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Communication dean search down to final four

By EMILY ALLEN Staff Reporter

ing and interviewing, the University, Judy VanSlyke College of Communication's Turk of Virginia Commondean-search committee has wealth University and David narrowed the field of more Whillock of TCU. than 65 applicants down to four final candidates.

Central Michigan University, After six weeks of search- Howard Sypher of Purdue

"I think we have four candidates who could actually Provost Nowell Donovan become a successful dean announced Wednesday in at TCU," said John Tisdale, an e-mail that the committee search committee chairman

had selected Maria Marron of and associate professor of deanship, not the faculty," journalism. He said the committee would like to have a candidate chosen before the end of the school year.

> assemble the search commit- return to campus for inditee last fall after Dean William Slater announced his these forums, the candidates plan to retire May 31 after six years at TCU.

Slater said. "I will be returnsabbatical." Each of the four appli-

Administrators began to cants has been invited to vidual open forums. During will present their ideas for the College of Communica-"I am retiring from the tion and meet other faculty

members.

In addition to faculty and liam Funk & Associates. ing to teach after a yearlong administration from the

the 13-person committee and comparison of curincludes an alum and two riculum vitas, resumes current students.

Chronicle of Higher Educa- training and backgrounds tion, the committee met in in higher education. January to begin planning for the search and working with

the consulting group, R. Wil-

Candidates were elimi-College of Communication, nated through interviews containing extended infor-After placing an ad in the mation about candidates'

> Tisdale said the com-See **DEAN**, page 2

SPRING BREAKDOWN



Texas law helps spike applications

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO Staff Reporter

The university decreased the percentage of students admitted this academic year, dropping its acceptance rate from 63 percent in 2006 to 49 percent in 2007, the dean of admissions said.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the decrease in the acceptance rate is a reflection of the increase in applications and expects the acceptance rate to decrease again next fall. The spurt in applications came from students ranking below the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, Brown said.

This may be in part due to a Texas law known as the "10 percent rule," which guarantees students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class automatic admission to state universities, he said. About 30 percent of the 2007 freshman class ranked in the top 10 percent of high school graduating classes, according to admissions data. Of 11,888 students who applied for admission last fall, 5,812 students were admitted, according to the 2007 TCU Fact Book. In 2006, the admissions office issued acceptance letters to 5,442 students out of 8,677 applicants. "If you can lower your admission rate one or two points a year, that's pretty good, so for us to drop 14 points in one year is a stunning See **RATES**, page 2

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has jars like this one, full of confiscated fake IDs, throughout its local office. The TABC plans to crack down on underage drinking over Spring Break, and part of that crackdown includes going after false identification holders.

TABC aims to curb partying over vacation

By CHARLES RICE . Staff Reporter

minors may be hoping to have lady luck who have fake IDs," she said. on their side as they partake in underage drinking.

Some students under 21 still drink many by using fake IDs.

tion studies major, who wished to remain mission. anonymous, said she has been using a fake ID for more than three years and Jan. 24, TABC officers conducted Operahas only had trouble with it twice. She tion Fake Out in which TABC and other said it's all about being careful.

with people who are 21, so it doesn't an effort to thwart underage drinking With Spring Break days away, some seem like I'm underage or with others and fake ID usage. TABC officers waited

tin, famous for its Sixth Street bar district, was recently under the scrutiny A 20-year-old sophomore communica- of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Com-

> According to the TABC Web site, on law enforcement officers worked togeth-

"A lot of the times when I use it, I'm er with authorized alcohol retailers in inside places where IDs are checked and She said she will be in Austin and inspected IDs further for signs of falsifiplans to drink during Spring Break. Aus- cation. This resulted in 15 arrests related to underage drinking and fake IDs.

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DAILYSKIFF.COM Explore a database of the past two

years of citations issued by TABC in Fort Worth.

Neeley rises in undergrad business ranks

By CHRISTINA DURANO . Staff Reporter

Neeley undergrads are getting the most bang for their buck, according to the 2008 BusinessWeek rankings of the nation's undergraduate business schools.

The Neeley School now ranks 32 out of more than 550 accredited business schools in the nation. Last year, Neeley ranked 39.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean at Neeley, said the school's ranking rose because in past years, administrators were too busy to provide BusinessWeek with thorough information.

"We were able to get better data on our recruiters this year," Moncrief said. "Last year, we were in a time crunch."

Neeley ranked fourth for return on investment for private schools and 10th for hardest working students. Both rankings topped the charts for undergraduate busi-See RANKS, page 2



WEATHER TODAY: Showers, 42/30 TOMORROW: Rain/snow, 47/28 SATURDAY: Sunny, 49/40

PECULIAR FACT

DENVER— Denver International Airport is now blocking Internet sites that it considers provocative from its free Wi-Fi service. – Associated Press

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House nixes financial aid advisory committee

By PATTY ESPINOSA Staff Reporter

its financial aid advisory panel on Student Financial Assistance will harm TCU's financial aid in three years. programs, a financial aid director said.

Congress' decision to remove 20-year-old Advisory Committee tor of financial aid.

the Higher Education Act is a months after its removal, said at TCU and other universities new rule that will eliminate the Melet Leafgreen, assistant direc- around the country, Leafgreen

Although the committee counsels Congress and the tions on financial aid issues to If the committee is abolished, U.S. Department of Education Congress, and in turn relays TCU financial aid students will on financial aid matters, it also that information and new laws regarding the reauthorization of sity's programs within 12 to 18 aid officers and administrators

said.

The ACSFA presents solu-

Deep in the fine print of a bill see major changes in the univer- serves as a counsel for financial to financial aid officers and See **FAFSA**, page 2

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ness schools in Texas.

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was determined by the 600 corporate recruiters, average salary per tuition the graduates' median dollar. TCU's tuition for starting salaries and the 2007-2008 was \$24,865, number of graduates who and the median starting continue to prestigious salary of Neeley gradu- MBA programs. ates was \$50,000. Neeley graduates' average sal- academic quality score aries per tuition dollar by combining SAT was \$2.01, according to scores, faculty-student BusinessWeek.

them skills beyond the with internships and crief said. "(This) is reflect- work each week. Neeed in their salaries."

TCU's Neeley School rank was 43. of Business received an A in teaching quality, detailed," Moncrief said. an A+ in facilities and "It's not about percepservice and an A in job tion; it's about reality." placement.

BusinessWeek's assess- ment in the Neeley ment.

"The professors are very interested in the students," said Jason Hauck, a junior accounting and finance to start to seek out the major. "They are eager to school, not just in Texhelp."

sophomore pre-business entrepreneurial manmajor, agreed.

care about us," he said. you can get into a qual-BusinessWeek used ity job."

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administrators at various universities, Leafgreen said.

universities communi- without the FAFSA cate important programs application, Leafgreen and information to students and families, Leafgreen said.

become more difficult FAFSA application prowill be neglected because green said. lawmakers do not understand how difficult it is that analyze financial

nine criteria to rank undergraduate business programs, including surveys of 80,000 business Return on investment majors and more than

It also calculated an

ratios, class size, the "We really try to give percentage of students classroom that translate the number of hours well to recruiters," Mon- students spend on class ley's academic quality

"BusinessWeek is very

Some students said Students agreed with they think the improve-School's rankings will make a degree from the school more valuable.

"(Employers) are going as but nationally," said Charles Conway, a Jake Mattison, a senior agement and e-business "The people in charge major. "It's a place where

> ed aid applications such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, according to the ACSFA Web site.

Financial aid pro-This process helps grams would not exist said

"The committee makes our jobs as aid Student aid will administrators and the to receive, and students cess much easier," Leaf-

Without the experts to manage financial aid, aid reports, conduct surveys and find innovative ways to improve financial aid would not be as fine-tuned as it is

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Lt. Jimmy Zuehlke, a TABC officer in the region that includes Austin, said the commission is preparing for Spring Break the same way it did last year - with multiple sting operations.

According to the TABC Web site, it ran sting operations in March 2007 along Interstate 35 and other major highways that lead to the Gulf Coast.

In Austin, 6 percent of the 62 sting operation attempts resulted in illegal sales of alcohol to minors, compared with 48 percent of the 25 ing Spring Break in Tarrant operations in Fort Worth, records show.

there.

"Austin police also have a unit dedicated to alcohol con- events and special operations trol, and one of their main during the Spring Break perifocuses is running the minor od to make sure our bases stings," Zuehlke said.

He said other cities may not have that luxury.

commission targeted South has owned the bar, he has Padre Island, Corpus Chris- always had to combat the use ti and Galveston during the of fake IDs. weeks many colleges were on Spring Break last year. TABC a lot of the times, they are officers issued 1,919 criminal impossible to catch," Mitchell citations during that time.

TABC officer for

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keep it 21 and up

in here..."

Dave Mitchell

the San Antonio area, said about everywhere, and a 600 of those citations were for minors in possession. Other citations stemmed from public intoxication or using

the TABC in Tarrant County, working with the TABC. Breaks.

and hundreds of tickets down checking IDs. there in a matter of days," Cloud said.

FOR YOUR INFO In-state admissions

Acceptance rate	Top 10-ranked freshmen
Rice	
25%	83%
Baylor	
44%	45%
TCU	
49%	30%
SMU	
50%	40%
UT Austin	
51%	69%

County, that doesn't stop officers from looking. In 2007, Zuehlke said more sting according to TABC records, operations were run in Austin five citations for fake IDs because more teams worked were given in Tarrant County during Spring Break.

> "We do all kinds of special are covered," Cloud said.

Dave Mitchell, owner of The University Pub, said According to the TABC, the that in the nine years he

"They are everywhere, and said. "We work pretty hard at Capt. Richard Jauregui, a trying to keep it 21 and up in here — I'm not naive enough to "They are

think we are lucky enough to do that all the time."

Mitchell said the TABC has run stings in his bar before. In the past two months, he said, he has had two to three clearly underage teenagers come in his bar who were

serving an underage cus-"We will write hundreds tomer, but wants bartenders

Mitchell said when he does catch someone with a fake

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move," Brown said. 28 percent enrolled, accord-

ing to admissions data. acceptance rate among Rice ences, he said. University, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and University of Texas at Austin, according to their Web sites. As to the proportion of freshman students who ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, TCU ranks last among the four, according to the university's Web sites. The freshman class academic profile, which describes grade point average, class rank and test scores, is showing improvement slowly, Brown said. The fall 2007 freshman class has tag for a private education, an average class rank in the top 22.66 percent of high school graduating classes, the best average class rank in TCU history after the fall 2006 freshman class, which ranked in the top 22.46 percent, he said.

For the majority of applicants, the transcript is the the cost of attendance at TCU most important element in a student's application, and about half of what the admissions decision is based on, Brown said.

important because it tells he said. us not only the classes that you've taken and the grades that you've posted, but it also tells us the rigor of the courses that you've taken," Brown said. "If there are honors or AP classes available in your school, we expect to see some of those on your transcript."

to 25 percent of the admis- Brown said. sions decision, and the rest is lar activities, letters of recom- was admitted to three Ivy mendation, the essay and the League schools, said TCU is interview, Brown said.

The university also considers attributes such as eth- school just for a name," Smith nicity, legacy status, place said. "I like the environment of residence, religious tra- at TCU."

ditions and special talents, but they do not carry a particular weight in the admissions decision, Brown said. Of the students admitted to The purpose of taking these the university last fall, about attributes into account when evaluating applications is to increase diversity and expose TCU has the third lowest students to different experi-

> "We act affirmatively on people's applications based on things other than grades and test scores," Brown said. "If you happen to be a worldclass trombonist, then we're going to act affirmatively on your application if your academics fall below what would normally be considered our standards."

> Many factors play a role in students' increasing interest in TCU, and among them is the price, Brown said. At \$33,918, TCU offers a reasonable price especially in comparison to similar schools in the Northeast and West regions, he said.

> Jean Wall and Neil Culhane, two visiting high school counselors from Florida, said TCU is moderately priced for a private university. Culhane said is a "good deal."

Brown said the campus and the students make a positive impression on visitors. Many prospective students also find "The transcript is the most university athletics appealing,

> "We get a lot of notoriety from the university's exploits on the gridiron," Brown said.

Some students place too much importance on college rankings when applying for college, but rankings are not a good indicator of whether SAT scores constitute 20 a university is a good match,

Cara Smith, a freshman determined by extracurricu-political science major who a good fit for her.

"I wasn't trying to pick a

fake IDs.

owner, The Sgt. Charlie University Pub Cloud, a member

of the Enforcement Division for

said he has worked in South Mitchell said the TABC won't Padre during previous Spring try to trick a bartender into

Leafgreen said.

"The committee is necessary for our programs the financial aid system, to continue to be successful," Leafgreen said.

Rep. George Miller, today, Leafgreen said. D-Calif., added the provision to remove the administrators and offi-ACSFA. The House of Representatives passed the bill in February.

believes that this com- efforts to negotiate with mittee has outlived its lawmakers. usefulness, and that the statement.

aid forms and has creat- tatives.

She said financial aid cers across the country are opposed to the removal of the com-"Chairman Miller mittee and are making

According to the ACStaxpayer dollars used FA Web site, the comto fund this commit- mittee is composed of tee could be put to bet- 11 members includter use," wrote Rachel ing students, bankers, Racusen, spokeswoman college presidents and for Miller, in an e-mail financial aid officers. The Senate, the House Since its inception in and the secretary of

1988, the committee has education appoint the helped simplify financial committee's represen-

Hang Out or Take Out!

Despite the TABC patrols ID, he is nice about it but in South Padre during Spring asks that person to leave. Break, students go there with the intent to drink.

Leah Joslin, a 20-year-old they turn 21, so there is no nursing major, said she went reason to make anybody to South Padre during Spring upset," Mitchell said. Break last year.

set is that everyone feels is worth putting his business invincible and Spring Break or his bartenders at risk. is the week to let your inhibitions go," Joslin said. "No fake ID said she doesn't look one worries about underage down on the TABC but does drinking."

campus for Spring Break.

director of Moncrief Hall, cers could focus on. estimated that 30 to 35 percent of students will stay on do their jobs not to be liked, campus during the break.

Cloud said although the ing the law. Whether students TABC doesn't see a real like officers is not going to increase in underage drink- affect how TABC works, he ing and fake ID use dur- said.

"I want them to come back as customers of mine when

He said he doesn't feel like "I think the general mind- serving an underage drinker

Another student who uses a feel busting TCU students for Other students won't leave drinking is overemphasized and there are more serious Dennis Siaw-Lattey, hall crimes law enforcement offi-

> Cloud said TABC officers but because they are enforc

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mittee rated the top-26 candidates by their vitas as

"acceptable," "unacceptable" or "unsure" before limiting who were flown to Dallas/Fort from the six to the four."

Worth Airport last weekend for 90-minute interviews at an airport hotel.

"You get a sense of the person and how they handle themselves under pressure," Tisdale said. "It was an excepthe search to six candidates, tionally difficult choice going

FOR YOUR INFO **Communication dean candidates**







VanSlyke professor and director of the School Communications, Virginia



Whillock, professor of radio-TV-film and associate dean of the College of Communications, TCU

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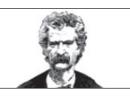
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OUOTE OF THE DAY

"When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained."

BY JACOB BRAHCE

THE SKIFF VIEW Program should be optional

n the past, the Connections program was available to new students once they arrived at TCU. However, starting this fall it will be a mandatory program, which is not necessarily a positive change for incoming freshmen.

Connections is a program that aims to help freshman students prepare for a successful college career. The nine-week program is facilitated by upper-class students and faculty mentors who lead discussions and offer helpful tips for freshmen.

The freshman Connections program is a positive thing for students and can benefit students who really want to take advantage of the program. But making the program mandatory is treating freshmen like they are still in high school.

A university official said the decision to make the program mandatory was made to help increase freshman retention by assisting students in creating a stronger foundation on campus. Although it sounds like a

good idea, forcing student involvement is not the way to go about increasing retention.

For the program to be successful it needs to be full of students who actually want to be attending and learning, not students who are sitting in the back not participating.

When students come to college, it is a time when they can personally discover their strengths and learn how to be responsible without their parents. Requiring students to attend a weekly class without earning credit for it does not breed responsibility.

Sometimes freshman students really need guidance on campus, but holding their hand is probably not the best way to encourage them to adapt to college life.

Connections is awesome for building better leaders, but it should be left as a program for students who actually want to be there.

Features editor Jordan Haygood for the editorial board.

31#485 Jacob Brahce is a freshman criminal justice and political science major from Cedar Park.

Fall in young newspaper readers indicates move toward ignorance

I was appalled by a conversation I overheard in class Tuesday. Two women were discussing why one of them



Liz Davidson

how ridiculous it was for her professor to expect students to read it every day. The other woman actually sounded relieved, saying how it would be weird if she read it on her own.

And this was even in a class required for journalism majors.

I was amazed.

No wonder so many stu-

students are less informed about current events than in are happening now. Adults the past. The percentage of

adults age 18

to 24 who read

the newspaper

has decreased

from about 44

"There seems to be a general disinterest in affairs occuring outside our individual

to statistics on the Newspaper Association of America's Web site.

how much will ignorance spread in another 10 years?

A survey conducted by Common Core, an education research organization, reported that fewer than half of teenagers surveyed didn't know the answers to basic history or literature questions. Think of how

even aware of events that won't know anything about

our history if this continues, whether it's from the 1700s or 2000.

There seems to be a general disinterest in affairs occurring

outside our individual "bubbles." Many people think that if it's not affecting them, then it's not of their concern. But it's important for people to stay informed with news from around the world or at least within their own nation.

So the next time you pass by a newspaper stand in the Student Center, go ahead, pick up a paper, even if your professor doesn't require it.

Crimes against homosexuals should qualify as hate crimes

As the campaign season plows along, the public seems to have set aside that pesky question: "Are we ready?" Are we ready for a black president? Are we ready for a female

president? COMMENTARY These ques-Julie Lord tions have run their course, especially as both Democratic candidates are doing well.

And now, finally, we are beginning to see candidates tackle a largely-avoided issue: discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The prompt for discussions on this topic may stem from a recent tragedy in California in which a 15-year-old homosexual boy was murdered by one of his male classmates

— a classmate who, just days before the attack. received a

Federally speaking, however, Lawrence's murder is not officially a hate crime. That is because the Matthew Shepard Act — legislation that would make brutality motivated by a victim's gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity or disability a federally punishable act — has never been enacted. Although it has been a decade since the landmark case for which the legislation was named, this bill has stalled out in Congress.

President George W. Bush has said he will veto the bill. Throughout both of his terms, Bush has shown his ignorance knows no bounds, and this is especially true in the case of homosexual rights. From the proposed constitutional amendment "protecting marriage" between a man and a woman to refusing to acknowl- rent presidential candidates edge violence based on sexual orientation as a hate crime, he has shown us again and again he has no tolerance for people who are different from him.

tion to what these candidates have to say about the recent violence in California; their opinions on this matter might give us good insight into how they view the citizens of this country.

When hatred of a group of people begets violence, it becomes a hate crime. It does not matter if the crime is based on race, religion, sexual identity, disability, age or gender: Hate is hate.

As young voters and American citizens, we can be the generation to eliminate this prejudice. We can talk openly about these issues. This is not about your personal sexual orientation: This issue is about refusing to stand for discrimination of any kind.

It has been said by many - including one of our cur-

on a daily basis 'bubbles.'" percent in 1998 Liz Davidson

to 34 percent in 2007, according

If this trend continues,

dents don't know what's going on in the world around them.

The number of students reading newspapers is continually decreasing, and

much of a problem this will

Liz Davidson is a junior newsbecome later if people aren't editorial journalism major from Austin.

valentine from the young boy.

Lawrence King, an 8th-grader who had recently been living in foster care, was openly gay. Although he endured regular bullying, his classmates claim they never thought it would go that far. According to reports, his attacker entered the computer lab where Lawrence was working and shot him in the head.

Intolerance of Lawrence's homosexuality does appear to be the cause of his murder.

Sexual orientation is one of the last great prejudices in our country — a prejudice that has been repeatedly supported by our own government.

Presidential candidates are finally beginning to discuss this issue. I want to urge everyone to start paying atten-

- those who stand for nothing will fall for anything. We have been falling for the Bush administration's unique brand of ignorance and discrimination for far too long. It would seem we are ready for a change. Maybe we should start asking a new question: In this upcoming election, what are we standing for?

> Julie Lord's column appeared in the (Western Illinois University) Western Courier on Wednesday.

People need to be more active in preserving rainforests

A few mornings ago I logged onto the Internet, checked my and braced

COMMENTARY



my mornings: logging onto CNN. While I feel

the intense

Andrew Young

need to be kept in the know about things happening in our world, I would be lying if I said I didn't fear what the news will bring at the beginning of each day. My fears were relieved, however, by a video I found buried in the Web site. The video is about a man named Johan Eliasch who recently purchased 400,000 acres of the Amazon rainforest.

one man could posses the e-mail and my banking account means to actually purchase his own chunk of rainforest the size of Greater London caught me a little bit off guard. According to an interview with him by the Guardian, a newspaper in England, the land that Eliasch bought previously belonged to a logging company.

I must admit, the idea that

Eliasch closed the company down and laid off 1,000 of its Brazilian workers. According to Eliasch, he did all of this simply "to protect the rainforest." While such practices may not be exactly what Brazil needs in terms of employment, local authorities in Brazil who are friends of Eliasch defended his actions as the cost for saving rainforests of the world.

According to Eliasch in his editorial for the Independent, a newspaper in England, "Don't let politics prevent us from saving the planet," protecting the world's rainforests from deforestation could dramatically reduce carbon emissions. In the article, Eliasch wrote that "the fact that half of all the carbon emissions since the industrial revolution have been created in he last 20 years is one which challenges the pace of change that most (political) policies can accommodate."

Perhaps the rapid deforestation of our planet calls for people in a position like Eliasch to step in and use their influence to actually produce the change that politicians have been promising to make for years now.

People like the late Paul van Vlissingen, who owned Calor gas, and Kris McDivitt and her husband Doug Tompkins, who is co-founder of the North Face, have followed suit and bought land in various places such as Argentina, Chile and Africa. The efforts of these people ensure that precious land like the Amazon rainforest will not be greedily gobbled up by logging companies that persuade people that their operations are helping the planet rather than destroying it simply because they provide jobs to local indigenous people.

The unfortunate fact is that the large majority of world citizens doesn't have the clout or will to step in and reverse the damage that each one of us has helped cause the environment.

When local and world governments fail, it is up to us, as citizens of the world, to step up to the plate and put a stop to the evil we have introduced into this world. Although most of us don't have the means to do what Eliasch has done, we can do our part in helping find a reliable alternative to deforestation.

We are all affected by bad

environmental policies, and we need to start pressuring our legislative government to do something about these things. Let's not sit back idly and watch as the select elite bail us out of every problem we have caused ourselves.

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Stanford's endowment to cover lower income families

By DOROTHY KORBER McClatchy Newspapers

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. - So it send the kid to Stanford Univer- incomes as high as \$180,000. sity next fall than to a community college.

announced recently that it would use some of that money to covthreshold. For family income a dream come true. under \$60,000, living costs also will be paid.

be affected. Stanford enrolls a of those top schools." freshman class of 1,700 each fall, men.

Still, there are broader implications

Stanford's new policy came just weeks after similar announce-Last month, Brown University trio of the expensive and selecsaid it is eliminating tuition for tive Claremont colleges, plus four ed to earn on their own. students whose parents earn less University of California campusthan \$60,000.

"private elites" — have come tional Baccalaureate programs. under scrutiny by the U.S. Senate out making much money available for students.

for middle-class kids as well.

"This is the right thing to do how they've been paying for school," she said. school. We heard loudly and

lies that paying for the education has been a challenge."

It reflects a national trend has come to this: If your high reversing steep tuition hikes that school senior has the grades have choked out the middle class and the test scores — and your — or thrown their children deep annual family income is \$100,000 into debt. Harvard, for example, or less - it could be cheaper to now helps families with annual

In a ripple effect, Stanford's new policy also means that pres-Stanford is sitting on an tigious public universities like endowment big enough to bail Berkeley and UCLA - formerly out the deficit for the state of Cali- the better deal — will have to fornia: \$17 billion. The university hustle harder to compete for top students.

For Priscilla Herrera at Sacraer the \$36,000-a-year tuition for mento's Mira Loma High School, students who meet the \$100,000 Stanford's generosity may mean

"Stanford is my number one choice," said Herrera, a student That's good news for Stanford in Mira Loma's rigorous Internaundergrads. In the context of Cal- tional Baccalaureate program. "If ifornia's vast academic landscape, I didn't get any aid, no way could however, very few students will I go to Stanford or Yale or one

Like high school seniors across less than 1 percent of the state's the nation, Herrera is in the anx-240,000 full-time college fresh- ious limbo between applying to colleges and hearing if she has been accepted — and learning what kind of financial help they will offer.

In addition to Stanford, Yale tuition, room and board, and es. It's an impressive list but not These schools — called the unusual for students in Interna-

A pastor's daughter, Herrera Finance Committee for amassing said her family struggles finanhuge, untaxed endowments with- cially and she helps out all she mates that one out of three said Jose Luis Santos, director of can. She works two jobs, teach- undergraduate students will be UCLA's Higher Education Pubing martial arts classes three spared tuition; the rest are from lic Policy Research Center. "The So, with their tax-free status in days a week and managing Mira families with incomes above private elites can easily afford to jeopardy, the richest universities Loma's Arcade Creek Project ---are eagerly underwriting their a field study of the suburban \$50,000-a-year sticker prices not stream that winds through the well aware of Harvard's changjust for their poorest students but area near the campus — every day after school.

"Scholarship counselors have for our Stanford families," said told me that students with my Karen Cooper, Stanford's finan- financial situation will actualcial aid director. "Last year, we ly receive more money from a did a survey of parents, to ask private university than a public investments paid off handsomely

clearly from middle-class fami- ford, the university will cover growing by 22 percent.

continues to whittle Web security



Mira Loma High School student Priscilla Herrera, 17, plans to major in biochemistry or molecular biology after she graduates from high school. She may benefit from Stanford University's decision to eliminate tuition for families who qualify financially.

\$4,300 a year students are expect-

Stanford's generous new grants, the largest aid increase in the university's history, will apply to current students, as well as incoming freshmen. Cooper, the financial aid director, esti-\$100,000.

Cooper said her university was es, announced in December. "We don't operate in a vacuum," she down costs, while our great pubsaid, but added that Stanford has been pumping up its student aid for a couple of years.

Another factor is that Stanford's in 2007, with its endowment — If Herrera is accepted at Stan- the third-largest in the nation —

ments from Harvard and Yale. and Princeton, she's applied to a all other costs — except for the doesn't operate in a vacuum, either. Suddenly UC Berkeley's \$25,000-a-year cost — including more than \$8,000 in state fees -

isn't the bargain it used to be. "Given a choice between UCLA, Berkeley or Stanford, it He pointed out that almost a afford to send a child to Stanford becomes a no-brainer if you can third of all University of Califor- but not to Cal," Vazquez said. go to Stanford virtually for free," do this — and it can be argued that they should have done it long ago.

"They have the luxury to bring lic institutions in the state of California are at a complete disadvantage. Instead of dropping costs, the state's budget situation makes it predictable that they will have to increase fees."

In response, the University of

dent grants, according to spokesman Ricardo Vazquez.

nia undergraduates qualify for

The University of California amassing a special \$2 billion federal Pell grants, double the endowment earmarked for stu- percentage at Stanford or Harvard.

> Again, it's the middle class His system already is provid- that is the current focus: "It's a ing a high level of support for its concern for us when a middlelower-income students, he said. class family making \$100,000 can



AUTUMN CRUZ / Sacramento Bee/MCT California system is considering Mira Loma High School student Priscilla Herrera updates a calendar for the Mira Loma a school in Sacramento, Calif n Feh

By MARK BOSLET

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Americans are conflicted about Internet privacy. They say they the sites visited, and share that information want better protection for their personal data, but often trade away safeguards to connect for online.

as Facebook and MySpace and the spread of advocate for greater online privacy. behavioral advertising, where ads are fed to people are willing to overlook for the sake of cyber convenience.

"The vast majority of people want to protect doctrinaire. their privacy," said Larry Ponemon, chairman protection. "But they aren't doing anything about it."

information on online profiles, share data all seems pretty simple to me." with strangers and put up with ever-more intrusive ad-targeting methods that monitor countries say they are concerned about pritheir online movements. And they are not vacy, but not enough to withhold personal just younger computer users — who are com- information when, say, the convenience of monly believed to be less sensitive to privacy making an online purchase means providing concerns - but older adults as well.

after Google announced its proposed pur- leaving about 12 percent who find privacy a chase of ad-targeting outfit DoubleClick. New major concern. fuel was added in November when Facebook launched its Beacon advertising program people opt out of the program.

con, which share information about a per- online. son's purchases with his or her friends on companies collect and use.

Similar complaints dog other forms of (privacy) is on the table."

behavioral targeting, especially the spread of "third-party" cookies, or little programs that sit on a person's computer and monitor with groups of merchants.

When people search for information on a with friends or find what they are looking particular disease, the search engine they use or the Web site they visit knows their afflic-Many experts agree privacy has eroded with tion, said Kathryn Montgomery, a professor the growth of social-networking sites such at American University in Washington and an

But consumers don't always react with people based on their online behavior. What's alarm. Researchers say most people have a hard to know is how much of this erosion line when it comes to privacy, but knowing when that line is crossed is difficult. Public attitudes often are far more pragmatic than

"The whole brouhaha over Facebook has me of the Ponemon Institute, a Traverse City, a bit puzzled," said bemused Internet user Bob Mich., researcher focused on privacy and data Cullinan, a San Rafael, Calif., member of the social-networking site. "If you don't want the Facebook folks to know anything about you, Instead, they increasingly post personal then don't sign up for a Facebook account. It

About two-thirds of people in developed it, Ponemon said. An additional 20 percent A privacy debate was rekindled last year aren't concerned at all about privacy, he said,

A similar split was evident in a Decem-

ber study by the Pew Internet & American drawing the ire of privacy advocates and even- Life Project. Ninety-four percent of American tually a mea culpa by the company, which adults surveyed said it was important to conresponded to the storm of protest by letting trol who has access to their personal information. But 61 percent hadn't taken steps Privacy advocates say programs like Bea- to limit the information about them found

The Internet "feels so incredibly safe, secure Facebook, give consumers too little control and anonymous," said Fred Cate, a law profesover how much personal information Internet sor at Indiana University and a privacy expert.

"People care about other things more when

New surgical methods reducing aftermath of prostate cancer

"I really believe this

is the new wave of

the future."

Robert Bryant Sr.

cryosurgery patient

By JEAN P. FISHER McClatchy Newspapers

men retain bladder control and remain both advocates and critics note. sexually active.

impotence and incontinence.

diseased part of the prostate with freez- soon begin a clinical trial. Doctors from

ing gas. No surgical cuts are needed and patients are typically back to regular activities within a few days. Duke is one of a handful of medical centers in the nation that does the procedure outside research studies.

"I really believe this is the

he had at Duke last month.

viewed Bryant's procedure, which was never the same. transmitted in real time with a video feed at Duke devoted to focal therapy for prostate cancer.

The prostate is a small gland beneath the bladder and wrapped around the urethra. It makes the fluid that carries sperm as it is ejaculated.

with hormones and radiation that destroy not from it.

the prostate.

Such an aggressive approach is one rea-RALEIGH, N.C. — Doctors at Duke Uni- son more than 99 percent of prostate canversity Medical Center are now treating cer patients are still alive five years after some early-stage prostate cancers with a diagnosis. Techniques that treat only part targeted approach that appears to let more of the prostate may not be as effective,

"Before there's a bandwagon to them, Much like lumpectomy for breast cancer, I think they need to be studied," said Dr. focused prostate therapy aims only at the Raj Pruthi, director of urologic oncology part of the gland that has cancer, sparing at University of North Carolina Hospitals' nerve damage and trauma that can cause Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. He said Lineberger doesn't do any focused One approach involves injecting the therapy for prostate cancer now, but will

> UNC-Chapel Hill attended the Duke workshop.

Between 10 and 25 percent of men with prostate cancer have bladder control problems two years after surgery or radiation therapy, according to research compiled by the Prostate Cancer Founda-

new wave of the future," patient Robert tion. Impotence is even more common, Bryant Sr. said of the focused cryosurgery with up to 80 percent of men reporting problems after surgery or radiation. Some Scores of visiting prostate specialists men improve with time, but others are

Recent studies show men treated with to a nearby lecture hall. The experts were focal cryosurgery fare considerably better. in Durham for an international workshop Up to 90 percent of men who have just one side of the prostate frozen are potent after treatment. Incontinence troubles about 10 percent. No long term data are available about rates of cancer recurrence.

Pruthi said doctors and patients who are concerned about complications should Treating only part of the prostate is keep in mind that there is already one controversial among cancer specialists. approach with no side effects: doing noth-The standard of care is to attack the dis- ing. Prostate cancer typically grows so ease, even when it is considered early slowly that men with early-stage disease stage and low risk. Surgery to remove sometimes forgo treatment and monitor the entire gland is a typical approach. their cancer. Older patients are often told Or, alternatively, the cancer is bombarded they may die with prostate cancer, but





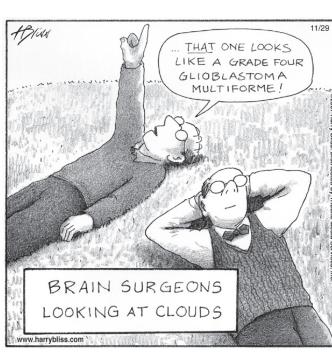
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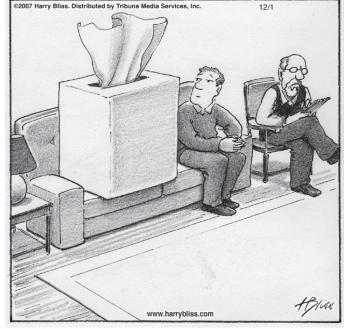
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Q: Why are frogs so happy?

A: They eat whatever bugs them!

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See Friday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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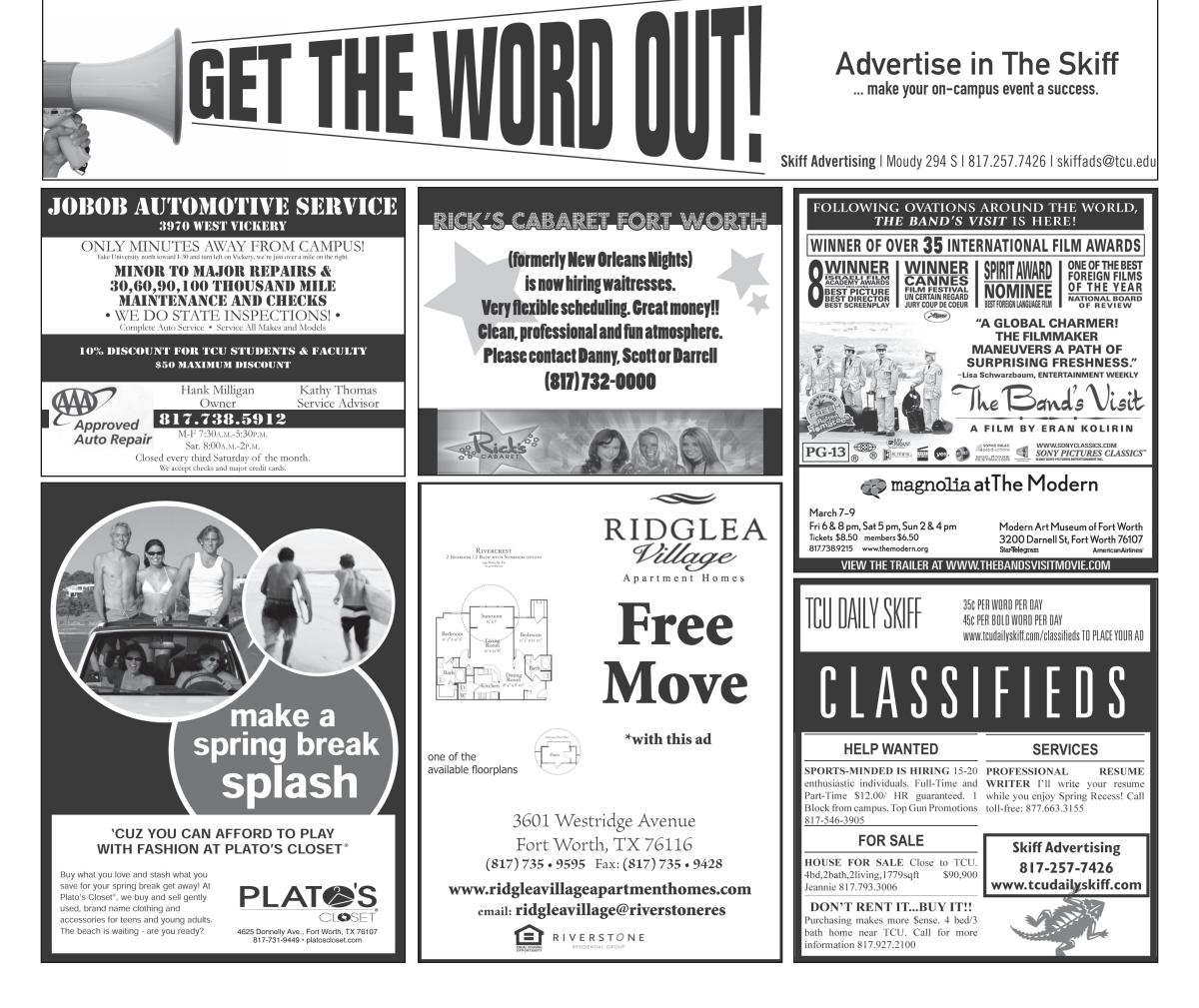
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL **GOING OUT IN STYLE** Seniors stick together in win for Lady Frogs' home finale



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Senior guard Moneka Knight drives the lane against Air Force at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Wednesday. TCU beat the Falcons 85-50, winning its 400th game in club history.

By BRETT LARSON Sports Editor

and 12th conference win on the sea- points, rebounds and assists. son, beating the Air Force Falcons on senior night.

4-11) was TCU's 12th Mountain West six rebounds and four assists. Conference win of the year, beating last year's team record of 11.

Falcons 85-50, forcing 24 turnovers, including 15 in the first half.

in the second half.

Seniors were the dominant force

Senior guard Helen Roden played an all-around solid game, leading emotional one for the seniors, but The win over the Falcons (10-17, TCU with 12 points and chipping in enjoyed being able to start and stick against BYU. A win would guarantee

Senior forward Jenna Lohse led mates. TCU in rebounding with nine and TCU (19-10, 12-3) took down the finished with 11 points.

tain West Player of the Year, leaves allowed 23 first-half points. The Lady Frogs cruised through TCU as one of the program's all-time and never led by less than 20 points ond in points, third in assists and on- of its own attempts.

track for first in games played.

The Lady Frogs basketball team for TCU. All five graduating play- fun to watch his five seniors play well reached two university milestones ers started the game together, and together and said it was great see-Wednesday with its 400th victory a senior led or tied for the lead in ing them have fun their last time in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum together.

Lohse said the game was an together with her graduating team- a second-place finish in the Moun-

Senior guard Moneka Knight and Ross each had four steals, fueling Adrianne Ross, last year's Moun- a Lady Frog defensive effort that

TCU held Air Force to 36.5 percent their final home game of the season greats, finishing first in steals, sec- shooting while hitting 51.6 percent

Mittie said the team is doing Head coach Jeff Mittie said it was a much better job at the end of games.

> "This team is finishing things much better than before in the season," Mittie said. "It's a big step forward for this group."

TCU still has one game remaining tain West Conference.

At a half game behind the Lady Frogs, a Cowgirl loss would also guarantee a second-place regular season conference finish for TCU.

The Lady Frogs take on the Cougars at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Provo, Utah.



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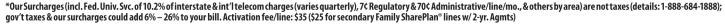
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Senior Cosmin Cotet rallies against an Oklahoma Sooner at home Wednesday. Cotet lost his singles match, but the Horned Frogs finished on top 4-3.

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