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The men's club lacrosse team faces SMU tonight. Sports, page 6

NEWS

The scholarship fund for a deceased nursing student has reached more than \$50,000. Tomorrow



NEWS

A lack of regulation on a social media Web site is raising concern. Tomorrow

FROGGO ITALIANO

DOLCE VITA



From left, freshman pre-business major Megan Brown, sophomore biology major Jack O'Brien and freshman engineering major Melissa Reinsch enjoy free pizza and live music at the Froggo Italiano event in the Campus Commons on Tuesday.

RACHEL WILSON / Staff Photographer

400+ show up for Italian night

By Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

The Campus Commons was awash in red, white, green and Frank Sinatra tunes Tuesday night during Froggo Italiano, the fifth annual Frog Aides spring project.

The group put on Froggo Italiano as the grand finale to a year of learning about leadership and planning, said Erik Peters, a freshman political science major and Frog Aides member.

Peters said planning for the event began in January. After discussing several ideas, Frog Aides team members chose an Italian night-on-the-town theme, and Froggo Italiano grew from there.

Traci Clayton, a senior advertising and public relations major and co-director of the organization, said the purpose of the group is to help develop the university's future leaders.

"It's a really cool thing that we give the freshmen all this power to be able to plan something on their own," she said.

The project starts from scratch, Clayton said. The freshmen are given a \$10,000 budget to pay for things like the food and entertainment, as well as a caricature artist, a mime and a photobooth, for the student body event.

The event featured free pizza, pasta, gelato and Italian sodas, as well as live entertainment from Tim Halperin, TCU Elite Dance and a Frank Sinatra impersonator. In between acts, a four-piece jazz band set the Italian mood.

Remley Johnson, a freshman economics major and Frog Aides member, said more than 400 students attended the event.

With more than 200 students showing up within the first 20 minutes, co-director Jacob

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Frog Aides co-director

Barnes, a senior international finance major, said he deemed the event a huge success.

Arrington Foster, a sophomore theater major, said he loved the Italian theme.

"I love how they brought the feeling onto campus," he said.



For a slideshow of more pictures from Froggo Italiano, visit dailyskiff.com.

ENDOWMENT

Fund gaining after dip last year

By Ashley Melnick
Staff Reporter

Currently, the university endowment is worth \$1.1 billion, a value that is close to the peak endowment worth of \$1.25 billion, a university official said.

Jim R. Hille, chief investment officer for the university, said the endowment's value slipped below \$1 billion from June 2008 to June 2009, but has been recovering since the end of that fiscal year.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, the university lost about 20 percent of the total value of its endowment in 2008-2009, but continued to rank highly, in fifth place for endowment worth in Texas. Comparatively, Southern Methodist University lost about 26 percent of the total value of its endowment the same year.

"By staying invested rather than panicking at the downturn, and actually prior to that, (we were) very well-positioned for the downturn," Hille said. "We didn't know it was going to occur, but we forecasted it was going to occur, therefore it limited the damage to the fund."

Hille said the endowment is monitored and managed both by himself and his colleagues, as well as over 50 external managers, known as the Board of Trustees. This financial team focuses on preserving the long-term value of the endowment and providing stability.

The financial allocations of TCU's endowment are not made public by

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FOOTBALL

Students sought to make pep video clip

By Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

Following increased publicity during the past football season, a contest was created to recognize artistic creativity with student videos highlighting Horned Frog football, an athletics marketing representative said.

To enter the TCU Student Football Video Contest, students must submit a video that demonstrates their school pride, said Julie May, assistant director of athletics marketing.

"We just wanted to add a student element to the spring football game and get students excited for football again," May said.

Kate O'Carroll, a sophomore business major, said the contest is a good way to promote school spirit.

"After all the publicity the school received after last year's amazing season, I think it is necessary to encourage students to show their pride for TCU," O'Carroll said. "And if students are especially gifted at making highlight reels and promotional videos, then it is a great opportunity to show off their skills while support-

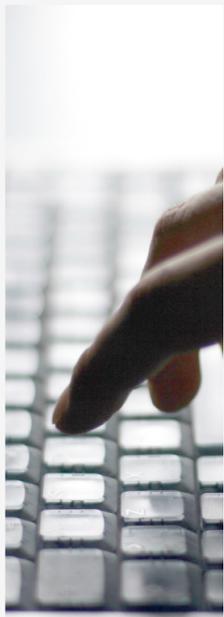
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CLARIFICATION

An article in Tuesday's issue attributed information regarding the specific incentives offered to TCU by the City of Fort Worth to Chancellor Victor Boschini. While the information is accurate, it should have been attributed to the TCU Archives.

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Posting personal information like your address online is an invitation to would-be predators.

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PECULIAR FACT

CLEVELAND — Police say a motorist fleeing officers in Cleveland abandoned his car and jumped a fence landing in what turned out to be a prison yard.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER


85 65
HIGH LOW
Sunny

Tomorrow: Mostly Cloudy
81 / 65

Thursday: Severe
Thunderstorms
75 / 50



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SGA

Vote on student body fee tomorrow

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

Online polls will open at 12:01 Thursday morning for students to vote on an increase in the student body fee from \$24 to \$45 per semester.

If passed, the vote will allow the Student Government Association president and vice president to submit the increase to the university Board of Trustees for approval April 8. If the increase receives the board's approval, SGA members will put the proposed budget into effect for the 2010-2011 school year, Student Body President Marlon Figueroa said.

Figueroa said he was confident that the board would approve the increase if he had the support of the student body from the vote.

The vote will be done online using the university's survey and election system on my.tcu.edu. It will close at 11:59 p.m. Thursday night.

According to the bill's legislation, an increase in the student body fee had not been made since 2006, be-

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Marlon Figueroa
Student Body President

fore students were required to live on campus for two years. In order to be passed by the student body, the bill would require a simple majority, which is 50 percent plus one of the total votes cast by students.

Figueroa said the amount of increase was determined by taking the new proposed annual budget for 2010-2011, \$625,000, and dividing it by the number of full-time students who pay the student body fee, which is just fewer than 7,000 students.

"We studied all of the different services that we wanted to provide to students from student input, what they've been wanting to see from student government in the last couple years," Figueroa said. "We added all of those together and came up with the main figure."

Cheryl Wilson, university controller and associate vice chancellor for Financial Services, wrote in an e-mail that the student body fee is assessed to all undergraduate students who are enrolled for at least 9 hours each semester.

Figueroa said the need for change was not only due to inflation, but the increased need for programming activities for the larger number of students living on campus.

The biggest change to the 2010-2011 budget would be the increased amount allocated to Programming Council, he said, the branch of SGA that plans events such as university concerts, Howdy Week and Homecoming.

Earlier this month, Program-

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OPINION

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The Skiff View

Students should relish contest opportunity

Proud Horned Frog football fans should take advantage of the new video contest sponsored by the athletics department. The contest allows students to show their appreciation for and pride in the Horned Frogs by highlighting the team's achievements from the 2009 season with videos and photos. The winning video will be featured at the 2010 season opener against Oregon State on Sept. 4 at Cowboys Stadium.

All students interested in submitting a video should enter the contest regardless of their level of video experience, or inexperience. Any proud fan who screams Riff Ram to full lung capacity already has the spirit that the contest's creators are seeking.

Students should be thrilled to have a hand in making a promotional video for a team that performed so well last season and brought so much media attention to a small private school.

Showcasing one's pride in the Frogs by creating a video for the Spring Football Frog Fest and the season opener is not only an honor, but a reflection of the creativity and talent university students will inevitably demonstrate with submissions.

Associate editor Anna Waugh for the editorial board.

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

Beware of posting personal information on Facebook



CHRISTI ALDRIDGE

When Keri McMullen of New Albany, Ind. updated her Facebook status before heading out to a concert, she had no idea she was inviting a criminal into her home. While she was gone, someone from her friend list broke into her house and stole more than \$10,000 worth of electronics and jewelry.

Luckily, a surveillance camera she had recently installed caught all of the action on tape and upon closer inspection, McMullen realized one of the men was someone she had recently accepted a friend request from on Facebook.

The man was someone McMullen grew up in the same neighborhood with, but she hadn't been in touch with him for many years. She would never have suspected him or anyone from her friend list if not for the camera, set up not a week earlier to record potential homebuyers coming in to look at the home, that caught it all on tape.

Just because we may have been close to people who add us as friends at one point doesn't mean we know the kind of people they are now. I am picky about who I add to my friend list, but I know some people who will add anyone who requests them. That seems really dangerous. Also, some people have their addresses and phone numbers on their profiles, which seems like an invitation for trouble.

I went back and looked at my own friend list and deleted a couple of people. I don't think they are axe murderers or burglars, but you never know. It's one thing to add your best friend or

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your cousin, but some guy you barely knew who lived across the street from you a million years ago? That might not be the smartest move.

Social media is getting smarter, which is making people seem dumber. According to MSNBC, when people send Twitter messages from certain types of phones, it updates their locations as well, telling the world that not only are you not at home, you are on the corner of University Drive and Berry Street. This could compromise the safety of you and your home all at once.

It seems like the world we live in now is a world where people are giving out way too much information. In this era of social media, everyone can find out what you are doing and where you are with the click of a mouse or by looking at their phones.

This isn't an isolated incident. After doing a search, I found out about more than a few burglaries that had been traced to Facebook and Twitter updates. Just because we are living in a more "open" society doesn't mean we still can't be smart about our privacy. So use common sense on social media sites. Don't add people as friends who you don't trust or know well, don't post private information like your home address and phone number, and don't post updates about when you're going on vacation and how long you'll be gone.

It doesn't take much for "friends" to turn into enemies.

Christi Aldridge is a senior strategic communication major from Hillsboro.



Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Church should come to grips with sex scandal, be open with public



BENNETT PARSONS

Sex abuse scandals have once again engulfed the Catholic Church and raised questions about its policies on celibacy and the proper handling of priests and others who commit the abuses. What's stunning with this new round of allegations is its reach, both globally and administratively. Abuses have been reported throughout Europe in Ireland, Italy, Austria and the Netherlands. The Irish abuses became public after a government inquiry known as the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse released the findings from its nine-year investigation. The report found that the Church committed substantial abuses where more than 2,000 persons stated that they were physically and sexually abused.

In Italy, local authorities investigated Angelo Balducci, an Italian government official and member of the Vatican group, the Gentlemen of His Holiness, on government corruption charges and discovered that he took part in a gay prostitution ring that involved seminarians from the Vatican. Two other cases have links to Pope Benedict XVI, and indicate that while serving as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith he had previous knowledge about the wrongdoings of two priests. Peter Hullermann of Munich was allowed to serve as a priest for thirty years after a sex abuse conviction and the Rev. Lawrence Murphy abused over 200 deaf boys in Wisconsin while serving at St. John's School for the Deaf in the 1950s-1970s.

As we approach Easter, I can only hope that the Church can change its tone and do better for its parishioners and the world.

This exhaustive list, however, has not made the Catholic administration change its tone about the abuses. Some responses contain contradictions. The pope sent a written apology to Irish Catholics last month but during his Palm Sunday address called the media reports "petty gossip." Some officials, like Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, have even called for continued secrecy stating "this is what happens in every family, you don't wash your dirty laundry in public."

Given the enormity and frequency of these situations, the Church must change its tone. If it is to be last remaining bastion

of truth and moral goodness in a corrupt world, it must not be seen as providing cover for those who commit wrongs and try to hide from authorities. It must create an environment where it responds quickly to the complaints of its parishioners instead of allowing the New York Times and government agencies to bring to light information it has had for decades. The Vatican must follow the words in James 4:17 and do the right thing because "anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin" (NRSV). Anything less than this makes the Church look like one from medieval times, where priests sexually and financially abused their parishioners. As we approach Easter, I can only hope that the Church can change its tone and do better for its parishioners and the world.

Bennett Parsons is a junior music education major from Arlington.



ABIR SULTAN/MCT
 Pope Benedict XVI delivers mass in the Basilica of Annunciation, in Nazareth, in 2009.

QUICK NEWS

Obama: Tea Party features 'core group' against him

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says he believes the Tea Party is built around a "core group" of people who question whether he is a U.S. citizen and believe he is a socialist.

But beyond that, Obama tells NBC he recognizes that the movement involves "folks who have legitimate concerns" about the national debt and whether the government is taking on too many difficult issues simultaneously.

In an interview broadcast Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, Obama said he feels "there's still going to be a group at their core that question my legitimacy."

But he also said he didn't want to paint Tea Party activists "in broad brushes." He said he hopes to win over members who have "mainstream, legitimate concerns."

Study: Chocolate could reduce heart risk

LONDON (AP) — According to a new study, small doses of chocolate every day could decrease your risk of having a heart attack or stroke by nearly 40 percent.

German researchers followed nearly 20,000 people over eight years, sending them several questionnaires about their diet and exercise habits.

They found people who had an average of six grams of chocolate per day had a 39 percent lower risk of either a heart attack or stroke.

Previous studies have suggested dark chocolate in small amounts could be good for you, but this is the first study to track its effects over such a long period of time. Experts think the flavonols contained in chocolate are responsible. Flavonols, also found in vegetables and red wine, help the muscles in blood vessels widen, which leads to a drop in blood pressure.

NYC pays poor for good conduct, with mixed results

NEW YORK (AP) — An experimental anti-poverty program that pays poor New Yorkers for good behavior like getting health insurance and attending parent-teacher conferences has had mixed results.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's pilot program began in 2007 and the first analysis was released Tuesday.

In two years, 2,400 participating families were paid a total of \$14 million raised from private donations. Payments averaged about \$3,000 a year per family.

The city said participants improved on several targets. More people established bank accounts, stopped using costly check cashing services, and saw the dentist.

But the rewards had no effect on school performance and attendance for young children or low-performing high schoolers.

Rare bird fossils found near Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Amateur paleontologist Kris Howe, 34, was just doing what he learned as a 5-year-old from his father, a fossil collector. But his recent discovery is being hailed as one of the most significant in years.

On a fossil hunt near the dam spillway at Lake Grapevine, Howe happened upon four bones that two Dallas scientists say are the oldest bird fossils found in North America.

"My first thought was, 'Wow, that's pretty cool looking. I wish I knew what it was,'" Howe said of spotting the arrangement of fossils poking out from the ground.

The fossilized bones are about 96 million years old and from a previously undiscovered species of flightless, carnivorous bird, museum paleontologist Ron Tykoski said at a news conference earlier this month.

Audit: Texas needs to improve food stamp system

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A new state auditor's report says the food stamp program in Texas is inefficient and outdated and suffers from a growing number of inaccuracies.

The State Auditor's Office said inexperienced staff and inefficient office setups mean the program run by the Health and Human Services Commission has not been able to keep up with the increased number of applications spurred by the recession.

The auditor says 80 percent of food stamp applications are still kept as paper files. Applicants are often forced to wait in long lines for answers to basic questions and can't get answers over the phone or Internet.

The state report follows a warning to Texas by federal officials concerned last year about growing delays. Food stamps are primarily funded by federal money.

NEWS

In Need of Healing Hands

Health profession schools visited campus Tuesday afternoon to speak with students about futures in the medical, dental and pharmaceutical fields. Students could win prizes and learn more about each school as they browsed aisles in the Recreation Center.



Health profession schools came to the university Tuesday for DFW Swing to talk with students about what each of their schools had to offer. SARAH FLEISCHER / Staff Photographer



A statue stands outside the basketball courts in the Recreation Center with a sign directing students to the DFW Swing health professions fair. SARAH FLEISCHER / Staff Photographer



Angela Mihalic (left) and Philip Edmunson (middle) from UT Southwestern Medical School talk with Don Le (right), a senior biology major, about medical school. SARAH FLEISCHER / Staff Photographer



Tara DeSantiago (left) and Amanda Speir (right) from the Princeton Review handout prizes, including pens and night lights, to students who spun the prize wheel. SARAH FLEISCHER / Staff Photographer

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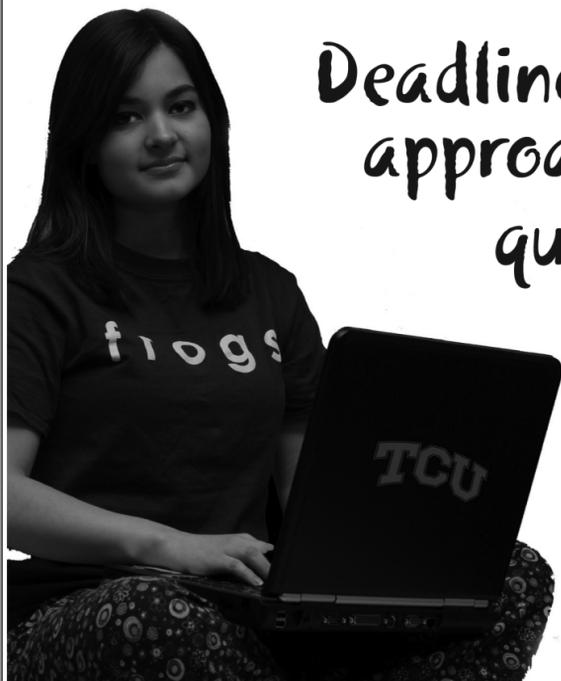
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Today in History
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 – The Associated Press

Joke of the Day
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 A: They both rely on the batter.

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See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

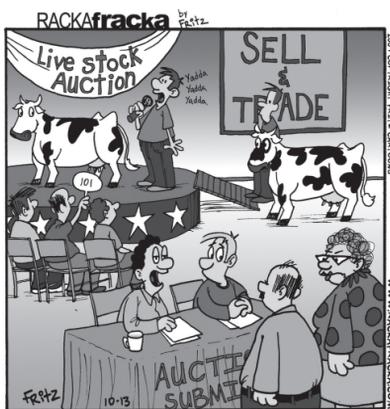
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By Jennifer Nutt 3/31/10

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 9 '70s dance club
 4 Dancer Falana
 5 Canyon effect
 6 Not whispered
 7 Response bias may affect one
 8 Weak, as a novel plot
 9 Piccolo, e.g.
 0 Proverbial advice to a physician
 3 " Miz
 4 Stick
 5 Reasoned belief in a supreme being
 7 Scaredy-cat
 0 Appear as a posse member, say
 3 Huck's transport
 6 Consider
 8 Obama's younger daughter
 9 "The Name of the Rose" writer
 0 Scold vigorously
 2 Damaged, as mdse.
 3 BP merger partner
 5 Stretch of time
 6 Bra size
 9 Most gooly
 7 Falling star
 9 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
 1 Model's array
 3 "Get lost!"
 7 Defense gp.?
 9 Certain no-parking area
 2 Brink
 4 Hit the ground
 5 1814-'15 exile site
 6 River romper
 7 Titicaca, for one
 8 Cause a stench
 9 Natural homes
 0 Author Bagnold
 1 Norms: Abbr.

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 1 Top dog
 2 Was heard from the herd
 3 Muslim god
 4 Like a basketball team's center, usually
 5 National Institutes of Health city
 6 In need of a massage
 7 "Now hear ___!"
 8 Sharpened
 9 Most gooly
 10 Laid up
 11 Motown genre
 12 Adorable
 13 Shelley works
 21 Prefix with sect or cycle
 22 Captained
 26 Hot tub
 28 Monopolizes, with "up"
 29 Kennel sounds
 31 No ___ traffic
 32 O.K. Corral fighter
 33 500 sheets
 34 Zenith
 35 This puzzle's theme, if you listen to the beginnings of 20-, 40- and 59-
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Graduation didn't scare me.

Know why?
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HIGH HOPES



The TCU men's club lacrosse team huddles in its 17-1 win against Rice in 2009. COURTESY OF MICHAEL BURCIAGA

Team shoots for 1st place

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Sports Editor

With a 6-4 record and an undefeated clip in its division of the Lone Star Alliance Conference, the TCU men's club lacrosse team is gearing up to face its cross-town rival Southern Methodist University tonight in Fort Worth.

The LAX Frogs head into tonight's game coming off of a win over the University of Oklahoma on Sunday. The Frogs racked up the points with a final score of 12-6.

"I thought we all played really hard on Sunday, and it was a big win for us," said

junior defensive player Shea Pearson. "Now we just have to take care of SMU to move to the top spot in conference."

The game will mark the second time the Frogs have faced the Mustangs on the TCU soccer field, where they lost in the spring of 2008. The Frogs also fell to the Mustangs last year, 6-8, in Dallas.

Victories against SMU and the University of North Texas would clinch the No. 1 spot in the conference's North Division, sending the Frogs to the playoffs.

"I think this year we have what it takes to beat them,"

Pearson said. "Our team has fought really hard for our wins this year, and we will fight hard for this one."

The next game on the slate for the LAX Frogs is scheduled for April 12, against the University of North Texas Mean Green in Denton. That will wrap up the 2010 regular season for the Frogs.

TCU vs. SMU

When: 7 p.m. tonight
Where: Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium

ATHLETICS

Athletes hit GPA mark

By Madison Pelletier
Staff Reporter

Student athletes earned the highest cumulative GPA ever reported for the university's student athletes at the end of the fall semester, a university official said.

Chris Uchacz, director of Athletic Academic Services, said student athletes earned a 2.975 cumulative GPA in the fall 2009 semester. In addition, 36 TCU athletes were named to the fall 2009 Academic All-Mountain West Conference team.

The Mountain West Conference named 384 student athletes to the fall 2009 Academic All-Mountain West Conference team, according to a conference press release.

In order for athletes to be eligible for the All-Mountain West Conference team, students must have earned at least a 3.0 GPA and be a starter or major contributor to their team, said Kim Melcher, director of communications for the conference.

"They have to compete in a significant number of contests in that season," Melcher said.

Nikki Wilbur, a junior communication studies major, was one of 13 TCU soc-

cer players named to the academic conference team. Wilbur, who has been part of the academic conference team every season she has been at TCU, said athletics and academics are part of the day.

TCU student athletes have more than 15,000 square feet of academic space. Two fa-

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director of Athletic Academic Services

ilities house Athletic Academic Services, which includes the Davis Academic Learning Center and Abe Martin Academic Enhancement Center, Uchacz said. The space, composed of study halls, about 50 computers, two computer labs and 20 tutoring rooms was designed to help student athletes pursue their academic endeavors, he said.

Wilbur said she utilizes the academic facilities all the time, even though she doesn't necessarily have to

be there. Student athletes have a tutor pool of about 50 tutors. Tutors are available in core subjects, along with any subjects requested by athletes, Uchacz said.

Wilbur said Athletic Academic Services officials are available to help no matter what subject a student athlete needs help in.

"They are really helpful," Wilbur said. "I mean if you have to go in there or you need a tutor, they'll get you one right away."

Athletic Academic Services makes athletes' success a priority. All freshman athletes are required to participate in mandatory tutoring, Uchacz said.

"We do this as a fail-safe. We want to start them out with tutors," Uchacz said.

As athletes progress in their academic career and begin to excel academically, tutoring no longer becomes mandatory, Uchacz said.

The overall goal of the Athletic Academic Services Office is to graduate student athletes, Uchacz said.

"We're making sure that all the classes are degree-applicable and that they are meeting their NCAA eligibility marks," he said.

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Sophomore Taylor Featherston dives for a ground ball against the University of Texas at Arlington on Tuesday night in Fort Worth. MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer

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