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## Student's site provides free course help

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**  
Staff Reporter

A TCU student has created a test review Web site available to college students across the United States for free.

The Web site, mycoursereview.com, is the work of Bennett Waxse, a junior biology and chemistry major at TCU.

"The thing that helped me study for class was to make reviews," Waxse said, "and the page was a way to make them more available to people."

Waxse said his site lets students post their own review questions from a class to give other users an idea of what a test may cover.

"I have uploaded flash cards from my Span-

ish class into the course folder," said Scott Patterson, a junior political science major.

Students can access a list of courses offered at their universities on the Web site and are able to upload or look at review questions from there. "All you have to do is click on the question and the right answer shows up," Patterson said.

The Web site differs from test files because users must agree to post only review questions, not upload old tests, Waxse said.

"However, if 10 people each posted four different questions for a class, an entire review could be made right there," he added.

Waxse said one of the inspirations for the Web site was TCU's use of e-College for univer-

sity course work. He said he took mycourseview.com a step further and made it available to students not just at TCU, but to students at any college nationwide.

The site is available at no cost to the university because it is a public access Web page, which Waxse said means he must pay fees to run the site.

"I use Google ads and usually make about 50 cents a day. I am trying to get the site to be self sustaining so I don't have to pay out of pocket," Waxse said.

Since its inception on Wednesday, Waxse said at least 50 schools have joined the national Web site.



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## Faculty favors plus/minus

By **ALEX ZOBEL**  
Staff Reporter

Faculty members voted 46-8 in favor of the plus/minus grading system yesterday in an assembly open to all faculty.

The Faculty Senate has already voted on the issue twice; however, this was the first time it has come before the entire faculty.

Nearly an hour of debate took place before the vote.

David Grant, a religion professor and member of the Academic Excellence Committee, said the proposed grading system will give TCU grading consistency with other universities, the ability to better distinguish student achievements and provide an incentive for better student performance.

David Bedford, a Spanish professor and chair of the Faculty Senate Student Relations Committee, said faculty needed to weigh the costs and benefits of the proposed system.

"We have to consider whether the problems and costs that will result from making this change will be worth going through to make the system better," Bedford said.

Those present at the meeting voted 30-15 against a motion to send ballots about the grading system to each faculty member. Instead, faculty members agreed those who felt strongly about the issue and attended the meeting should be the ones to vote on it.

Jace Thompson, vice president of the Student Government Association, said he was concerned about the low faculty turnout at the assembly.

"This small group of faculty has been allowed to push a grading system that will

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KATIE RUPPEL / Staff Photographer  
Religion professor and member of the Academic Excellence Committee David Grant speaks at the Faculty Senate meeting about the plus/minus system Thursday afternoon in Moudy North 141.

## Undefeated no more, man



BYU TCU  
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(Top) BYU's Ken Lewis celebrates during the first quarter of Frogs' Thursday night game at Amon Carter Stadium.

(Right) Nick Sanders defends as BYU's Michael Reed pulls down a pass in the first half.

### ONLINE

To read about the game and see more photos, check out the Skiff Web site at <http://www.tcudailyskiff.com>

## No text too taboo for TCU

By **LAURA FLORES**  
Staff Reporter

"It's Perfectly Normal," a book on sex education, was the most-banned book of last year, and also happens to be sitting on a shelf at TCU's library.

So are "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Catcher in the Rye" and "What My Mother Doesn't Know," which are all books on the 2005 list of the most frequently challenged books.

For 25 years, Banned Books Week has been nationally recognized during the last week of September.

Banned Books Week promotes freedom of speech, free thought and the support for reading banned books, said Linda Barnes, interim head of reference and government information librarian at TCU.

To June Koelker, dean of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, libraries and universities should support academic scholarship and be places where viewpoints can be expressed.

"Libraries aren't going up to people and shoving books in their houses," she said.

Koelker said an educated society should not be threatened by ideas.

"When we try to control what people read or have access to, it's self-defeating," she said.

Books are banned for different reasons, said  
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### TOP 10 CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2005

- "It's Perfectly Normal"
- "Forever"
- "The Catcher in the Rye"
- "The Chocolate War"
- "Whale Talk"
- "Detour For Emmy"
- "What my Mother Doesn't Know"
- The Captain Underpants series
- "Crazy Lady!"
- "It's So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families"

### TOP 10 CHALLENGED AUTHORS OF 2005

- Judy Blume, author of "Blubber," "Forever" and "Deenie"
- Robert Cormier, author of "The Chocolate War" and "We All Fall Down"
- Chris Crutcher, author of "Whale Talk" and "The Sledding Hill"
- Robie Harris, author of "It's Perfectly Normal" and "It's So Amazing!"
- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, author of the Alice series
- Toni Morrison, author of "Bluest Eye," "Beloved" and "Song of Solomon"
- J.D. Salinger, author of "The Catcher in the Rye"
- Lois Lowry, author of "The Giver"
- Marilyn Reynolds, author of "Detour for Emmy"
- Sonya Sones, author of "What My Mother Doesn't Know"

### PECULIAR FACT

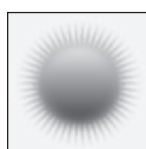
A 3-year-old boy was briefly the owner of a pink convertible after buying it for \$17,000 on eBay; His mother left her password on her computer and he used the "buy it now" feature to purchase it.

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### WEATHER

**TODAY:** Sunny, 86/67  
**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny, 94/71  
**SUNDAY:** Sunny, 95/71



# Admissions staff travels, aims to find prospective students

By RASHI VATS  
Staff Reporter

The season for recruiting has begun, and campus admissions counselors are at high schools around the world scouting prospective students.

The heavy recruiting season is from early September to late November, and a group of about 15 staff members in admissions are visiting 35 states and 25 countries this year, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

Brown, who in previous years traveled to recruit in England and Scotland, just returned from a week-long trip visiting 12 high schools all over the Hawaiian Islands.

"There was a huge turnout at all of the high schools in

Hawaii, and I had a blast," said Brown, who will be traveling to Pittsburgh, Minnesota and California during the next couple of weeks. "I actually travel the least on the staff."

Karen Scott, director of international admissions, is traveling internationally to recruit prospective students and is currently in India.

A recruiting trip involves meeting with prospective students at high schools during the day and participating in college fairs in the evenings, Brown said.

"We provide information to students and answer any of their questions they might have," Brown said.

Brown said people from international countries rely

heavily on the reputation of a school when making their decisions.

"Reputation plays a huge role because the students can't visit the campuses ahead of time," Brown said.

The high schools the admissions staff choose to attend are selectively chosen by looking at the success of previous visits, Brown said.

"We go where we have been successful before and review where many of the applications have come from and where the students who enroll have come from," Brown said.

Beth Humphrey, associate director of admission, recently returned from a recruiting trip to Tulsa, Okla.

"I had a wonderful time and

saw many students with a sincere interest at TCU," Humphrey said.

Humphrey said TCU is successful at admitting students because of a strong calling campaign, including the Leap Frogs and International Ambassadors, which are programs preceding every high school visit with phone calls to students.

Kaushal Amatya, a sophomore psychology major from Nepal, said TCU didn't visit his high school, but he did receive a call from a TCU student who was in International Ambassadors.

"It was really nice to hear from a TCU student because it looked like TCU was interested in my attending the uni-

versity," Amatya said.

A senior communication studies major and ambassador, Tiffany Wang, said International Ambassadors is an organization composed of a group of selected TCU student volunteers who serve as a liaison between the university and the prospective international students.

"They call the students, send postcards and answer any questions the student might have," Wang said.

Amatya is involved in Leap Frogs, a similar student organization that calls prospective students nationwide and informs them if a guidance counselor from TCU will be coming to their high schools or nearby college sessions.

"I want to help others out, like they have done to me," said Amatya. "I just love TCU and love answering any questions students might have."

TCU has about a \$4 million budget per year, out of which \$75,000 is budgeted for recruitment, Brown said. He said about \$1.5 million to \$2 million of the admissions budget is spent on salaries and \$500,000 is spent on postage for mailings to prospective students, Brown said.

Brown said TCU has received more than 1,000 applications already for fall 2007, which is more than any previous year.

"TCU is continuing to be such a hot place everywhere," Brown said.

## BOOKS

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Dan Williams, chair and professor of English.

"Sometimes people object to subject matter, sometimes language; it all depends on the particular book and the cultural situation that surrounds it," said Williams. "Sometimes there are volatile subjects people don't want to be reminded about."

These subjects include sexually explicit content, Satanism, homosexuality and racism; all have been frequently challenged from 1990 to 1999, according to the American Library Association Office of Intellectual Freedom.

"I'm a firm believer of free speech and not being told what to think and what to believe in,"

said Kaye Urbano, a senior psychology major. "When it comes to books, I take it as it is, I really don't make judgments."

Nonetheless, Urbano said she was surprised that despite TCU being a Christian school, its library has a comprehensive selection of books that don't agree with those values.

Barnes, who has been with TCU since 1979, said the library does not censor books, and to her knowledge, TCU books have not been challenged.

"Basically, we do not censor. I think most universities would not censor," she said. "I think we agree with the American Library Association that restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions."

According to the association's

Office of Intellectual Freedom, universities had 32 challenges to books in the 1990s, but the association estimates that for every reported challenge, up to five go unreported.

In academic courses, such as English, history and contemporary literature, books for the curriculum are decided by the professor, Williams said. He said the English department maintains a list of which books are being used each semester.

Williams said if there is a situation with a text, it would undergo a review with the department committees and the instructor. However, he said, that hasn't been necessary.

Koelker said the library purchases books based on what fits the needs of the university's curriculum.

## WEBSITE

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Another TCU user is Cleida Wang, a junior biology and communication studies major.

"The site provides students a chance to post questions and get responses with the correct answers," Wang said.

Wang said the main problem she has encountered with the Web site is the lack of students using the system.

"The discussion board is good for getting student feedback," Wang said, "but it would be more successful if there were more users."

The lack of participation from members does create

a problem, Waxse said.

"We have at most four questions in any subject offered on the Web site," Waxse said.

Wang said she would like to see more professor participation on the Web site.

"I think I'll start telling my professors about it," Wang said. "Some of them check ratemyprofessor.com already, and they could help with the discussions."

Beata Jones, an associate professor of professional practices in e-business said while it's a good idea, there is still a lot of work to be done on the Web site.

"I think there is too much hype too early," said Jones, who is a registered user of the site.

## PLUS/MINUS

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affect every student at TCU," Thompson said.

Results of an online survey taken by students last week show up to 87 percent of students disagree with the proposed plus/minus system, according to SGA members.

The survey, as well as the quorum reached by faculty yesterday, will be considered when the vote goes to the Undergraduate Committee and, finally, to the University Committee, said Andrew Fort, former chair of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and liaison to the Academic Excellence Committee.

# TCU BOOKSTORE Calendar of Events



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8 Shop for the Cure Pink Out socks are here from Top Sox. \$3.99 each.	9 <b>Thirteen Moons</b> Charles Frazier 20% * 	10 Specialty Books Including Chicken Soup for the Breast Cancer survivor's soul and other titles.	11 <b>The Collectors</b> David Baldacci 25% * 	12 <b>POLO RALPH LAUREN</b> Ralph Lauren® polos arriving weekly in the colors of purple, white, navy and black.	13 Wayne's World XBOX 360®, Sony® PSP game consoles available for sale.	14 Need a Costume for Halloween Why not buy a TCU Football or cheerleading outfit.
15 Shop for the Cure Pink Out! Hats are \$12 ea. Adult size one fits all.	16 <b>The Innocent Man</b> John Orisham 20% * 	17 Parent/Student Gift Card Reloadable, reusable and works like cash.	18 <b>LANCÔME</b> PARIS Come see our fragrance and skin care gift sets at a great value.	19 Book Orders Due! Book orders for the Spring semester are due today. Bookstore Luncheon.	20 Outfit your Ipod® We sell Griffin Technology iPod accessories.	21 Go Horned Frogs! TCU vs. Army 
22	23 <b>Lisey's Story</b> Stephen King 20% * 	24	25 <b>LANCÔME</b> PARIS Lancome giftwith purchase begins.	26 Get Networked Setting up a network? We have the connections with Linksys and D-Link routers.	27 Tail Gating Get your stadium seats and chairs for home coming weekend!	28 Go Horned Frogs! Homecoming TCU vs. Wyoming 
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**AL-QAIDA RECRUITING**

In an audio message Wednesday, the leader of Al-Qaida in Iraq called for nuclear scientists and explosive experts to join his group.  
— Associated Press

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

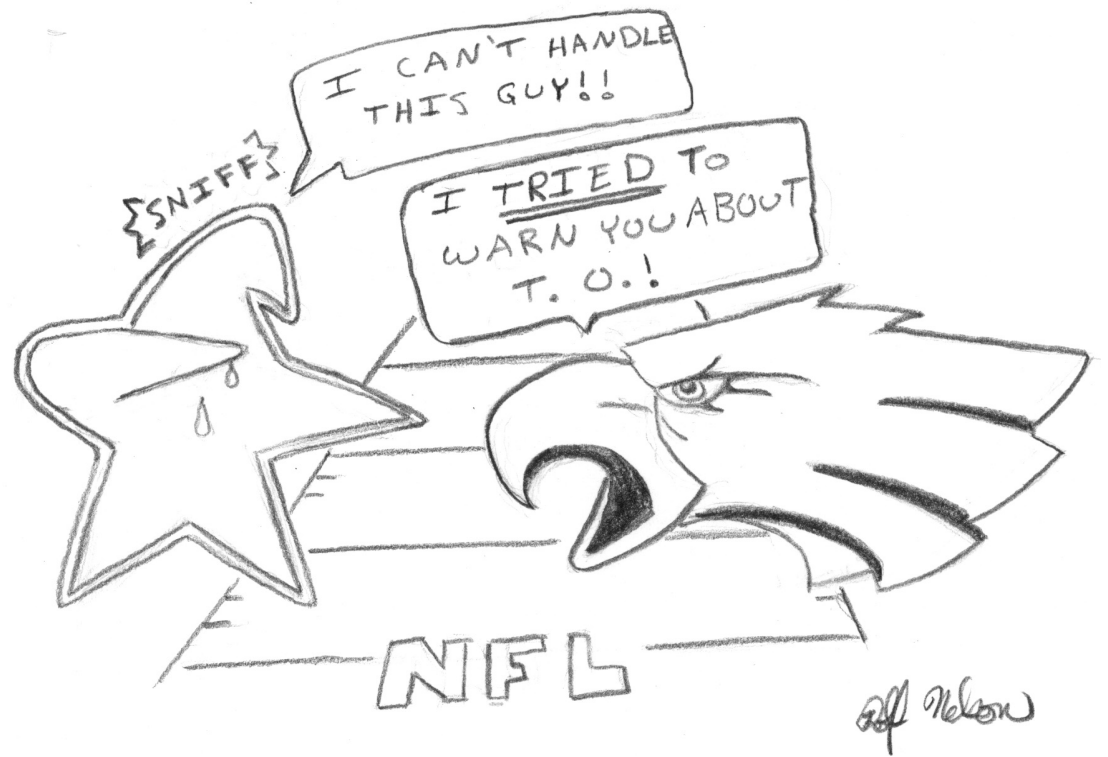
**Clean up your own mess, please**

College provides a taste of independence and freedom. But independence does not mean a lack of respect for those around us. Students should better represent themselves by taking a few seconds out of their schedules to clean up their own messes. "Being part of this global community means taking care of what's around us," said General Manager of Dining Services Rick Flores. "Everything here belongs to TCU, and we should always leave things a little better than the way we found them." Cleaning up after oneself shows respect not only for Dining Services, but also for other students. Campus is home to more than 7,000 Horned Frogs, many who rely primarily on the Main for meals. "There are trash cans in every corner," said Karen Estrada, a junior economics and finance major. "Some people are too lazy to go to the nearest trash can, and some people take everything for granted."

Respecting TCU property should extend beyond the walls of campus dining rooms as well. "We're here to provide a service, and we will," said Legia Abato, marketing manager for Dining Services. "But we don't have as much control when students leave our dining area. You walk across campus, and you'll find a cup or a pizza box." Students should take the initiative to keep campus looking nice and make faculty and staff feel appreciated. The sole purpose of college is not simply to teach students skills for their future careers — it is also a time for students to become mature adults. "If you want my respect, you should show some too," said Sandra Camp, a cashier in the Main. Dining Services' cashiers and servers work hard every day. The least we can do is show them some respect and gratitude by cleaning up after ourselves.

*Opinion editor Jordan Cohen for the editorial board*

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**Use of online encyclopedia risky**

When the James Bond classic Dr. No graced the silver screens of America in the early summer of 1962, many people remember Ursula Andress as she emerged from the water in her bikini holding a seashell. What many probably forget, however, is one line in particular that she utters to Bond, "I learned everything I know from encyclopedias." But is basing one's knowledge off nothing but encyclopedias such a good idea? In particular, is the most popular encyclopedia of the Internet, also known as Wikipedia, a valid site for information? The site is advertised as "the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit," with a reported 1.4 million articles as of Sept. 27. While visiting the site, users can click on the "anyone can edit" section for a detailed account about the editing process, and the freedoms the users are given. Many people are constantly improving Wikipedia, making thousands of changes an hour, all of which are recorded. Inappropriate changes are usually removed quickly, and repeat offenders can be blocked from editing. With an assortment of available languages, it's almost the perfect site for students to use in their daily studies. The site is considered by many to be one of the greater tools on the Internet for researching information. It's not uncommon for some users to spend hours browsing through articles. With the "random article" link, it's simple

enough to learn about a variety of subjects, from the Campbelltown City football team to the debut album "Black Snake Diamond Role" by Robyn Hitchcock. Wikipedia is often not a valid tool for researching materials for school projects or even just for curiosity's sake. But the key idea here is that it should only be used as a research tool. When students use Wikipedia as their only source of information, problems arise. As Stephen Colbert said, "Any user can change any entry, and if enough other users agree with them, it becomes true." But since I borrowed that quote from Wikipedia and didn't write it down verbatim from the episode, then how do I know if that's what he actually said? Wikipedia does have its good points; it saves students time and energy while researching information for essays, labs and so forth. It's also a time killer for those that just want to learn random facts. So use Wikipedia to your hearts' content. But don't forget that visiting the library is also an essential tool for information. The process may be longer, but the information is more trustworthy in the end. If that isn't enough incentive to spend some time in the library, just remember that you'll be able to visit friends and check out all of the beautiful people while you're there as well.

*Sam Cross is a writer for The North Wind (Northern Michigan U.). This story was distributed through U-WIRE.*

**Theme party degrading to those who attend**

Another Friday is upon us, and the weekend is sure to bring its fair share of fun. The party scene at TCU is nothing short of spectacular, but among the various forms of shindigs we throw, there is one that I cannot even begin to understand. Keggers? I can see the motive. Fraternity mixers? Great way to meet new people. But somewhere along the line, someone came up with the "wonderful" concept of the "Pimps 'n' Hos" party. It's true, apparently ultimate Frisbee and football games weren't enough of a diversion for a certain group of college students. So they asked themselves, "What better way to have fun than to imitate crack-addicted pimps and the syphilitic hookers they push?" Lately, the focus of these parties has shifted from the poverty-stricken streetwalkers to the upper-class lustful individual. "Golf Pros and Tennis Hos" or "CEOs and Corporate Hos" are just a few of the monikers these parties have come to be known by. Apparently, some kid realized America's college students weren't exactly destined to end up living in the ghetto, so shifting to a more suburban theme was deemed appropriate. That's just great. Who better to emulate than the corrupt businessman and his little "skank on the side" from the office? You know, the kind of people who buy Corvettes and yachts in order to give meaning to their empty lives. The kind that hide their lust and moral depravity behind a well-manicured lawn and a three-car garage. The kind some among us might end up being. I'm glad to see we all have our sights set so high. Let's examine the motives behind attending such parties. First, let's exam-

ine the gentlemen. I guess some guys get tired of chasing worthwhile women and just want to score with scantily dressed "hos." You know, some of those women are probably single and easy for a reason. In order to avoid clingy hook-ups and a burning sensation "down there," you best stay away from them. As far as assuming the role of a pimp, I have this to say: you wish. The only time in your life when you'll have girls tugging at your pants and screaming for more will be when your daughter's friends want more cake and juice at her 5th birthday party. Now it's time for the women. I personally see no redeeming factor for females to attend these types of parties. Look, if I walked up to you and called you a "ho," I'd probably be slapped before the word even finished rolling off of my tongue. If there's one thing women don't want to be or are overly cautious of being perceived as, it's a harlot. Why then, is it OK to pretend to be one on the weekends? Also, certain women are constantly complaining that guys view them as sex objects. Hmmm, I wonder why that is ... maybe it's because you parade around in short skirts and skimpy underwear at these parties? Seems pretty obvious to me. OK, maybe you think this David Hall individual needs to be kidney punched for raining on your "Pimps 'n' Hos" parade. In that case, I'm usually in the library from 11 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments for beatings aside, it's always best to think about what your activities say about you. Are you a dignified partier, or someone who likes to imitate the filthiest individuals in our society? Think about it.



David Hall

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**CLARIFICATION**

A story that ran on the Opinion page Wednesday about lost ID cards did not contain information about what to do when the ID Center is closed. From Emily Burgwyn, director of student

affairs information services: Students who lose their ID cards can notify TCU Police at extension 7777 when the ID Card Center is closed. Until either the ID Card Center or a campus police officer has been notified, students are responsible for any purchases made with their cards.

**Modern music lacks heart of popular artists from years past**

Popular music has lost its soul. I don't mean that it's no longer good or appealing; I simply mean it's lost its sense of revelation. Modern radio has successfully emasculated the heart and soul from a song. The few times I do feel that apocalyptic sense of danger in popular music is when one of the greats from the past, such as Bob Dylan with his new album, "Modern Times," reminds us of what has been missing. Nowadays, however, hearing an entire album of heart-revealing music is becoming just as rare as hearing such a song on the radio. One of the earliest examples of soul-revealing musical expression in popular music was Nat "King" Cole's version of "Lush Life." The song revealed the inner heartache of a man whose blissful hope of love failed him. "Lush Life" resonated with such Hollywood stars as Ava Gardner and Lana Turner

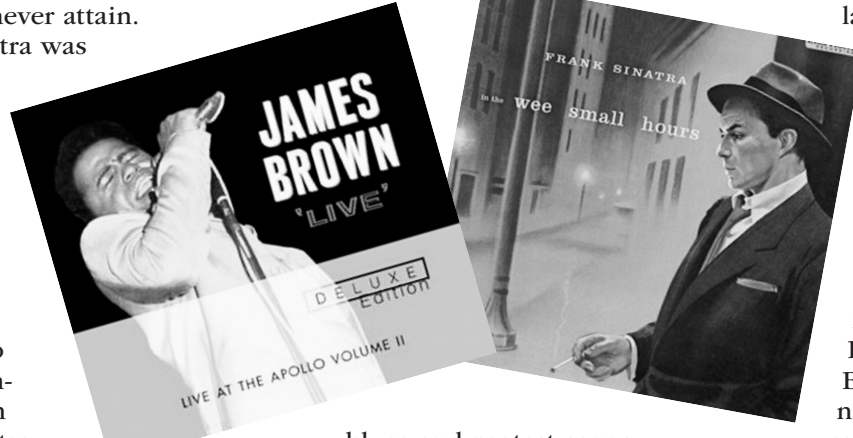
because it related so much to their own heartbreak. Several years later in 1955, Frank Sinatra's album "In the Wee Small Hours" was released. It was the first "concept" album, a record with a common theme or story that connected all the songs. The album is a melancholy diary of the soul of a man who longed for a love he could never attain. Like Cole, Sinatra was able to communicate his soul so clearly that the listener could not help but sense his inner turmoil. The writer David Halberstam, according to the Anthony Summers and Robbyn Swan book "Sinatra: The Life," says "Sinatra's attraction was that he seemed to feel the same pain (as us)." If the 1950s saw the genesis of such heart-rending fare in popu-

lar music, the 1960s broke all the barriers. Albums such as Sam Cooke's "Night Beat" and James Brown's "Live at the Apollo" set a new standard in communicating heart and soul to an audience. What was essentially a black innovation became the popular music of the 1960s. Bob Dylan's conventionalism. The early 1970s brought to light the uncomfortable, but soul-rending musical torment of John Lennon's "Plastic Ono Band," as well as the poignant social commentary of Marvin Gaye in his classic album "What's Going On." Then something happened. Whether the disco craze of the late '70s made radio programmers weary of such honest, confessional music or the artists themselves just got tired of singing them, I don't know. I do know, aside from a few artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Bob Marley, U2, Nirvana and The Clash, the era of empathetic communication in music was a thing of the past. Perhaps the fear of exposing the reality of our hearts is the reason such "soul" music receives scant airplay. Have we

as a society become so satisfied with superficial living that we are afraid of anything that may remind us of our true condition? Modern popular music is like a drug an addict continually takes to his or her detriment. It postpones, for one more moment, the reality of his life. Thus the existential moment of a song isn't one of revelatory introspection, but of blissful numbness. The enduring popularity of the artists I mentioned is testament to the fact that people do enjoy passionate music. Unfortunately, it is no longer qualified as popular by the radio DJs and music video programmers. Too often, one must rely upon word-of-mouth rumors about a new artist because of the timidity of modern radio to play such provocative art. Perhaps the potentially brutal honesty of the lyrics is too much of a risk for a business that thrives more on fanciful delusion than on reality.



Erick Raven



blues and protest songs, along with the Beatles mid-60s masterpieces "Eleanor Rigby" and "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," among others, revealed the heart and soul of a generation tired of hypocrisy and

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# Faculty members train graduate students in teaching, research

By MEREDITH ANDREWS  
Staff Reporter

Faculty members across campus are working to help graduate students learn to become both good teachers and good researchers.

While most colleges at TCU have no formal method of teaching graduate students how to become better teachers, professors are offering individualized support, said Jeff Coffey, professor and chair of the chemistry department.

The principles graduate professors were hired on are the same principles they are teaching their students, said Bonnie Blackwell, an assistant profes-

sor and the director of graduate studies for English.

These principles are the teacher-scholar idea of 40 percent teacher, 40 percent scholar and 20 percent service, an idea that promotes graduate students as both teachers and researchers, Blackwell said.

TCU had 1,578 graduate students in fall 2005, according to the TCU Fact Book. However, the exact number of graduate students who also assistant teach.

Giridhar Akkaraju, an assistant professor of biology, said his graduates split their time between teaching during the year and researching during

the summer.

Akkaraju said he takes time to talk with his teaching assistants about how to prepare and work with students. He also sits in on their classes so he can give them advice on how to improve.

"I try to teach the students to teach, but there's no formal course they take that trains them how to teach," Akkaraju said.

Graduate teaching assistants are helpful to undergraduates because they have a better ability to understand the problems students are having, said Sylvia Garcia, a freshman English major.

"I think it's a good thing because they have a different perspective than the professor," Garcia said.

Mandy Williams, a sophomore habilitation of the deaf major, said she thinks having a teaching assistant is good because they are closer to her age.

"It's easy to relate to them, because they have been through the course," Williams said.

The history department maintains the idea of a hybrid as well, said Tina Cannon, a history graduate student.

A lot of research history graduate students do is for

their dissertations, and students interested in teaching can apply to spend a year grading for a professor and then teach an introductory level course, Cannon said.

History graduate students are required to take a course called History as an Academic Profession to teach them how to put together an academic resume and different teaching methods, such as using PowerPoint in a lecture, Cannon said.

Most students in the history graduate program go on to teach, Cannon said.

In contrast to being trained to teach, research is encour-

aged in the environmental science department, said Andrew Waltke, an environmental science graduate student and biology teaching assistant.

"They've been getting specific grants to help with student-led research, so people can do better projects and have more funds for it," Waltke said.

Waltke said it's important to emphasize teaching in general because, without it, people will lose the skills to present and communicate their ideas.

"I love the fact that teaching is almost like a form of parenting in the way that you have the ability to shape someone's mind," Waltke said.

## Pi Kappa Phi raises funds for disabled

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of students from 11 TCU sororities showed their support for Pi Kappa Phi's cause by participating in activities throughout the week as part of the fraternity's philanthropy event, Push Week.

The event aims to raise awareness and funds for people with disabilities.

Matt Kiesel, a senior finance and accounting major, said the event extends support to the fraternity's national philanthropy, Push America, which is a national non-profit organization devoted to helping disabled people. It was founded by Pi Kappa Phi in 1977.

"Pi Kappa Phi is the only fraternity in the nation to have its own philanthropy," said Kiesel, the president of the fraternity.

Kiesel said sororities support the cause by compet-

ing in Push Week, which includes a fundraising event and games.

Ryan Huey, a junior biology major, said the money raised went directly to Push America. Push America, also gives an amount of the funds collected to the TCU KinderFrogs school. He said that amount is decided by Push America.

Huey, chairperson for the philanthropy, said last year KinderFrogs received \$2,000 from Push America. Pi Kappa members have been helping KinderFrogs for almost eight years now, he said.

Push Week was a three-day event during which the fraternity had penny jars for each sorority to donate set up in different locations on campus, Huey said.

The sororities also receive points for showing their support in the week's activities. He said the sorority with the most points received trophies

at the end of the entire event, Huey said.

On Monday, the sororities ate and gathered at Potbelly Sandwich Works to support the restaurant's offer to donate 50 percent of profits made from food purchased by TCU students that day between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. to Pi Kappa's fundraising event.

Wheelchair decoration and banner contests were organized Tuesday at the rose garden in Worth Hills. During the event, sororities decorated wheelchairs and banners while chanting songs in support of Pi Kappa. A group of five panelists, including Kiesel and Huey, judged the event.

Push Week ended Wednesday with the wheelchair basketball competition and empathy race.

Wheelchair basketball players dragged their legs to operate the wheelchair and had to attempt to make baskets from

## Natives of T.O.'s town don't believe rumors

By CHUCK CARLTON  
The Dallas Morning News

The people of Alexander City, Ala., had trouble believing native son Terrell Owens attempted suicide.

The initial news reports Wednesday morning became the talk of the town where Owens was raised. So did Owens' subsequent denial in a news conference.

"I'm astonished," said Fred Norris, director of the Alexander City Housing Authority Youth and Adult Services Center. "This is not the T.O. I know. T.O. loved T.O., and everybody here knows that."

"I wouldn't put it past him that this is one of his stunts to promote himself. But as far as committing suicide, no way."

Norris has frequently interacted with Owens, who has donated to the center.

His mother, Marilyn, still

lives in the central Alabama town of 15,000. She visited for about three hours Tuesday with retired teacher Gayle Humphrey, who taught both Marilyn and Terrell Owens.

They talked about Terrell Owens' recent broken hand, his status for this weekend against Tennessee and how he didn't like his prescribed medicine.

"It just floored me," said Humphrey, who said she felt "there was more to the story."

She said she left a phone message Wednesday with Marilyn Owens and e-mailed Kim Etheredge, Owens' publicist.

After sorting through TV and Internet reports, Humphrey said she believed Owens' explanation of an allergic reaction.


"He just doesn't lie," Humphrey said. "If anything, he's too truthful."

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## Keep campus sexually safe, get checked

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE  
News editor

Sex: it's fun, free and available at any time of day. But with such a simple physical act comes a lot of responsibility to both yourself and your partner or partners.

We're talking health. It's important to respect your own health and the health of your partner. Ignorance of this can bring terrible consequences in the form of something you probably don't want.

Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life for health promotion, said it's important for both men and women to understand sexual health because sexually transmitted infections, or STIs, can have detrimental and different effects both now and later.

"STIs have a more serious impact for women, barring HIV and AIDS, which impact males and females alike," Crawley said.

If you've never been checked, you can end the mystery by taking a simple test you don't even have to study for — and there are no trick questions.

The Health Center offers both exams and treatment for STIs. There are also several public health centers within driving distance of campus.

Although the thought of it may seem scary, Crawley said, the anxiety before an exam is more frightening than the test itself.

"It's not a picnic, but it's not the worst thing that can happen to you," said Crawley. "Get a test and get it over with."

For men, an STI exam involves nothing more painful than a quick physical exam, "pee in a cup" and a blood test. It costs less than \$100 and the confidential results are available within two to three days.

Women's pelvic examinations are used to check for cancers, infections and STIs, according to WebMD.com. A blood test is used to check for HIV.

Though many have already had "the talk," it's not uncommon to still want to know more.

More than half of the questions TCU students ask are about sex or sexual health, Crawley said.

To help students learn more, Crawley said, TCU is taking part in the National College Health Assessment and introducing TCU's first-ever health fair.

Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation, and Crawley will co-host the health fair Nov. 10. The National College Health Assessment is a campus-wide student poll addressing all aspects of student life, including sexual health.

According to a 2004 report from the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Worth ranked No. 25 in the nation for the highest reported rates of syphilis. The number of reported syphilis cases nationwide had decreased steadily since the early 1990s until 2000, when the number of cases in Fort Worth began to increase.

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types of human papillomavirus exist and more than half of all sexually active men in the United States will have HPV at some point, according to the CDC.

Chlamydia and HPV, the two most common STIs, are often asymptomatic, meaning symptoms might not appear until later or not at all, Crawley said.

"By age 50, roughly 80 percent of women will have had some form of HPV," Crawley said.

Though generally dormant in men, HPV can lead to cervi-

cal cancer in women, according to the CDC.

One way to reduce the risk of contracting an STI is using a condom for every sexual act.

According to a three-month 2006 study of 100 U.S. colleges and universities conducted by Trojan Condoms, TCU ranked among the bottom 25 "least sexually healthy schools," finishing at No. 78.

The study defines sexually healthy schools as those with access to contraceptives and prophylactics as well as

HIV and STI testing services. TCU's score of 1.1 on a 4.0 scale was due in part to a lack of condom availability on campus.

TCU failed to receive higher than a "C" in any category on the survey. To view the entire report card, visit [trojancondoms.com](http://trojancondoms.com).

If love is a battlefield, then you'll want all the advantages you can get. Whether you're just testing the waters or diving right in, it's of great benefit to yourself and others to be routinely checked.

Three things students can do to reduce the risk of contracting an STI:

1. No matter who you're involved with, use a condom and use it properly.
  2. Be honest with your partners.
  3. Talk to a health care provider about sexual health.
- According to Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life

## Grab a few bucks, head to local watering hole

By JEFF ESKEW  
Features Editor

So you just finished a test, and could really use for a cold beer or smooth margarita, but where can you go for the best happy hour in town? Let's break it down by the day.

On Mondays, The Flying Saucer Draught Emporium seems to be the best bet as far as atmosphere and price are concerned.

The Flying Saucer offers a variety of domestic and premium beers on draft for \$2.50 all night long.

Along with beer, they also have a full-fledged menu for those who might be hungry after that grueling test.

But besides the low cost on drafts, the atmosphere and energy at The Flying Saucer are usually high and make for a welcoming scene.

Tuesdays are a great night to travel down Camp Bowie Boulevard and settle in at 221B Baker Street Pub and Grill.

Baker Street has a happy hour from 2-9 p.m. during the week and all day Sunday, when well drinks are \$1.75.

Now, it's the middle of the week, and more than likely, you need to relax and just collect your thoughts. Look no farther than Finn MacCool's Pub.

MacCool's is new into town, open for less than two years, and offers a quiet place to drink and play billiards and darts during their happy hour, which lasts from 3-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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But beware if you plan on visiting after happy hour

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## Families suffer due to high poverty line

By CLAY BARBOUR  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MCT)

Twice a month Tonetta Jenkins of Swansea, Ill., retreats to her bedroom, turns on some music and spreads her bills out across the bed.

There, from a good vantage point, Jenkins, 43, practices what some call creative arithmetic, what others call trying to get blood from a stone.

Jenkins works a 40-hour week as a psychiatric aide and yet frequently finds herself having to choose between which bills to pay in full, which ones to pay partially and which ones to let slide until the next paycheck.

"I'm living week-to-week, paycheck-to-paycheck," she says. "It takes all I got to make ends meet, and sometimes I just don't see a way out."

Jenkins wouldn't mind a little help once in a while, but the simple truth is she just isn't poor enough.

She and her husband, William, live on her salary of \$16,000 a year. The poverty line for a family of two is \$13,200.

Since the 1960s, the federal poverty line has stood as the official division between the haves and the have-nots. And qualification for nearly all federal, state and local social programs has been based, at least in part, on where someone lives in relation to it.

The problem, experts say, is that the poverty line bears little resemblance to the modern world. It is a holdover from a time when food represented a third of all household costs and child care wasn't an issue.

And despite the existence of other, arguably more accurate poverty assessments, there seems to be little impetus for a widescale recalibration. Such a move would create a bleaker view of the nation's economy by increasing the number of people considered poor and would likely add financial stress to many already-strapped social programs.

"Can you imagine the political fallout if they made the poverty line reflect reality?" said Amy Blouin, executive director of the Missouri Budget Project, a nonprofit state budget analysis group. "What politician wants to be in office when poverty officially jumps from 12 percent to 18 or 20 percent?"

Originally dubbed the "thrifty food plan," the poverty line was first established in 1963.

It was then that a government statistician set the threshold at three times the annual cost of feeding a family of three, about \$3,100. It was considered, at the time, a conservative underestimate of poverty.

One year later, President Lyndon Johnson declared his famous "War on Poverty" and used the poverty line as the official yardstick.

Today the poverty threshold ranges from \$9,800 for an individual to \$23,400 for a family of five.

"When you think about how much it costs to live these days, with health care and child care and rent and transportation, it's pretty clear that you can make well above that threshold and still struggle just to get by," said Mark Rank, a Washington University professor and author of "One Nation, Underprivileged: Why American Poverty Affects Us All."

Rank said that if a family of four tried to live on \$20,000 (the highest amount such a family could earn without crossing the poverty line) they could afford about \$18 a day for food.

"Obviously that's not going to go very far," he said.

No one knows this better than Tom and Stacy Mergenthal. The couple have been married for 10 years and for nearly all of that time, they've hovered around the poverty line.

They have two children, Madison, 8, and Bryson, 6. Another child is due any day now.

Until he quit a few weeks ago, Tom Mergenthal worked as kitchen manager for a restaurant in St. Charles, Mo. He made about \$19,000 a year.

"Some weeks you just have to decide between paying utilities or eating," he said. "You learn to do without a lot."

Tom was one of the thousands of Missourians recently knocked off the Medicaid rolls. Last year Missouri overhauled the state's Medicaid program, eliminating coverage for about 90,000 people. The move lowered the income limits for qualifying, setting some caps as low as 17 percent of the federal poverty level or about \$2,800 for a family of three.

Although Mergenthal's salary placed his family below the poverty line, he still earned too much to qualify for state health care. Mergenthal suffers from diabetes and asthma. He takes 11 different medications, which run about \$1,000 a month. His kids still qualify for insurance. And Stacy, who has worked in the past, does qualify until a few months after she gives birth.

"There is just no way I can cover that bill without help," he said. "I'll get another job, but I won't make that much money."

Social scientists have for years argued to increase the thresholds for the poverty line. Several competing poverty lines have been introduced, most of them taking a more nuanced approach. One example is the self-sufficiency standard of Missouri.

Unlike the federal poverty line, the self-sufficiency standard looks at several characteristics, including the cost of living in an area, family size, the age of children and health care needs. The difference between the two is often substantial.

For example, the federal poverty threshold for a single mother of two this year is \$16,600, regardless of where they live. The self-sufficiency standard for that same family, living in the St. Louis region, for example, ranges from about \$27,000 in the city of St. Louis to slightly more than \$35,000 in St. Louis County.

Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation says the poverty line is already too generous. Rector said many of those who live below the poverty line fail to meet "any common sense definition of the word."

According to the Heritage Foundation:

Forty-six percent of all poor households actually own their own homes.

Seventy-six percent of poor households have air conditioning, compared to 36 percent of the entire U.S. population 30 years ago.

Only 6 percent of poor households are overcrowded.

"They may not be living an opulent lifestyle, but they are not the image you think of when the word 'poverty' is used," Rector said.



HUY RICHARD Mach/St. Louis Post-Dispatch/MCT  
Tonetta Jenkins helps grandson Darrion Jenkins with his reading in Swansea, Ill. Jenkins and her husband live on a yearly salary of \$16,000. Social scientists argue to raise the threshold of the poverty line.

Kristen Alliegro lives in a small house in St. Louis with her two sons, Bowen, 6, and Connor, 3. It's true that Alliegro, a single mom, has a CD player and a TV and most common appliances. But her home is packed with donated and found items.

"I buy almost nothing," she said. In 2003 Kristen Alliegro worked for a bank, making \$29,000 a year. Then she lost her job. After months of searching, Alliegro decided to go back to school.

"It wasn't an easy decision," she said. "I knew that it meant we would have to go through some really tight years."

Alliegro enrolled at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, and began the long process of earning a degree in social work. She is scheduled to graduate in December.

During the past three years Alliegro and her sons have lived off of a combination of student loans, social welfare programs such as food stamps and Medicaid, and the roughly \$10,000 a year she makes from part-time work.

Still, she struggles. Her bathroom is in bad shape, needing about \$1,500 in plumbing repairs. And on the living room coffee table sits a mountain of past-due bills, several of them hundreds of dollars in arrears.

"I have been so close to losing the house so many times," she said. "It has been a real balancing act."

Tonetta Jenkins can relate. Until last year, she and her husband, Wil-

liam Merriweather, were doing pretty well.

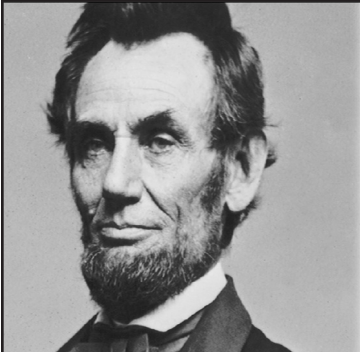
She earned about \$16,000 a year working at St. Louis Psychological Rehabilitation Center, and Merriweather earned about \$50,000 a year working for Elementis Pigments, an East St. Louis paint company.

In August 2005, Merriweather was one of about 100 employees let go. Since then the couple have lived on Jenkins' salary and the \$600 a month Merriweather gets in unemployment insurance.

"After you pay your car note, your house note and all your utilities, you're broke again until the next payday," Jenkins said. "Sometimes you just want to cry. But that won't help."

According to Rank, such experiences are not unusual. Studies show that 60 percent of Americans between the ages of 20 and 75 will live at least one year below the poverty line. Seventy-five percent will experience at least one year of life at 150 percent of the poverty line. And two-thirds of Americans will at some point need a social safety net program.

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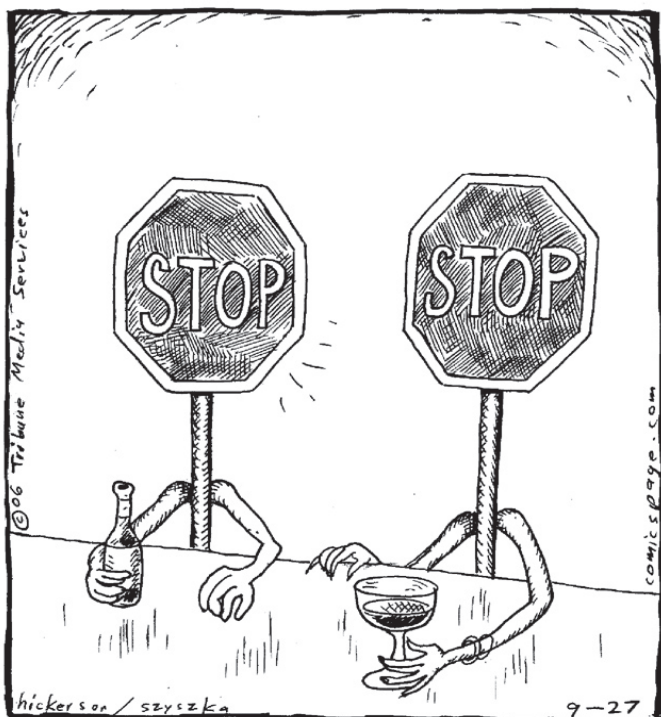
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See Tuesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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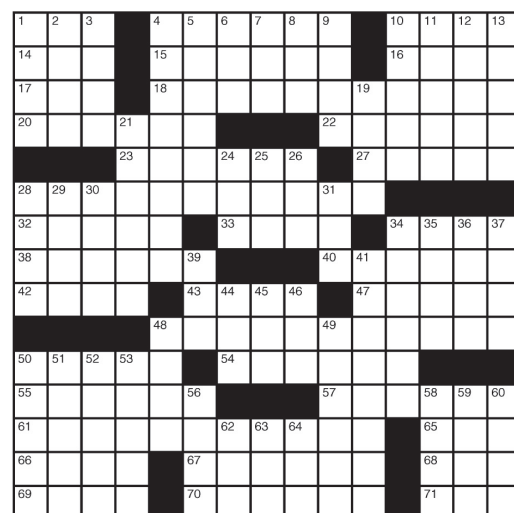
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- 18 Start of Robert Benchley quote
- 20 Renter
- 22 Amatory
- 23 Require
- 27 Like a hermit
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- 61 End of quote
- 65 Fr. holy woman
- 66 Patella's location
- 67 Blanch
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- 69 Male heirs
- 70 Uncle!
- 71 Shade provider



By Alan P. Olschwang  
Huntington Beach, CA

9/28/06

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**



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- 2 Entreat earnestly
- 3 Asks for alms
- 4 Having rhythm
- 5 Fine print word
- 6 Coach
- 7 Parseghian
- 7 Ticket info
- 8 Sapporo sash
- 9 Hawaiian state bird
- 10 Bar accessory
- 11 Lone Ranger's buddy
- 12 Govt. in power
- 13 Rolls \_\_\_
- 19 Alum
- 21 Sowed
- 24 Friend from France
- 25 Little devil
- 26 \_\_\_ Vegas
- 28 Renown
- 29 Brit's indignant comment
- 30 Tiger's sponsor
- 31 Keanu in "The Matrix"
- 34 Eternally
- 35 Gordon's merciless nemesis
- 36 Screenwriter
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- 45 Solo in "Star Wars"
- 46 Last stop
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- 49 Ordnance officer
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- 51 Argentine plain
- 52 Foreign
- 53 Parties in a conflict
- 56 Planted
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**VOLLEYBALL**

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# Tennis team members head West for tournament

By MATT MABE  
Staff Reporter

Three members of the Lady Frogs' tennis team, senior Ana Cetnik, sophomore Anna Sydorska and junior Kewa Nichols are set to travel to Pacific Palisades, Calif., this weekend for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's All-American Championship Tournament.

Casey Angle, director of Communications for the ITA said this tournament is significant because it is where many top players from schools across the country get to compete against each other.

"This is the first of three big national tournaments," Angle said. "The next is the National Indoor Championship held in Columbus, Ohio, in November. Then, the final championship tournament is held in May in Georgia."

Interim head coach Jefferson Hammond said the ITA All-American Tournament plays a big role in how the players and team are nationally ranked.

"The tournament helps build individual rankings," Hammond said. "The more players that are ranked, the higher we rise in the team polls that are released in a couple of months."

The players qualified for this tournament due to their standings in the national tennis rankings.

In singles competition, Sydorska is ranked No. 80 nationally and Cetnik is ranked No. 114, while Cetnik and Sydorska are ranked No. 24 in doubles competition in the ITA ratings.

The three women will each compete individually in singles matches, and Cetnik and Sydorska will also compete in the doubles competition.

Hammond said he is confident in his players' abilities and thinks they will do well in the tournament.

"As far as the singles competition goes, I think we should go about it systematically," Hammond said. "As long as we take it one game at a time, we're definitely capable of getting through the pre-qualifying rounds, especially when talking about Sydorska."

Hammond said he's especially confident in the team of Cetnik and Sydorska.

"I expect us to do very well in doubles competition," Hammond said. "Due to their performances last year and this season thus far, I think they will do great."

Cetnik and Sydorska recently proved their capabilities by winning the 2006 Baylor Fall Invitational in Waco.

Nichols also did well at the tournament, advancing to the quarterfinals in singles competition.

Sydorska is confident she will do well in singles and doubles competition in the tournament.

"When I go to play, I always expect to win," Sydorska said. "Ana and I won the Baylor tournament, and I think we could win the whole tournament in California as well."

## THE TOURNAMENT

The tournament begins Saturday with prequalifying rounds over the weekend at the Los Angeles Tennis Center. The rest of the tournament will take place from Tuesday through Oct. 8 at the Riviera Tennis Club.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Sophomore Anna Sydorska returns a serve in a match last spring. Sydorska is ranked No. 80 nationally. The women's tennis team plays in the ITA All-American tournament next week in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Runners sprint back from break

By MARCUS MURPHREE  
Staff Reporter

After a two week break from races, the men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Stillwater, Okla., to compete in the 70th Annual Cowboy Jamboree on Saturday.

The women's team last competed at the North Texas Invitational Sept. 9, where they took second place. During the race, the team was paced by senior Calandra Stewart, who finished third overall, and freshman Carlene Mayfield, who finished fifth.

The men's team last competed at the Texas A&M Invitational Sept. 16 where they finished third in the 13-team field.

Freshman Festus Kigen won the 104-contestant 8K race with a time of 25 minutes, 16 seconds.

"When he (Kigen) goes up to Oklahoma State, he'll get to see what Division I-A cross country is all about," head coach Eric Heins said.



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographer

Coach Eric Heins addresses the cross country teams after the UNT Invitational in Denton. Both the men's and women's teams travel to Stillwater, Okla., to compete in the 70th Annual Cowboy Jamboree Saturday.

### Competition kicks it in Boise, Sunday

By MARCUS MURPHREE  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs' soccer team will travel to Boise, Idaho to play a Sunday afternoon match against the Boise State Broncos.

Last Saturday's 3-0 shutout of UTSA has TCU riding into the match with a 5-5 record.

The play of freshman striker Lizzy Karoly helped carry the team to victory logging two goals and an assist against UTSA. Karoly earned Mountain West Conference Offensive Player of the Week for her performance in the game.

Boise State (5-4) has been playing on the road the past three weeks, and Sunday's match will mark their first home game for them since Sept. 6.

This meeting will be the second time in two years the teams have faced each other.

TCU won the inaugural match between the squads in a 1-0 overtime victory at home last season.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Freshman midfielder Michelle Nguyen kicks the ball with force in last weekend's game against UT-San Antonio.

### Frogs hot to trot atop horses

By LAUREN PICK  
Staff Reporter

The newest Horned Frog team will make its debut Saturday.

After three weeks of practice and conditioning, the varsity women's equestrian team will travel to Waco for a head-to-head competition against Baylor, its first competition as a Division I-A team, said head coach Gary Reynolds.

"This is the most hard-working group of women athletes I've ever seen," Reynolds said. "I would've bet half this team wouldn't have been here the second week after what we did to them the first week at practice."

While the team comprises experienced riders, including two world champions, this is the first time most of them have competed in a varsity equestrian format, Reynolds said.

Allie Royder, a freshman

rider from Columbus, Ohio, said working as a team is the biggest difference between the varsity equestrian format and competitions she has previously participated in.

"I'm used to setting goals personally," Royder said. "Now we have to set goals as a team."

Since the horses ridden at competitions belong to the host school, one of the team's goals is to make each horse, regardless of its particular ability, look the best it can in each event, she said.

"There's a tremendous home field advantage," Reynolds said. "But it's kind of negated because once you get out there on the horse it's about who can get it done."

Varsity equestrian competitions are made up of four events. In a head-to-head competition there are four riders from each school in each of the four events. Rid-

ers are judged on their skill and how they look on the horse.

A team needs at least 12 different riders, but up to 16 can compete, Reynolds said.

"My expectation is that we will have the opportunity to evaluate the young talent that we have and get some experience in this format," Reynolds said.

The Baylor equestrian team is in its second full season. This weekend's game will be the first event held in its new facility, which was built after a tornado destroyed the farm used by the equestrian program last spring, Reynolds said.

Motivating each other will play a big role Saturday, said Royder, who will compete in the reigning and western horsemanship events.

"The entire process is a new experience," Royder said.

### Men's golf ready for big opponents

By JUSTIN DAVIS  
Staff Writer

The men's golf team will travel to the Third Annual Memphis Intercollegiate Tournament to play in a 54-hole tournament Monday and Tuesday.

The team has already had a good start to its season with a second-place finish in its first tournament and a 12th-place finish in the Carpet Capital Collegiate.

The team is currently ranked No. 13 by Golf Digest, which, the players said, has given it confidence and focus to succeed.

"We have five guys who are capable of winning any tournament at any time," said senior Drew Stoltz, who placed second in the first tournament of the season.

Two players on the team are ranked among the top 50 in the nation by Golfweek magazine: Jon McLean at No. 33 and Drew Stoltz at No. 49.

Team members said they feel they have a good shot at winning this tournament, but remained cautious about being considered a top prospect.

"It's almost more pressure going into a tournament if you're favored," said sophomore Jesse Speirs.

With this tournament and the two remaining tournaments of the semester, the team's focus is to gain experience before its major tournaments begin in the spring.

Stoltz said these tournaments help the players experience college-level golf and learn to help each other become successful.

In the Memphis Intercollegiate Tournament, the team will face larger schools such as Nebraska, Mississippi and Wisconsin. The five players

who qualified to play are Jon McLean, Drew Stoltz, Jesse Speirs, Tom Miles and Franklin Corpening.

Head coach Bill Montigel stressed the importance of each player's part in the tournament.

"If we play to our potential — all the players — then we have a good shot," Montigel said.

None of the players has any experience with the course, but the practice round on Sunday assures good preparation for strategy during the tournament, Montigel said.

Thirty-six holes will be played Monday and a final round of 18 holes Tuesday.

## IT'S TEE TIME

The team tees off Sunday with a practice round, and tournament play begins Monday and ends Tuesday.

