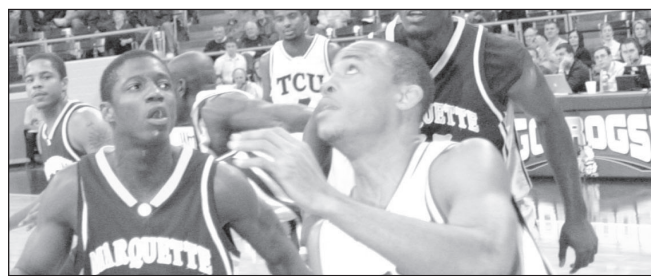


## MIXING IT UP

Author of the bestselling book, "Pledged: The Secret Life of Sororities," Alexandra Robbins visits campus.



## ADIOS

Horned Frog men's and women's basketball teams say goodbye to graduating players.

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## Take risks to succeed, author says

By KATHLEEN THURBER  
Staff Reporter

Any passion, including writing, requires a risk, said an author Thursday at the Creative Writing Awards Ceremony.

After the audience had heard enough to understand the plot of her new book, "Confessions of a Bigamist," Kate Lehrer, a TCU alumna, told students that each time she writes a new book she is "taking a gamble."

She said that whenever time is invested in something,

whether it be a book, a relationship or a job, there is a chance that investment could be lost.

Lehrer told students they have to decide if they are "going to be that swan diving off the high dive," or if they "are going to crawl down looking like an idiot."

She said the main character in her book, a woman who is married to both an uptight lawyer in New York and a calm man who runs a bird sanctuary in Texas, represents something in everyone.

"In a sense we're all bigamists," she said. "Not necessarily with someone else, but we all have different ways we like to live ... we all have different faces."

Lehrer, author of four books, grew up in McKinney and said she definitely uses Texas as an influence in her writing.

She graduated from TCU in 1959 with a degree in English and a minor in philosophy, both of which she said served her well.

Currently, Lehrer lives in Washington D.C. with her hus-

band Jim Lehrer, a novelist and anchor for PBS.

The two went on their first date down the street from TCU at a restaurant on Bluebonnet Circle. They have three grown daughters and six grandchildren.

Lehrer said that while she loves her life in Washington D.C., "Texas calms me. I can lose touch with that part of myself when I'm not back here."

Dan Williams, department chairman and professor of

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STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

TCU alumna Kate Lehrer speaks about her new book, "Confessions of a Bigamist," Thursday at the Creative Writing Awards Ceremony.

## Family to get FrogHouse keys

Home dedication, festivities to occur Saturday morning

By RYAN WILCOX  
Staff Reporter

All the sweat TCU volunteers poured into building a house will pay off Saturday as a family of eight political refugees from Africa receive the keys to their new Habitat for Humanity home.

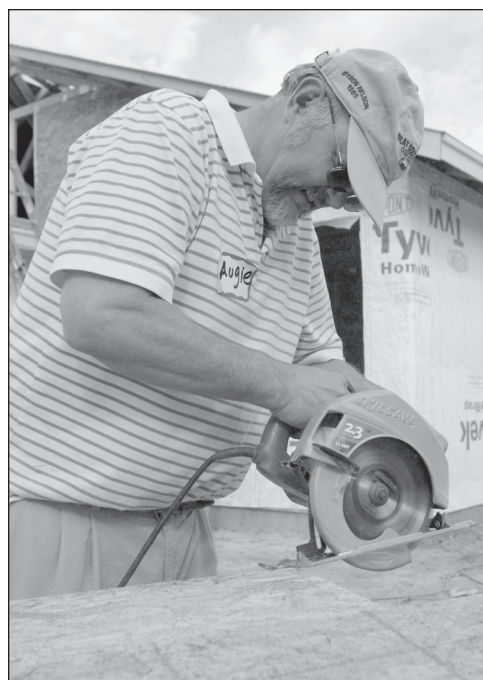
FrogHouse, the official class of 2007 project, has been under construction for the last six weeks and will be dedicated Saturday.

Sumer Jordan, FrogHouse adviser, said Habitat for Humanity wants to commemorate the occasion in the family's life with dedication festivities.

"It's a ceremony Habitat does to present the home to the family," Jordan said. "They give them the keys and a Bible."

Diane Wolfe, media relations representative for Habitat for Humanity, said the experience gives the family hope for the future.

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Photos by STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

RIGHT: Laura Thomas, assistant director for the TCU Leadership Center, hammers as alumna Jan McNeill works nearby on FrogHouse's roof. LEFT: Alumnus August Schilling cuts panels for the house's roof. The Habitat for Humanity house, located near Berry Street and Interstate 35W, will be officially dedicated 11 a.m. Saturday.

## Chancellor: Fundraising starting well

By TALIA SAMPSON  
Staff Reporter

The chancellor told members of the Faculty Senate Thursday the new campaign to raise funds for the university is off to a great start.

The capital campaign will fund many aspects of TCU, including campus improvements.

"We've raised all the money for the education building and are \$22,000 over, and we got another \$1 million gift for it," Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

Boschini said there was an enthusiastic response from the Board of Trustees regarding the capital campaign, and that all of the trustees asked to lead the campaign agreed to do so, including trustee Matt Rose who will chair the campaign.

"This is a great sign they'll open their hearts and their wallets," Boschini said.

The working goal for the capital campaign will be to raise \$250 million, \$150 million more than the last capital campaign, he said.

Boschini said he will primarily focus on money for the endowment fund, which will go toward student scholarships and endowed chairs. He is in the process of hiring someone to manage the \$1 billion endowment fund, run by alumni volunteers, Boschini said.

The chancellor also said he wants to increase the annual fund, which is \$9 million above the yearly goal for 2006.

Boschini said increasing both the annual fund and the endowment fund will help ease dependence on tuition to fund the university's budget, which has increased by 43 percent in the past five years.

In addition to hearing the chancellor speak about the capital campaign, the Faculty Senate to a vote, closed to the public, to give an honorary degree to an alumna and unanimously approved changes to its constitutional bylaws to get rid of members-at-large.

David Grant, a member of the Academic Excellence Committee, reported to the Faculty Senate that the committee will look into the issue of whether the plus/minus system should be optional for faculty.

## Geological expert to discuss preservation of Louisiana wetlands

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

The former head of the U.S. Geological Survey will discuss the importance of restoring the wetlands of Louisiana today in Sid Richardson Building, Room 217.

Charles "Chip" Groat, professor and Jackson Chair in the Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin, was appointed as head of USGS by President Clinton and was

retained by President Bush.

Groat said the USGS is a federal science organization with about 10,000 people doing research in geology, biology, hydrology and geography.

Groat will be speaking at 11:30 a.m. on "Buffering Hurricane Impacts: The Case For Coastal Restoration in Louisiana."

Groat said he hopes students will benefit from this by "gain-

ing a better understanding of how geologic and ecosystem processes affect the safety and economic well-being of large numbers of people."

"I will use Hurricane Katrina to demonstrate the points I will be making," he said. "I will concentrate on the importance of restoring the wetlands of Louisiana, which are being lost at an alarming rate."

Ranjan Muttiah, assistant pro-

fessor of the Center for GIS and Remote Sensing at TCU, said the purpose of having this event is to bring world-renowned speakers to campus.

Muttiah said Groat was chosen as the speaker because he is considered to be an important figure in the world of earth sciences.

"They (students) are going to understand how a scientist thinks through problems and find out how the scien-

tific community interfaces with the political establishment," Muttiah said. "It's a great opportunity for students to hear somebody of national and international prominence."

Stephanie Eady, a graduate student in environmental science who is doing her thesis on the wetlands of Louisiana, said she will be attending the seminar.

Eady said the event is impor-

tant because devastation can happen anywhere, and a lot of it could be lessened scientifically by conserving the wetland.

"It's (problems related to coastal areas) just a very real thing," Eady said. "It's something we're going to have to face as a community."

At USGS, Groat held his position for six and a half years.

This seminar is open and free for everyone. Pizza will be provided.



## WEATHER

TODAY: Few Showers 61/47

SATURDAY: Isolated T-Storms 67/53

SUNDAY: Scattered Showers 74/51

## FUN FACT

A Maryland state senator recently saved a man from choking in a restaurant. The man he saved was his challenger in the Democratic primary. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**LEHRER**

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English, said the Faculty Senate voted unanimously Thursday to present Lehrer with an honorary degree, though the decision must also be voted on in other venues before it can be official.

"It won't be her first honorary degree," he said with a laugh, "but it will be the best."

As Lehrer took her seat, the focus shifted and students sat up in their seats awaiting to receive their awards.

Charlotte Hogg, an assistant professor of English, said Thursday's ceremony honored writers.

"This is a time when the gambling paid off," she said smiling as she pointed out her reference to Lehrer's message.

Students received prize

money at the ceremony from private donors for works they submitted under categories such as fiction, research, non-fiction prose, Christian literature and literary criticism.

Helen Atkins, of the Women's Wednesday Club, a division of the Women's Club of Fort Worth, said the organization has enjoyed recognizing students for their hard work.

"It's fun to see these young people advance," she said.

The Women's Wednesday Club, which recognized four students, has been supporting the awards since 1935, Hogg said.

Rebecca Riddell, a sophomore religion major, received a non-fiction award for her piece, "You'll Find the Library Under Fiction," a story about the strange things you can find in libraries.

Riddell said she thought Lehrer was an interesting speaker.

**FROGHOUSE**

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"The benefits go far beyond the easing of the financial burden," Wolfe said. "All they have been given is an opportunity, and having accomplished this, all of their other goals and dreams seem within reach."

Matt Owens, student fundraising director for FrogHouse, said volunteering allowed him to be a part of the gift of a new home.

"I gained a really valuable leadership experience that wasn't in the same realm of a lot of the things done in my time at TCU," Owens said. "At the end the product is something concrete — you

can see it."

Owens said building the house showed the compassion the volunteers had for the family.

"It means there are people out there that care," Owens said. "There are a group of students who care enough to devote their money and their time to someone they don't even know."

Jordan said all volunteers are welcome to attend the dedication to begin at 11 a.m. The dedication will last about 45 minutes and include a walk-through of the house, though the house is not finished due to weather delays. The family will receive the keys to the house, which cost \$51,500, and Chancellor Victor Boschini will speak.

**House votes to extend hurricane victim relief**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House acted Thursday to give an extra 13 weeks of disaster unemployment benefits to people thrown out of work by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

House lawmakers passed the bill as a bipartisan group headed to the Gulf Coast to inspect ongoing cleanup and rebuilding efforts. The delegation also plans to study the effectiveness of recovery aid.

The bill extends unemployment benefits scheduled to end Saturday for 165,000 people who wouldn't otherwise qualify for the assistance. The measure still needs Senate approval.

"Unfortunately, the economy in the Gulf Coast area remains devastated, and re-employment opportunities are greatly limited," said Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa.

One lawmaker, Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas, opposed the extension, arguing that



ALEX BRANDON / Associated Press

House Majority Leader John Boehner speaks to the media in the French Quarter of New Orleans Thursday.

their spending in the region.

Neugebauer said voters "see that we're spending billions and billions and billions of dollars, yet we're getting reports of mismanagement almost at every level of government."

Katrina hit Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in August. Rita hit Texas and Louisiana

in September.

The bipartisan delegation, led by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., plans to take a look at federal spending during their three-day visit to Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Delegate Eleanor Holmes

Norton, D-D.C., said she was amazed that anyone would oppose extending unemployment benefits.

"We are throwing money at a problem?" she said. "We are giving unemployment benefits to people looking for work and have no other means because Mother Nature has taken their means from them."

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Parts of Jordan Cohen's article Wednesday, "Criminals' pain does not compare," and Shannon Kelly's article Thursday, "Lone Star pride stands alone," were accidentally omitted. Visit [www.tcdailyskiff.com](http://www.tcdailyskiff.com) to see the full texts.

## THE SKIFF VIEW

# NCAA rightfully takes initiative

For too long the NCAA has been a toothless snake, weaving and bobbing its head threateningly at U.S. academic institutions while never daring to finally strike.

And then, just like that, it went for the jugular — 65 jugulars in fact.

The NCAA announced Wednesday that 99 teams at 65 universities will be losing scholarships for failing to meet student-athlete academic standards. Although this represents only a minute fraction of Division-I sports nationwide, even the smallest action is better than the lack of effort America is growing accustomed to.

Of course, the first two questions that hit people's minds are who and how much. Not surprisingly, no big schools caught the full edge of the axe. Out of the six power conferences — ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Southeastern and Pac-10 — only the Big East's DePaul was sanctioned in either football or basketball, and they might only lose one scholarship.

Smaller schools were not so lucky: Tem-

ple lost nine football scholarships.

Impossibly, the NCAA has had enough. The organization that has been consistently plagued by petulant, spoiled children like Maurice Claret and Mike Williams has finally put its foot down. It has drawn a sword wielded through frustration to sever the academic feeding tubes schools provide to their athletes — tubes designed to sustain their young men and women just long enough for them to fulfill their on-field purposes.

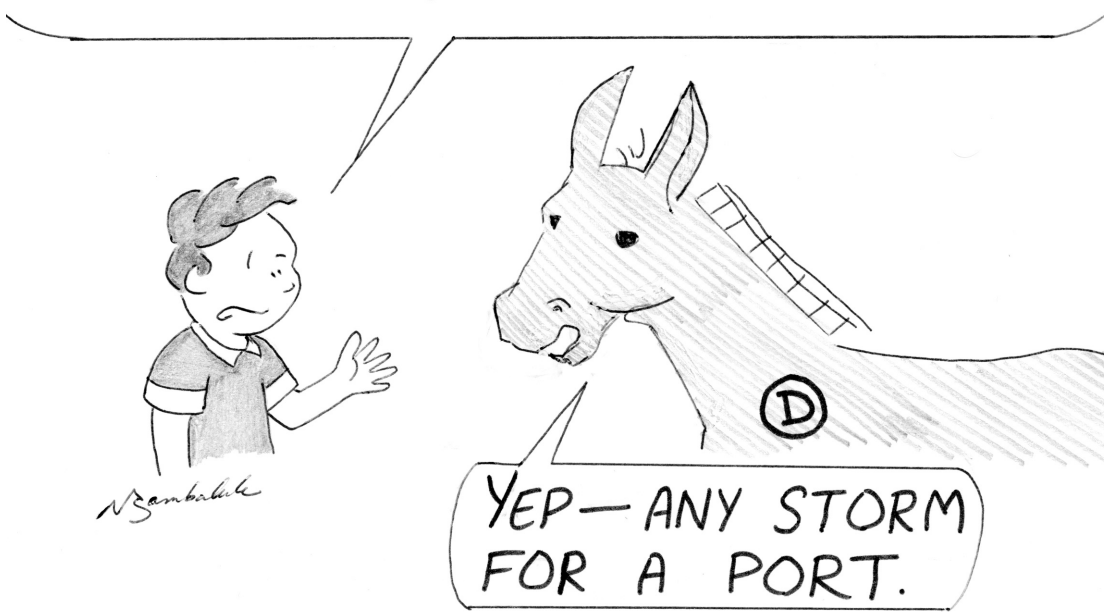
And for once, it appears that the NCAA is poised to not just strike, but move in for the subsequent kill as well. Expect to see more casualties in the near future, as several schools have yet to fully complete the report process.

So although athletic directors, coaches and athletes have spent the last decade running wildly through the fields of NCAA policy, it's time for all to start treading a little more carefully: there's a snake lurking in this grass now.

*Sports editor Travis Stewart for the editorial board.*

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## STAFF COLUMNIST

# Pass/no credit deadline date set too early

Besides being the day before Valentine's Day, Feb. 13 was also the last day for students to elect the pass/no credit option for their classes.

In many cases however, students hadn't received test grades in their classes yet, something that can be very important in determining whether to change a graded class to a pass/no credit class.

In my case, only one of my five classes had a test before the deadline. I had grades in my other classes before the 13th (quizzes, etc.), but these grades were not of much consequence. In the four classes that I hadn't taken a test in, the first tests were worth 28 percent, 20

percent, 30 percent and 33 percent of my final grades. Had I failed any one of these tests, it would have had a tremendous impact on my decision to take that class pass/no credit.

I know I wasn't the only student in this situation. I know some students who are in as many as three of the same classes as me. One of these students, Paul Meyer, a freshman pre-business major said, "The date to elect pass/no credit should be after midterms; that way everyone has had a test and is able to make a more informed decision on the option."

If the date were moved back just two weeks, to Feb. 27, I would have taken tests in four of five of my classes, instead of only one. And after taking these tests, I think I have a much bet-

ter feel for how the rest of the semester is going to go. Knowing how I did on these tests, I might have elected to take one of my classes pass/no credit. Instead, I am faced with trying to make up for an unsatisfactory grade on a test worth 30 percent of my final grade.

According to Registrar and Director of Enrollment Management, Patrick Miller: "The purpose of the deadline is to maintain academic rigor. We do not want to promote grade-shopping; our thought behind the policy is that students should be able to figure out the difficulty of the course in the first few weeks."

I agree that it wouldn't be right for students to wait until the semester was almost over, realize they were going to barely pass a class and choose the option as an alternative

to lowering their GPA. But I believe the best test of how a student will perform in the course is a test, and I think the student should have that opportunity before deciding whether to take the class pass/no credit. Plus, it's not like students can do this for every class. For example, business majors can only take two pass/no credit classes during undergraduate studies.

Pass/no credit grades do not count toward a student's cumulative GPA — you either receive credit for taking the course or you do not. Depending on your definition of a poor grade, low test scores, especially on tests worth one-third of your final grade, can be devastating to a final class grade. In these cases, merely receiving credit for the score is much more beneficial than a grade that can

lower your GPA.

Another student, Lindsay Morgan, a freshman biology major, was faced with the same situation as Meyer and myself, having taken only one test before the date. Her opinion (seems to be a pattern here), is that the date could be moved to a later one, giving students a much better feel for whether or not to take a class pass/no credit.

"It would definitely be beneficial for students because it would tell you whether or not the class would help or hurt your GPA in the long run," Morgan said. "If I had received a low grade on one of my tests, I would have seriously considered taking that class pass/no credit. A poor test grade can mean a poor grade in a class, which is obviously worse for your GPA than just getting credit."

Many times, as in my situation, students are not aware of how difficult classes will be until they have taken the first test. When the pass/no credit option is available, students should be able to make an informed decision as to whether they want to utilize this option. How can they best do that without having taken a test in that class?

With the current deadline, it is possible for students not to utilize the option and then wish they had. Moving the deadline back only a couple weeks would make a tremendous difference in many cases and would be extremely beneficial for students who are unsure if they want to elect the pass/no credit option.

*Dan Plate is a freshman pre-business major from Ogallala, Neb. His column appears every Friday.*

# Party, drink at your own risk

A lifestyle that involves binge drinking, smoking and little sleep can destroy students' health and their grades.

This kind of lifestyle, however, is very common among college students. Many University of Arkansas students spend their weekends traveling from party to party or from bar to bar.

Intoxicated individuals are also far more likely to engage in other illegal activities, including vandalism and driving under the influence, which could lead to further legal repercussions.

The health risks associated with binge drinking are also considerable. Binge drinking is defined as the consumption of five or more alcoholic beverages in a single setting, and a single alcoholic drink is defined as one 12-ounce beer, a 4-ounce glass of wine or a single shot of liquor.

The physical damage that can be caused by excessive consumption of alcohol is overwhelming. In addition to the danger of potentially fatal alcohol poisoning, a considerable number of liver ailments have been directly attributed to the use of alcohol, including cirrhosis and several liver cancers.

Binge drinking can also be dangerous because it can result in blackouts —

periods of time wherein an individual's decision-making skills might be compromised and about which they cannot remember later. Although most women consume fewer alcoholic drinks at a time than their male counterparts, their risk of experiencing blackouts is equally high. During these blackouts, many individuals engage in high-risk behaviors, including illegal activities, drunken driving and unprotected sex.

Lack of sleep can also be dangerous, as it can result in increased stress levels, deteriorated mental focus and compromised decision-making. These effects can be physically dangerous in situations such as driving. However, most students are more affected by a decrease in their academic performance caused by getting too little sleep.

Some students, even those who are not normally smokers, engage in social smoking while they are at parties or while drinking. Even a few cigarettes a week can contribute to tobacco-related health risks, such as emphysema and lung cancer. In addition, several studies indicate that heavy alcohol consumption is often connected to heavy smoking.

Many students are strongly in favor of partying and consider it part of

the experience of attending college.

"I think that if you go to college and don't ever party, then you are missing out on part of the experience," senior Doug Herbert stated. "At the same time, you have to be able to study, attend class and keep up your grades. It's just a matter of balance."

Several students said their best memories were of nights they spent drinking with their closest friends. Others think many activities were enhanced by the presence of alcohol.

The majority of these students think their partying did not hinder their academic performance.

"I party as hard as anyone, and my grades are way above the average," senior Ian Argo said.

Another senior, Patrick Davidson, said, "Quite frankly, I don't believe that partying has done anything to harm me academically."

A minority of students think partying is neither a good nor a bad thing necessarily, they said. They were of the opinion that it was the responsibility of the students to monitor their own behavior and to make sure their drinking does not harm them physically or academically.

*Tai Estopy is a columnist for the Arkansas Traveler at the University of Arkansas.*

# Dependence on technology overwhelms students' days

Computers dominate my life.

I write stories for this newspaper. I talk to my grandmother in France.

I read the newspaper and check movie show times. I organize photos, and I listen to the radio. All on a computer.

I can't even remember life before computers were around.

And I bet you can't either.

Life with computers keeps my blood pressure high and encourages me to drink heavily.

When the computer slows down for no apparent reason, I might as well wait.

When the Internet goes down, I feel cut off — trapped on an island, no communication with the civilized world elsewhere.

If my computer decided to leave this world for greener pastures, I'd better hope I had the foresight to print out any paper I ever wrote and any photo I ever took.

Computer manufacturers are always promoting the latest, greatest, all-inclusive tool to organize my life: a magical piece of software that will put everything in

its right place.

I'm still waiting.

The idea that advancements in technology make our lives less stressful is ridiculous.

Think of all the different ways we communicate: AOL instant messaging, e-mail, text messages, pagers, cell phones and so on.

Whatever happened to conventional letter-writing? It went the way of the Californian condor.

Look a step farther, and it gets worse.

We have online schools.

One of the most important aspects of education is social education, which you can't get from a University of Phoenix "online classroom." In order to learn properly, humans need a physical teacher and a room full of fellow students.

We have online books.

Google, as well as other companies, have considered offering books in an online, downloadable format. The enjoyment of a book comes partly from its ability to be taken anywhere from an airplane to a park.

We can watch TV on our computer, and soon enough we'll be able to watch newly released movies on our computers instead of in the theater.

I don't want to watch

"Mission: Impossible III" on a 15-inch screen in my bedroom. I want to eat popcorn in a dark room full of people all staring at the same 30-foot explosion.

Technology yields benefits for our society; progress in medicine, business and the arts is astounding. I don't doubt that many of the things I take for granted daily couldn't have been made without the technology I'm sick of. I just feel weighed down.

All hope is not lost, however. Join me, friends.

Let's reduce our dependence on the computer and get back in touch with a world not dominated by ethernet cables and liquid crystal displays.

Instead of calling our friends, we'll go find them. Let's buy a subscription to the newspaper. We'll write our dear grandmothers a conventional letter.

If you're feeling revolutionary, throw your cell phone out. Push your television off the roof. Toss your computer into a lake.

If you're with me, let me know via e-mail, page, text message, instant message, Facebook message, MySpace message or telephone call.

*John-Laurent Tronche is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.*

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**TRACK**

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Banda is currently ranked No. 7 in the men's 400-meter dash with a time of 46.53 seconds. He is also a member of TCU's No. 11 400-meter relay team with a time of 3 minutes

and 8.14 seconds.

Banda said this weekend will give him an opportunity to run with faster competition.

"So far I've only raced once with really fast people," Banda said. "This will give me a clue how other people are running."

**BASKETBALL**

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to the tournament.

"We really have to make sure we stay focused," he said. "It will be Senior Night for UNLV so we have to make sure that we match their intensity and execute in our transition game."

Neil Dougherty feels that the Frogs will be ready to

go against UNLV this time, especially after their victory over Utah.

"We know that we have to keep UNLV from going on their scoring runs and creating turnovers, which they have been able to do all season," he said. "We have the tournament in the back of our minds, but want to remain focused, play hard, and end the season with a win streak going into the tournament."

**BASKETBALL**

**Horned Frog seniors conclude careers**

*Players: We'll miss teammates most*

By RYAN THOMAS  
Staff Writer

The first two weeks of March signal the beginning of NCAA postseason play, but they also mark the end of a career for six seniors on the TCU men's and women's basketball teams.

Wednesday night was the last game played at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for senior guards Nile Murry and David Markley and senior forwards Chudi Chinweze and Judson Stubbs of the TCU men's basketball team.

This weekend's home game against the University of Nevada at Las Vegas will also be the last game played at the coliseum for two seniors on the TCU women's basketball team: forward Vanessa Clementino and guard Stephanie Thiel.

**GRADUATING MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS**

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**GRADUATING WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS**

Vanessa Clementino (forward)  
General studies  
Stephanie Thiel (guard)  
Social work

Attitudes for both teams' seniors were similar on multiple aspects of their impending graduation.

All four seniors on the men's team said they would miss their teammates the most.

"We have been through a lot together," Stubbs said. "We are like a family."

Even players who did not play many minutes over the

years said they will miss the trials the team had been through together. Markley, who got his first collegiate start Wednesday, said his fondest memories came last season during the Frogs' postseason run.

"Our NIT run last year was my favorite moment," Markley said. "We had two tough wins and also played at Maryland."

Although some players — like Chinweze, who wishes he had not hurt his knee against Kansas last season — looked to the past regretfully. All four men's seniors agreed they would sooner change this season.

"I would definitely change this year," Murry said. "More wins would be a great change."

Despite the men's team's dismal 6-23 record and slim chances of reaching the NCAA tournament, Stubbs said, he has optimism about the remainder of the season.

"We have to keep going hard and not give up," Stubbs said. "We need to finish the regular season with two wins before the conference tourna-

ment."

Though the women's team (15-10) is enjoying a more successful season than the men and has less impact players graduating at the end of the year, the Lady Frogs' two seniors expressed similar sentiments about leaving in May.

Clementino said she will not only miss her teammates but also her coaching staff.

"They are not just coaches but more like friends," Clementino said.

Whereas the men's regrets focused on their poor play this year, Clementino said, she was disappointed that she had taken basketball too seriously.

"I wish I would have shot the ball more confidently," Clementino said. "I also wish I wasn't so concerned about my mistakes and that I would just go out there and have fun."

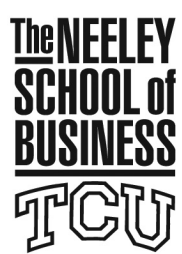
Thiel said that despite the fact that the months are dwindling before the players take their leave, she's just trying to let her last experiences sink in.

"I want to take advantage and cherish everything," Thiel said.

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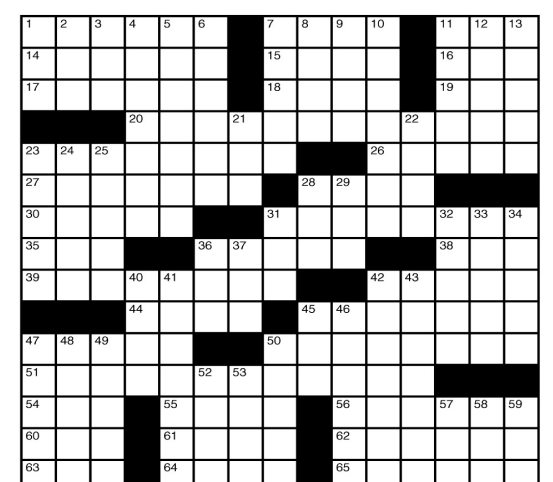
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By James E. Buell Edgewater, FL

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 Tomorrow: Baseball vs. Florida Atlantic; Women's basketball vs. UNLV  
 Sunday: Baseball vs. Florida Atlantic; Women's tennis vs. OK State

### BASEBALL

# Coach says team 'confident' with pitching

By TRAVIS STEWART  
*Sports Editor*

Three days after the Horned Frogs were able to find little consistency on the mound in Tuesday's loss to Dallas Baptist, TCU will kick off a weekend series against Florida Atlantic at 7 p.m. today in a game that has all the makings of a classic pitcher duel.

Both teams will be starting pitchers who have already made an impact this season; TCU will be using sophomore Jake Arrieta (3-0, 1.96 ERA)

against FAU ace Mickey Storey (2-1, 2.59 ERA).

Despite the team's use of seven pitchers Tuesday, head coach Jim Schlossnagle said, he is comfortable with not only Arrieta's ability, but also the entire staff's abilities.

"We're confident in all our pitchers," Schlossnagle said. "Arrieta's doing a great job to this point. This will probably be the best club besides Houston he's pitched against, so he'll have to be ready to meet that challenge."

Arrieta said he's pleased with his performance to date but is aware of the Owls' No. 1 pitcher he will have to face.

"I'm pretty confident," Arrieta said. "I'm really happy with how I've been throwing, but I need to keep improving. Florida Atlantic is a very good team; they're throwing their best pitcher against us Friday, so it's going to be a good game from beginning to finish."

Although the Horned Frogs

committed five errors earlier in the week, Schlossnagle said, dwelling on the past can be more harmful than beneficial.

"I think that was just a bad night," Schlossnagle said. "We certainly spent some time working on it, but we work on it every day. You are not going to have perfect days ... If you start harping on them too much, it becomes a mental thing that's really hard to overcome."

One player the Frogs will have to watch out for is FAU

leadoff hitter Ovy Ramirez, who currently leads the club with a .395 batting average and is one behind the team leader in RBIs (9).

Arrieta said containing a hitter like Ramirez is key to a pitcher's success.

"With a leadoff hitter, I just always try and throw strikes," Arrieta said. "I try and not let the leadoff hitter on base."

### BASEBALL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Time	TCU starter	FAU starter
Fri, 7 p.m.	Jake Arrieta (3-0, 1.96 ERA)	Mickey Storey (2-1, 2.59 ERA)
Sat, 4 p.m.	Sam Demel (0-2, 3.78 ERA)	Chris Salberg (2-1, 2.78 ERA)
Sun, 1 p.m.	Braed Furnish (1-0, 2.03 ERA)	Brandon Cooney (10 IP, 2.70 ERA)



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor  
 Junior right fielder Keith Conlon catches a fly ball against Texas State on Feb. 14.

### TRACK

# Squad aims for final shot at qualifying

By TALIA SAMPSON  
*Staff Reporter*

Select members of the TCU track team will leave today to compete in three last-chance meets this weekend as a final attempt to qualify for the NCAA Championships next weekend.

Head coach Darryl Anderson said only the top 16 in the NCAA will be eligible to compete at the championships next week. He also said the meets this weekend at LSU, Iowa State and Notre Dame will give runners a final shot at improving or ensuring their rankings.

"You're going because you want to either get in the top 16 or stay in the top 16," Anderson said.

He said athletes will go to the meets with the strongest

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competition in their events.

Sprinter Virgil Hodge will be competing at LSU because she is currently tied for 17th in the women's 60-meter dash with LSU sophomore Brooklyn Morris at a time of 7.33 seconds.

"I'm ready," said Hodge, who is also ranked No. 10 in the women's 200-meter dash. "I'm confident I'll run against time and get back in the top 16."

Sprinter Lewis Banda, who will be competing at Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, this weekend, said he also feels confident about this weekend as long as he remains healthy.

"The weather changes," Banda said. "It's hot, and then I go to a cold city, and I get sick."

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### BASKETBALL

# Team looking to finish season strong, athlete says

By JOHN BOLLER  
*Staff Writer*

The Horned Frogs are in action this Saturday as the team will travel to Nevada to play the UNLV Runnin' Rebels.

The team is coming off a 69-65 Wednesday win over Utah on Senior Night and is looking to win back-to-back games for the just the third time this season.

UNLV is currently 9-6 in conference play and 15-12 overall. The Runnin' Rebels are averaging 71 points per game, which is fourth best in the conference. UNLV is also averaging 36 rebounds per game, which is second best behind only Wyoming.

The Horned Frogs (6-23, 2-13) are looking to avenge a loss earlier in the season to UNLV. In the first game, the Rebels were able to control the tempo of the game by beating the Horned Frogs in fast break points (15-9) and points off of turnovers (19-12). UNLV was led by the strong play of team scoring and rebounding leader Louis Admunson,

who had 14 points to go along with 12 boards and 6 blocked shots.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said that TCU has to play aggressively on defense and not allow Admunson any open looks.

"We have got to keep Admunson from having a big game," Dougherty said. "We must keep the intensity and not allow him to settle and get easy baskets."

Admunson also had help from guard Curtis Terry who had 15 points, all from behind the arc.

Senior forward Nile Murry led the Frogs with 18 points; Murry did his best to help keep TCU in the game, scoring TCU's first nine points of the second half.

"If we can get a win, that would be a huge momentum boost for us going into the tournament," Murry said. "We have to take care of business, though, and focus on the UNLV game, even though the tournament is right around the corner."

UNLV was able to keep control of the game because of its strong shooting



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor  
 Guard Neil P. Dougherty scans the court for an open teammate Feb. 25 against Brigham Young.

and bench support. The Runnin' Rebels shot an impressive 44 percent from the field and an even better 47 percent from downtown. UNLV's bench managed to score 17 points, most of which came in the second half.

Junior guard Neil P. Dougherty also said the team needs to keep focused and worry about UNLV — not think ahead

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