performance this season," Monez said. "It shows dedication to the sport. I think we've made phenomenal progress this year."

The Horned Frogs finished the 2005-2006 season with a 7-2 record in head-to-head competitions with other schools and recorded one tournament first place finish, a record-breaking performance at the UTEP Triangular on Jan. 28-29. This year's results show a marked improvement over last season's final numbers; in 2005 the Frogs ended the year with only a 1-6 record and recorded no first place finishes.

Senior Celeste Green said the successful season can be partially attributed to the amount of focus the team showed before competition started.

"When we started the year, we set some goals (score-wise)," Green said. "So far we've been able to reach and exceed those goals."

The squad will also look to build on this year's success in 2007. The roster only has two graduating seniors, and Monez said the already solid core of athletes will be supported with new recruits next year.

"We're bringing back a lot of experience," Monez said. "We will also bring in some new freshmen to pair with more experienced shooters, which is what you have to have competing against quality teams."

Junior Nikki LeCompte said she is looking forward to mixing next year's rookies into the fold.

"I'm very excited to see all the old faces and the new ones, too,"

LeCompte said. "We'll have to try and initiate them."

Although the team as a whole has no remaining competitions, it will be at least a few more weeks before any of the shooters will know if they will compete individually in the NCAA Championships. Monez said she was not sure if anyone would be advancing, but she had a reluctant prediction.

"I hope to know in the next two weeks," Monez said. "We have a good chance of placing one of our shooters. I wonder who that will be?"

One shooter who might qualify is freshman Tanya Gorin, who both set and broke several TCU records this season. Gorin will also be featured in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd, a piece that highlights the achievements of student-athletes nationwide.

In modest fashion, Gorin down played the importance of the recognition.

"I really don't know that much about it," Gorin said with a smile.

FINAL TEAM RESULTS FROM TCU RIFLE'S FEB. 11 - 12 MATCH:

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Q&A

GLORIANN & GABBY LOPEZ

Sports editor Travis Stewart took a trip through the Lopez family tree this week with Gloriann and Gabby, sisters and teammates on the women's tennis squad



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

What's the best part about having a sister in the organization, on the team?

Gloriann Lopez: You always have that person for support.

Gabby Lopez: You've always got your number one fan with you!

What's the weirdest thing about coach Borelli?

Gabby Lopez: I don't really see him as a father figure ... but kind of like family. I think it's a familial relation.

Gloriann Lopez: (Laughter) No, I definitely see him as a coach. The weirdest thing about Dave-O ... I think the weirdest thing about him is his sayings. He says the same stuff a lot. He knows you understand something and he'll tell you again anyways.

What's the best attribute about playing in a sport with so many international athletes?

Gloriann Lopez: Oh, it's amazing ... you just get to meet so many people that are so different. But you see, we're all alike too because we all want to win. We all get pissed, you know.

Which is better — indoor or outdoor tennis?

Gloriann Lopez: Outdoors. I like being out here, I like the sun.

Which Grand Slam would mean the most to win?

Gloriann Lopez: The French Open. It's on clay, which is so demanding, you have to be in such good shape.

Gabby Lopez: The U.S. Open! I don't know, representing your country.

What's your prematch tradition or superstition?

Gloriann Lopez: I don't wash my clothes.

Gabby Lopez: I don't shower.

Gloriann Lopez: We're kidding. I have to wear certain earrings; if I wear a wristband and I play well, I don't wash it. I can't tell you others, everyone will think I'm weird.

Gabby Lopez: Music. It gets me in the mindset.

If you could play one sport besides tennis, what would it be?

Gloriann Lopez: I'd run the 800 meter.

Ugh — no one ever wants to run the 800.

Gloriann Lopez: I like it. I have tremendous respect for those people.

Gabby Lopez: I'm not sure ... I'd be a dancer. You know, like a ballerina!

What's the longest match you ever played; any marathon matches?

Gloriann Lopez: It was four and a half hours; I think I won. I kept the ball. It was the only one I've ever kept because it was so long.

Who's the better sister; if you played one on one, who would win?

Gloriann Lopez: Me.

Gabby Lopez: Yeah. When we were younger, I used to kick her ... butt ... but I'll let her have it for now.

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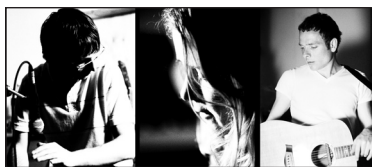
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'Pursuit' of perfection

CD REVIEW

On Belle and Sebastian's new release, "The Life Pursuit," the seven-piece band from Scotland channels its instruments and voices to produce a lush album that is full of harmonies, melodies and pure pop music.

The beginning of the album showcases the band's use of its instruments to make feel good music that is neither too void nor over the top. A digital beat and steady piano escort you into the first track, "Act of the Apostle Pt.1," while a shimmering, riff driven guitar greets you in "Another Sunny Day". The third track, "White Collar Boy," picks the beat back up, and doesn't let it stop.

Later in the album, songs like "Funny Little Frog" and "To Be Myself Completely" keep up the jingly guitar parts, but add accompanying

hand-claps and tambourines to spice things up a bit.

Belle and Sebastian have been around long enough to know that it is its vocals and lyrics that fans love. The lead singer, Stuart Murdoch, relies on his high-range Scottish voice to keep up with the bright sound of the band's music. His witty lyrics and call and response with other band members pepper the songs in a manner that keeps them light and fun.

A perfect example of the band's slick sound and Murdoch's vocals blending together is "For the Price of a Cup of Tea." If you have heard Belle and Sebastian's previous release, "Dear Catastrophe Waitress," you might feel like you've heard this song before, and you'd probably be right.

The end of the album is

where the band slows things down a bit. The last three tracks abandon the sugary pop melodies, and instead adopt a more laid back, folk ballad-like feel. Personally, I like this approach. It is like the band is slowly bringing you back down to Earth from your previous trip to the moon.

People won't call "The Life Pursuit" adventurous, or a landmark in music, but they will refer to it as a great time. The music will keep your head bobbing, while the vocals will leave you wishing you had some sort of accent. If you like pop music, you should check out this album. If you like this album, you should see Belle and Sebastian live with The New Pornographers on March 14, at the Granada Theater in Dallas.

—Nate Arnold



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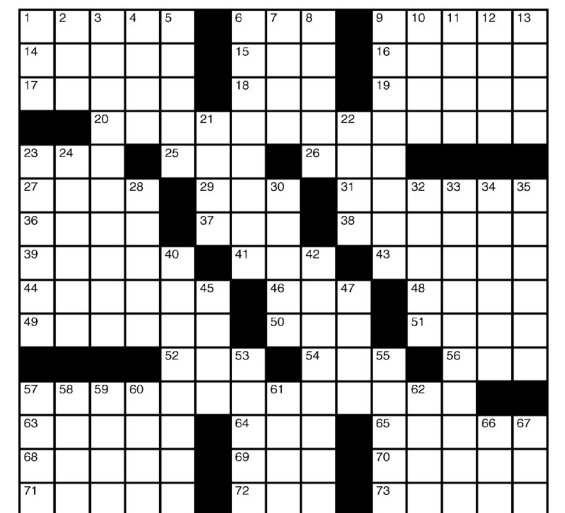
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Falcons beat Horned Frogs again

By SHAWN FERGUSON
Staff Reporter

Senior forward Judson Stubbs led the Horned Frogs (5-20, 1-10) in scoring Wednesday night with 11 points, but it was to no avail as the Air Force Falcons (20-5, 8-4) beat TCU 63-45.

The Falcons were led by senior guard Antoine Hood who finished with 23 points on 9 of 16 shooting.

"(Hood) is a guy that doesn't get enough credit," head coach Neil Dougherty said. "He could play and start for any team in the country."

Dougherty said Hood is the most complete guard in the entire Mountain West Conference.

"Hood has ability to shoot, drive to the basket, pass the ball and play defense," Dougherty said.

The Falcons committed 19 turnovers Wednesday night, which the Falcons turned into 25 points.

"The main problem tonight was turnovers," Dougherty said. "It was more of a problem tonight than any other night."

The Frogs were outscored 42-16 in the paint, most of which came off the back door cuts which have proven to be the trademark of the Princeton offense.

"The Falcons can really shoot, and they are usually going to get a look at a three or a layup," sophomore guard Brent Hackett said. "If we had to pick our poison, we would want them to score off the dribble."

The Falcons ran a matchup zone, which proved to be effective because the Frogs had trouble getting the ball to leading scorer Nile Murry, who finished with 7 points on 2-6 shooting.

"They matched on Nile all night," Dougherty said. "Their matchup zone is very unique because they can settle on one player and make it difficult."

The loss Wednesday is the Frogs' 12th defeat in their last 13 games and their sixth in a row.

The Frogs next game is at 9 p.m. Saturday at San Diego.



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer
Junior forward Art Pierce reaches over two Air Force defenders for the rebound in the Frogs' match-up against the Falcons Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Team outplays crosstown rival

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

The Horned Frogs showed no signs of rust Wednesday in their first outdoor match of the semester, a 7-0 sweep of SMU that improved TCU's record to 4-2.

Head coach Dave Borelli said the team showed signs of the considerable experience it gained at more competitive matches earlier in the year.

"The competition we had early in the season really helped," Borelli said. "We have to play good people. That's where it starts, in playing good teams. The thing of that is when you play at a lower level, you have to play better."

The Frogs only dropped one set all day en route to their shut out victory.

TCU's strong showing started when the pairing of senior Helena Besovic and freshman Anna Sydorska — ranked No. 40 in the nation — finished off SMU's Natalia Bubien and Svetlana Kouzmenko in an 8-5 victory to close out the doubles competition.

Possibly more important than that victory was an upper thigh injury suffered by Bubien that would eventually force her to retire from her singles match against sophomore Nicole Leimbach, clinching the Frogs' first singles victory of the day.

Borelli said the injury was an obvious problem for the Mustangs' No. 1 player. "Nicole was going to win that easily before she retired," Borelli said.

Although Borelli said Besovic wasn't feeling 100 percent, the senior still managed to defeat Kouzmenko 6-0, 6-3 in a singles match that grew closer as time elapsed.

Borelli said Besovic, who was battling flu-like symptoms, had trouble maintaining her strength.

"(Besovic) really lost some of her energy near the end," Borelli said.

The Horned Frogs may have built up a degree of familiarity with their crosstown rivals, but Borelli said prior knowledge was not as big of a factor as basic ability.

"Well, we've played them before," Borelli said. "They're a good team, but we're just a better team. You're supposed



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer
Freshman Anna Sydorska returns a serve against SMU Wednesday afternoon at the Friedman Tennis Center.

RESULTS FROM WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN'S TENNIS MATCH VS. SMU

• TCU def. SMU 7-0

SINGLES COMPETITION:

1. Nicole Leimbach (TCU) def. Natalia Bubien (SMU), (6-0, 6-1; retired)
2. Helena Besovic (TCU) def. Svetlana Kouzmenko (SMU), (6-0, 6-3)
3. Anna Sydorska (TCU) def. Georgiana Marta (SMU), (6-0, 7-6[2])
4. Ana Cetnik (TCU) def. Kristen Reid (SMU), (6-1, 6-0)
5. Kewa Nichols (TCU) def. Brooke Rambally (SMU), (6-4, 6-2)
6. Gloriann Lopez (TCU) def. Halley Rambally (SMU), (5-7, 6-2[4])

DOUBLES COMPETITION:

1. Besovic/Sydorska (TCU) def. Bubien/Kouzmenko (SMU), (8-5)
2. Cetnik/Leimbach (TCU) def. Marta/Reid (SMU), (8-1)
3. Karine Ionesco/Andrea Morgado (TCU) def. B. Rambally/H. Rambally (SMU), (8-3)

to beat them decisively."

Despite the victory, TCU is still listed as an underdog in the Feb. 22 match against Baylor University. Borelli said he sees the line more as a positive than a negative.

"That's all it comes down to, if we put too much pressure on ourselves," Borelli said. "My kids have hit enough tennis balls in their life where they understand they have to handle the pressure. That's how a champion plays, a champion has to be merciless."

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