

PLUS OR MINUS?

The debate over plus/minus grading rages on, but some are still in the dark. We take a look at the system.



NOT VERY PC

Programming council leaders are displeased with this year's lackluster event attendance.

TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU raises health insurance cost for next year

Out-of-pocket policy, maximum coverage to stay unchanging

By BRE'ANNA EMMITT  
Staff Reporter

Health insurance prices will increase by 14 percent next year for students using the university-offered insurance plan. The price will rise from \$483 a semester to \$552, according to a release from the Health Center.

Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of the Health Center, said the price increase is due to rising health costs in the community. She also said the coverage is the same as last year: The plan still carries a \$500,000 policy maximum and still has an out-of-pocket pay system. An out-of-pocket system means patients pay for health care and prescriptions and file claims to the insurance company, which later reimburses

TCU INSURANCE COSTS		
CATEGORY	OLD PRICE	NEW PRICE
Student	\$483	\$552
Student and spouse	\$895	\$1,070
Student and children	\$675	\$798
Student, spouse and children	\$1,228	\$1,468

them. Many health insurances pay up front, eliminating this initial cost. Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life for health

promotions, said this out-of-pocket type of coverage, coupled with the price increase, could cause financial strain. "Campus Life routinely

deals with mental and physical illnesses," Crawley said. "Prescriptions, especially for mental illnesses, are extraordinary. A lot of people can't afford to pay \$1,000 up front and then wait to be reimbursed." Crawley said the increase has the potential to negatively impact students in other ways — not just with the out-of-pocket system. "Some students are supporting families, and a \$20 differ-

ence in their monthly budget really affects them," Crawley said. Andrew Wilfred, a junior finance, accounting and economics major, uses the insurance and said the cost does not closely affect him as an international student. "It's still a reasonable price and it's convenient, especially for international students, so we don't have to go out and find our own insurance," Wil-

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FOND FAREWELL



Judy Dodd, wife of the late Daryl Schmidt, discusses fond memories of her husband with attendees at a memorial service held Monday at Robert Carr Chapel. Schmidt, the former chairman of the religion department, died March 21.

STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

Al-Qaida member eligible for execution

By MATTHEW BARAKAT  
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal jury found al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui eligible Monday to be executed, deciding that his lies to FBI agents led directly to at least one death in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "You'll never get my blood, God curse you all," Moussaoui said afterward. He had sat in



MOUSSAOUI

his chair and prayed silently as the verdict was read. The only person to face charges in this country in the nation's worst terrorist assault, Moussaoui now faces a second phase of his sentencing trial to determine if he actu-

ally will be put to death. That phase is to begin Thursday morning. The nine men and three women of the jury will hear testimony on whether the 37-year-old Frenchman, who was in jail at the time of the attack, deserves to be executed for his role. The testimony will include families of 9/11 victims who will describe the human impact

of the al-Qaida mission that flew four jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. Court-appointed defense lawyers, whom Moussaoui has tried to reject, will summon experts to suggest he is schizophrenic after an impoverished childhood during which he faced racism in France over his Moroccan ancestry.

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Panel to discuss future of media

By Kathleen Thurber  
Staff Reporter

Journalists will discuss factors affecting the transformation of media at the second annual Schieffer Symposium, "The Changing Communications Landscape," at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Bob Schieffer, who graduated from TCU in 1959 and for whom the school of journalism was named in March 2005, will moderate the panel. Schieffer is currently the interim anchor of the "CBS Evening News" and has been the anchor and moderator of "Face the Nation" since 1991. He is also the chief Washington correspondent for CBS News and has covered every presidential campaign for the network since 1972.

Tommy Thomason, director of the Schieffer School of Journalism, said Schieffer organized the symposium because he wants to bring today's primary media issues to TCU.

"It's a labor of love for Bob," Thomason said.

Panelists include: Jill Abramson, managing editor of The New York Times; Larry Kramer, president of CBS Digital Media and founder of www.marketwatch.com; Judy Woodruff, correspondent for PBS' The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer; and Len Downie, executive editor of The Washington Post.

John Tisdale, an assistant professor of journalism, said the round-table format of

the symposium creates an unguarded, open discussion on issues that are relevant to the journalism business.

"These people don't come together outside of Washington and New York that often," Tisdale said. "It's really a treat for students and faculty."

William Slater, dean of the College of Communication, said the panel will give students the opportunity to learn what some of the country's top journalists think about the current state of journalism.

He added that he hopes current journalism students can change the prevailing image of journalism.

Tisdale will present Schieffer with a purple necktie, carrying on a tradition that Tisdale said the department started as a fun way to show Schieffer a small token of appreciation "for what he represents, not only as a journalist, but as a person."

The last time Schieffer was given a necktie, he wore it during his broadcast the following evening.

Slater said at last year's symposium, the audience was split between students and community members, but he hopes more students will take advantage of the opportunity this year.

Thomason said in addition to journalism majors, anyone interested in current events and the way media are changing — including political science, sociology, history and radio-TV-film majors — would benefit from the symposium.

Tickets are \$15 for the public and are free of charge with a student ID. They must be reserved and can be ordered at 817-257-5976.

Artistic musings



LIZ CRAWFORD / Photographer

Graduate art student Christopher M. Bond talks to art and art history department chairman Ronald Watson about his painting "Untitled (Woodson is)" in Moudy Building North on Monday evening. Bond's paintings are on display as part of his thesis show.

Dean: Premajors to benefit from new advisers

By LYDIA AKINDE  
Staff Reporter

The Center for Academic Services has joined the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences to provide three new professional advisers funded by the Vision In Action plan. The VIA initiative is spending \$932,000 over five years to recruit advisers in an effort to improve academic advising because students expressed their dissatisfaction with advisement by specialized major departments, said

Michael Butler, associate dean of the AddRan College. The cost is not only to compensate the advisers, but also to equip them with administrative supplies such as computers, copy machines and printers, Butler said. This professional advising is exclusively for premajors and first-year students because individual colleges have faculty members available who are trained to advise students in their major, Butler said.

Shanell Whitley, a freshman premajor, said despite the cost, the benefits of having professional advisers are greater, because she had never been helped in the previous system of advising. "It would have helped me out this year if I had someone to help guide me," she said. "I can benefit from (the program) because I need guidance to decide what I should take and if I should double-major or get a minor." There are now five full-time profes-

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## Lecture to cover issues affecting Hispanics

Issues concerning the Hispanic community, justice and race will be discussed today at The Brite Borderlands Intersection: Faith and Culture 2005-2006 Lecture Series.

Ismael Sanchez, director of the Borderlands Center for Latina/Latino Church Studies, said the lecture series, which is offered every year, invites distinguished Hispanic scholars to speak on various fields of interest.

“It is important for scholars, students and religious leaders in religion and theology to be more informed about the Latino community,” Sanchez said.

This year’s speaker, Maria Pilar Aquino, a professor of theology and religious studies and associate director of the Center for the Study of Latino Catholicism at the University of San Diego, will discuss “Healing Broken Societies: The Challenge of Con-

temporary Christianity.”

Hjamil Martinez-Vazquez, an assistant professor in the religion department, said with protests going on against the new immigration proposals, it is important for students to understand the issues between bordering lands.

This event is sponsored by the Brite’s Borderlands Center for Latina/Latino Church Studies and is free and open for all.

— Sona Thappa

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fred said. “Besides, insurance has been rising anyway, so it’s not really a surprise.”

Alicia Michaelsen, a freshman nursing major, said she disagrees with the increase.

“Depending on the student’s income, I honestly think it will affect students,” Michaelsen said. “Some people here do have money, but there are a lot of us who don’t.

I’m probably going to try to find something cheaper over the summer.”

Hallam said compared to other universities, however, the insurance TCU offers is reasonably priced.

“As far as student plans go, SMU, Baylor, Rice and other comparable universities are more expensive than our policy,” Hallam said. “It still can be a good deal.”

Students registering in April and May can elect or waive the insurance policy by July 5.

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sional advisers and one part-time adviser from the National Academic Advising Association, a group of professional advisers, counselors and faculty members trained in advising, said Marsha Ramsey, director of the Center for Academic Services.

Butler said by improving students’ advising experience, AddRan administrators aim to increase the university’s first-year to second-year retention rate.

“Our goal is to increase the retention rate by 1 percent every year with the program,” he said.

Butler said that although the college plans to increase the current 83.9 percent TCU retention rate, this initiative is also intend-

ed to help more students graduate in four years.

Half of the 2005 class graduated last spring, Butler said.

Bianca Nunes, a sophomore finance major, said that although she is not affected by premajor advising, she believes if the advisers give students the right guidance, graduation in four years is feasible.

“If you take classes that don’t really count toward your major, you’re wasting hours,” she said. “If you have advisers who can plan everything out for you, then there’s no problem.”

Butler said although the program does not apply to majors in other colleges, it will benefit professors in every department because they will no longer have to deal with premajors and can focus on students in their own academic disciplines.

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“By this verdict, the jury has found that death is a possible sentence in this case,” court spokesman Ed Adams said.

On the key question before the jurors, they answered yes on whether at least one victim died Sept. 11 as a direct result of Moussaoui’s actions.

Had the jury voted against his eligibility for the death penalty, Moussaoui would have been sentenced to life in prison.

Rosemary Dillard, whose husband Eddie died in the attacks, said she felt a sense of vindication from the verdict.

“This man has no soul, has no conscience,” she said of Moussaoui. “What else could we ask for but this?”

Abraham Scott, who lost his wife Janice Marie on 9/11, said: “I describe him like a dog with rabies, one that cannot be cured. The only cure is to put him or her to death.”

But Scott said he blamed the government equally “for not acting on certain indicators that could have prevented

9/11 happening.”

The jury began weighing Moussaoui’s fate last Wednesday. During its deliberations, jurors asked only one question, seeking a definition of “weapon of mass destruction.” One of the three convictions for which Moussaoui could be executed is conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.

The jurors were told that a plane used as a missile — the tactic employed on Sept. 11 — qualifies as a weapon of mass destruction.

Moussaoui pleaded guilty last April to conspiring with al-Qaida to hijack aircraft and other crimes. At the time, he denied being part of the 9/11 plot, saying he was being trained for a separate attack, but he changed his story when he took the stand and claimed he was to have flown a hijacked airliner into the White House that day.

Moussaoui was in jail at the time of the attacks, but prosecutors argue federal agents would have been able to thwart or at least minimize the attacks if he had revealed his al-Qaida membership and his terrorist plans

when he was arrested and interrogated by federal agents.

The court proceeding took just nine minutes.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema accepted the verdict from the forewoman and read it to the court. The clerk asked the defendant to rise just before she read it. Moussaoui remained seated, but his lawyers rose.

The judge said the jury was unanimous on all four aspects of each of the three counts against Moussaoui. Those counts were conspiracy to commit international terrorism, to destroy aircraft and to use weapons of mass destruction.

On each count, the jurors found the defendant was 18 or older at the time of the offense, intentionally lied to federal agents on Aug. 16-18, 2001, and did so “contemplating the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used.” Further, they determined at least one person died Sept. 11 as a direct result of the lies.

The judge asked the jurors if their verdicts were all unanimous, and all nodded affirmatively.

## Texas professor under scrutiny for remarks

By LIZ AUSTIN  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A University of Texas biology professor has been targeted by talk radio, bloggers and vitriolic e-mails — including a death threat — after a published report that he advocated death for most of the population as a means of saving the Earth.

But Eric Pink said Monday his remarks about what he believes is an impending pandemic were taken out of context.

“What we really need to do is start thinking about controlling our population before it’s too late,” he said. “It’s already too late, but we’re not even thinking about it. We’re just mindlessly rushing ahead, breeding our brains out.”

The public furor began when The Gazette-Enterprise of Seguin, Texas, reported Sunday on two speeches Pianka made last month to groups of scientists and students about vanishing animal habitats and

the explosion of the human population.

The newspaper’s Jamie Mobley attended one of those speeches and also interviewed Forrest Mims, an amateur scientist and author who heard Pianka speak early last month before the Texas Academy of Science.

After the newspaper’s report appeared, it was circulated widely and posted on “The Drudge Report.” It quickly became talk radio fodder.

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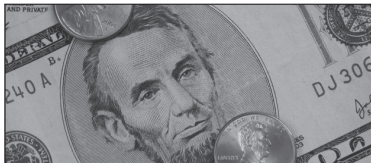
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MAKING PASSENGERS PAY...

Airlines are beginning to charge passengers for formerly free services: Like pillows (\$2, Air Canada) and curbside luggage check (up to \$3).

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Selig's crusade comes too late

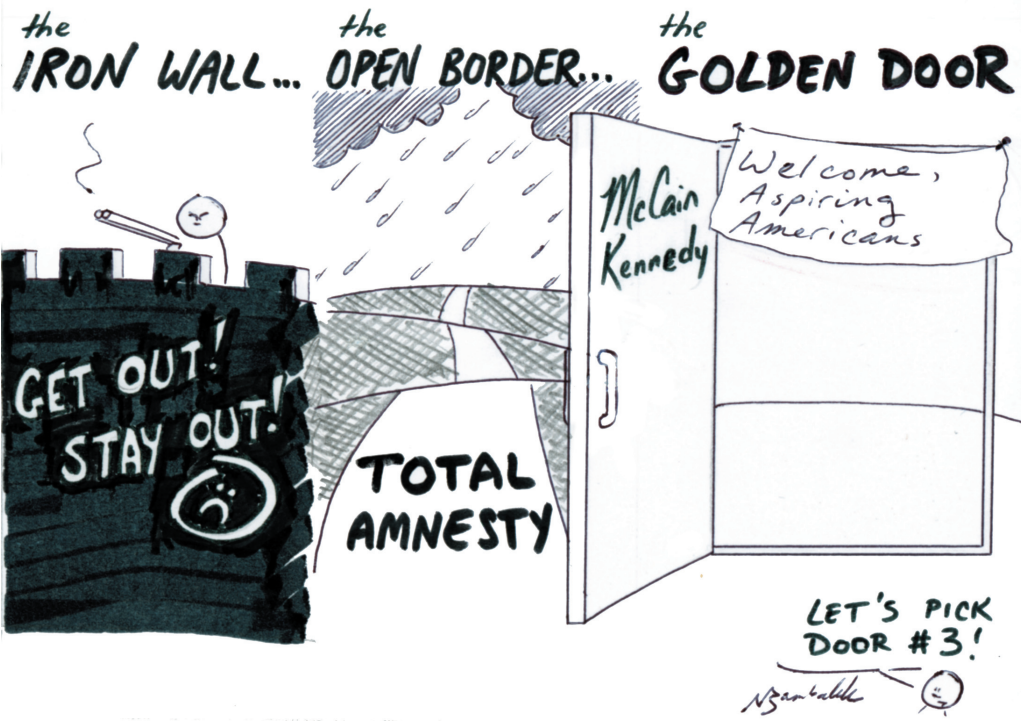
Sorry, Bud Selig, but you're not fooling anyone. Yes, the steps Major League Baseball — and you, as its commissioner — appears to have taken toward the eradication of steroids in the sport are considered positives. And yes, it is likely that, with your new policies in place, professional athletes will think twice about juicing up. But let's be honest. All this recent work you've done to regulate performance-enhancing drugs isn't about creating a better future, is it? It's about cleaning up the past. A past you allowed to happen. A past so rampant with steroid abuse that even intelligent, habitually clean people such as Rafael Palmeiro broke under the peer pressure. Simply put, your administration polluted the past decade so badly that you've been left with no choice but to cleanse it. Well, good luck. It was wise to assign an investigator into Giants slugger Barry Bonds' past; with him on the verge of breaking one of baseball's

most hallowed records, it's only fair to the fans to make sure that he did it without cheating. But do you have the right? After all, you did allow it to happen in the first place. So is it right for you to turn a blind eye toward the darker practices of your sport, only to then return to the scene, heroically leading a crusade built around the dangers of steroids? It would seem more likely that with performance-enhancing drugs having now served their purpose, they are becoming an annoyance. And, as unbelievable as it sounds, they did help your cause: with baseball becoming a dying pastime in the late '90s, the juiced-up home run race of the McGwire/Sosa days provided a life preserver for your sinking sport. And you may have sacrificed both the history and future of your legacy in doing so. Because, Mr. Selig, when you put it in a certain perspective, you're a steroid-user too.

Sports editor Travis Stewart for the editorial board.

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Independent candidates impaired by needless regulations

The Kinkster's grassroots campaign is cruising along full speed ahead. With a little luck and, oh, 45,540 signatures, he'll have just enough steam to generate the results he's been working so hard to achieve: his name on the ballot for Texas governor. Only after this pesky petition roadblock has been cleared can he focus his efforts on the actual gubernatorial election itself.

COMMENTARY



Rachel Gollay

Kinky Friedman, published satirist, musician, close comrade of Willie Nelson, and, above all, proud Texan, has been traversing the state, flying his independent flag and mustering up support for his campaign. He has accepted the challenge of acquiring thousands of petition signatures just to get his name listed on the ballot for the elections next fall. Collecting copious amounts of John Hancocks in a very limited time frame is no small feat — and while Friedman seems, for the most part, undaunted, the state law-imposed obstacle course to candidacy still proves a rather formidable nuisance in

both practice and principle. For a signature to count toward Kinky's petition totals, you can't have voted in any of the primaries or signed the petition of other independent candidates (for instance, Carole Strayhorn, Kinky's independent competitor.) Perhaps I'm simply not well versed in Discouraging State Politics 101, but it seems that the lawmakers behind this complex batch of rules wanted to make getting on the ballot less of an accessible possibility for idealistic independents and more of a burdensome bureaucratic beast. With sharp, pointy teeth. In fact, Alabama is the only state in which it is more difficult for an independent to get on the ballot. Texas ranks a stolidly close second. It isn't just about the 45,540 signatures that Kinky needs to get ballot cred — it's about all the troublesome technicalities, the vast amount of elbow grease, and fiercely committed volunteers that are seemingly stretched thin by all the tiresome legwork. Although enthusiasm for his efforts doesn't seem to be waning, the process of attaining and confirm-

ing thousands of signatures still seems to me like little more than exhausting busywork. Indeed his grassroots efforts have proven admirably successful, and he's got the statewide support to prove it — in both numbers and donated financial support. So certainly the highly significant number of 45,540 can't be the end-all, be-all determining factor for Kinky's ballot saga come September. He has chosen not to join Carole Strayhorn, who is up in arms against the Texas Secretary of State (she's suing over petition difficulties). A press release detailed his campaign's response: "We've been studying the state's election laws for the past year, and although the laws are restrictive, they will probably survive a legal challenge. We believe our time and resources are better spent complying with the law. While we may be affected by the outcome of this litigation, her lawsuit does not affect what we've been doing for the last 13 months — building the kind of grassroots organization needed to change the Texas political landscape." While it may be in his best

interest to avoid legal hang-ups and outcries regarding petitions, I still feel that he and other independents shouldn't have to put up with the "name game." I'm impressed with Kinky's efforts and commitment to the campaign thus far. It's proven to be more than just smoking cigars and cracking jokes — he's working to inspire Texans to transcend their couches and coffee counters to actually take part in choosing their governor. (There's something admirable to be said for citizens who actually take the time vote in their state's elections.) Although actually becoming elected seems to me like a very lofty goal for an independent, he is at least breathing fresh air (except for cigars) into an otherwise stale political climate. His commitment to educational reform, better health care and environmental concerns all stretch beyond his one-liners and witty campaign slogans. His clever sense of humor and friendly down-home persona certainly are a supplement to his efforts, though. Keep in mind that the last independent candidate to be elected governor was the distinguished Sam Houston. It doesn't take more

than a quick glance at the cover of a Texas history book to know that Houston was one of the most esteemed governors in the Lone Star state's history. That's not to say that I expect a 67-foot tall statue to be immediately erected in Kinky's honor (should he be elected), but it is certainly a reminder of the independent spirit and heritage of free thought that Texas is supposed to embrace. I have faith that Kinky's signature total will surpass the 45,540 minimum. Despite that, I believe that Kinky and all other contenders for candidacy should not be pinned to such rigid petition constraints simply to be allowed on the ballot. I can only hope some day in the not-so-distant future, reforms will be made to offer independents a better chance at running the gubernatorial race. Whether they actually garner enough votes to win is another question entirely — but the fact of the matter is that they should at least be allowed to run. To adopt The Kinkster's own wry campaign slogan: "Why the hell not?"

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YOUR VIEW

Immigrants play important role in daily lives, economy

Throughout the history of our beautiful country, our economy has been founded upon the backs of immigrants, those who are willing to do jobs most people would not do, only for the chance to live in a country that boasts the opportunities of freedom and liberty. It was immigration that began our country in the early 1700s, kept it moving throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, and is the mainstay of our economic prosperity today. The article published on Thursday titled "Citizenship nonnegotiable; live here legally or leave" is an example of the ignorance of the real facts about immigration. For example, the author would have you believe that high school and college students will pick up where illegal immigrants left off. This is a ridiculous idea. When was the last time you, a college student, had 10 hours a day to spare to work in a factory, build a building, or pick grapes in a field in California? There are 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country, and they are the reason we have fresh food in our grocery stores, buildings to live in, roads to drive on and numerous other amenities we take for granted. The author also states that a

700-mile border between here and Mexico is a good idea for security. I need not remind readers that the terrorists that have repeatedly attacked the United States were neither Hispanic, nor did they enter from our southern border. Personally, I do not want any more of my tax dollars spent on a wall that is not going to keep out those who really want to get in anyway. Economically speaking, yes, we do lose money that many Mexican immigrants send home to their families. But what about the millions of tax dollars that go unclaimed every year by illegal immigrants who, being forced to have fake social security cards to work, pay taxes but cannot claim their returns? These are handouts to the U.S. government, as immigrants are stripped of their rights to social security benefits that should come with their jobs. The author asks, if their country is so great, why do they want to be here, no one is forcing them? Wrong again. The hunger of their unfed children, the deaths of their family members, their inability to provide for themselves is forcing them. People do not go through the horrible process of crossing the border — which is a much easier process for our author who is a

U.S. citizen — simply because they want to exploit us. They simply cannot survive where they are. Many of them want to return home, but because of the insecurity of getting back into the United States, many choose to stay here. The author would have you believe that the United States grants citizenship to any foreign national who is "passionate" enough to want it. Less than 40,000 visas are issued a year to Mexicans. This number does not even come close to the number of people needed to work in industries such as agriculture, construction, etc. that are needed to maintain our economy. It also takes over six months to get an appointment in Mexico to get a visa to even visit the United States. Can we honestly expect people to wait that long when they have lost children or relatives, when they can simply pay a fee to be smuggled across? I agree with one thing: Immigrants should be more patriotic toward the United States. But one must not make the fallacy of assuming that all immigrants are not proud of the United States. I know myself and several other TCU students were at the Fort Worth courthouse Saturday with

American flags, marching against a law that goes against the ideals this country was founded upon. The issue here is the bill. The solution proposed by HR-4437 is a Band-Aid fix to a problem that the United States needs to be responsible in dealing with. The bill being discussed in the Senate Judiciary Committee, however, is a much-needed step to allow guest-worker programs that will help both our economy and Mexico's. And it is a much-needed step in recognizing the illegal immigrants already here who are expected to do everything a citizen does, pay taxes, follow the laws, etc., but are stripped of the rights a normal citizen is guaranteed and who, under HR-4437, are now felons. This is not the American way. Instead of being ignorant to the fact that the United States is exploiting these people, we should learn what it is that we are arguing for and stand up for what this country was ultimately founded upon. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore." ~Statue of Liberty engraving

Melissa Gohlke, junior

YOUR VIEW

Hunger Week gives students chance to help

Every donated dollar to the Tarrant Area Food Bank gets translated into four and a half meals for hungry people in 13 counties. Last Tuesday, the House of Student Representatives passed Justin Brown's program allowing students to use their meal card money to buy food to donate to charity. With this recent buzz around the issue of hunger comes an easy opportunity to make a big difference in the local community and worldwide. That's right; Hunger Week is here again. Not only are there awesome events all week, you can actually donate money right off your meal card. Use up those extra dollars for a good cause. Of course, cash is great too and donations of cans and food are appreciated. And if you do have some free time, there are plenty of ways to give time and help out. So here you go TCU — you don't even have to leave campus to help feed people all over the world. In our global community, we have to understand the importance of caring for people all over the world. Here is our chance to make a difference, and I encourage everyone to stop by and give what they can.

Keri Cyr, senior

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# TCU prepares for hunger education week

By JESSICA ST. JOHN  
Staff Reporter

Hunger Week, seven days dedicated to helping end hunger by educating the school and community of its effects, will run through Sunday.

According to the TCU Hunger Week Web site, hunger.tcu.edu, "In the developing world, more than 1.2 billion currently live below the international poverty line, earning less than \$1 a day."

TCU has hosted Hunger

Week since 1982 and raised \$25,000 last year.

Some of this year's Hunger Week activities include a Heel Hunger 5K run, a hunger workshop, a movie night and a banquet.

Students are encouraged to come by during any of the activities to participate and give donations if possible.

All proceeds raised, including money and food donations, will benefit the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Bread for the World and the One Cam-

paign, which are all dedicated to ending hunger locally and globally.

Andrea Helms, communications director for the Tarrant Area Food Bank, said there are more than 250,000 people who battle hunger and poverty just in the bank's service area, which includes Tarrant County and those surrounding it.

Helms said any money donated to the Tarrant Area Food Bank from fundraisers like Hunger Week goes

toward more than just buying food.

"It pays for the trucks to pick up the food, it pays for the fuel, it runs our warehouses and pays electric bills," Helms said.

Helms said the Tarrant Area Food Bank relies on all private funds to supply the millions of pounds of food it needs every month.

According to the Tarrant Area Food Bank Web site, www.tafb.org, "A \$1 donation helps provide food for four and

a half meals."

John Brennan is a representative for Bread for the World, an organization dedicated to ending hunger by lobbying the U.S. decision makers.

Brennan said that even though it is not a food distribution organization, it uses donations to act as an advocate for the world's hungry.

Brennan said the organization helps to increase assistance for hungry people all over the world by campaigning against governmental

issues such as cuts to food stamps.

Keri Cyr, a senior advertising/public relations major, has helped raise money during Hunger Week for two years.

Cyr said anyone can attend any of the Hunger Week events or stop by and drop off donations.

"This week is important because it puts a face to hunger," Cyr said. "We need to realize what people go through all over the world just to eat."

## Higher admissions standards mean more competition for fall applicants

By ERIN GLATZEL  
Staff Reporter

With an increase in applicants to TCU comes an increase in admissions standards, said the chairman of the TCU admissions committee.

Jim Atwood, the chairman, said TCU now has the ability to be more selective in who it admits because higher standards of academic preparation are expected.

"One factor given increased emphasis, certainly at TCU, is leadership experience, which is seen as an important complement to academic preparation," Atwood said.

According to the College Board Web site, an online

source that provides guidance to prospective students in their college search, the average SAT scores for admitted freshmen at TCU are 1080 - 1250 and the average ACT scores are 23 - 28.

In the last five years, the average SAT composite scores of admitted freshmen have increased from 1050 - 1240 in 2001 to the current 1080 - 1260. ACT scores, however, have remained constant since 2003, according to TCU's Institutional Research Web site.

The average incoming freshman is in the top 18 percent to 20 percent of his or her class, Atwood said.

Wes Waggoner, director of

freshman admissions, said that in order to maintain the overall enrollment of 7,200, the cap for entering freshmen for the 2006-2007 academic year is set at around 1,600.

Atwood said, "This year, it is likely that about 800 students will be offered a place on our waiting list in the event that a place in the entering class might later become available."

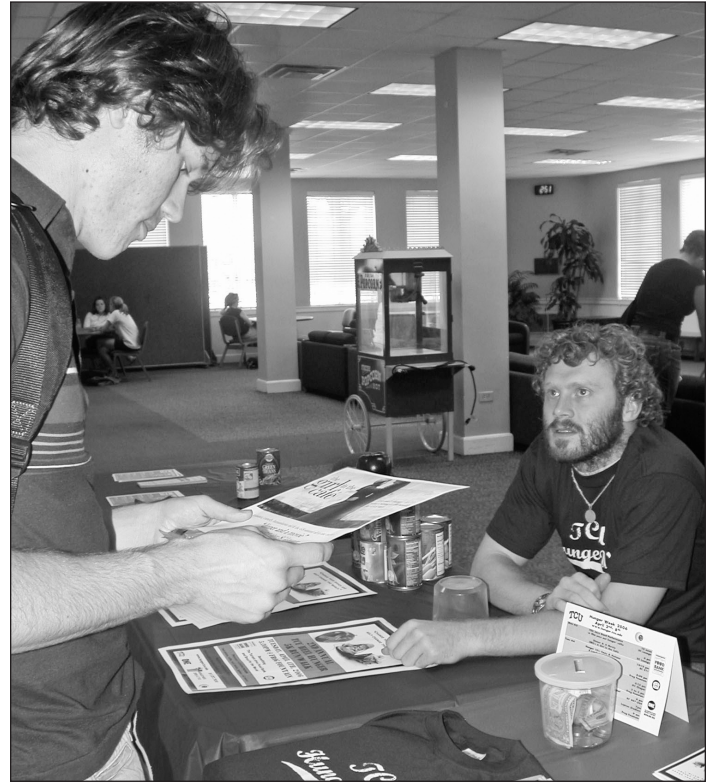
To determine the approximate number of freshmen needed to fulfill the target number, TCU works backward based on historical data, Waggoner said.

"So far, we have admitted a little more than 5,000 stu-

dents from an applicant pool of about 8,700 — the largest in TCU's history," Waggoner said.

Of course, Waggoner said, more students must be accepted than actually expected to enroll because almost every applicant has applied and been accepted to more than one university.

A major trend that has been seen across the country is that high school students are being more selective in where they apply, Atwood said. Students are applying to upward of six schools, he said, whereas in the past, they might have applied to about three universities.



KRISTA HUMPHRIES / Staff Photographer  
Brian Andrew, a junior economics and history major, asks Rory Phillips, a junior religion major, questions Monday afternoon about the Hunger Week events at the booth set up in the Student Center lounge.

## PC socials lacking participation

*Council always struggles with attendance, chair says*

By JACQUILEE KILLEEN  
Staff Reporter

With an average of 100 students this year at Programming Council social events, attendance is just not cutting it for Council leaders.

Alina Tennie, Programming Council chair, said the group is having trouble competing with students' other social interests.

"It's really hard to pull the interest of students without alcohol and partying," Tennie said. "We normally never schedule an event on a Thursday or Friday night because we know that no one will show up."

Tennie said Programming Council held a luau in the week before Spring Break, where many students came for food and then left without participating in the planned events.

Some suggest the Council should change how it spends its money in an effort to increase attendance.

"People obviously have an issue with how our money is spent but when no one comes forward with suggestions, it is difficult to know what to do about the problem," Tennie said.

The financial chair of Programming Council, Ross Morgan said that the Programming Council has a budget of \$139,000 a year.

"Personally, I think that the Council should use the budget for scheduling a few large events instead of a lot of small ones because more students will attend," Morgan said.

Larry Markley, Programming Council adviser and Student Center director, said it is difficult to get students to come to events because of the lack of space for a large group of people.

"In the new student union, there will be 352 seats in the new auditorium and

we would be happy to fill up every one of those seats," Markley said.

Tennie said the Programming Council's purpose is to provide quality programming and give TCU a sense of community structure.

Through the years, Programming Council has used different methods to try to promote its events.

"We change up the events all the time and everything we do seems to be trial and error," Tennie said.

Markley said boosting attendance has always been a struggle at TCU because it is difficult to get students to stay on campus with all the entertainment the Metroplex already has to provide.

"Philosophies of the lack of attendance have changed over the years and the best thing that we can do about it is constantly promote our events and hope that students will show up," Markley said.

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# Senior runs final lap of career

*Coach says team will miss athlete's attitude, energy*

By NATALIE MERRILL  
Staff Reporter

Though senior distance runner Katrina Zielinski's TCU running career is approaching its end, the impact she has had on her fellow runners is not likely to be quickly forgotten.

Zielinski, who placed 11th overall at the C-USA meet during the 2003 cross country season, helping her team to a second-place finish and earning her third team all-conference honor, said she made an effort to be a good teammate by making sure her teammates felt confident.

"I always tried to encourage them and be there for them," Zielinski said. "I wanted to help them do their best."

Sophomore TCU cross country and track member Halie Bullin said this encouragement was one thing that made Zielinski such a crucial part of the team.

"She really helps boost people's confidence in themselves," Bullin said. "She always knows exactly what to tell people to make them feel better when they had a bad race."

Zielinski was given the extra opportunity for lifting up her teammate's attitudes when she was elected team captain during her sophomore year. Cross country and track coach Patrick Cunniff said holding this position, along with the fact that she has had the most college running experience of anyone on the current team, has elevated her as an example to the rest of the runners.

"Katrina provides a lot of leadership to help the younger girls get used to college track," Cunniff said. "She leads by example in the right way and with the right ethic."

She provides positive support to the team."

Cunniff also said that though the team will be sad to see her go, he knows she will be successful in her pursuits in life.

"She really brings a great attitude and energy to the team that we are really going to miss," Cunniff said. "She has such great work ethic, patience and enthusiasm, even when things are hard and challenging."

Zielinski, an early childhood education major, said next semester she will still be in school doing her student teaching, though she is unsure where she will teach. However, her four years of running eligibility will have expired.

"I couldn't do my student teaching and be running for the team at the same time, and I really wanted to continue running," Zielinski said.

She also said after this year, she plans on continuing to run on her own and maybe do a marathon or triathlon later in life. But the first thing she is going to do is take a break.

"I just want to take it easy for a little bit," Zielinski said.

Zielinski, who graduated from Marcus High School in Flower Mound, began running when she was in the seventh grade. When she started doing well in her freshman year of high school, she said, she decided she really wanted to stick with it. While at Marcus, her team won the state meet twice, and she earned her best placing her junior year at state when she finished eighth.

"It was exciting," she said. "We had a really good team and were really close, so it helped us run well together."

Zielinski said she chose to run for TCU because she was attracted to the atmosphere, the team and the coaching staff.

"Everyone was so friendly



Courtesy of TCU Media Relations  
Senior Katrina Zielinski runs in a cross-country meet in the fall of 2005.

and seemed open to all people," Zielinski said. "I thought it would make a comfortable transition to college."

Reflecting upon her first race for the Frogs, Zielinski said she was anxious and unsure of what the outcome would be.

"I was really nervous," she said. "I knew I was running on a whole different level, and I didn't know what to expect."

After she finished the race, in which she placed fifth, Zielinski said, she was more at ease and more confident in her abilities in competing at the collegiate running level.

"I felt more confident and knew I was not in way above my head," Zielinski said.

Zielinski said she hopes to leave behind some of her wisdom and encouragement to all of her teammates.

"I would just tell them to have fun without putting pressure on themselves," Zielinski said. "Just enjoy the opportunity."

# Cameroonian players hit NCAA tournament

By NANCY ARMOUR  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Look out, Indomitable Lions. The soccer-mad African nation of Cameroon is fixated on basketball these days.

The NCAA championship game Monday night had a distinctly Cameroonian flair, thanks to UCLA's Luc Richard Mbah a Moute and Alfred Aboya, and Florida's Joakim Noah. Mbah a Moute and Aboya are from Cameroon, and Noah's grandparents live there.

"I'm very proud of the players who represent our country in the championship," said Raymond Epote, the deputy chief of mission at the Cameroon embassy in Washington. "We are always proud of Cameroonians that do well in sports."

Traditionally, the Indomitable Lions get all the attention in Cameroon, a west African nation about the size of California. Soccer is the national sport, and the Indomitable Lions are ranked 15th in the world and have won four African championships. They appeared in the last four World Cups, although they failed to qualify for the upcoming one in Germany.

But basketball is becoming more popular. And interest is sure to grow now that Cameroon can lay claim to part of the NCAA title — regardless of the winner.

"I have a lot of love for people from Cameroon, especially guys that are playing basketball and doing well," said Noah, who still spends parts of his summers in Cameroon, where his father, tennis star Yannick Noah, grew up.

"After the game, we will probably talk, but right now (they're) the enemy," Noah said. "I'm not really worried about showing (them) any love."

Noah was raised in France — Cameroon is a former French colony — and New York, where he developed his considerable game on the playgrounds. Better-known for his famous father a month ago, he's been one of the break-

out stars in the NCAA tournament, averaging 16.2 points, 9.6 rebounds and 3.2 assists.

He was honored as the outstanding player of the Minneapolis Regional, and has Florida playing for the NCAA title for the second time since 2000.

For Mbah a Moute and Aboya, the road to the championship game was a little more arduous.

Cameroon had a successful basketball team in the 1970s, and Epote said kids now walk down the street bouncing a basketball. But Mbah a Moute (pronounced Luke Ree-SHARD Umbah-a-MOO-teh) traded his soccer ball for a basketball only five years ago.

When Mbah a Moute realized basketball could pay his way for college, he came to the United States and went to prep school in Florida.

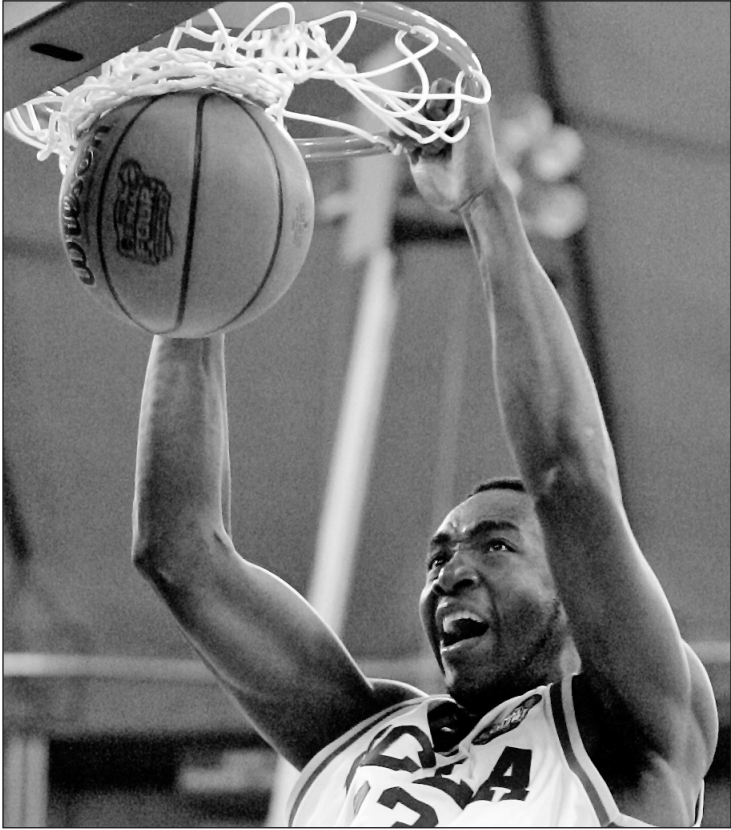
"Leaving my hometown and my family was very hard," said Mbah a Moute, who is a prince because his father, Camille Moute a Bidias, is the chief of a rural village of about 4,000 people outside the capital of Yaounde.

"I knew I had to come to the States," Mbah a Moute added. "My dad told me that a man has to do what a man has to do, and I have to be in control of my life."

He certainly is in control of his game. Only a freshman, his 7-foot wingspan and innate rebounding ability have been key to UCLA's smothering defense. In Saturday night's semifinal game against LSU, he shut down Glen "Big Baby" Davis.

He can play a little offense, too. He scored 17 points against LSU, and finished the Tigers off with back-to-back monster dunks to open the second half.

Aboya, who also grew up in Yaounde, was limited by injuries for most of the season, but he and Mbah a Moute have been embraced by the Bruins faithful. Fans sport "Cameroon Crazie" T-shirts, and the entire UCLA band carried tiny green, yellow and red Cameroon flags Saturday night.



DARRON CUMMINGS / Associated Press  
UCLA forward Luc Richard Mbah a Moute dunks the ball during the second half of their Final Four semifinal basketball game against LSU in Indianapolis on Saturday.

# Rangers open season with famous fans

By JAIME ARON  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Although Roger Clemens was here, the Texas Rangers had another Longhorn throw out the ceremonial opening pitch of their season — football coach Mack Brown.

"We discussed whether Roger or I should throw it in," Brown said before taking the mound. "The catcher voted for me."

Actually, Rangers' owner/prominent Texas booster Tom Hicks invited Brown and the program's championship-winning forefather Darrell Royal to be the latest "Texas Heroes" making the honorary toss prior to Monday's game against the Boston Red Sox. Clemens being here, too, was only a bonus.

His advice to Brown? "Throw high," the Rocket



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / L.M. Otero  
Roger Clemens, left, sits with Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks before the start of the season opener against the Boston Red Sox in Arlington on Monday.

told the coach.

Brown got it high enough to cross the plate, avoiding the skip in the dirt every pregame hurler fears.

He also came straight over the top, instead of using a funky, sidearm motion as a tribute to

quarterback Vince Young.

By the fourth inning, Brown was sitting in the front row next to the Rangers' dugout with Clemens next to him. Clemens said Monday he's leaning toward retiring, but will keep his options


open. Texas is among four teams he's considering, with the Red Sox, Houston Astros and New York Yankees also in the mix.

Clemens spent time in both clubhouses before the game. He was meeting with Rangers' manager Buck Showalter when Hicks, Royal and Brown walked in.

"Roger, I've brought the two best recruiters I know to convince you to be a Texas Ranger," Hicks told him.

"They walked in and he had a good laugh," Hicks added.

Brown came wearing the national championship ring he received Friday — "I'm surprised you noticed," he said, laughing and proudly showing it off. He was given a Rangers jersey with his name on back and No. 1, and Royal received No. 11.



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