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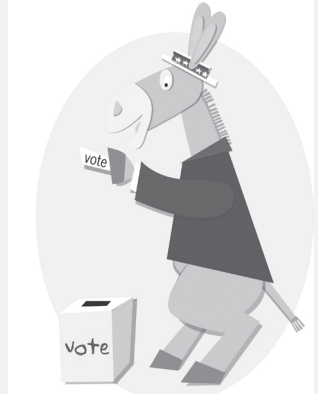
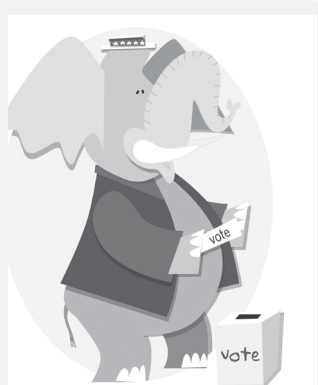
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Brite readies for 2009 hall construction

By Jason Fochtman
Staff Reporter

In the early 1980s, Newell Williams, then associate dean of Brite Divinity School, was sent on a mission to find more office space in the Jo Ann and Wayne Moore building.

After a trip up to the third floor, he found what he was looking for.

"I came to the third floor and saw a men's room and I thought, 'This is ridiculous, you don't need a bathroom on every floor. If you want to go to the restroom you just go downstairs,'" Williams said.

More than 20 years later, Williams, now president of Brite Divinity School, is still searching for space and often thinks,

as he teaches his class on the third floor, about how nice it would be to have those restrooms back.

Construction of the Nell A. and W. Oliver Harrison building and the renovation of the Moore will create the space needed to allow the school to expand its student enrollment from 250 to 450 students, Williams said.

The building will replace the portable offices in the parking lot behind Beasley Hall, Williams said. Offices previously housed in the portables, such as anthropology, criminal justice and sociology, will be relocated to Scharbauer Hall.

The Harrison building is named in honor of Brite graduate and trustee Oliver Harrison and his wife, Nell Harrison.

Construction of the Harrison building will cost about \$11.5 million, and the Moore renovation project, which includes an elevator, will cost about \$3.25 million, Williams said. In addition, about 25 percent of the \$11.5 million construction project (about \$2.88 million), will go toward the creation of an endowment to maintain the Moore and Harrison buildings, Williams added.

Even though the construction of the Harrison building and renovation of the Moore building are answers to the space problems, those answers bring with them new challenges, Williams said. Some of those challenges involve paying for the construction and where to temporary place faculty and classes, Williams said.

Currently, Brite pays the university \$1 out of every \$5 the school receives to cover the cost of maintaining the facilities, with the exception of Leibrock Village, Williams said. Leibrock Village, Brite student housing, operates out of a rental arrangement that is handled differently, Williams added.

Four years ago, the school started a five-year capital campaign to raise money



For plans of Brite's new building, visit dailyskiff.com

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SLAM DUNK



Dean of Student Affairs Don Mills gets ready to dunk Carrie Zimmerman, director of First Year Experience, at the TCU Democrats dunk-a-thon.
BRITTANY ADAMS / Staff Reporter

Resolution aims to honor members

By Matt Syme
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Representatives passed a resolution that would allow SGA members to wear medallions and cords at graduation, but upheld a veto to reject emergency funding for a sorority's philanthropy event.

Eta Iota Sigma approached SGA to request \$500 in emergency funds to help produce their annual dance marathon to raise money for their philanthropy. The House executive committee rejected the request to allocate money to HIS, arguing the request did not meet emergency status criteria.

Vice president Brett Major said HIS requested the money to purchase additional decorations and prizes, but the event could carry on as planned without the additional funding.

"If the event would only function with emergency funding, then that would be a different story," Major said.

He said if HIS had approached the Activities Funding Board first, its fi-

nancial request could have been granted.

Treasurer Jacob Barnes said the Activities Funding Board requires money requests for the fall be submitted by April of the previous semester. HIS did not submit its request in time.

Six representatives introduced a resolution to implement a point system for SGA members to award themselves certain graduation honors. Depending on the number of points accumulated, based on positions served, they may wear a cord or a medallion at their graduation ceremony.

According to the resolution, the student body treasurer would distribute money from the SGA budget to purchase the cords and medallions. Barnes, the current treasurer, said SGA will rearrange the current budget to assign money to the graduation honors. The resolution did not specify how much money would be allocated to the awards.

SGA also voted to grant \$500 of emergency funding to the Student Filmmakers Association to complete

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Author to kick off series of book talks

By Katie Martinez
Staff Reporter

Best-selling author Anita Shreve will be in Ed Landreth Auditorium tonight to talk about her new book, her old books and her journey from college student to successful author.

Shreve, who jokes in her biography about receiving so many rejection letters from magazine publishers in her early days that she could have wallpapered her bathroom, spent time as a high school teacher in Boston, a journalist in Africa and an editor at several New York magazines before settling into life as a novelist.

The free, hourlong event is one in a series of public conversations with authors hosted by Jeff Guinn, former books editor of the Star-Telegram, and will include Q&As with the audience before ending with a book signing in the lobby, said Margaret Kelly, executive director of community projects.

"It really will not be like a lecture, more like an on-stage conversation," Kelly said.

Shreve's book, "The Pilot's Wife," was an Oprah's Book Club selection in 1999 and her

Anita Shreve

What: An event with Anity Shreve
Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium
When: Tonight, 7-9 p.m.

subsequent novel, "The Weight of Water," was made into a 2002 movie starring Elizabeth Hurley and Sean Penn.

Her latest novel, "Testimony," which was released today, is a story about an underage sex scandal at a New England boarding school, the impact and the aftermath for the book's characters.

Shreve has won numerous literary awards including the L.L. Winship/PEN award and the O. Henry prize for her short story, "Past the Island, Drifting."

"I think this is something that many at TCU could benefit from," Kelly said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for writing and journalism students or just anyone who has enjoyed her novels."

Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Tickets are free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling (817) 390-7579.

Students building electric Porsche

Engineering dept. turning car bought on eBay electric

By Yusi Cheng
Staff Reporter

A group of engineering students is turning a \$500 vintage Porsche purchased on eBay into the first electric car produced on campus.

Stephen Weis, professor of engineering, said he developed the idea of working on an electric car project in June 2007 with David Yale, a technical support machinist at the College of Science and Engineering. He said students are managing the building process of the car, a 1974 Porsche 914 bought off eBay with funds from the Energy Institute, on their own.

Mike Murdock, another technical support machinist of the College of Science and Engineering, said he and the students wanted to build an electric car as an icon of the TCU engineering department. Once the project is done, students will drive the vehicle to car shows to showcase to local high school students.

Justin Hand, a senior mechanical engineering major, said this is the first electric car students have worked on at TCU.

Hand said students should be able to drive the car next April or May, but the project is open-ended so future engineering students can continue modifying the car. The best part about the electric car is it costs about five cents on electricity per mile, Hand said, compared to about 14 cents on gasoline per mile for a conventional automobile.

For every single full charge of the 12-Volt lead-acid batteries that power the car, it will run about 50 to 60 miles,

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YUSI CHENG / Staff Reporter
Engineering majors Justin Hand, left, and John Payne, right, work on the Engineering department's electric car.

NEWS



Engineering majors Justin Hand, left, and John Payne showcase the engineering department's electric car.

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Hand said. The average speed of the electric car is 65 to 70 miles per hour, and the top speed of the car is 100 miles per hour, he said.

When the car was bought, it was dipped in chemicals to remove all rust, the deteriorated metal was cut out and new metal was welded over gaps in the body, Hand said. For the body of the car, students have smoothed out welding to create finished smooth surfaces, Hand said.

In the summer, students installed suspension, brakes, steering and a motor attached to a transmission, Hand said. Students are now working on the construction and installation of the battery boxes, which will protect the batteries, he said. Students are also doing

research on the batteries, the controller and other necessities for the interior.

John Payne, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said the engineering department is supportive by providing funds to pay for expenses related to the project.

Hand said the engineering department provided \$4,500, and sponsors provided some parts for the car. The sponsors' names will be painted on the car, he said.

Murdock said the car will have better quality parts, brakes and suspension, which will help it withstand the extra weight of the batteries.

"When the electric car is done it will be in better condition than a 1974 Porsche from the factory," Murdock said, "except it will be run

by electricity."

Even though some electric cars produced in the past didn't have appealing appearances, this one will just look like a 1974 Porsche, Murdock said.

"When you see the car, you will never know it's an electric car," Murdock said,

Payne said the only difference is people can't hear any noise from the car because it's run on electricity.

Hand said the most difficult part of the project is the time students have to put in it. Besides the busy schedule and tough classes, he said he spends about five to 10 hours a week on this project.

But Payne doesn't mind the extra work.

"It's a practical experience," Payne said. "It's interesting and challenging."

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for the building project, but because of the rising cost of construction, the school decided to start construction in June 2009 — a year ahead of schedule, Williams said.

The economic constraints of the school's alumni were a factor in the school's decision, Williams said. Divinity students graduate at mid-career level, making about \$40,000 a year, he said. "The building we want to build gets more expensive every year, and the pool for our donors for this project is finite and it's not wealthy," Williams said. "The economics of the situation seemed to dictate building what we could at this point with realistic expectations."

So far, the campaign has raised about \$11.5 million and needs to raise about \$1.5 million between now and May, Williams said.

"We probably won't be able to do that, but that we'll do the best we can," Williams said. "Once we break ground, we will continue to raise money until we raise the full \$14.75 million."

Williams said the school would have to take out a short-term loan if it does not raise the money by June.

"The best script is that the cash flow will be adequate to

cover the building expenses as we build the building," Williams said.

Williams said TCU is helping Brite find space on campus to hold its classes and house faculty during the construction.

Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic support, said officials from Brite and TCU met Thursday to discuss the extent of Brite's facility needs. Munson said offices and classrooms are the two major issues at this point.

The meeting determined that 17 faculty members and about 20 administrators will need to be moved, Munson said.

No timetable has been set for when or how long offices and classrooms will have to be relocated, he added. Munson said there is no reason why Brite would have to relocate before the end of the spring semester.

Officials are looking into moving four Brite classrooms currently not a part of the TCU classroom scheduling system. This would affect the ability for Brite to hold classes on campus.

"I'm not sure we can do that based on our current classroom utilization," Munson said. "We have ideas, but we don't have a solution at this point."

Munson said he was unable to share those ideas at this time.

"The end goal is to have a solution by the end of the semester, so my bet is we're going to have two months of a lot of iterations and internal negotiations to find space that is appropriate."

Leo Munson
associate vice chancellor for academic support

If the university is unable to relocate classes, one of the options is to hold classes in local churches, Williams said. Several churches around the area, such as University Christian Church, have offered classroom spaces to Brite, Williams said.

Munson remains optimistic that by working together, TCU and Brite will find a solution.

"The end goal is to have a solution by the end of the semester, so my bet is we're going to have two months of a lot of iterations and internal negotiations to find space that is appropriate," Munson said.

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short films for the rest of the year. The emergency request came to SGA after SFA was forced to pay for an accident that damaged equipment last semester. Because this incident was not foreseen before the April AFB deadline, SGA deemed the request worthy of emergency funding.

Candidates

Campaigning began Tuesday at midnight for Student Government officer positions. The campaigning lasts until Nov. 4. Here are the candidates for each position:

- President:** Juniors Kelsie Johnson and Kelly Barnes
- Vice President:** Sophomores Matt Dictrichson, Justin LaPote and Matt Williams
- Treasurer:** Junior Gregory Hamre and Sophomores Marlon Figueroa and Ryan Hoff
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The Skiff View

Self-serving resolution strays from SGA goals

At the same time, the Student Government Association looked at a resolution describing the purpose of SGA and resolving “to serve the student body to the best of its ability and to do its best to improve the quality of TCU and its students,” it also reviewed an ironic resolution to create a task force to establish an honors system for graduating members.

Tuesday night, SGA passed a resolution to honor members with cords or medallions at their graduation ceremony, depending on the points accumulated within the established honors system. The cost of these robe decorations will come out of the SGA budget, to which every student contributed \$48 this year.

How SGA members’ honoring themselves with the money the larger student body pays them “serves the student body” and “improves the quality of TCU and its students” is a mystery.

There is no doubt members of SGA work tirelessly and their efforts to serve the campus is definitely commendable.

But this was a self-righteous move that only serves those in the organization. The resolution goes against the purpose of SGA, especially because it is self serving and inwardly focused. Students continue to voice issues with the university — recently the new meal plan — that deserve attention and amplification.

The \$48 each student paid to the SGA budget this year is much like taxes in the real world. These fees exist to enable members of the student government to represent and serve the larger student body, not to pay for frivolous decorations like graduation cords and medallions.

Web Editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

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

Knowing campaign issues just as important as voting

MICHAEL LAUCK

Well, it’s election time and many organizations such as Rock the Vote and HeadCount are encouraging everyone, especially young people like many of you, to get out and vote. Many of these organizations make the implication that it’s our civic duty as United States citizens to cast a ballot. Even celebrities like Leonardo DiCaprio and Hayden Panettiere are taking time and encouraging young voters to get out and take part in this next election.

It’s great so many youths are beginning to realize the significance of voting. A bigger consortium of voters means more voices are being heard. However, there’s one little thing these organizations forget to tell people to do, and it’s probably the most significant part of voting: actually knowing what you are doing when you’re casting your vote and being well informed about who you are voting for and why you are marking your ballot for that candidate.

While more people are now voting, it raises the question if some or even all of these new voters really know all that much about the mysterious world of politics.

Do you realize that numerous Americans do not know who the vice president or the chief justice of the Supreme Court is? (In case you’re wondering it’s Dick Cheney and John Roberts, respectively)

Even a smaller number of Americans actually know the general platform of the party they affiliate with.

On ABC’s “20/20,” John Stossel asked young people basic government questions such as how many U.S. senators there are and what the court case *Roe v. Wade* was. Some got the answers correct, but most did not.

“There’s 51 states in the U.S.,” one young man said with poise. Another had the notion that *Roe v. Wade* was about the U.S. declaring bankruptcy.

Stossel then proceeded to do the same thing in Washington. This time, he showed people walking down the street pictures of candidates running for office as well as other individuals in government. Almost everyone knew Barack Obama and John McCain. Only half the people knew who Sarah Palin was, and even fewer knew Joe Biden. Almost no one knew who Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was.

Just like it would be a foolish decision to not research prices and dealerships before buying a car or to not explore prices before purchasing a house, it’s even worse to pick the individual that is going to be president without any previous information. However,

this is how it seems a great deal of people want to vote nowadays.

Think about it. Do you actually know everything that your political party actually stands for?

If you saw and McCain or Obama’s standpoints, would you recognize them? A few of you may know, but I am willing to wager some people you know have no clue and are simply going to vote for either candidate because their friends tell them to, their family is voting for them, because they like the candidate’s smile or many other reasons I have heard how people are going to make up their mind on who will be the next president of the most powerful country in the world.

Why are we as Americans allowing ourselves to be told how to vote and acting so ignorant when we mark our ballots? Sure, it’s good to listen to someone to understand a political position better but it’s another factor to simply vote on what that person believes and not what you truly think.

It is not only one’s civic duty to cast a ballot, but also to be well-versed on the consequences of that choice and generally be informed on who is managing our government.

All Americans, particularly young people like ourselves, need to step aside from our busy lives and truly find out what we are voting for and what candidates we support are going to do to improve this country, instead of taking someone else’s word for it.

Think about all the struggle and effort earlier Americans endured to get that ballot in your hands and give you a voice. Would you really want to make a mockery of their pains by making an uninformed, unknowledgeable decision?

We need to comprehend that simply voting is not fulfilling our civic duties. It is not only one’s civic duty to cast a ballot, but also to be well-versed on the consequences of that choice and generally be informed on who is managing our government. Democracy works best when those enfranchised are educated about the issues at hand.

Perhaps instead of the “Get Out The Vote” campaign, it ought to be “Get The Info, Then Vote.”

Michael Lauck is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Houston.



Barack Obama

The Other kind of Socialist

Robert Slack is a sophomore theatre major from El Paso.

Immigration proposal unrealistic

Discussing the dysfunctional immigration system can become tiresome. All the screaming drowns out any reasonable conversation or compromise.

And so the noise kicked up again after Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced he will continue to support a proposal to use Social Security numbers as a way to get rid of illegal workers and penalize employers who do not fire them.

It’s a stubborn move; the new rule can’t be implemented because it’s been blocked by a court injunction. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, AFL-CIO and other groups have joined in the legal fight because they see the plan as discriminatory.

Just like most any other piecemeal policy that’s been considered “immigration reform” over the last few years, this approach isn’t practical.

The proposal would force employers to fire any workers who don’t match up with their Social Security numbers. Employers would have three months to sort it out. They would also be penalized for not complying with the rules. For employers who purposely seek out illegal immigrants to underpay them, this kind of approach could make sense.

The problem is that many workers, U.S. citizens among them, may get flagged because of clerical errors, an

unreported name change after marriage, or other discrepancies. Stuff happens with electronic paperwork. Babies and U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy have ended up on the government’s “no fly” list. In this case, as many as 165,000 legitimate workers could be called into question.

But the more important figure is 12 million, the estimated number of illegal immigrants in the United States. The overwhelming majority of them are fill-

Increasing the low number of worker visas — both for low-wage and high-tech immigrants— is critical to any comprehensive reform.

ing a need in the economy by working, and are otherwise law-abiding. There are no incentives, and no channels, for them to come out of the legal shadows. And businesses that need to fill jobs don’t have a legal way to hire them.

We don’t advocate neglecting enforcement. What’s needed is a more thoughtful approach that addresses more than one aspect of the problem.

The problems are deep and not easy

to fix. But you can chip away and make progress.

Increasing the low number of worker visas — both for low-wage and high-tech immigrants — is critical to any comprehensive reform. It would help ease the pressure two ways: It would fill a demand for workers, and it would take away excuses for companies that hire illegal immigrants.

It’s true that the economic crisis in the U.S. has eased that demand for workers from other countries. Word gets out fast. Because of those circumstances, the number of immigrants entering this country has slowed over the last few years. But generally, they’re still filling marginal jobs that no one else wants.

President George W. Bush pushed hard for comprehensive reform, but failed because of a divisive Congress. Both presidential candidates favor comprehensive plans. Immigration hasn’t been a front-line topic in the campaign, but it needs to get the new president’s attention as soon as he takes office.

Either Barack Obama or John McCain will need to deal with immigration sensibly. Closing doors is important. But opening a few others is critical, too.

This editorial appeared in the Orlando Sentinel on Saturday.

Gun control decision too conservative

In a hotly contested case from the District of Columbia four months ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual’s right to own a gun even if local political preference calls for controls on weapons.

The ruling struck down Washington’s gun control law, except for bans on possession by the mentally ill or the carrying of weapons in sensitive places such as schools. The 5-4 decision was written by Justice Antonin Scalia, perhaps the court’s most conservative justice, and was widely hailed by hunters and other firearms advocates who oppose heavy restrictions on gun ownership.

But the reaction from conservative judges has been a surprise, the *New York Times* noted last week. Two prominent appellate justices say Scalia’s majority opinion was “illegitimate, activist, poorly reasoned and fueled by politics rather than principle,” the *Times* reported. Worse yet, the judges critical of Scalia’s opinion in *District of Columbia v. Heller* say it was “a right-wing version of *Roe v. Wade*,” the 1973 opinion recognizing a woman’s constitutional right to have an abortion, the newspaper added.

Those are fighting words in any conservative forum. But Appellate Judge Harvie Wilkinson of Virginia, a member of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, is ready for that fight. In a forthcoming article in the *Virginia Law Review*, Wilkinson wrote, “the *Roe* and *Heller* courts are guilty of the same sin The court claimed to find in the Constitution the authority to overrule the wishes

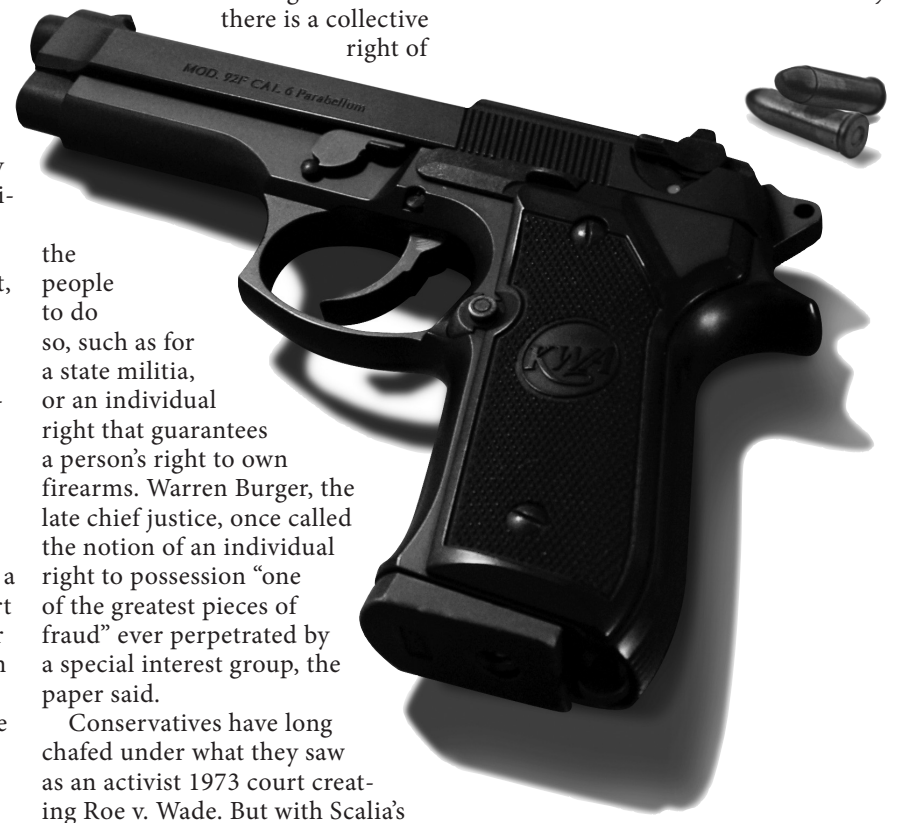
of the people’s representatives. In both cases, the constitutional text did not clearly mandate the result, and the court had discretion to decide the case either way.”

Meanwhile, Judge Richard Posner of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago recently wrote in *The New Republic* that the failure to allow local officials to work out a solution “was the mistake that the Supreme Court made when it nationalized abortion rights in *Roe v. Wade*.”

The Second Amendment protects a right to bear arms, but the disagreement has long been whether there is a collective right of

opinion, Wilkinson warned, there’s a risk of damage to conservative judicial philosophy, the *Times* noted. That may horrify some conservative judges, but conservative citizens who liked the result in the gun case probably won’t be any more troubled than most abortion-rights supporters were by the abortion decision 35 years ago. The wonder of it all is that it took so long for conservative activism to gain popularity — even in a split decision on the high court.

The above editorial appeared in the Charlotte Observer on Monday.



the people to do so, such as for a state militia, or an individual right that guarantees a person’s right to own firearms. Warren Burger, the late chief justice, once called the notion of an individual right to possession “one of the greatest pieces of fraud” ever perpetrated by a special interest group, the paper said.

Conservatives have long chafed under what they saw as an activist 1973 court creating *Roe v. Wade*. But with Scalia’s

NEWS

Meet the newly crowned Mr. and Ms. TCU

Q&A

Lauren Rausch
Staff Reporter

Mr. TCU: Clayton Simons

Year: Senior
Major: Entrepreneurial management and marketing
Hometown: San Antonio
Biggest Strength: Being open minded
Biggest Weakness: Taking on too much and getting overwhelmed
Motto: "Life is not about finding yourself. It's about creating yourself." - George Bernard Shaw

Q: What got you interested in entrepreneurial management and marketing as majors?

A: I like the creative side of business, and these majors focus on interaction with people. I like that about my majors.

Q: What would be your dream job?

A: Owning my own business, but no specific field jumps out at me.

Q: What do you consider your top priorities right now?

A: Graduating, finding my first job and getting off on the right foot are my priorities right now.

Q: What do you consider your biggest learning experience in college?

A: My time working on the executive committee of my fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and my time on orientation staff taught me the importance of keeping everyone on the same page, setting a direction and sticking to it.

Q: What advice would you give to someone just now entering college?

A: Get involved in an organi-

zation early and find your niche. It not only gives you a foundation at TCU, but also shows you what is out there.

Q: What is your best memory or experience at TCU?

A: The BYU game was a good memory because there were so many students and such a sense of the TCU spirit.

Q: If you had to lose one of your five senses, which would you rather lose? Why?

A: I would probably rather lose taste because then I could finally eat fried okra.

Q: If you could eat dinner with any five people, who would they be?

A: 1. Thom Yorke, lead singer of Radiohead
2. Winston Churchill
3. Mahatma Gandhi
4. Ben Harper, singer-song-writer
5. Joey Parr

Ms. TCU: Alexis Branaman

Year: Junior
Major: International communications with an advertising/public relations emphasis

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Mich.

Biggest Strength: Being a communicator

Biggest Weakness: Knowing when to say "no"

Motto: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." - Chinese Proverb

Q: What got you interested in international communications as a major?

A: I actually came in as broadcast journalism. I wanted to be a sports anchor. But, the more I looked at the things that made me happy and made me feel fulfilled the more I realized I wanted to do some kind of work with a nonprofit and that I wanted to work with refugees. International communications just worked for that.

Q: What would be your dream job?

A: If I could hand-pick a job as of right now, I'd love to work with advertising and public relations for the International Rescue Committee, and I'd like to be living in Africa part-time and Europe for the other half. They work specifically with refugees all over the world.

Q: What do you consider your top priorities right now?

A: My top priorities right now are that I need to stay motivated with my classes. I need try and to figure out what other leadership positions I want to hold before I leave. And right now one of my main priorities is getting set up for Ghana next fall because I am hoping to study abroad.

Q: What advice would you give to someone just now entering college?

A: Find what you love and go after it. Choose something you love because if you choose something that you're doing just for the financial benefits or because someone else told you to, you're not going to enjoy your classes. And if you don't enjoy your classes, it is really hard to go. And then when you graduate, you set yourself up for a career that you didn't even want.

Q: What is your best memory or experience at TCU?

A: I think one of my favorites was this summer. I was a facilitator for Frog Camp Alpine and the memories I made with those campers and with my fellow facilitators was probably one of the best times I have ever had at TCU. Specifically, there was a morning that one of the directors, Caroline Nixon, had suggested that we go on a hike. And we went up and hiked to the highest point we could get to with enough time to get back for breakfast. And we just kind of stood up there and talked about what it has meant to us to be a part of Frog Camp and what it has meant to us to be at TCU.

Q: If you had to lose one of



JASON FOCHTMAN / Staff Photographer

Clayton Simons, a senior entrepreneurial management and marketing major, and Alexis Branaman, a junior international communications major, are announced as Mr. and Ms. TCU at halftime of Saturday's football game against Wyoming.

your five senses, which would you rather lose? Why?

A: I think taste because when you smell things you still get some of the experience. I wouldn't want to lose the ability to smell because taste is worthless without smell.

Q: If you could travel anywhere on Earth, where would

you go? Why?

A: The Democratic Republic of Congo. I know that sounds like cheesy human rights activist of me, but I've been wanting to go there since I was in the seventh grade. That's where I want to work. Those are the people and that's the place that has been my

passion sense I was a kid.

Q: If you could eat dinner with any five people, who would they be?

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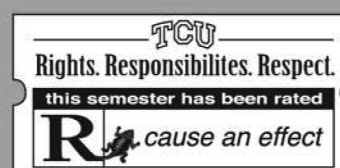
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Scientists seek to mimic way plants make energy

By Robert S. Boyd
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Scientists who are seeking new sources of clean energy are trying to mimic the way plants and trees do it, by converting sunlight into fuel.

Unlike standard solar panels on rooftops or arrays of solar collectors in the desert, this is a form of "artificial photosynthesis." It tries to imitate the elaborate system that microbes, algae and green plants developed over 3 billion of years of evolution.

If it works, artificial photosynthesis could help reduce the world's dependence on fossil fuels without generating climate-warming greenhouse gases.

"A perfect solution to the energy problem is to mimic the natural system which has served us so well," James Barber, a biochemist at Imperial College, London, wrote in an e-mail.

Natural photosynthesis captures less than 3 percent of the sunlight that reaches Earth, but that's enough to provide all the energy living creatures need. The process converts carbon dioxide (CO₂) and water (H₂O) into oxygen and carbohydrates such as glucose, the sugary fuel that powers our bodies.

"When we say artificial photosynthesis, we mean trying to do what nature does in green leaves: absorb light at room temperature and ultimately convert the light into chemical fuels," said Catherine Murphy, a chemist at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Murphy will lead a researchers' seminar on artificial photosynthesis this winter in Ventura, Calif.

Various approaches to artificial photosynthesis are under way in the United States, Europe, Japan and Australia.

For example, Tom Mallouk, a professor of chemistry and physics at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pa., has built an experimental device that uses light to launch a daisy-chain of tiny molecules that pass electrons — the particles that carry electrical energy — from one to another. When the electrons reach the end of the chain, they take part in a chemical process

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Leone Spiccia
research scientist from Monash University

that generates hydrogen, which can be stored for use later as a fuel, he explained.

Mallouk's molecular clusters are about 2 nanometers (billionths of a meter) in size. They float amid red-orange dyes that absorb sunlight and use its energy to split water into its basic elements, oxygen and hydrogen.

"It's like natural photosynthesis on a chip," Mallouk said. It's a "synthetic chemical system that's designed to do what photosynthesis does."

Another researcher, Song Jin, a chemist at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, is experimenting with nanometer-scale wires instead of clusters of molecules to convert solar energy (light) into chemical energy (fuel).

Jin declines to call his process "artificial photosynthesis," but he agrees that the outcome will be similar to the products of natural photosynthesis. He said that his nanowires, a few billionths of a meter thick, "might help the efficiency, performance and cost of energy conversion applications."

Yet another preliminary technique is being tested by an international team of scientists, headed by Leone Spiccia of Monash University in Victoria, Australia, and Charles Dismukes at Princeton University in New Jersey. They use a molecular cluster containing atoms of manganese, a chemical used in plant photosynthesis to help break water molecules apart into hydrogen and oxygen.

This is "the most difficult first step in the splitting of water into hydrogen and oxygen," Dismukes said. Later, the oxygen and hydrogen may be recombined in a fuel cell, creating carbon-free electricity to power a house or electric car, day or night.

"We have copied nature, taking the elements and mechanisms found in plant life and re-creating one of those processes in the laboratory," Spiccia said in a statement issued by Monash. "The production of hydrogen using nothing but water and sunlight offers the possibility of an abundant, renewable, green source of energy for the future."

Artificial photosynthesis differs



A researcher at Australia's Monash University checks equipment that mimics the way plants convert sunlight into fuel, so-called "artificial photosynthesis."

from photovoltaics, the method used in solar panels, which generates an electrical current that can't be stored but must be loaded onto the electrical grid.

"Sometimes it's more useful to make fuel which can be stored in-

definitely and used where you make it — for example, in your house or to run your car — rather than be sent through a power grid," Mallouk said.

Practical artificial-photosynthetic systems are at least 10 years

away, Mallouk said. There are many technical problems that need to be solved to equal the efficiency of nature's way.

"Ask me again in 10 years and I'll probably say another 10 years," he said.

Evidence found of solar system around star

By Robert S. Boyd
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — For the first time, astronomers think that they've found evidence of an alien solar system around a star close enough to Earth to be visible to the naked eye.

They say that at least one and probably three or more planets are orbiting the star Epsilon Eridani, 10.5 light-years — about 63 trillion miles — from Earth. Only eight stars are closer.

The host star, slightly smaller and cooler than our sun, is in the constellation Eridanus — the name of a mythological river — near Orion in the northern sky.

Epsilon Eridani is much younger than the sun, about 850 million years old compared with 4.5 billion years for our system.

"This really is a system like our solar system was when it was five times younger than it is now," said one of the discoverers, Massimo Marengo, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass. "It's like a time machine for our solar system."

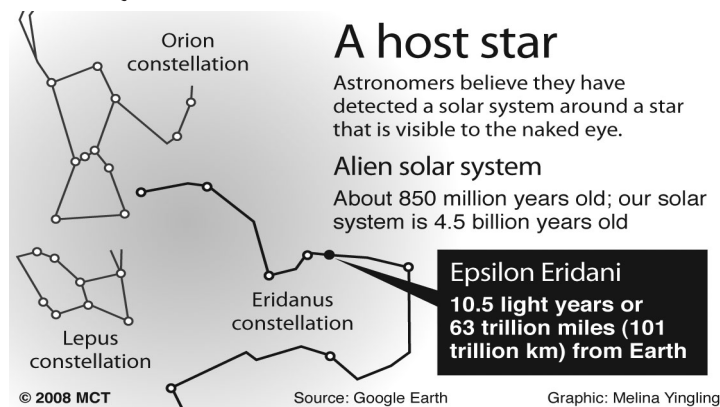
"This system probably looks a lot like ours did when life first took root on Earth," said Dana Backman, of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., the lead author of a report to be published Jan. 10 in *The Astrophysical Journal*.

SETI chose Epsilon Eridani as one of the first targets in its long — but so far vain — search for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence in 1960.

The suspected planets are too far away to be detected directly, so their presence has to be inferred by indirect measurements. Their star is so near, however, that some astronomers think that they may be able to see its planets with better telescopes within the next decade.

One of the planets, a gas giant 1 1/2 times heavier than Jupiter, was discovered in 2000 by Barbara McArthur, an astronomer at the University of Texas in Austin. She measured the slight wobble in the star's position as the planet swung around it. Further observations by the Hubble Space Telescope in 2006 confirmed its existence, McArthur said at the time.

Now Backman's team has deduced the presence of at least two more planets, after space-



A host star

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ground-based telescopes separately revealed two belts of rocky asteroids and an outer icy ring circling Epsilon Eridani.

The inner asteroid belt is about 280 million miles from its host star, the same distance as our own ring of asteroids orbiting between Mars and Jupiter. The second belt is about the same distance as Uranus is in our system.

Finally, a wide, third ring of icy objects extends billions of miles beyond Epsilon Eridani, resembling the so-called Kuiper Belt of mini-planets outside Pluto.

In 2002, Alice Quillen, an astronomer at the University of Rochester in New York state, reported unusual clumps of material in the outer ring probably indicated the presence of a Saturn-size planet in a Pluto-like orbit. Her finding hasn't been confirmed, but in an e-mail, Quillen said, "I still think there is a planet out there of this size."

According to Marengo, the gaps between these belts were created when clouds of dust and rocks consolidated into planets, as happened in the early days of our solar system. He likened the process to the formation of Saturn's famous rings, which are separated by spaces cleared out by little moons.

"The easiest way to explain the gaps is to say there are planets there," Marengo said. "It's the same way as the rings of Saturn are kept stable by the moons of Saturn."

"I think these rings are probably telling us about how systems clear out after planets have formed," Quillen said.

Marengo raised the possibility that more Earthlike planets might exist in the space between Epsilon Eridani and the inner dust ring.

"The inside belt is cleared, like in our solar system," he said. "There could be terrestrial planets inside, but we can't detect them yet"

Cancer cure in a sponge? Compound may hold key

By Robyn Shelton
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — A sponge that lives in the ocean depths off Florida's coastline holds a compound that might fight pancreatic and colon cancers.

As one of their first projects in Florida, scientists at the Burnham Institute for Medical Research in Orlando have created a man-made version of the substance.

Previous research showed the compound could zap the cancer cells in lab tests. Now the goal is to improve on nature to make it more potent, yet less toxic, so it someday can be tested as a drug for patients.

"The sponge itself only has

"This compound is about as potent as the best drug that's currently used for pancreatic cancer."

Amy Wright
biomedical-marine-research program director

very tiny quantities of the material," said Gregory Roth, Burnham's director of medicinal chemistry and exploratory pharmacology. "By making it synthetically, we can get larger quantities to do the kind of testing we need."

Roth's laboratory is working on the project with Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution at Florida Atlantic University, which discovered the substance's cancer-fighting abilities in routine testing of deep-sea

creatures.

The sponge — called Aphrocalistes Beatrix — lives on the cold-water reef that lies deep under the ocean off Florida's coast.

Wright's team uses a submersible vehicle that can dive 3,000 feet to collect a variety of sponges, soft corals and other organisms. The sponge was ground up and made into a solution tested with various cancer cells. It showed the most promise with colon and pancreatic cells, which together are expected to kill about 83,000 Americans this year.

Scientists rate a substance's cancer-fighting ability by the amount needed to wipe out 50 percent of the tumor cells in a lab test.

"This compound is about as potent as the best drug that's currently used for pancreatic cancer," Wright said.

Her team collects sea life on regular expeditions. A chemist in Roth's laboratory, Jennifer Hoffman, went with Harbor Branch on a recent dive. Sitting in the four-person submersible vehicle, Hoffman could see shrimp, squid and other creatures swimming in the lights as they traversed the dark, cool waters. The sub is equipped with a robotic arm that can pluck sponges off the coral and place them in containers.

Hoffman, who previously worked for the Pfizer drug company, said more work is needed before the compound even can be considered for human testing.

"It takes a lot of time and a lot of effort by many different people to develop a drug," said Hoffman, a senior research associate with Burnham. "But we know the compound is active, so we'll be making little changes to it and see if we can improve upon it."

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SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY a chance to get top four if we just focus on our pack," she said.

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While Carlisle's mindset heading into this weekend is realistic, she said her team has made tremendous strides in the last year both on and off the field.

"We've got a strong team camaraderie," Carlisle said. "We encourage each other, and we're not as focused on individual success as we are on how well the team is doing."

Carlisle also praised the team for its hard work in the offseason.

"(Cross country) is a tough sport to stay focused in," she said. "There's no offseason, it's a 12-month sport, so we have to stay focused on running all the time."

Winget said he noticed the team's improvement in conditioning this season, which he called his team's best.

"We came into the season in good condition, so we've been able to train for races in practice rather than get into shape during practice."

Overall, Winget said both the men's and women's teams have had satisfying seasons.

"The girls got a win at North Texas (in September), and the guys are young," he said.

touchdown. On the season, he has caught 59 balls for 712 yards and four touchdowns.

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Young Blazers might gain fan base in SeattleBy Percy Allen
The Seattle Times

TUALATIN, Ore. — In the most basic way, Nate McMillan is still a man divided between loyalties.

It has been three years since he left Seattle to coach the Portland Trail Blazers and yet his wife Michelle stayed behind to

"If we win and do things right, play the right way and give a good brand of basketball, we're going to get the Northwest."

Nate McMillan
Head coach

allow their teenaged children to finish high school in a familiar setting. Their son Jamelle graduated from O'Dea High last year and their daughter Brittany is a junior at Seattle Prep.

McMillan said it was "a difficult family decision" to remain apart, but he covers the distance

with frequent phone calls to his family and occasionally drives his Range Rover along Interstate 5 to Seattle.

"Michelle likes to fly, but I can't do that," he said. "I drive. I make one or two phone calls and I'm home in 2 hours."

He uses the word "home" often during a Sunday morning conversation inside his impeccably clean office, which overlooks two basketball courts at the Blazers' practice facility.

When he talks about his family and his previous life, home is Seattle. When he talks about his team and his future, home is Portland.

McMillan, the man they used to call Mr. Sonic, advises NBA fans in Seattle who are missing the Sonics to make the journey south as he did several years ago and jump on the Trail Blazers bandwagon.

"What's going to end up happening, I think, is Sonics fans are going to connect here with what we're doing," McMillan said. "Over a period of time, it will supersede any rivalry that was once there because you can connect quicker with us than you can with any other team."

After receiving permission from the NBA, the Trail Blaz-

ers are slowly venturing into the Seattle-area market.

"Portland is going to be vying for the affection of fans in an adjacent state," commissioner David Stern said last week during his preseason address.

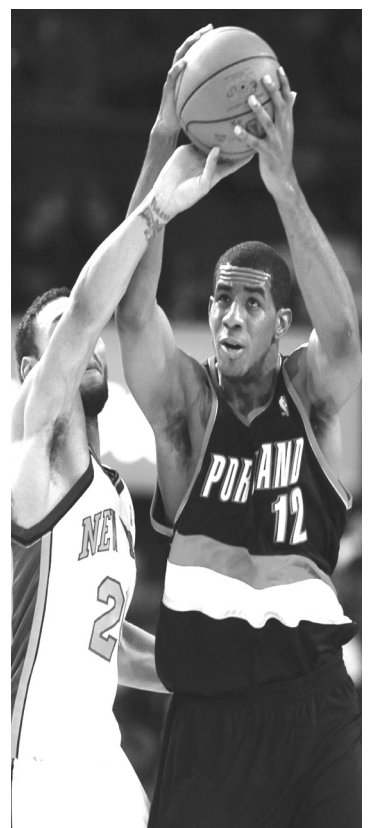
Comcast Sports Net will offer 55 televised Blazers games during the regular season. A Blazers front-office source said the team is considering playing an exhibition game in Seattle next year, possibly at Edmondson Pavilion or a local high school.

"If you're a Sonics fan, that was an unfortunate situation, but it opened the door for us," Comcast executive producer David Kamens said. "There are hungry NBA fans out there. I'd expect one out of two NBA fans would tune in."

McMillan said he believes it's shortsighted to believe the Blazers are simply targeting Seattle.

"I don't worry about whether we're the Northwest team," he said. "If we win and do things right, play the right way and give a good brand of basketball, we're going to get the Northwest. But more we're also going to get the entire country. People want to be associated with winners."

Since taking over in 2005, McMillan has yet to carve out



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The New York Knicks' Jared Jeffries tries to knock the ball from the Portland Trailblazers' LaMarcus Aldridge at Madison Square Garden in New York City on March 8.

a winning season, but he has made the Trail Blazers relevant again.

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he credited seniors Jason Phillips, Matt Panfil, and others for keeping the younger players focused in the second half.

The defense reared its nasty head after the break, shutting out the Cowboys 30-0 and forcing two turnovers.

However, the Rebels will be a much stiffer test for a team that prides itself in a suffocating defense.

In addition to Clayton and Summers, Rebels' junior receiver Ryan Wolfe will attract the attention of Frogs' defensive backs. Against BYU, Wolfe hauled in 10 catches for 136 yards and a

touchdown. On the season, he has caught 59 balls for 712 yards and four touchdowns.

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FIELD

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yard lines and the TCU logo at midfield.

Yarbrough said TCU is not allowed to paint any corporate logos on the field at any point during the season, except for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, which the university hosts. He said he doesn't think there are any penalties if they did paint one, but he isn't trying anytime soon. This year, there is plenty of time between the end of the season and the bowl game, he said.

"Fortunate for us, this year we

have got from Nov. 22 to prepare," Yarbrough said.

A clear schedule between the Frogs' last game against Air Force on Nov. 22 and the Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 31 allows Yarbrough and his staff to mow the grass sooner. That way, any TCU or Mountain West logos can be easily painted over with corporate sponsors, and end zones can be painted to the two-invited schools' specifications Yarbrough said.

According to CBS's sports Web site, analysts project BYU would take on Rice in the bowl if the season ended today.

Senior linebacker Robert Henson said it's one of his favorite fields to play on.

"I like it, I love it," Henson said. "I love every bit of it."

Sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton also said that it was one of the nicest fields he's played on. Henson and Dalton also agreed on the worst playing surface.

"BYU is the worst because they grow their grass so long," Henson said. "They water it down before the game and try to slow us down. Obviously I have played in those games and I can attest to that."

After the bowl game ends, the

TCU field will go under a warming blanket made of a breathable finely woven plastic that makes the ground six to 10 degrees warmer.

"We might even do it before our next game if it's going to be extremely cold," Yarbrough said. "It keeps the field from having frost on it."

Even when the football field is not in use, Yarbrough also oversees all other sporting fields on campus. He said it has been especially difficult to paint the football field this season because they have had to paint the soccer field at the same time.

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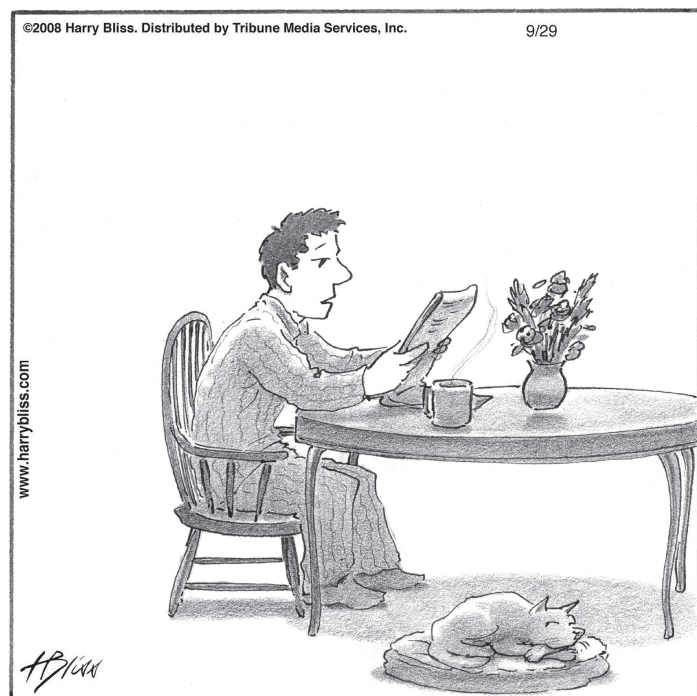
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-The History Channel

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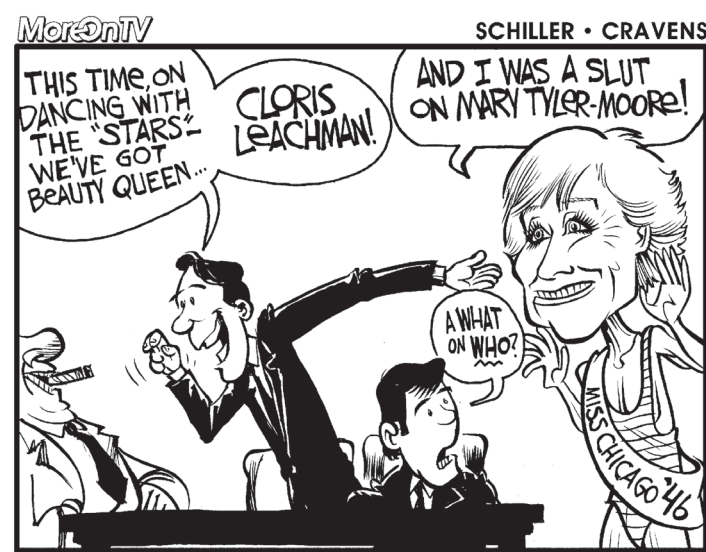
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CROSS COUNTRY

ON THE TRAIL



Senior Amanda Foust competes in an event last season. The cross country team will be competing in San Diego this weekend. SKIFF ARCHIVES

Runners gear up for MWC finale

By Wyatt Kanyer
Staff Writer

When the cross country team leaves Fort Worth for the Mountain West Conference championships at San Diego State University this Saturday, the runners know they will have to keep the right perspective.

The men's team is young: 11

out of 13 runners are freshmen and sophomores. The team's best woman runner has struggled to finish in the top ten in meets, although it has seven runners with better times this year than their best last year.

Head coach Sean Winget said he is taking the team's progress in stride.

"My focus is to keep improv-

ing and make sure the program is better than the year before," he said.

But that's not to say Winget doesn't also recognize the importance of the postseason for his team's morale.

"The stuff that matters is conference and regionals," Winget

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Turf care a full-time job for some

By Phil Mann
Staff Reporter

Want to paint the football field before a home game? If you have 17 five-gallon buckets of white paint and seven five-gallon buckets of purple paint, go for it.

This season, the football team is looking good, but the only thing looking better is the field.

Horticultural Supervisor David Yarbrough oversees the maintenance of the field and said he relishes every part of it.

"Having the players and coaches thank you for the work you do is the rewarding part of the job," Yarbrough said.

Yarbrough took over as supervisor in 1993 when the university got rid of artificial turf for a sand-based playing surface. There is no soil on TCU's football field.

Yarbrough said it is a sand called Kaylor White sand, which is a type of sand that holds about 1 percent organic material allowing the 419 hybrid Bermuda grass to grow.

"The Texas Rangers field is the same way, Texas A&M's is the same way, [the University of Texas at Austin] is the same way," Yarbrough said. "The field is built to USGA (United States Golf Association) standards."

The grass is grown on top of 12 to 14 inches of the sand, which is on top of four to six inches of gravel, which is on top of a four-inch to four-foot drainage pipe. The water will drain into the creek that runs by Worth Hills.

The sand can hold a custom blended fertilizer that meets the field's need better than normal soil would, Yarbrough said. The material that may look like black soil on the field on game day is actually an organic material combined with dead grass.

As far as painting the football field, Yarbrough will head a nine-person crew onto the field two days before kickoff at roughly 7 a.m. to paint the field white. The day before kickoff, Yarbrough will lead the same crew on the field again

at 7 a.m. to paint the field purple. All times and days depend on weather.

"Having the players and coaches thank you for the work you do is the rewarding part of the job."

David Yarbrough
Horticultural Supervisor

The paint he uses is a specialized athletic-marking paint for grass from a company in Mississippi, Yarbrough said.

In addition to painting yard markers and playing boundaries, Yarbrough has to deal with painting the end zone, as well as the Mountain West logos on both 25

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QUICK SPORTS

By Phil Mann
Staff Reporter

A trip to Columbus, Ohio, to take on the Ohio State Buckeyes may be in the works for the Frogs' 2009 non-conference football schedule, an athletics official said Tuesday.

Though the matchup is not official, Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal op-

erations, said the department has been in talks with Ohio State and is working things out with the administration. The team has already scheduled a game at Virginia and home games with Southern Methodist and Texas State for next year, Hesselbrock said.

TCU is 11-3 in its last 14 games against teams from conferences with automatic BCS bids in a stretch dating back to 2002, when the Frogs

beat Northwestern 48-24.

The team's only losses came against Oklahoma in September, Texas in 2007 and Texas Tech in 2004.

Signature wins include an upset of then-No. 7 Oklahoma in Norman in 2005, a 27-24 Houston Bowl win over Iowa State, and a 12-3 victory over Texas Tech at a sold out Amon Carter Stadium in 2006.

FOOTBALL

No. 13 Frogs prepare for Vegas

By Reese Gordon
Staff Reporter

Freddy Krueger has terrorized audiences since the '80s. On Saturday night, Frogs' linebacker Robert Henson starred in Wyoming's nightmare at Amon G. Carter Stadium.

The senior from Longview knocked Wyoming quarterback Karsten Sween out of the game in the third quarter of TCU's 54-7 win over the Cowboys. Henson

"We have to attack this game the same way we have all of the others."

Gary Patterson
Head coach

was flagged for an illegal blow to the head when Sween slid as Henson prepared to make the tackle, causing Henson's shoulder and forearm to hit the quarterback above the neck. When the Cowboys put backup Dax Crum

into the game, Henson forced a

fumble with a bone-jarring hit on the sophomore.

Henson said he didn't mean to hurt Sween, who suffered a concussion in the collision.

"I've always played all-out and people are trying to say that the hit was dirty," Henson said. "But he (Sween) had a chance to slide five or six yards before he saw me."

Wyoming head coach Joe Glenn said after the game that he thought the hit was "way cheap."

With the Cowboys behind them, TCU, now No. 13 in the BCS rankings, will face the UNLV Rebels on the road. UNLV, 0-4 in conference play, narrowly lost to BYU in Provo, Utah, last week. The Cougars needed an interception in their endzone on the final play to seal a 42-35 victory.

TCU head coach Gary Patterson said his team is focused on beating the Rebels on Saturday, despite having a date five days later with the undefeated Utah Utes in Salt Lake City.

"The Utah game won't mean anything if we don't win this one," he said. "I don't consider UNLV an 0-4 football team."

The Rebels average 27.9 points-per-game, led by sophomore quarterback Omar Clayton. Clayton has thrown for 1,849 yards and 17 touchdowns. He has a 60 percent completion rate, having been intercepted three times.

"He's probably a faster Marcus Jackson," Patterson said.

The Frogs' defense will also be tested by senior running back Frank Summers, who has rushed for 615 yards and seven touchdowns on 138 carries.

"He's a big body and he can fall forward for three or four yards on every play," Henson said. "We have to attack this game the same way we have all of the others."

TCU heads into the upcoming game with the best rushing defense in the nation, allowing 31.22 per game. But Wyoming running back Devin Moore got loose against the Frogs last week, rushing for 114 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries.

Henson said the defense was upset with its play at halftime and

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