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## Skiffs go missing from campus stands

By Rose Baca  
Staff Reporter

Entire stacks of Tuesday's edition of the Daily Skiff were taken from several campus buildings and disposed of in trash cans and recycling bins around campus.

Student publications director Robert Bohler said at least 1,361 issues were recovered from Reed Hall, Sadler Hall, Smith Entrepreneurs Hall, Tandy Hall, Tucker Technology Center, Moudy Building South, Moudy Building North and the Mary Coats Burnett Library, and were put back by Skiff staff mem-

bers out of a press run of 6,000 copies.

"Usually when papers go missing it is because of a controversial issue," Bohler said. "When they wind up in trash bins it's because someone doesn't want the public to read about that issue."

Bohler declined to comment specifically on who he thought stole the newspapers.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the campus police are conducting interviews, looking through security tapes and doing investigations to determine who is responsible.

At this point the university is making

the assumption that someone deliberately destroyed the newspapers, and in that case it could be a criminal investigation, Mills said.

"But of course we'll let the facts take this where they take this," Mills said.

Mills said the Skiff will not have access to the security tapes because they might become part of a criminal investigation.

"The university thinks it is never appropriate for a person or people to dispose of newspapers for whatever reason," Mills said.

The newspapers are free for the first copy and any additional copies are 50 cents each,

a message published in each day's Skiff. It's a misconception when people think that because they don't have to pay for the first copy the newspapers are free, Bohler said.

"They don't have the right to take newspapers in bulk and destroy them so that other students can't read

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Members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority perform their skit at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity's philanthropy event, PUSH America, a campaign to help raise funds for people with disabilities. Pi Kapp is hosting events and competitions on campus all week to raise money for the cause.

## Company with TCU name has no relation

Administrators say using school's name misleading

By Rose Baca  
Staff Reporter

Property owners using the university's name to develop a building aimed for student housing could cause some confusion among the neighborhoods surrounding campus, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university notified the city and neighborhood through an e-mail to let them know that the property owners, TCU Development Partners LLC, is not connected with the university.

"We don't want people to use our name when it causes confusion," Mills said. "And since it's a housing project it could cause some confusion."

The university has no plans to pursue legal action against the property owners, Mills said.

Todd Miller, chairman of the Bluebonnet Place Neighborhood Association who is in opposition to the development, said the company's use of the TCU name is misleading because it has no affiliation

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## Bagel shop says no to participating in Frog Bucks system

By Michael Carroll  
Staff Reporter

A student stood in line, placed an order and got to the register only to discover that he or she couldn't pay for the food that was being prepared.

This scenario has played out many times this semester at the Einstein Bros. Bagels on University Drive, said Amanda Moore, a junior ballet major and a shift manager at the restaurant.

Moore said the problem is that Einstein's doesn't accept students' Frog Bucks, a special currency included in meal plans that can be spent on campus or off campus at select locations.

Students under the impression that their Frog Bucks are accepted come to Einstein's only to be turned away once it's time to pay, Moore said.

"We have even had orders placed in line, prepared and then canceled at the register since the students only had their IDs with them," Moore said.

Peter Jakel, a spokesperson for Einstein Noah Restaurant Group, said the Frog Bucks system is something the company isn't very interested in.

"There has been some discussion about it, but I don't believe we looked into the program with a whole lot of detail," Jakel said. "These things are just very complex as far as contracts and things like that."

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## Smoking ban rejected by 22-16 vote in House

By Matt Syme  
Staff Reporter

A divided Student Government Association House of Representatives rejected a resolution Tuesday to ban tobacco smoking in the Campus Commons.

The House voted 22 to 16 to defeat the resolution to prohibit students from smoking in the Campus Commons and the nearby buildings.

Science and Engineering representatives Zach Basich and Jay Waxse and Neeley School of Business representative Marlon Figueroa introduced "A Resolution to Support the Ban of Smoking Tobacco on the Campus Commons Premises" in Tuesday's meeting. Within the resolution, the representatives proposed to ban smoking and install "No Smoking" signs in the Campus Commons and surrounding buildings.

The House members debated the motivation and purpose for writing the resolution. The resolution authors consented the term "ban" might have been too severe to add in the title. A motion was made to table the resolution permanently but failed to get enough votes, which sent the resolution to a vote in the House.

Three representatives abstained from voting.

In addition, the House passed "A Bill to Allow Student Organizations to Endorse Candidates," which would open student groups campuswide to endorse an SGA candidate. This bill passed in the House with one abstention and takes effect immediately.

The fine arts representatives introduced another resolution that also passed. "A Resolution to Request 24-Hour Access to Fine Arts Facilities" states support of students in the Fine Arts department being allowed access to store equipment in and use Ed Landreth Auditorium and the Walsh Center 24 hours a day with the students' ID cards.

The House added an amendment to this resolution that stated theatre majors would also be granted this 24-hour access. The resolution passed unanimously with the amendment.

The House ended Tuesday's meeting by sending two bills to be voted on in their committees. "A Bill to Assign Responsibility for Updating the Student Body Code" and "A Bill to Delineate the Duties of the Student Relations Committee" were both sent to the executive committee.

## School working to up security in buildings

By Kimmy Daycock  
Staff Reporter

The university is considering installing security cameras campuswide along with other safety devices to build a safer environment for students, the Faculty Senate secretary, said.

Keith Whitworth, Faculty Senate secretary, said the Neeley School of Business and the Campus Recreation Center already have cameras installed in their facilities, which is an issue that the Faculty Senate needs to discuss.

"The discussion is that there needs to be a uniform policy across campus that ties in with the campus police, rather than allowing individual buildings to have their own security systems," Whitworth said.

Jill Laster, associate vice chancellor for Human Resources and Risk Management, said her department, along with others such as TCU Police, are working on developing standards for security camera installation in university buildings. The standards will address issues such as how many cameras are installed, what types of cameras and systems will be used and where they will be located, Laster said. The standard will also take into consideration the building's usage, hours of operation and the number of people who go in and out of the building, she said. The university will choose in which

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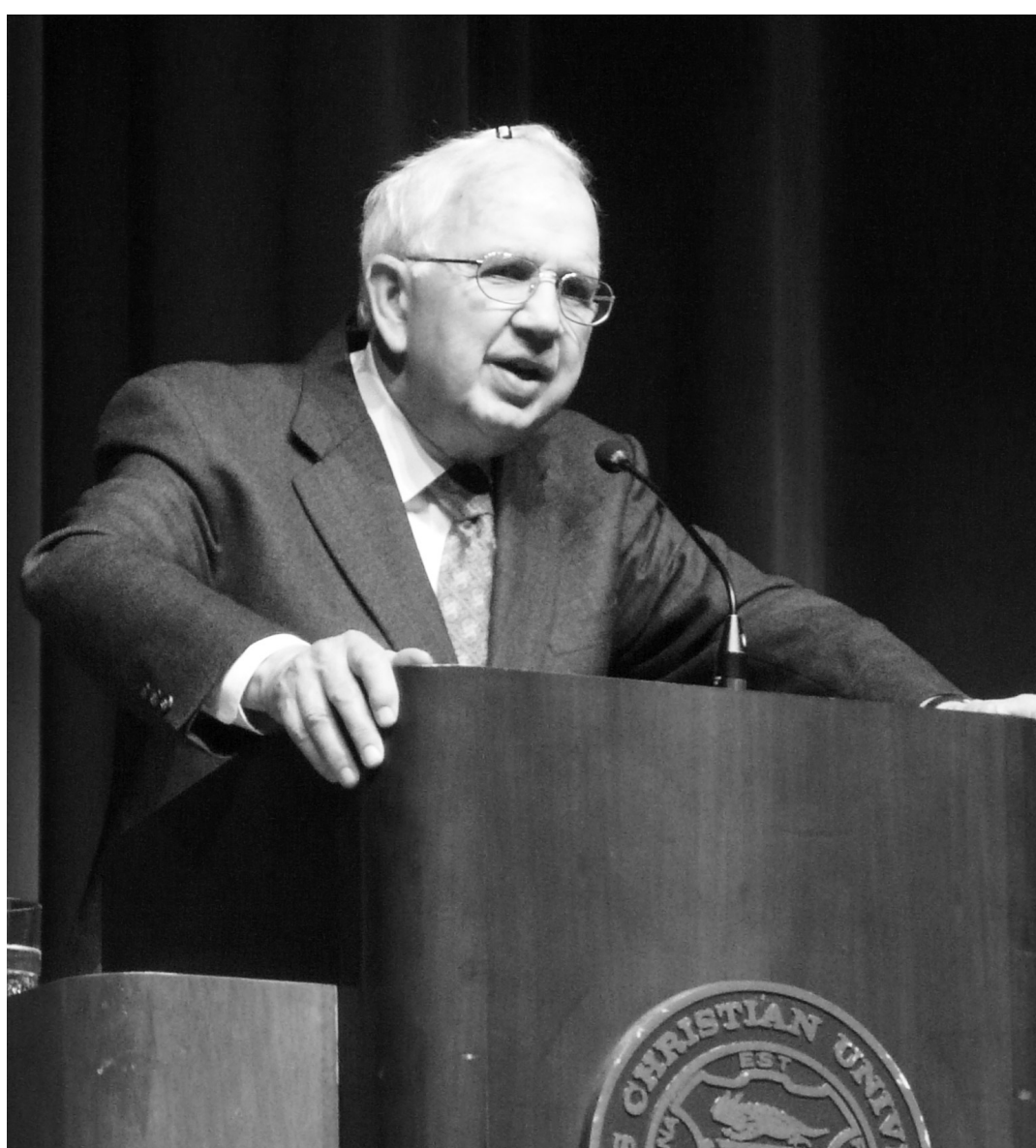
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Rabbi Harold Kushner speaks to guests Tuesday at the 11th annual Gates of Chai Lectureship in Ed Landreth Auditorium. For full coverage of Kushner's speech, visit the Daily Skiff online at www.dailyskiff.com.

KATIE MARTINEZ / Staff Reporter

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them," Bohler said. The problem with the newspaper theft is that not only are students unable to read them, but the Skiff has advertisers that pay to put advertisements in the newspaper, Bohler said. "It's a potential theft of service,"

Bohler said. "It puts a crimp in our ability to deliver services to the advertiser."

The advertisers pay for space to be exposed to 6,000 readers a day, and however many newspapers are intentionally disposed are that many readers that the newspaper can't reach, Bohler said.

Kerry Crump, advertising manager for the Skiff and a senior stra-

tegic communication major, said the advertisers are paying to reach a certain number of people per issue, and when newspapers are stolen they're not getting what they paid for.

News editor David Hall and staff reporters Chelsie Smith, Michael Carroll and Travis Brown contributed to this report.

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with university. "They're using that wording as trickery, in my opinion, to make it feel like university development, even though it's not a part of the school," Miller said.

According to a city document, the property owners are in the process of designing a mixed-use building, including retail and student housing, slated to go on the southeast corner of Devitt Street and University Drive in the Bluebonnet Place neighborhood south of campus.

A representative of the TCU Development Partners LLC said in a phone interview that the plans for the building were speculative and that there was nothing to report. Several attempts to contact the property owners regarding the use of the university's name were unsuccessful.

Mills said a large mixed-use building on a small piece of property would ultimately be a problem and would diminish the value of the neighborhood.

"I don't think it really is a good fit for the neighborhood or for University Drive," Mills said.

Sandra Dennehy, president of

the Berry Street Initiative, a community organization representing several neighborhoods within the immediate area with an interest in revitalizing Berry Street, said the issue is that the building is said to be five stories tall and will back up directly to single-family housing.

"(Residents) don't want a five-story building looming over their backyard(s)," Dennehy said.

Instead of pushing the higher density residential developments into single family neighborhoods, the Berry Street Initiative would like those developments to be built on Berry Street, Dennehy said.

Miller said the neighborhood is concerned about high density living and fears that the building will be detrimental to property values.

However, the building is approved by the city as long as it fits within the mixed-use zoning of the land, Miller said.

"So it can be as ugly as they want it to be, or as beautiful as they want it to be," Miller said.

Dennehy said in order for the development to be approved, it must be mixed-use, meaning 10 percent of the development must be either retail or office space.

Miller said the property owners

have not made any contact with the neighborhood association regarding the plans of the building.

"We feel that they're very unprofessional and very unneighborly," Miller said. "But nobody in the world says that you have to build neighborly."

Mills said the development process works a lot better when the property owners make contact with the neighborhood associations about their plans.

Miller said the property owners say that they currently do not have any plans finalized, "which I think is a little bit absurd if you're this far into the process and you bought that land," Miller said.

According to a city document, the property owners filed an application on Aug. 4 for a variance request for an additional four feet of land because the loss of building area created functional and financial challenges to develop the property into a mixed-use project. The request was approved on Sept. 3.

In the city document the property owners reported that the status of the project is existing and that they are currently in the process of designing a mixed-use building, which would include retail and student housing.

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Dallas Burleson, general manager of the Einstein Bros. on University, declined to comment.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said Einstein Bros. was among the first restaurants offered the plan by Off-Campus Advantage, the company that deals with off-campus dining, but Einstein Bros. never expressed interest.

"I have a list of every single place (Off-Campus Advantage) contacted and what their response has been, and Einstein has not returned phone calls or mailing," Allen said.

Most restaurants that didn't want to be a part of the plan let the university know, Allen said.

"There are a few places that have declined, just flat out said 'No, we're not going to do it,'" Allen said. "It'll be interesting to see if some of those place won't change their mind because there's a lot of Frog Bucks available for these vendors."

Moore said business has suffered at Einstein's because of the problem.

"It is a huge problem for us, especially since so much of our business traditionally comes from TCU students and is now being taken by restaurants who accept Frog Bucks," Moore said.

Off-campus locations that accept Frog Bucks:

- Buffalo Bros Pizza, Wings & Subs
- Chicken Ranch
- Dutch's Hamburgers
- Lenny's Sub Shop
- Loafin' Joes Hot Subs
- Perrotti's Pizza
- Potbelly Sandwich Works
- Red Cactus Fresh Mexican Food
- Smoothie King
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buildings it will install cameras based on these standards, she said.

Whitworth said because of incidents that have occurred on other campuses, security is an important issue for the Faculty Senate to address.

Sheri Neill, Faculty Senate

chair, said recent incidents like the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 triggered the discussion about security.

"Actions breed reactions," Neill said. "What are we doing here? Sometimes it takes something horrible to happen to wonder where you are."

Whitworth said panic buttons might be installed in buildings across campus. The idea is for the

campus to have a central response system for immediate assistance when there is an emergency, he said.

However, the Faculty Senate still bears the question of what to do during bad weather, Whitworth said.

Neill said the Faculty Senate will continue to discuss the issue in its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 2.

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*The Skiff View*

## Attempt at censorship opposes campus values

Four days a week, 6,000 daily copies of the Skiff are brought to campus and distributed in buildings for students to pick up on the way to and from class. Tuesday, about a quarter of those Skiffs were found in stacks, strewn in dumpsters, recycling bins and trash cans across campus. Many racks were empty, and students were denied their ability to read the day's news in the paper.

Whoever stole and disposed of almost 1,500 newspapers Tuesday made an attempt to censor the campus news for the day. That cowardly effort was the work of a person or persons who sought to control the information offered to the entire TCU community.

One issue of the Skiff is offered to each student, faculty member or passer-by for free, and the person is free to do with it what he or she pleases. Tear it up in protest, burn it or read it cover to cover, but take only one and leave the rest. The news is offered for the community and is left up for interpretation and discussion. It's a contribution to the marketplace of ideas. Any attempt to hinder one's ability to get the news is dishonorable, and it strays away from the values and foundation on which this country lies.

Instead of stealing from the marketplace, add to it. Send your complaints, comments and opinions to [opinion@dailyskiff.com](mailto:opinion@dailyskiff.com), and you can let your voice be heard.

*Editor-in-chief Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.*

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

## Jab at anthem mars athlete's reputation

COURTNEY BAKER

When I thought of Josh Howard, the first thing that used to come to my mind was a rising star with extreme potential to be one of the best basketball players in the NBA. Recently, however, Howard has been rapidly losing the respect I once had for him. Up until a few months ago I would have said that Howard was one of my favorite basketball players in the NBA, but he has shattered that image by pulling the last straw and insulting something so precious to most Americans: the national anthem.

Howard found it necessary to interrupt the national anthem at a flag football charity event hosted by Allen Iverson. Not only did he walk around with a towel on his head and not put his hand over his heart, but most importantly he made this comment: "I don't celebrate this (expletive), I'm black." For me, hearing somebody who represents the National Basketball Association of America say something like this is extremely unpatriotic and belittling to our country.

Many people seem to agree with me. I conducted an informal survey with both men and women, asking them if their views about Josh Howard had changed. Ninety-three percent of the people said yes. Hannah Mahieu, a TCU freshman, expressed her views to me.

"It is hard to respect someone when they don't even respect themselves or

the country in which they are a part of," she said.

Saying remarks that come across as unpatriotic isn't a very smart thing to do when in the public eye, especially at a time like this when a black man is running for president. Many people, young and old, look up to Howard and see him as a role model, so to see someone with his leadership status say something so demeaning is disappointing.

This isn't the first time that Howard has made people mad. He has also been quoted saying he occasionally smokes marijuana, he was charged in North Carolina for racing and going 45 mph over the speed limit, and he threw a party for his birthday the night before his team, the Dallas Mavericks, lost to the New Orleans Hornets in Game four of the opening round of the NBA playoffs last season. The fans here began to fall in love with him and now, as these events keep occurring, many people are losing interest and are essentially falling out of love with him.

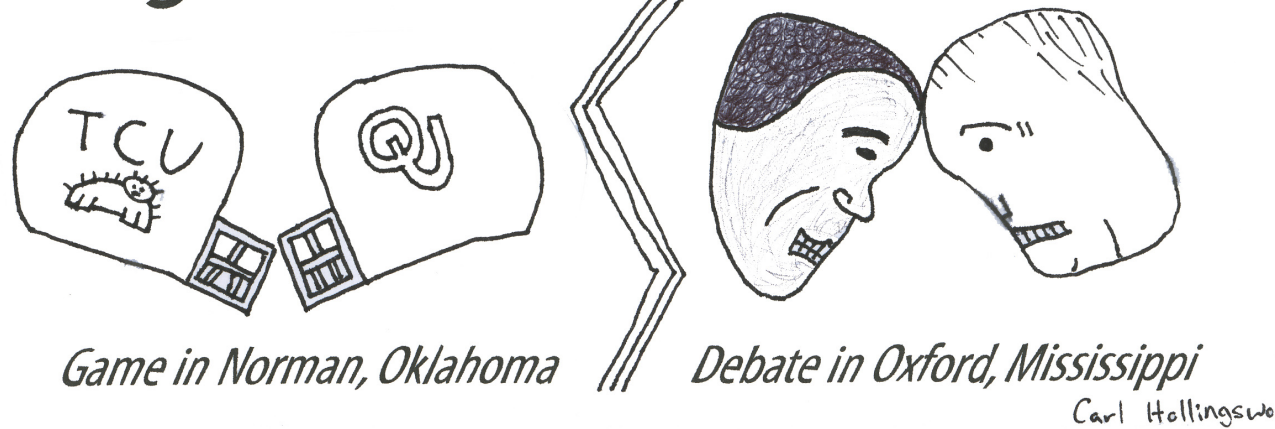
So what is supposed to happen now? Because Howard has admitted to several controversial things, the Dallas Mavericks have a lot of damage control to do. Not only do they have to start taking advanced communication skills sessions during their training camp, but many other NBA teams are not going to want to draft someone who comes with a lot of legal, frowned upon baggage.

*Courtney Baker is a freshman strategic communications major from Fort Worth.*



JEFFERY WASHINGTON / Fort Worth Star-Telegram via MCT  
 The Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard plays against the Clippers during a game in March.

## Big Weekend Doubleheader!!!



*Carl Hollingsworth is a sophomore political science major from Shawnee, Kan.*

## Experience shouldn't determine candidate's ability to command



To say that Sen. Barack Obama cannot be president based on a lack of experience is ludicrous.

Let's get real. Yes, experience is important, but that is not all that matters. John F. Kennedy, 35th U.S. president, had six years of experience in the U.S. House of Representatives and then six years in the Senate before defeating Vice President Richard Nixon.

People saw more in Kennedy than experience. Ronald Reagan was an actor and governor of California before he became president. Jimmy Carter was a senator and governor of Georgia before his presidency. Zachary Taylor, the 12th U.S. president, was a general before he became president. From these examples, it seems to me that the experience argument is a weak one.

Not many people can outshine Arizona Sen. John McCain's resume. He absolutely has a longer career in politics than Obama because he is older. He has been around longer and has even run for president before.

Nonetheless, Obama has more to offer than experience.

The best argument I have heard so far is from my anthropology professor.

The professor was teaching our class how to write well. In his lecture he went over many points on how to form a thesis statement and other things that make a paper into a paper. He summed it all up with this, "To communicate well, you have to know what you are talking about."

How true. Just like any professor can tell when a student has not read the material before writing a paper, people can tell if a candidate knows what the issues are that people care about and what the solution to the issue may be.

While Barack Obama does have significantly less experience than his Republican competition, he sure does know how to speak to people.

Obama knows what people want to hear and how to communicate to them. He is making up for his lack of experience by figuring out what will make a great president.

If the Democrats wanted a candidate with more experience then how could Obama have made it this far?

Many people say in a countless number of political blogs and interviews from this past year, however, that Obama just doesn't have the experience.

This excerpt from [johnmccain.com](http://johnmccain.com) says, "In his short-time in office, Obama has accumulated the most liberal voting record in the Senate." The GOP Web site has a commercial criticizing Barack Obama's resume, saying it is thin and weak and calling him a junior senator. Another commercial says Obama has no economic experience.

It seems like many people are trying to throw the argument out that Obama doesn't have experience. When you look at the way arguments against Obama are worded, it would be easy to agree.

Since 1997, Obama has been a member of the Illinois Senate. This amounts to more experience than George W. Bush or Bill Clinton when they took office.

Both Bush and Clinton served as governor, which means they did not have foreign policy experience. Many argue, including myself, that a president needs to have good foreign policy experience, but I would argue that many people do not have foreign policy experience before becoming president. There are not many jobs that offer it.

It is a viable argument to say that Obama does not have enough experience to be the next commander in chief, but experience is obviously not all the American people care about. As history has shown, the candidate has to appeal to the people and convince them that they know what they are talking about. While Obama does not have as much experience as McCain, it's not like he came out of nowhere.

Like many other presidents in the past, Obama has the quality of good leadership that has brought him this far — not the quality of an overly impressive resume.

*Michelle Anderson is a senior broadcast journalism major from Tyler.*

## Unity not just valuable on 9/11

VALERIE HANNON

Two weeks ago, Americans marked the seventh anniversary of September 11th in their own way — some with sober contemplation, others going on with their lives.

Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain met together at the site of the former World Trade Center and refrained from airing attack ads on TV for the entire day as well.

According to a Reuters story, when McCain and Obama met, McCain patted Obama's back and told him that it was good to see him. The two even told reporters in a televised forum later they would both consider offering the other a post on their Cabinet.

Apparently Sept. 11 is now the only day of the year, except maybe Christmas, that we come together and forget all that divides us.

But why was 9/11 the exception and not the rule? The days when we came together with American flags on our cars and slogans like "United We Stand" now seem so much longer ago than seven years.

If "lipstick on a pig" or the question of how many houses the McCains own bring a sense of recognition to you, then you know what I mean.

The candidates cannot entirely take the blame, either. Just search Facebook and you'll find plenty of groups with names such as "Stop

Barack Obama: (one million strong against communism)" and "I hate John McCain I know there are 999,999 others of you."

I don't mean to sound like some ignorant fool with her fingers in her ears just blabbing on, "Can't we all just get along?" Sure, I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony and buy it a Coke and all that, but I know there are bigger issues at stake.

Insulting each other or arguing is not going to be the way to fix these problems. All we accomplish when we argue is closing ourselves off more to what the other side has to offer.

We are all adults here, and we should be able to have an election where the candidates spend more time actually detailing what exactly it is that makes them the better choice than harping on each other's faults.

We are not the country we promised each other we were going to be. Some of this was inevitable as war and a failing economy take their toll. But what would our past selves as we existed on Sept. 12, 2001, say if we were to find we're still having elections where the candidates spend so much time and energy on mudslinging?

A few months ago, rather against my will I'll admit, I saw Paul Greengrass's masterfully haunting United 93, the account of the passengers on the fourth 9/11 flight who fought back against the hijackers. One of the things that struck me was how there

was absolutely no political agenda to be found in the film other than the ones audiences would make.

My gut reaction after the movie was to feel pride for the passengers' sacrifice, as in other times Americans have sacrificed in the past. The more I thought about it, the more I realized they just did what anyone else would do when faced with the unthinkable. After all, sacrifice is not a uniquely American concept.

That's the way we should remember 9/11: it was not an American tragedy, it was a human one. It showed us the best and worst of humanity all at once.

As human beings, we need to work together if we ever want dreams to become reality.

After 9/11, we unfortunately did fall victim to some knee-jerk patriotism, some that is still reflected today. But while our reactions might have sometimes been wrong, the principle behind them was absolutely right. Seven years ago, we declared "United We Stand," but it would be wise to remember the flip side of that statement: "Divided We Fall."

United. This is the way we need to live our lives. Not just every Sept. 11, but every single day. It is not about winning an election, it is not even about winning a war; it is about saving our civilization from our selves.

*Valerie Hannon is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Allen.*



## NEWS

## Listening to students important to campus directors

By Chelsie French  
Staff Reporter

As the director of Residential Services, Craig Allen has been busy this semester with the recent completion of the Campus Commons and the Brown-Lupton University Union, and there seems to be no end in sight.

Allen, who was hired as director of Residential Services in 2005, attended State University of New York at Oswego and majored in marketing with a minor in economics. He attended graduate school at the University of Arizona, where he earned a master's degree in higher education with a concentration in college student personnel.

**Q:** How has construction on campus affected your job?

**A:** I think my job is a very exciting job. I came to TCU for the interview, I was very interested in being in this part of the country and a change of scenery. When I met with Don Mills (vice chancellor for student affairs), he told me about plans for the Campus Commons and renovations to halls. To be involved with the growth and construction of facilities is something I hadn't done previously in my career, and it's something I wanted to be involved in.

**Q:** What should students expect from Sherley Hall?

**A:** Students should expect to see really cool common space different than any other building and common construction features such as common bathrooms with high level privacy like we have done in Clark, Foster and Waits. It makes common bath living very appealing because you feel like you have more privacy. There will also be an elevator and the continuation of free laundry. We have realized that the outside of the building is just as important as the inside, so new landscaping will be designed in order to make those spaces fun and livable along with the inside of the building.

**Q:** What changes should students expect from Market Square?

**A:** Students will be seeing facility changes over fall break. Improvements include clocks being installed in Market Square, an additional 60 to 80 seats and a soft-serve ice cream machine. The sneeze



CRAIG ALLEN

guard at the salad bar was installed too far forward and should have been installed more to the back. These will be reinstalled properly. Expeditions will have more cooks to provide more meal options.

**Q:** What's in the current five-year plan for TCU?

**A:** Sherley Hall is next up. We expect to close Milton in May 2009. The current plan, although not set in stone, is to close Colby in May 2010 and then in 2012 make minor renovations in Moncrief. In the next three to five years, we're looking at creating a Greek Village. It might not happen that fast, but it's being looked at.

**Q:** What should students know about Residential Services?

**A:** The greatest importance to me is that students feel they can share their opinions and ideas. It is very important for the students at TCU to talk to people like myself and let us know your thoughts and opinions in a productive way so that changes can be made.

**Q:** What is the best part of your job?

**A:** Outside of working with the Skiff,

and I say that in a joking but serious way, the best part of my job is when I get to talk to students whether one on one or in small groups. I love student appointments. My schedule gets busy, but for students who want to talk to me we can set up an appointment.

**Q:** What's on your iPod right now?

**A:** Collective Soul is one of my favorite groups. I also have a lot of late 80s music. Good vintage late 80s groups.

**Q:** What is your favorite activity during your free time?

**A:** Playing golf.

**Q:** What's your favorite meal at the BLUU?

**A:** It would have to be the pizza and cookies. Cookies are my weakness. Outside of pizza, I have been eating a lot at Expeditions.

**Q:** What's your favorite family activity?

**A:** My family and I love going to the pool. My kids love the water and enjoy being outside.

By Courtney Ortega  
Staff Reporter

Rick Flores is a busy man. Since the introduction of the new dining meal plan this year, the general manager of Dining Services has been fielding questions while making sure dining operations run smoothly.

Flores was born in Corpus Christi and attended high school in Brownsville. After high school, he headed back to Corpus Christi where he eventually attended Texas A&M at Kingsville. Flores now lives in the Fort Worth area with his wife, Cheri, and their two teenage daughters.

Celebrating 12 years with Dining Services this year, Flores began as the director of catering at TCU. He left the job in 2000, only to find his way back nine months later as the university was in the planning stages for the Brown-Lupton University Union.

**Q:** How is the transition to the new meal plan going?

**A:** Transition has been good. It's a matter of whom you talk to, and from our side it's been a long time coming. We started planning this a long time ago to get it to this point.

It's given us the opportunity to have new equipment and be able to offer a different style of service to students.

**Q:** How have students responded?

**A:** I think positively.

It's been mixed with the upperclassmen as opposed to the freshmen. Obviously, it was a big change for the upperclassmen. The biggest thing that we've heard, which is kind of strange, but a lot of them felt like being freshmen all over again because they are learning a new meal plan. That has been the hardest thing for them to do, adjust.

**Q:** How are you handling the criticism of the new meal plan?

**A:** It's part of the things that we try to take in. The biggest part of my job and the only reason we're here is because of students. It's very important that we listen to what is out there from students' comments, whether they are positive or negative. The thing that we like is having the opportunity to work with SGA and the different dining committees making sure the students have an avenue to take their concerns.

**Q:** Because your job deals with food, how are you in the kitchen?

**A:** I cook. My wife, it's not her favorite thing to do. I like doing different types of food and try practicing what I see when the chefs here do something.

**Q:** What is in your iPod right now?

**A:** I have an MP3, and right now my favorite is "American Boy" by Estelle. I like Katy Perry and country music as well.

**Q:** What do you like to do in your free time?

**A:** Play golf. I enjoy getting out and having some time to relax and enjoy a game.

Q&A



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# Green roofs take root in U.S. cities

By Lisa Anderson  
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — When asphalt-wary American city dwellers yearn for a bit of greenery these days, more and more of them head for the roof.

The concept of planted "green roofs," which gained early popularity in Chicago, is beginning to take root in New York and other cities.

Construction of green roofs grew 30 percent in North America last year, according to the third annual Green Roof Market Industry Survey by the Toronto-based nonprofit group Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. For the third time, Chicago topped the list of U.S. and Canadian cities in terms of square footage installed in one year. Although it polls only members of its group, the Green Roofs survey estimates it reflects about 60 percent of all green roof industry activity in the U.S. and Canada.

Due to cost, green roofs appear primarily on public and commercial buildings, such as the new Bank of America tower in Manhattan or the Apple store on Chicago's Michigan Avenue. But they also are beginning to sprout up on single family homes and other private dwellings.

Essentially composed of vegetation — often sedums and grasses — planted in soil or a lightweight growing medium above a waterproof membrane and drainage system, green roofing is more than a garden but offers the same aesthetic appeal. It also can assist in reducing storm water runoff and resultant water pollution, reducing energy costs, cooling urban air, improving air quality, extending roof longevity and even preserving habitats for plants, insects and birds — not to mention enhancing real estate value.

"Green roofs are a wonderful technology. They have the upside of handling storm water very well but the downside of being very expensive," said Rohit Aggarwala, director of the New York City Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability and chief architect of PlaNYC, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's environmentally focused program for preparing the city to absorb an estimated 1 million new residents by 2030.

Higher costs for labor and transportation make the installation of green roofs in New York at least twice as expensive as the national average of \$10 to \$24 per square foot estimated by the Canadian Green Roofs group.

Nonetheless, for the first time, New York — specifically the borough of Brooklyn — made it into the top five cities for green roofs last year. But with just over 100,000 square feet of green roofing installed in 2007, it still lagged far behind the 517,633 square feet constructed in Chicago.

That may change due to a new law championed by Bloomberg and signed last month by New York Gov. David Paterson to encourage the construction and maintenance of green roofs in New York City. Under a pilot program that begins Jan. 1 and expires in 2013 unless extended, the law provides a one-year property tax credit of \$4.50 per square foot of green roof to building owners who install them on more than 50 percent of their available roof space.

"Mayor Daley got it before anybody," said Steven Peck, founder and president of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, referring to Chicago's Richard Daley, who instituted a grant program for green roofs and turned the City Hall roof green in 2001. "New York, I hope, will surpass Chicago in a couple of years because of this new tax incentive measure."

New York's tax credit program, believed to be the first such state-approved green roof initiative, is designed to defray about 35 percent of the cost of installing a green roof on a standard roof, according to the text of the bill.

In general, green roofs cost about twice as much as standard ones but offer at least double the life span because they are less vulnerable to the wear and tear of temperature extremes, according to Stuart Gaffin, a research scientist at the Center for Climate Systems Research at New York's Columbia University, who has done extensive work on green roofs.

There is no question that green roofs, which soak up and slowly release large amounts of rainwater, help prevent the storm runoff that causes water pollution in many cities with combined sewer overflow systems like New York



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Landscapers plant the green roof atop the parking garage of Parkview Condominiums in East River neighborhood of Chicago in early September.

and Chicago. When the volume of storm water in the sewer system overtakes the capacity of water treatment systems, the excess mixture of rain and raw wastewater from toilets and other sources is diverted into rivers and other local waterways.

It also is clear that green roofs can help reduce the higher temperatures in cities, called urban heat islands. Less certain are the actual energy savings realized by the green roofs' ability to provide passive cooling and reduce heat loss in buildings.

To try to quantify those and other potential benefits, such as improvement in air quality, Columbia's Gaffin has embarked on an intensive monitoring program at a new green roof, featuring 21,000 plants covering more than a quarter-acre, just completed at a New York City facility owned by the power utility Con Edison.

Getting hard data on the efficacy of green roofs is key to

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Chief architect of PlaNYC

moving the young industry beyond pilot programs to policy positions, according to several experts.

"That's the biggest obstacle," Peck said. "We have to convince policy-makers, regulators and engineers that green infrastructure is worthy of investment on its own merit in terms of its ability to deliver the goods."

# New polls track instant feedback

By David Spett  
The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Among the millions of Americans watching Friday's first presidential debate will be 2,000 with cell phone or computer mouse in hand.

Those viewers are part of a new system that embraces text messages and Web questions as a way of polling voters on the fly. Traditional polls are conducted by telephone interviews and are more accurate but take several days.

These results are instant — registered long before spinmeisters start shaping public opinion.

"America's opinion should be America's opinion, and it should be developed based on what Americans saw, not based on what pundits tell them they saw," said Glenn Kessler, president and chief executive officer of HCD Research Inc., which is conducting the study. The Flemington, N.J.-based firm is working with Muhlenberg College in Allentown.

Here's how it works: Paid participants will receive several text messages or pop-ups on their computers asking them to evaluate each candidate's response to debate questions. Their opinions will be published at mediacurves.com immediately after each question is asked.

Christopher Borick, a pollster at Muhlenberg who's working with Kessler, said the technology offers advantages over traditional polling methods, including the capacity for surveying vast numbers of people at once, even from the comfort of their homes.

G. Terry Madonna, professor of public affairs at Franklin and Marshall College, said text message and Web polls have to improve before they replace traditional polling methods.

Kessler also studies the effects of campaign TV advertisements on voters' impressions of candidates. In these studies, participants move their mouse from left to right on a continuum to register their opinion of an ad's believability. So far this year, Obama's ads have outscored McCain's slightly in terms of perceived believability.

Kessler said Howard Dean's infamous scream after losing the

2004 Iowa caucus inspired him to develop the real-time mouse and cell technology. He watched the speech live on TV and, based on what TV analysts said immediately afterward, had no idea how the viewing public would respond.

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President & Chief Executive Officer/ HCD Research Inc.

If his technology is adopted widely, the role of pundits might change.

"Instead of interpreting how people should have responded," Kessler said, "the pundits can interpret why they responded the way they did."

Madonna defended the craft of instant-interpretation, saying pundits play an important role in democracy. He referenced a 1976 presidential debate between Democrat Jimmy Carter and Republican Gerald Ford in which Ford said, "There is no Soviet dominance of Eastern Europe." The statement was inaccurate, but most viewers did not realize it until pundits said so, Madonna said. Immediate polls showed the debate a tie; subsequent polls, after news of Ford's gaffe circulated, showed Carter ahead.

Instant polls relying on computers and cell phones are not without shortcomings. About 20 percent of Americans do not use the Internet, and even more do not use text messages.

But traditional polling has its own shortcomings. Phone-based polls often do not reach voters with cell phones, and some voters always refuse to participate.

"This new platform presents challenges, but it also opens opportunities for researchers," Borick said. "We're hoping everything works well, but we always have an eye open to possible problems."

# Doctor studies genetics to learn about daughter's condition

By Lisa M. Krieger  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A physician and scientist, Dr. Hugh Rienhoff has a deep appreciation for the discoveries of modern genetics.

And yet an explanation for the genetic error within his own beloved daughter Beatrice eludes him.

Born with small, weak muscles, widely spaced eyes and curled fingers, Beatrice is a medical mystery. So her father has set out to find the single bit of deviant DNA that explains her condition, hoping the knowledge will lead to better care.

His tireless search — studying journals, quizzing experts, even sequencing a piece of her DNA — has not yet revealed a certain culprit. But his effort opens a door to the next frontier of genetics, where scientists look beyond the vast populations with common ailments like heart disease and explore those rare cases with congenital defects that defy explanation.

"The human genome is still a wilderness," Rienhoff said.

Beatrice, now 4, is an extremely smart, happy and engaging child. Although she needs help getting up steps and frequently visits a physical therapist to strengthen her arms and legs, she swims, stacks Legos and tags behind her two brothers in the family's sunny farmhouse in San Carlos.

But when their daughter was a newborn with a puzzling array of conditions, Rienhoff and his wife, Lisa Hane, were advised: "Take her home and love her."

Born with floppy muscles, long feet and contracted fingers and toes, Beatrice was slow to gain weight. Over the course of her first year, she missed every motor milestone, such as holding her head up, sitting, crawling and walking.

It was clear she had a syndrome affecting skeletal and muscular development.

"In play groups, everyone compares their babies," Rienhoff said. "She was different because she wasn't sitting up, and they were." Over time, she is catching up and will start kindergarten next year, but her future is uncertain. The family worries that new problems, such as vascular disease, might arise and shorten her life.

"With a diagnosis, you know what to expect," Rienhoff said. "But she had nothing recognizable, no syndrome that could account for the constellation of findings."

The mystery unsettles Rienhoff, an analytical man and dedicated father.

He was trained in math, medicine and genetics at Harvard University, Johns Hopkins and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. He had founded DNA Sciences, a Fremont diagnostic company focused on genetic discoveries. He now is also a venture investor and entrepreneur for life sciences companies such as WebMD.

He believed Beatrice's symptoms were related to each other — and were probably caused by a specific mutation in a gene. Yet Rienhoff, his wife and their sons are healthy.

Did she have an unusual form of a common condition? Had similar children gone undetected? Or had a new mutation cropped up?

Dad and daughter bonded over long plane trips as they sought an array of pediatricians, orthopedic surgeons, geneticists and neurologists around the country.

Only once has she questioned her condition. "She asked why her hand didn't look like mine," Hane said. "I said she was born that way and it made her unique — and that's what Poppy is trying to study."

Each doctor offered a different

diagnosis. But none was a perfect fit.

Could Beatrice have a muscle-wasting disease? No. A team of experts suggested the newly identified Loews-Dietz syndrome, a devastating vascular disease. But her aorta was normal. They marked off Marfan's disease, because her muscles were undeveloped. Beals syndrome didn't fit, because her large joints, like her knees, were not contracted.

Although Beatrice didn't have Marfan's or Beals, she clearly had something similar. So Rienhoff focused on a related hormone that regulates muscle cell size and number and he zeroed in on several stretches of DNA with genes in that pathway.

To test his hypothesis, he needed to look at his daughter's DNA.

So he bought a used PCR machine, a microcentrifuge, pipettes and gel box. Thus equipped, he picked relevant genes out of his daughter's genome, copied them and sent them off for sequencing.

At night, while the family was sleeping, he examined her chromatogram, which shows the color-

coded DNA sequence.

"It was eerie examining her DNA, as though I were peering through a powerful microscope looking deep into my daughter," Rienhoff said.

Beatrice's genes looked largely unremarkable. But he did find one change — and it was in a location likely to regulate the activity of a muscle-related gene.

Finding an aberrant gene is just the beginning — he needs to find other people like Beatrice, to see if their DNA has an error as well.

In search of others, he launched a Web site in early 2007 called <http://mydaughtersdna.org/>, which encourages the public to publish puzzling conditions, with the hope that new cases might surface. Someday he would like to see the National Institutes of Health create a much larger version so research can be done on mystery syndromes. "If I broadcast her findings to others — doctors, patients and parents who may have seen a similar condition — I am more likely to pin down precisely what she has," he said.

Already, about a dozen other mystery cases have been posted.



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Hugh Rienhoff gardens with his daughter Beatrice Rienhoff, 4, at their home in San Carlos, Calif., in early September.

"I write you because there are some resemblances between my daughter and yours. I really want to find what's the cause for the state of my daughter, so I would know how can

I adequately help her," wrote father Stefan Petkov.

"To be a parent of a patient is to be continually searching," Rienhoff said.

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## TENNIS

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Borelli said his strategy is to look ahead.

"It will be two or three years down the road that we will be a top 10 program. That's my goal," he said.

The upcoming season will be Borelli's third year as the head coach of the men's tennis team. Under his direction, the team finished last season as Mountain West Conference regular season champions and ranked No. 34 in the nation.

The program welcomed Jason Marshall as the new assistant coach this summer. He is a former member of the ATP Tennis Tour and two-time Big Ten champion.

Nichols said Marshall was "a lot more into off-court training."

"The main difference is we are spending a lot more time in the gym than on the tennis court," Nichols said.

The upcoming tournaments will serve as a marker on which the team hopes to improve, Borelli said. He said he is focused more on individual success rather than team success.

"The fall gives the guys a good chance to prove their abilities and to show the coach what they can do," Nichols said. "We are as prepared as any other team in the tournament."

The team will leave Texas only once during the fall tournament season. The top four players from the Baylor Invitational will go on to compete in Tulsa, Okla., at the ITA All-American Tournament beginning Oct. 2. The team will play four tournaments in six weeks and will end its tournament schedule in Austin at the Texas Invitational.

## FOOTBALL

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side. In more than nine seasons as head coach at Oklahoma, Bob Stoops has lost two games in Norman. The latest came in 2005 to the Horned Frogs.

"We're not just going up there to play well," Patterson said. "We are going to up there to win this ball game."

## Study: Massage helps recovery at cellular level

By Cynthia Billhartz  
Gregorian  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps got a massage twice a day in Beijing. His teammate, Dara Torres, had two massage therapists on stand-by.

And a bunch of sedated rabbits in Ohio recently had massages performed on their legs after bouts of intense exercise.

Phelps, 23, made history by winning eight gold medals. Torres, 41, became the oldest swimmer to compete in an Olympic event and win a silver medal.

As for the rabbits? They might have proved scientifically what athletes and trainers have long believed: Massage really does help with muscle recovery.

According to a recent study published in *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*, researchers at Ohio State University found that Swedish massage helped speed muscle recovery at the cellular level for rabbits who got mechanically intense exercise.

Athletes also use Swedish massage — stroking, kneading and pressing soft tissue. Thomas Best, professor of family medicine at Ohio State University and senior author of the rabbit study, said it's too soon for clinical trials on humans. But he considers the rabbits a strong start toward confirming massage's benefits to athletes.

Best said he hopes further research "will dictate how much massage is needed, for how long and when it should be performed after exercise."

In the study, researchers used a mechanical device to create a motion similar to the way quadriceps in human thighs move when running downhill.

Afterward, some rabbits got Swedish massage, others did not but were rested. Scientists found that the muscles of the massaged rabbits had improved function, less swelling and fewer signs of

inflammation than did muscles in non-massaged rabbits.

## What The Rams Do

Those findings don't surprise Jim Anderson, athletic trainer for the St. Louis Rams. He remembers players getting massaged 25 years ago. More than half the players get massages now, he said. They hire their own massage therapists, who massage them the day after a game, Anderson said. Many follow up with another the day before a game to loosen their muscles, a process that relaxes them mentally.

"The way their bodies feel after a game, if something can alleviate that pain and soreness, they look at it as something good," Anderson said. "It gets fresh (oxygenated) blood in there, and getting fresh blood to an area helps speed recovery."

Muscles produce lactic acid during intense workouts, said Ethel Frese, a professor of physical therapy at St. Louis University and a cardiovascular and pulmonary specialist. The more intense the workout, the more lactic acid is produced. And the greater the accumulation of lactic acid, the more fatigued — and painful — the muscle becomes.

Lactic acid will dissipate on its own, but enhancing blood circulation helps get rid of it quicker. That helps relieve muscle cramps and spasms, she said.

Rams players make six- and often seven-figure salaries so they can afford massages whenever they want. College athletic programs and their athletes, on the other hand, usually can't afford such luxuries.

At Washington University, for instance, a chiropractic-massage therapist visits once a week, providing services to all student athletes. But the time slots are limited.

Meanwhile Rick Larsen, head athletic trainer, and his team of therapists provide physical therapy, which might include massage



Washington University swimmer Dan Artega uses rollers on his shoulders for massage after workouts in early September in St. Louis.

of specific body parts, to injured athletes.

"We use it as an adjunct for other types of modalities that enhance the healing process, such as electronic muscle stimulation, heat, cold, ultrasound," Larsen said.

Swim coach Brad Shively estimates that if Washington U. has 300 athletes, a third of them could benefit greatly from massage at any given time.

"Massage makes a great difference," Shively said. "My swimmers use rollers on their legs and shoulders after intense workouts, and it's manual and self-applied, but it works."

At national competitions, he said, it's not unusual for swim teams — Division I ones in particular — to bring their own massage therapists.

## Going Mainstream

Cynthia Riberio, vice president of the American Massage Therapy Association, says she has trained several thousand therapists specifically for sports massage. Today, there are more than 265,000

massage therapists nationwide and, of those, 40 percent provide sports massage.

But Riberio has seen massage go beyond just helping with recovery from injuries and suggests using it during all phases of competition.

Before athletic events, a massage therapist can help athletes warm up by jostling and stretching the muscles and using circular friction and simple compression on specific body parts. This can continue, only more gently, during competition when the muscles are fatigued. And after an event, Swedish massage is best, Riberio said.

That's up for debate, says Mark Frank of St. Louis Rehabilitative and Sports Massage in Creve Coeur, Mo. He says there are about 200 approaches to massage and that he's had success with myofascial therapy, which targets tissue rather than specific muscles.

Whatever the case, experts have long touted other means of reducing soreness and swelling after hard, prolonged exercise, such as icing overworked mus-

"The way their bodies feel after a game, if something can alleviate that pain and soreness, they look at it as something good."

Jim Anderson  
athletic trainer

cles, taking anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen and properly cooling down.

Frese thinks massage also may do something else: promote the release of endorphins, a natural sedative that alleviates pain and produces a general sense of well-being. Massage is also more beneficial as athletes age, she said.

"The more fit you are, the less lactic acid you produce at a given workload and the faster you clear it," she said. "As you age, you're not as fit. You'll never be at 70 what you were at 20 and you do tend to lose flexibility."

Has anyone told Dara Torres?

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By Barry Silk  
McLean, VA

9/24/08

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## SPORTS



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## MEN'S TENNIS

## ALL SET



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Senior Kriegl Brink returns a serve during a match last season. Brink is the only senior on this year's squad, which begins its season Friday at the Baylor Invitational in Waco.

## Youth leads men's tennis team

By Melissa Hawkes  
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team will debut Friday at the HEB Baylor Intercollegiate Invitational in Waco.

The focus for the team this season is to improve as a program, said head coach Dave Borelli.

"We have the toughest schedule we have had in seven or eight years. It is going to be a real challenge for us," Borelli said. "You can't get better unless you play the

best. Beating a great team makes you a better player. Beating a bad team doesn't make you better."

Baylor, the eighth-ranked team in the nation, is just one of a strong slate of opponents the Horned Frogs will face this season, including the No. 4 University of Texas Longhorns and No. 23 Texas A&M Aggies.

The team has no freshmen this year. Most of the new players are transfers from other universities, Borelli said.

"Seven out of our top eight are back this season," Borelli said.

Kriegl Brink is the lone senior on the team. He finished last season with an ITA singles ranking of 93.

Brink pairs with sophomore Zach Nichols in doubles play. The duo has never played a match together, but they are hoping to produce good results as a team, Nichols said.

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## FOOTBALL

## Frogs' stingy defense to do battle with Sooners' high-octane offense

By Reese Gordon  
Staff Reporter

Head coach Gary Patterson's press conference went a little longer than usual Tuesday as the 24th-ranked Frogs are preparing to face the No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners this weekend.

TCU has made it to the biggest game of the early season unscathed at 4-0, but Patterson said he knows the Sooners will be unlike any team his squad has faced this season.

"You don't ever stop Oklahoma because they are great at wide receiver and quarterback, as well as big up front," he said. "But it is important to be able to contain them."

Oklahoma sophomore quarterback Sam Bradford, who passed for 3,121 yards and 36 touchdowns as a true freshman a year ago, leads the Sooner offense, protected up front by an offensive line anchored by 6-foot 8-inch, 337-pound senior tackle Philip Loadholt. The Sooners also boast playmakers in senior receiver Juquin Iglesias, as well as sophomore running back DeMarco Murray. Murray had 13 rushing touchdowns last season and has compiled 312 yards and three touchdowns on the ground in three games this season.

The Frogs' senior linebacker Jason Phillips, a red-shirt freshman in 2005 when TCU shocked then-No. 7 Oklahoma 17-10, said Bradford might be the best quarterback in the nation. Phillips played 65 snaps in the Frogs' victory three seasons ago.

"That was my first game playing for TCU, and I remember



LOGAN WILSON / Staff Reporter

Head football coach Gary Patterson addresses members of the media Tuesday during his weekly press conference.

Adrian Peterson walking off the field as time ran out," he said. "Looking up at the scoreboard and seeing us on top at the end was something I will never forget."

But Patterson said he knows his team caught Oklahoma off guard in 2005. He said his team does not have that luxury this season.

"In 2005, we were kind of an unknown," Patterson said. "This time it's two top 25 teams going at it. It's important that we play this game because it prepares us for what we have to do to win our conference."

In four games this season, TCU has outscored its opponents 172-31 while surrendering three offensive touchdowns over that span. This weekend's game will pit the No. 1 scoring offense in Oklahoma and the No. 1 total defense in TCU. The Frogs have allowed 7.8 points per game this

season, while the Sooners average 54.7 points on offense.

"Getting to play the No. 2 team in the country at their house is why you play college football," senior center Blake Schlueter said.

The last time TCU went up against a top-10 foe came last September when the Frogs fell to the University of Texas 34-13 in Austin.

However, Patterson said his team has gained a lot of maturity since then and pointed out that the loss to the Longhorns marked sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton's second career start in purple.

But the Frogs aren't playing the Texas Longhorns this weekend. While going up against Oklahoma will prove to be the Frogs' biggest challenge so far, the team does have history on its

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## RIFLE

## Team looks to improve after earning third last year



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Junior Erin Lorenzen shoots at a target during practice last spring. The rifle team finished third in the nation last season and begins its schedule Saturday at the TCU Horned Frog Invitational.

By Brian Smith  
Staff Reporter

The rifle team hopes to take an even bigger step toward becoming a nationally prominent program in 2008, its coach said.

"These girls are capable of winning a national championship," coach Karen Monez said about this year's team.

The Horned Frogs return their top four shooters from what Monez said was "by far our best year ever" last season.

Erin Lorenzen, Lauren Sullivan, Simone Riford and Emily Paper all qualified for the National Junior Olympic Championships. Lorenzen, Riford and Paper were also named All-Americans for their performances during the 2007-2008 season.

Monez said some of the team's success has to do both with its experience and camaraderie.

"They've shot together for two years now," Monez said. "And

they have experience as a team and they work well together, supporting each other."

The rifle team has undergone a quick turnaround since Monez took over as head coach in 2004. At the 2007 NCAA Rifle Championships in Fairbanks, Alaska, the Horned Frogs finished fifth overall.

Last year, the team improved by finishing third overall, just 35 points behind the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, which took home the title for the third con-

secutive year.

Lorenzen said the team hopes to be in the top two nationally when the season ends, including a first-place finish in the smallbore competition and a top-three showing in the air rifle portion.

The Horned Frogs' new season begins Saturday. They will face the Wolfpack of Nevada-Reno in the Horned Frog Invitational at TCU's rifle range, a tournament TCU has won each of the last two seasons.

"They've shot together for two years now, and they have experience as a team and they work well together, supporting each other."

Karen Monez  
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