



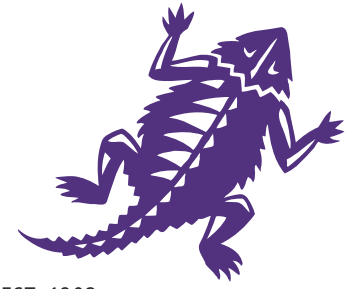
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## Police meet technical snags locating harassing KTCU caller

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD  
Staff Reporter

Technical difficulties arose Wednesday when police tried to trace the threatening phone calls made to KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice" that caused the station to shut down Tuesday night, a source close to the investigation said. The source said police want-

ed to look at phone records, but the phones at the station don't have caller ID because they are analog. The source said police were looking for other ways to track the call Wednesday. TCU Police took the case Tuesday night, when a KTCU disc jockey became uncomfortable after an angry listener called complaining about the

station's format. The source said the caller never threatened bodily harm, saying the calls "were just harassing." TCU Police Sgt. Alvin Allcon said there is currently no suspect in the case, but the police station is working with Richard Allen, chair of the radio-TV-film department, and Russell Scott,

KTCU station manager, to find a lead. "The TCU Police Department has been outstanding," Scott said. "When we called them, they were here within 10 minutes. They've followed up, and they're taking the appropriate actions." A disc jockey said the caller claimed to have worked at KTCU

as DJ in 1996. Allcon said this was the one major clue police had in finding a suspect. "We're going back through past KTCU DJs to develop a suspect," Allcon said. The source said police want to get in touch with the caller, but aren't sure whether charges will be filed. Scott said he thinks the call-

er has called the station in the past, but this was the first time he made threatening comments to a DJ. The students who work at KTCU are holding up well, Scott said. "I told the staff to make themselves more aware of their surroundings," Scott said. "I don't See KTCU, page 2

## Sustainability grade up thanks to bike program

By ALEX ZOBEL  
Staff Writer

TCU is officially more sustainable by half a letter grade. The university received a D+ on the The College Sustainability Report Card released Wednesday, an improvement from the D it received on the last evaluation. The College Sustainability Report Card is a study conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute that grades 100 colleges on campus greening practices and endowment policies.

Stallworth said. Since then, he said, TCU has taken many steps toward efficiency from installing an ice storage system to take advantage of lower evening utility rates to upgrading campus irrigation systems. The Purple Bike Program helped to improve TCU's grade, receiving the university's highest grade, a B, in the transportation category.

Will Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for facilities, said he thinks TCU is "far ahead of most other universities." "We have had an aggressive energy program and solid administration funding support since 1996," Stallworth said. "How we actually perform is difficult to measure because of campus growth."

Keith Whitworth, sociology professor and founder of the Purple Bike Program, said he is encouraged by the high transportation grade. "This is just evidence of how small changes can make a difference on campus," Whitworth said. "The fact that the report mentioned the Purple Bike Program means it was a good investment by the Board of Trustees."

The university spent about \$37 million in 1996 to make the campus more energy efficient,

TCU didn't do as well in the other seven categories. It received D's in administration and climate change and energy; C's in food and recycling and green building and investment priorities; and F's in endowment transparency and shareholder engagement. TCU received an F in endowment policy for the second year in a row because TCU has "no known policy of disclosure of

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See the full report, compare other area schools and read about TCU's efforts to become greener online.

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## Alumnus takes position at United Way branch

By JOE ZIGTEMA  
Staff Reporter



A TCU graduate said his love of Fort Worth motivated him to take over as CEO of United Way Tarrant County after more than 30 years in the banking industry. Tim McKinney will join the United Way on Nov. 19 after serving as executive vice president of Texas Capital Bank, said Tom Hund, chairman of the United Way's board of directors. "I grew up here. I was raised here," McKinney said. "I worked here, and I have a special place in the community." McKinney is taking over for interim president Ann Rice, who took over for Tim Carter when he left to head Omni-American Bank in June. "I am thrilled that Tim is going to join us," Rice said.

"He has shown deep commitment to community change as a volunteer in many organizations throughout Tarrant County and now as a professional within United Way." The United Way is a non-profit organization that aims to improve lives by "mobilizing the caring power of communities," according to its mission statement. McKinney said he has no agenda coming into United Way, and he is going to spend his first 90 days learning what the organization is all about. "If there are any changes that I think need to be done, we'll do it after that 90-day or six-month period," McKinney said. McKinney earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in financial management from TCU in 1966 and participated in the Air Force ROTC program before serving in Vietnam as an Air Force captain and wing navigator. See **UNITED**, page 2

## CLOSE TO HOME



JOSE LUIS VILLEGAS / Sacramento Bee via MCT  
Capt. Ken Dossey of the Orange County Fire Department walks up a ridge to coordinate water drops in Silverado, Calif., on Wednesday. Wildfires have scorched more than 300,000 acres and affected several in the TCU community who have family and friends in the Lake Arrowhead area of California.

## California fires threaten students' families

By JORDAN HAYGOOD  
Staff Reporter

The heat from the Western wildfires can be felt more than 1,000 miles away as families and friends of TCU students leave all memories behind to escape the blazes.

and he should be fine. I have faith in him." Kindy said he has been able to communicate with his brother only through text messages. Kindy is not the only one with loved ones in Arrowhead.

me because my parents cannot get to the house, because the freeway to get to their house is on fire." For Claire, the most difficult part is being far from home. "There is nothing I can do here in Texas," she said. "That was the house I grew up in, and it's sad to see all the memories burn down."

State emergency officials reported Wednesday that more than 9,000 firefighters are working in seven California counties to put out fires that have burned more than 420,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,500 homes. In Lake Arrowhead, Calif., sophomore political science major Kirk Kindy's brother is one of those firefighters. "When I found out he was going down to Lake Arrowhead, I was worried at first," Kindy said, "but that's his job,

There are 195 students enrolled this semester from California, according to the 2007 TCU Fact Book. Sophomore psychology major Caroline Claire's grandparents live less than two miles from the flames. Claire said she turned on the TV Monday and saw her local golf course on fire and panicked. "I called my grandparents, and they didn't answer, but luckily, they were on vacation," Claire said. "It still worries

Freshman nursing major Melissa See **FIRE**, page 2

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**UNITED**

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graduated from the National Graduate Trust School of Northwestern University in 1979 and later served there as a member of the board of regents.

The Fort Worth native joined Capital Bank in 2001, shortly after retiring from Bank of America, Fort Worth, in 2000. McKinney said he could not pass up the opportunity to join United Way.

"It offers me leadership in the community and a chance to make a significant contribution in the community," McKinney said.

**GRADE**

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endowment holdings or its shareholder voting record," according to the report.

Last year, Chief Investment Officer Jim Hille said he sees endowment transparency as a "strategic disadvantage."

The F in shareholder engagement was because TCU "has not made any public statements about active ownership or a proxy voting policy," according to the report.

Of the eight Texas schools evaluated, TCU did better than Texas Tech University and Trinity University.

**FIRE**

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Gase, from Santee, Calif., said the worst part is just waiting to see what happens next.

"I called my mom to see if everything was alright, but then she told me my boyfriend's house in Rancho Bernardo wasn't looking too good," Gase said.

Gase said she called her boyfriend's house multiple times but no one answered.

"I started crying because I had no idea what was going on," she said. "Fortunately I got a hold of his sister and confirmed that everyone was safe."

Gase said a fire occurred four years ago but did not seem as bad because she was able to be there with her family.

*The Sacramento Bee contributed to this report.*

**KTCU**

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want them to be worried, but I want them to be aware."

Scott said students are being more vigilant with safety measures, such as keeping the door locked at all times.

"What I've told the disc jockeys to do is anytime they feel uncomfortable, worried or concerned to first and foremost call the TCU Police Department," Scott said.

Allcon said TCU Police are taking necessary security precautions, but declined to give details to avoid releasing important information.

Scott said threatening calls made to radio stations are not unusual, but the call made to KTCU was still a shock. Because it is a common occurrence, Scott said, they have

taught students how to deal with this type of issue.

"This call was a little different, because this is a university radio station," Scott said. "First and foremost we're a laboratory, and we're a radio station second. So even if there is just a hint of anything, we want to make sure the students are protected."

Allen said former crime reports from cases around campus showed this same type of crime has happened in the past, but the DJs at KTCU deal with different circumstances.

"The difference is that radio station people are publicly out there," Allen said. "They must

learn how to handle situations like this. This can be a real learning experience for them."

By teaching students how to talk and react to threatening callers, Scott said, they should have been prepared for Tuesday night's call, but he understood if they were not.

"Sometimes it takes something like this to hit home, and for students to understand there is a reason they're told these things and there is a reason to be aware of their surroundings," Scott said.

*News editor Bailey Shiffler and editor-in-chief Andrew Chavez contributed to this report.*

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'"

— George Bernard Shaw

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Varying teaching styles, beliefs deserve respect**

Universities nationwide strive to uphold the standards established by the idea of academic freedom.

Although the necessary means for maintaining standards of truth, responsibility and acceptability in the learning process are present at most institutions, the end result has not been that of academic freedom for some university professors. Middle-Eastern studies professors have sometimes gotten the short end of the stick.

Recently, pressure from special-interest groups — with no relation to higher learning institutions — have influenced some schools to not hire or offer tenure to certain professors.

This is not related to the quality of a professor's teaching or research, but is due to professors' beliefs that might surface in their teaching.

Some have even gone as far as accusing Middle-Eastern studies professors specializing in Israeli policies and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict of spreading messages of anti-Semitism and anti-Americanism through their teaching.

Cases at schools such as DePaul University and Barnard College where tenure was denied and the situation at Yale University that saw a University of Michigan professor's bid for a posi-

tion denied happened, in large part, thanks to the scrutiny they received concerning the way they decided to teach.

Luckily, groups such as the American Association of University Professors are joining the fight to strengthen the freedom of educational thought on college campuses.

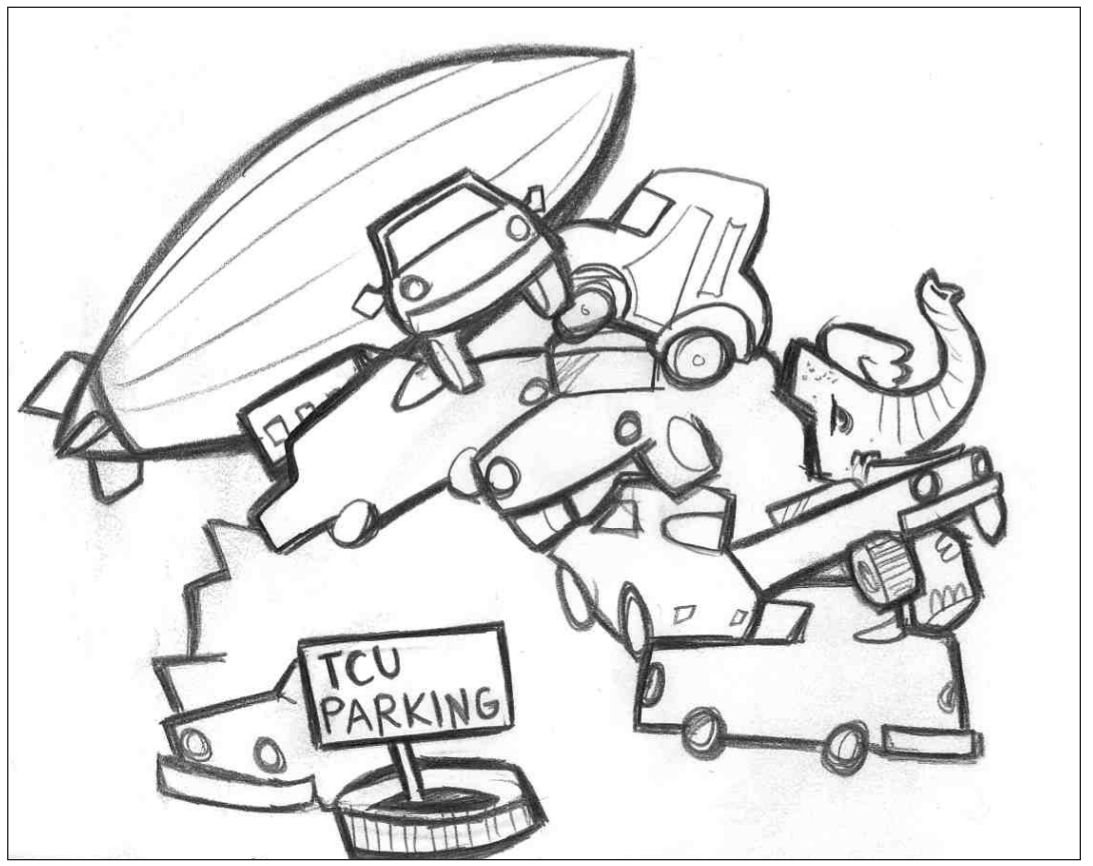
Denying professors' different perspectives, especially concerning political and spiritual beliefs, promotes a learning environment of narrow- and simple-minded thought. It also goes against mission statements universities pride themselves on, therefore eliminating the potential for thought-provoking, progressive discussions in classrooms.

The responsibility rests not only with students to respect the academic freedom given to professors, but also on faculty members to acknowledge the importance of exposing students to varying interpretations throughout their college careers.

If the door for allowing a topic to be viewed in multiple ways is closed, then the idea of academic freedom is maintained only in name, not in practice.

*Sports editor Tim Bella for the editorial board.*

**BY BRENDAN KIEFER**



**SHE SAID**

**Quality of men on campus inferior to that of women**

Men once chose to exclude women from higher education; now they choose to exclude themselves.

A recent article in the Star-Telegram stated BMOC — Big Man On Campus — might as well mean "Boys Missing On Campus."

Females make up 58 percent of TCU's student body, about 1 percent above the national average. For this reason, I would like to introduce the acronym WMOC — Women Missing Men On Campus.

I don't miss the men who aren't around as much as I miss the men in the boys who are.

I think it's safe to say that most TCU women are beautiful on the outside, but as for TCU men...

**COMMENTARY** Please don't be offended. Your Playboy has spoken, rating TCU women No. 2 in the nation in 2003. (At least that's what they say. I've heard this over and over, but cannot find proof.)

Everything looks good if you're a TCU boy, but for TCU women, it's not so pretty. The dating scene favors the minority. They raise their standards; we lower ours.

It's really quite simple, and yet hard to recover from.

I don't want to discredit the right of the autonomous individual to maintain high moral standards of behavior in an imbalanced gender situation. But with so many of us and so few of them, one thing is obvious — the men come out on top.

Literally. You'll find them on top of Worth Hills every bid day in a sort of mock celebration of fresh meat on campus.

I don't doubt some men, in a sea of beautiful women, can see the inner beauty of a female. I've just never encountered such a man; and if I do, I'll treasure his rare qualities and keep them secret, as they are rare to come by and soothing to the soul.

As for the men who aren't around,

please join your gender in the classroom.

A 2005 Postsecondary Education Opportunity Report mentioned in the article, says "unfulfilled male education potential diminishes economic, social, political, mental and spiritual health."

Not to mention presenting women with limited choices.

Unlike the Marine Corps, we're looking for more than a few good men.

*Asleigh Whaley is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Austin.*

**HE SAID**

**Though good for social life, lack of college men alarming**

I think the Beach Boys had the right idea when they sang, "Two girls for every boy."

I'm no betting man, but I know favorable odds when I see them, and attending a school where the undergraduate majority is the opposite sex has its advantages.

With a TCU population that is 58 percent women, it is easy to see how in the next few years the Beach Boys' light-hearted tune could turn prophetic in the realm of higher education at least.

That's quite alright with me.

At one point in my college career I briefly toyed with

the idea of transferring to Texas Woman's University just to check out the dating scene.

I figured if the place has the possessive form of the word women in the title, there's bound to be scads of them. I mean they own the place.

My odds could only get better. Now that I sound like a completely chauvinistic pig, it's time to redeem myself.

I don't plan on moving to Utah anytime soon to start up one of those super families you see on "Dateline" with eight wives, 254 children and three dogs.

I very much believe in monogamy. But, it's just nice to know that if I decided to look for that certain special someone, I would have less competition and more options.

I would never transfer to Texas Woman's University, or anywhere else for that matter, because as anyone who has spent any significant amount of time here at TCU knows, we have the most beautiful, sweetest and most elegant ladies around. Take that SMU!

There could be a benefit for future male applicants. They are, in effect, a hot commodity for schools trying to maintain an even balance.

But under this phenomenon lies a serious issue.

Could it be that women are truly better fit for the college atmosphere? Are men getting dumber, lazier, more apathetic or a combination of these rendering them less capable of making it into college? What does this mean for the workforce and politics?

Only in time will the ramifications of current university attendance practices become evident, and, aside from having more potential dates for the next Victory, the consequences for males might not be too great.

*Michael Best is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Longview.*



Asleigh Whaley



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Michael Best

**Holidays may bring gift from university: increase in tuition**

It's about that time again.

There is a chill in the air, and the holiday season is upon us.

**COMMENTARY** Only one month stands in the way of Thanksgiving, and Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa aren't far behind.

It's that magical time when holiday music merrily plays on the radio, and you can experience the joy — or dread — of holiday

shopping and elaborate window displays. That time to pull out your scarves and coats and anticipate the white twinkle lights soon to adorn University Park Village. The general spirit of holiday cheer leaves us all feeling warm inside despite the dropping temperatures outside.

It is also that special time of year when you can expect an e-mail or letter informing the student body that tuition is once again rising 8 percent, or maybe 10 percent?

Merry Christmas mom and dad, you don't mind paying

a few thousand dollars more for my education next year, now do you?

Or perhaps this holiday season will find you at your bank preparing to take out yet another larger loan for the next school year.

For upperclassmen, the imminent tuition increase should come as no shock as the last two years resulted in annual 8 percent increases.

Yikes. Does this pattern indicate that a 10 percent increase is looming in our very near future?

The New York Times recently reported that colleges nationwide are also raising tuition rates.

The alarming fact is that tuition rates are rising at more than double the rate of inflation.

Ouch. How does TCU compare? Last year TCU tuition and fees rose 8 percent; the national average for private four-year colleges was 6.3 percent, according to data released by College Board.

College Board also reported that room and board continues to rise with tuition.

For all the apathetic students who think \$1,500 or \$2,000 increase is small and reasonable, consider that the tuition for the 2005-2006 school year — my freshman year — was \$21,280.

Compare that to the current tuition, \$24,820. If tuition rises only 8 percent rather than 10 percent — we'll give administration the benefit of the doubt here — tuition will be \$26,805 next year.

If the 8 percent increase continues, and fails to rise or fall, current freshmen can expect to pay \$31,264 for

their senior year tuition, not including room and board, which is also increasing.

That is almost a \$10,000 increase in six years.

To me, this is enough to dampen holiday cheer. So, when you seem to be at the peak of holiday delight and you cheerfully check your e-mail or mailbox, don't be surprised when you receive a stately-looking letter from the chancellor's office.

Tuition is about to go up, and you've been warned.

*Megan Vroman is a junior political science major from Thousand Oaks, Calif.*

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**IT'S YOUR DAY**

Soccer hopes to bounce back on Senior Day.  
**TOMORROW**

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL**  
**OSU Buckeyes remain No. 1 in U-Wire poll**

Through games of Oct. 20, released Oct. 23.  
57 sports editors worked to create this top 5 list

**1. OHIO STATE (45)**  
QUICK STATS: W-L: 8-0 / Points: 549 / Previous Rank: 1  
OVERHEARD: "Another close win. Certainly not the most impressive No. 1 team ever, but they have yet to face the wrath of the Year of the Upset." — Matthew Iles, Duke Chronicle  
GAMES: Oct. 20: Def. Michigan State, 24-17 / Next up: Oct. 27 at Penn State (6-2)

**2. LSU (6)**  
QUICK STATS: W-L: 7-1 / Points: 471 / Previous Rank: 4  
OVERHEARD: "The number of impressive wins the Tigers have so far trumps the one triple-overtime loss at Kentucky." — Alan Smith, The (Clemson) Tiger  
GAMES: Oct. 20: Def. Auburn, 30-24 / Next up: Nov. 3 at Alabama (6-2)

**3. BOSTON COLLEGE (4)**  
QUICK STATS: W-L: 7-0 / Points: 466 / Previous Rank: 3  
OVERHEARD: "Thursday will mark the first meaningful game in Blacksburg, Va., this season. Do you think the Eagles are ready for that? I didn't think so." — Tim Bella, TCU Daily Skiff  
GAMES: Oct. 13: Def. Notre Dame, 27-14 / Next up: Oct. 25 at Virginia Tech (6-1)

**4. OKLAHOMA**  
QUICK STATS: W-L: 7-1 / Points: 354 / Previous Rank: 5  
OVERHEARD: "After a hot start, Sam Bradford is learning that college football isn't the walk in the park it seemed at the beginning of the season." — Hahnming Lee, The (Georgia Tech) Technique  
GAMES: Oct. 20: Def. Iowa State, 17-7 / Next up: Nov. 3 vs. Texas A&M (6-2)

**5. OREGON (1)**  
QUICK STATS: W-L: 6-1 / Points: 330 / Previous Rank: 7  
OVERHEARD: "Their only loss is to Cal. I'm starting to think the AP is holding the Ducks responsible for those hideous uniforms." — Nic Martino, (Rutgers) Daily Targum  
GAMES: Oct. 20: Def. Washington, 55-34 / Next up: Oct. 27 vs. USC (6-1)

**FOOTBALL**

**Frogs' graduation success rate ranks high among top programs**

By **BRETT LARSON**  
Staff Reporter

TCU football has a player graduation rate 12 percent higher than the national average, a study found.

According to a recent NCAA study on graduation rates, TCU is graduating an average of 78 percent of its senior football players, while the national average is 66 percent. The Horned Frogs also ranked in the top five for graduation success rates.

At TCU, student-athlete graduation rates are a top priority, head coach Gary Patterson said.

TCU football has accomplished its ahead-of-the-curve graduation rate, while at the same time, posting three seasons of 10 or more wins in the past four years.

During the 2005 and 2006 seasons, TCU finished fifth in graduation rates among teams ranked in the national top 25 polls.

Patterson said he takes pride in the football team's graduation successes and makes it a personal point to push the importance of school to his players.

"They better go to class or they'll run," Patterson said.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Andy Dalton said TCU's academics were a major reason why he chose to attend.

"Ever since recruiting, he (Pat-



Courtesy of TCU ATHLETICS  
Former Frogs players Herb Taylor, left, and Jeff Ballard, right, show off their diplomas with head coach Gary Patterson in December 2006. Patterson said graduation rates are a top priority.

erson) talked about how high the graduation rates are here," Dalton said.

Dalton said he believes academics should be a factor in every athlete's school choice, and TCU's academics probably help persuade players to attend.

Academically, Patterson said his main focus for his team is helping players get through their freshman and sophomore years.

"I don't think they see the light at the end of the tunnel," Patterson said. "Finally, when they get to their junior and senior years, they start to mature and they see how school is important and they get a degree."  
Senior free safety David Roach

said the coaches are always pushing younger players to succeed in class.

"Your first two years, you constantly have coaches watching out for you," Roach said. "I wouldn't say hounding you, but they're actually looking out for you, trying to grow you up into a man."



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**VOLLEYBALL**

**GOT IT**



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor  
Nirelle Hampton sends the ball over the net against Baylor Wednesday night. For complete coverage and game results action, go to [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com).

**SWIMMING & DIVING**

**Team gains experience, ready for five-team home meet**

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**  
Associate Editor

The first long meet of the season left some room for improvement for head coach Richard Sybesma's swimmers after the teams' performances at Colorado State last weekend.

"We need to get a little bit stronger and better conditioned as a whole team," Sybesma said.

One of the factors affecting the swimmers was the change in altitude, and for freshman-heavy squads, the thinner air did have an impact during the three days of competition. The combination of altitude and the lengthy meet took its toll on the swimmers by the end of the weekend, Sybesma said.

Last season, the women's

team had about three months to prepare for a three-day meet, but this season, the team was thrown into at-length competition much earlier.

There was a silver lining for the team during the CSU competition in the form of senior Jonathon Berrettini and freshman Nikki Pappas. Berrettini won two events during the two days of men's competition, and Pappas took third place in the 50-yard freestyle.

Berrettini said he credited his performance to the training he had during the offseason.

"The workouts helped tremendously," Berrettini said. "This summer was important to how this year would turn out."

He took first place in both the 100-yard backstroke and

the 50-freestyle.

The summer workouts have been paying off for the swimmers so far this season, Sybesma said.

Pappas said even with her performance in Colorado, she still wants to work on improving some of her racing skills.

"I need to keep swimming and working on stronger finishes now

that I am no longer at altitude," Pappas said.

When the teams return to the University Recreation Center for a meet Friday against four other teams, it will be another chance for the teams to gain experience. The team to beat for the women's squad will be Northern Arizona, Sybesma said.

"This weekend, Northern Ari-

zona will be tough and our women will have their hands full," Sybesma said.

Other schools competing with both the men's and women's teams are Centenary, UT-Permian Basin and Incarnate Word.

"I'm looking forward to getting to competing in some events I don't normally get to swim in, like the 200-free," Berrettini said.



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