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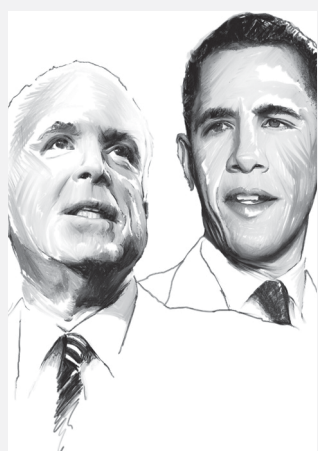
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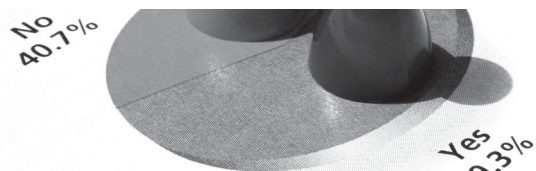
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## Study says students lean left in college

By Logan Wilson  
Staff Reporter

New research shows college students tend to shift to more liberal positions on issues like gay marriage, abortion and religion from the time they are freshmen through their junior year.

According to the study, done by the University of California, Los Angeles' Higher Education Research Institute, the changes have less to do with the opinions of students' professors, who generally lean left

politically, than with the influence of their peer groups.

Adam Schiffer, an assistant professor in the political science department, said although some students come to college with very strong opinions that don't change at all, most students' ideologies evolve to the left while in college.

"College campuses are often more liberal environments than where people grow up," Schiffer said. "Exposure to a diversity of opinions will often lead people to realize that their opinions aren't the only valid

ones."

Finding figures that are representative of the entire college population is difficult because student bodies differ so much, however, Schiffer said there is reason to believe studies like this are accurate.

"The findings are scientifically valid and done by well-respected institutions," Schiffer said.

UCLA has been tracking attitudes of college freshmen for more than 40 years, according to the HERI Web site. This particular study surveyed 15,000 students who

entered 136 schools in 2004, and the results were weighted to represent the full college population.

On the topic of abortion, 52 percent of the college freshmen surveyed indicated that they supported legalized abortion. Two years later, 60 percent of the same group said it supported legalized abortion.

The percentage of students supporting legal marital status for gay couples increased from 54 percent to 66 percent after

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## ENERGIZED



Senior psychology major Kaytlyn Knowles kicks back with an energy drink while studying at the library.

TRAVIS BROWN / Staff Reporter

## Report suggests warning labels for energy drinks

By Jackie Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

Energy drinks may have more in them than an energy boost.

A report by Johns Hopkins University calls for warning labels on the bottles of energy drinks because of a dangerous combination of ingredients and high levels of caffeine.

Energy drinks are marketed as performance enhancers, which put con-

sumers at risk, according to the report.

The caffeine content of energy drinks varies over a 10-fold range, with some containing the equivalent of 14 cans of Coca-Cola, yet the caffeine amounts are often unlabeled and few include warnings about the potential health risks of caffeine intoxication, according to the report.

Dr. Mary Rae, primary physician at the Brown-Lupton Health Center, said

Caffeine Content	
Coca-Cola:	34.5 milligrams
Red Bull:	80 Milligrams
Full Throttle:	144 Milligrams
Monster:	160 Milligrams

energy drinks have many negative side effects.

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## New retail project tabbed at \$100 mil.

Development to include hotel, clothing retailers and eateries

By Rose Baca  
Staff Reporter

WestBend, a new mixed-use retail project on University Drive across from University Park Village, will be the latest development in an underserved retail market, a developer said.

"We're going to provide the retail a city this size really needs and wants," said Tommy Miller, senior partner of Trademark Property Co., which is handling the project. Miller said the project will be completed by spring 2010.

Vanessa Becerra, a freshman vocal performance major, said she shops at the University Park Village about once every other week and said the area is underdeveloped compared to other shopping centers.

The \$100 million project, which sits next to the Trinity River, will include retail stores, restaurants, a hotel, a parking garage and office space, Miller said. The project will be a combination of mid-rise buildings of various sizes with retail on the ground floors, he said.

Retail stores Anthropologie and J.Crew have signed leases for the project, Miller said. No further agreements have been made with other retailers, he said.

The developers are still working on settling agreements with restaurants for the project, Miller said. The project will likely have two to three fine dining restaurants and a couple of casual cafes.

Silver Fox Steakhouse, which currently sits on the site, will be fully renovated to fit in with the project, as will the interior of the existing 10-story office building, Miller said. Trademark is currently deciding between two upscale hotel brands that will open at the project, Miller said.

"Based on the companies that we're talking to now, this will be the nicest hotel in all of the university district," Miller said.

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## Oilman says oil, gas not in short supply

By Krystal Upshaw  
Staff Reporter

The world is not running out of oil, but it has to come up with new ideas and technology to produce it, real estate developer Ross Perot Jr. told students Monday at the Brown-Lupton University Union.

Perot, chairman of Hillwood International Energy, said Fort Worth has a great entrepreneurial spirit. Perot talked about his own experience in the energy business, and the experiences of his father-in-law, Jerry Fullinwider, vice chairman of Hillwood International Energy and Trem Smith, president and CEO of Hillwood International Energy.

"When you listen to our politicians and our leaders, they haven't quite figured out how much gas we have in this nation," Perot said.

Perot founded Hillwood International Energy in 1988. The company is one of the top development companies in the United States and the North Texas region. Some

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## Neeley makes Princeton Review list

By Krystal Upshaw  
Staff Reporter

Business students can count on a top notch education at the Neeley School of Business, according to The Princeton Review.

The Princeton Review ranked the Neeley School of Business as one of the top business schools in the nation in the 2009 edition guidebook released in October.

The 2009 guidebook features 296 of the nation's top business schools. Princeton Review doesn't rank schools in numerical order. Instead, the guidebook features a two-page profile with detailed information on tuition, admissions and other information.

Neeley has always done well with the Princeton Review, said Bill Moncrief, senior associate

dean at Neeley.

"We're pleased the rankings are recognizing us," he said, "especially the ones looking at programs instead of people's perception."

U.S. News & World Report surveys deans and faculty of business schools across the nation and relies on these results for its ranking, according to the Web site. Only 38 percent of the nation's deans and faculty responded to the survey. The Web site also takes nominations for schools that excel in certain specialties.

"I think something Princeton Review is important because they don't give you a single dimension like U.S. News & World Report does," Moncrief said. "They give you multiple dimensions and have a ranking on them."

The Princeton Review compiled

several categories in a range of areas and ranked universities based on each of these areas instead of ranking schools in an overall list. Neeley received three ratings of more than 80 percent in the areas of academic experience, admissions and career categories. The ratings were based on interviews with students and recruiters at Neeley.

Neeley ranked the highest in career prospects. The average starting salary for Neeley graduates is \$70,477. More than 50 percent of graduates find work in the finance or accounting field, according to the Princeton Review Web site. Princeton also recommended Neeley based on its versatile MBA program that incorporates

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"Symptoms such as anxiety, headache, nausea, diarrhea, insomnia, increased heart rate, increased or decreased blood pressure can be caused by caffeine toxicity or overconsumption of caffeine," Rae said.

Symptoms for withdrawal include fatigue, headache and depression, Rae said.

"Withdrawal wouldn't actually cause clinical depression, but you would feel less stimulated than you would if you had an energy drink," Rae said.

Because caffeine is a diuretic, overconsumption of caffeine can cause damage to kidneys and other organs through dehydration, Rae said.

Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director for Alcohol and Drug Education, said caffeine itself can be fairly innocuous, but the amount that comes in energy drinks can be similar to that of a double espresso as opposed to a soft drink or a basic cup of coffee.

According to the Energy Fiend Web site, there are 145 milligrams of caffeine in an eight ounce cup of black drip coffee. Red Bull contains 80 milligrams of caffeine and other drinks such as Monster or Full Throttle contain as much as 160 milligrams of caffeine, according to the Web site. Coca-Cola Classic contains 34.5 milligrams of caffeine.

Craig Stevens, vice president of communication for the American Beverage Association, said energy drinks are harmless when consumed in moderation.

"Energy drinks can be enjoyed and considered part of a healthy lifestyle when consumed sensibly," Stevens said. "Most energy drinks have half the amount of caffeine as a cup of basic coffee purchased at Starbucks."

The American Beverage Association represents energy drinks and soft drinks created and distributed by Coca-Cola, Pepsi-Cola and South Beach Beverage Company, or SoBe.

Giovanis said the concern over energy drinks is the combination of caffeine and herbal ingredients in energy drinks.

Many students are not aware of the adverse reactions caused by the herbal stimulants or how they can react with other medications, she said.

"Herbal supplements such as guarana or ginseng are not sub-

jected to the same stringencies as other drugs because they are in food products," Giovanis said. "So you can't verify how safe or harmful one batch of energy drinks are compared to another batch."

According to the Coca-Cola Web site, energy drink Full Throttle contains caffeine, ginseng extract, Taurine, guarana extract, and B-vitamins.

Ginseng is used to promote overall wellness, and guarana is a weight-loss supplement. Side effects of consuming these supplements include sleeplessness and anxiety, which can be increased when used in conjunction with caffeine, according to WebMD.

Giovanis said consumers may not be aware of how the herbal supplements interact with their medication or other vitamins or supplements in their system.

"A common ingredient in energy drinks is St. John's wort, and many students may not realize how that interacts with anti-depressants or birth control," Giovanis said. "Birth control and anti-depressants can be rendered ineffective when taken with St. John's wort."

Stevens said all ingredient information is located on the back of the product.

"Consumers who take other medications should consult

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**Yvonne Giovanis**  
director for alcohol and drug education

their doctors before consuming a product that has an ingredient they are unfamiliar with in it," Stevens said.

Energy drinks don't provide the exact amount of caffeine milligrams or herbal supplements on their labels, Rae said, so students should pay more attention to how their body responds to caffeine and know their limits.

"Also, it's good to alternate between caffeine and water," Rae said.

Senior marketing major Corey Troxell agreed.

"What stands out the most to me in marketing is the faculty," Troxell said. "They're known in the business world, and not just here among students."

The student faculty ratio at Neeley is five to one. There are 98 faculty members at Neeley, and 70 percent work full-time.

"I've been able to go to my professors with problems looking for a job or internship," Troxell said.

Sophomore prebusiness student Ahmed Trabulsi said from students to professors, the overall atmosphere at Neeley is perfect.

"We're like a family," he said.



KRYSTAL UPSHAW / Staff Reporter

In the Brown Lupton University Union Auditorium, Ross Perot Jr. spoke Monday at a general body meeting of the TCU Energy Club. The meeting was in association with TCU CEO's.

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of the projects the company worked on in the North Texas region include AllianceTexas, a 17,000-acre development outside of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, which houses one of the largest gas fields in the United States, the Barnett Shale.

Fullinwider began his career in west Texas as an independent

oilman, and has since worked with Russian oil companies. He agreed with his son-in-law about that the world is not running out of gas.

"Only about 30 percent of Russian landmass has been explored for gas and oil," Fullinwider said.

In terms of natural gas, Perot said the assumption that the country is running out of energy is wrong.

"We have natural gas that will

cover us for decades," he said.

Fullinwider, who was the first American to own a Russian oil field, said Hillwood is the only independent energy company in Russia today.

Perot, Fullinwider and Smith offered advice to students interested in working for the energy industry. Smith offered a technical perspective on the energy industry, where Fullinwider shared his experience as an independent oilman in Midland.

"The world is your oyster," Fullinwider said. "You have the whole world in front of you."

Freshman prebusiness major Lorene Agather said she found the presentation helpful. The three presenters gave insight into the industry as well as a better understanding on what is necessary in order to get into the business, she said.

The event was hosted by the Energy Club and the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization.

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Trademark would not release the names of the possible hotel companies, but it will likely be its next announcement, Miller said.

The center of the project will have an oval-shaped plaza with a fountain and public art, Miller said. The plaza will lead toward the river into a trailhead with bike racks, places to sit and a map of the Trinity Trails.

Trademark is in discussions with Streams and Valleys Inc.

to link WestBend to the Trinity Trails system, Miller said.

Adelaide Leavens, executive director of Streams and Valleys Inc., said WestBend is one of the first developments along the Trinity River that has taken advantage of being a part of the Trinity Trails.

One of the main suggestions trail users have is that they would like more activity on the trail, Leavens said.

"People want destinations," Leavens said. "They don't want to just use the trails only for recreational purposes."

Miller said the developers were eager to take advantage of being close to the Trinity River.

"The goal is to have shops and restaurants with outdoor seating right on the river," Miller said. "It's going to be a really neat, urban, highly walkable project."

Shannon Field, a senior movement science major, said she has not been on the Trinity Trails but wouldn't be opposed to trying it out if it was linked to the project.

"I think if it promotes exercise, then that's a good thing for the community," Field said.

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senior partner of Trademark Property Co.

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rates the different backgrounds and career goals of business students, according to the Web site.

"There's very close interaction between students and professors not only in the classroom but also within Neeley organizations," said finance professor Stanley Block.

Neeley's location also provides an ideal environment for business students because Fort Worth provides great exposure to the business world, Block said. Also, there is an "unusual commitment by the school and community to the business school," he said.

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two years at college. The percentage supporting laws prohibiting homosexual relationships fell from 31.5 percent to 21.5 percent.

The study also showed the percentage of students who never attend religious services almost doubled to 37.5 percent.

One exception to the leftward trend was attitudes toward the death penalty, which a majority of the students surveyed continued to support.

Hayley Price, a junior kinesiology major, said she considers herself conservative, and that hasn't changed since she was a freshman. Although her professors and friends may have different views, she said neither group has swayed her political beliefs.

"A lot of them aren't afraid to share their opinions, but I've never been nervous to speak about my own," Price said of her professors.

She also said that most of her friends share her political beliefs.

"I have one really good friend who is way liberal, but she doesn't influence my views at all," Price said.

Kayla Coburn, a senior speech-language pathology major, said when she was a freshman she was liberal, which hasn't changed throughout her time at college. She

said her professors and her friends have strengthened the views she already had.

"Some of my professors have enforced it, but I don't think they would have changed my opinions either way," Coburn said. "I think I only have one conservative friend, and it's definitely made me strengthen my views and I'm more sure of what I believe in now."

Sarah Meeder, a sophomore ballet major, said she also considers herself liberal, which hasn't changed since she entered college.

She said her professors haven't really impacted her political views, but class discussions have.

"Hearing other peoples' opinions have made my points of view stronger," Meeder said.

She also said she doesn't discuss politics or issues such as gay mar-

riage and abortion with her friends very often.

According to the study, students, especially women, tend

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**Kayla Coburn**  
speech-language pathology major

to move somewhat back to the right politically after graduation. Fewer students considered themselves middle-of-the-road, and after graduation they dispersed about equally to the left and right politically.

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*The Skiff View*

## College's market of ideas good for student growth

College is a time to grow and explore. A study conducted by the University of California, Los Angeles showed strong percentage changes in students' feelings on gay marriage, abortion and religious views during their first two years in college. Interestingly enough, the study showed the change in opinions was due more to peer influence than that of professors.

This is an encouraging statistic because it shows that colleges are still doing their job to educate students about the world around them.

In a society that increasingly values college as a ticket to a higher-paying career, it is comforting to know today's students aren't just going through the motions to get their degrees. Rather, they are using the exchange of ideas with their peers to analyze preconceived notions of right and wrong.

They are opening themselves up to differing viewpoints that may not have always been available to them. They are taking full advantage of the open marketplace of ideas that college creates. They aren't shutting themselves off to new ideas but rather embracing them.

What makes college great is exposure to different things — different people, different personalities, different nationalities, etc. The greater the body of experience a student has to draw from, the better.

Regardless of the political leanings of students featured in the report, a change of opinion should be appreciated for what it is. Diversity breeds knowledge, and knowledge breeds change. A society that doesn't realize this is doomed to fail.

*News editor David Hall for the editorial board.*

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

## SHE'LL BE BACK



*Robert Slack is a sophomore theatre major from El Paso.*

HEAD TO HEAD: ELECTION 2008

# Which candidate deserves to be president?

## Experience makes McCain right choice

There is no doubt America needs a change in direction. We're in trouble, fighting a rough economy and a war in distant lands.

The kind of change America needs will make the country stronger both economically and abroad, and though Sen. Barack Obama has made change the cornerstone of his campaign, promising to reshape government in a way we haven't ever seen, only Sen. McCain offers the kind of change to lead America to a stronger future.

When it comes to foreign affairs, McCain has been sharp and clear, while Obama has been vague and naive. McCain knows the true threats facing our country's security. He knows that Shia militias are violent in the most extreme way and Iran has been providing them with training, weapons and technology that kill American and Iraqi troops.

McCain is willing to deal with these issues directly, while Obama has been confused and unaware, saying Iran does not pose a significant threat to America, though he acknowledges that Iran is Israel's greatest threat.

McCain has also shown sound judgment on national security issues throughout his career. He was right to call for the removal of Saddam Hussein, and when the war began to take a turn for the worse, he was right to call for a change in strategy.

Without McCain's leadership, American soldiers could still be faced with the same perilous conditions in Iraq that pervaded the country before the surge. He was willing to acknowledge America's mistakes before, and he realizes that pulling out now would be an even bigger one. After making so much progress, we cannot allow terrorist networks to establish strongholds in Iraq.

On the home front, McCain has demonstrated a clear vision for reviving the economy. His plan focuses on keeping the tax burden low and exploring our own energy resources. He wants to expand nuclear power production, which is much more powerful than solar or wind, and advance \$2 billion in clean coal technologies.

He has shown sound judgment on the current economic crisis, calling for reform of corruption at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac two years ago, before the subprime crisis began.

McCain has been tested in ways few men have, and it's not just because he's served in Congress since 1982. What really sets McCain apart is his character. After McCain's plane was shot down during a bombing raid over Hanoi, North Vietnamese officials learned his father was a Navy admiral and offered him early release. McCain declined and endured five more years of excruciating torture.

The same determination and faith that allowed McCain to survive those

dark years in prison guide the man to this day. Americans deserve no less than a president who has proved his commitment to American ideals, and not one who apologizes for them. Never will Americans question his pride in the country, and he will fight for those ideals to his last breath.

During his time in Congress, McCain has committed himself to clean government, fighting for full disclosure in lobbyist activities. Americans can be sure McCain would be committed to an ethical, transparent administration.

By the same token, no one has been a stronger opponent of wasteful spending, and McCain has vowed to veto pork-filled legislation.

Amid a harrowing financial crisis that includes a national debt of close to \$10 trillion, Americans don't need a president who plans to increase spending by leaps and bound, as Obama's plan calls for. McCain's disciplined approach will better see the nation through its tougher days.

No one should seek out the highest position in the country without first proving they are willing to sacrifice for it, and McCain has demonstrated this time and again, and as president, he would continue to do so.

*David Hall, Valerie Hannon, Liz Sehon and Max Landman are students in an opinion writing class.*

## Obama will bring change to Washington

Change. Obama's campaign slogan has inspired a passionate campaign that has resulted in significant leads in many important states. Pollster.com shows Obama leading McCain strongly in 21 states.

Obama's record-setting rallies with crowds reaching staggering numbers of 100,000 on numerous occasions prove he is different. His passion is different than any of his opponents. His eloquent speeches have sparked a movement among Americans and pulled them into this presidential election like never before. Obama has rallied involvement of young voters and minority voters to a new high, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Because of Obama's U.S. Senate experience, he is familiar with working on tax breaks for American families and has put many early childhood education programs in place, providing support for students early in the hopes of decreasing the dropout rate.

According to Obama's campaign Web site, he is helping the majority of Americans by implementing "Making Work Pay" tax cuts. This plan cuts the taxes of those making less than \$200,000 per year. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)

wants to do so.

keep the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy in place. McCain's plan, however, will allow the rich to get richer and widen the gap between middle and upper class. Taxes have to come from somewhere, and it does not make sense to place the burden on the middle class when they do not make as much money in the first place.

In addition, Obama wants to raise minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour by 2011, according to his campaign Web site. With the increase in the minimum wage, working-class families will have more money at the end of the year, raising the standard. As their yearly income increases, so does their tax bracket, making them able to pay more and eventually evening out the burden placed on the upper class.

On top of tax cuts for middle-income families, Obama's plan will provide affordable health care at a time of increasing insurance costs. Obama's campaign Web site reports that more than 45 million Americans don't have health care. His plan will focus on getting every individual a health plan they can afford.

Teacher retention is a growing problem in America; more teachers are leaving their jobs within the first five years because they can't pay off their educational loans on a teacher's salary.

Obama's campaign promises plans for new Teacher Service Scholarships, which would cover four years of undergraduate school or two years of graduate teacher education.

Obama's plan for higher education includes the "American Opportunity Tax Credit" that ensures the first \$4,000 is free for most Americans' education, according to his campaign Web site. It will cover two-thirds of the cost of tuition of the average public college or university. This credit means community college tuition will be completely free for most students.

As for the ongoing war, Obama wants to bring one to two brigades home a month, ending the war within 16 months. He supports special forces to combat terrorist threats such as al-Qaida.

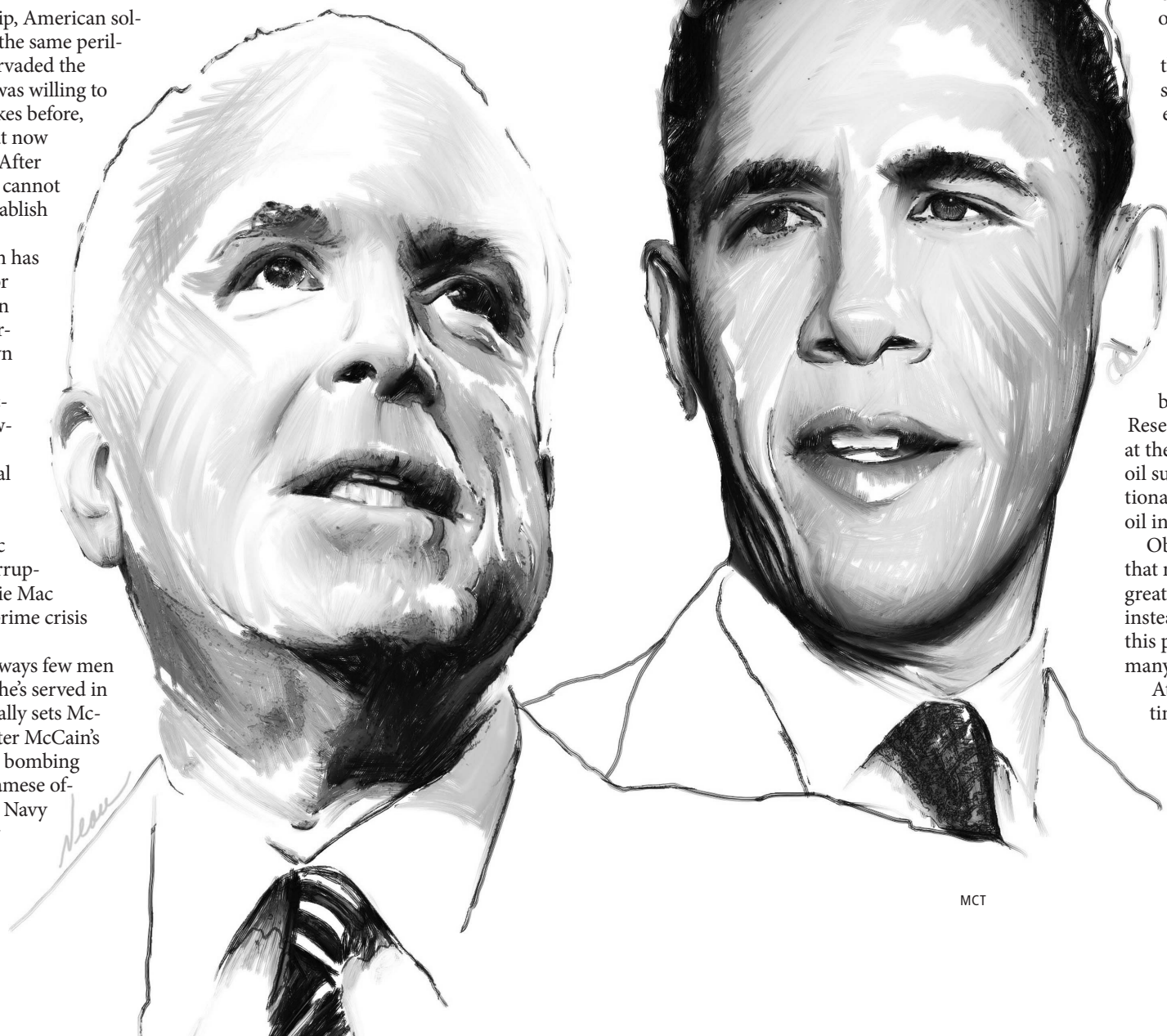
Obama plans on making America independent from foreign oil within the next 10 years by using light oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve instead of heavy crude oil to decrease prices at the pump. Also, he promotes the use of domestic oil such as the Barnett Shale formation and the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to help with our oil independence.

Obama represents a new generation of Americans that no longer sees race. The United States has made great strides in seeing people for their qualifications instead of the color of their skin. Obama represents this positive change in America that has been so many years in the making.

At a February rally in Chicago, Obama said, "This time can be different because this campaign for the presidency for the United States of America is different."

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time," Obama said. "We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

*Liz Davis, Alyssa Dizon, Bibek Bhandari and Michelle Anderson are students in an opinion writing class.*



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# FEATURES

Staff writer Bibek Bhandari reviews Sunday night's concert of The Redwalls at Lola's. [Dailyskiff.com](http://Dailyskiff.com)



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## Big turnout expected for election

By Naftali Bendavid  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The 2008 presidential campaign races to a close Tuesday with voters more active, engaged and enthused than at any time since at least the social ferment of the 1960s, sparking enormous excitement but also presenting the risk that polling places will be overwhelmed.

Voter registration has surged, early voting sites have been besieged and primary election turnouts shattered records in many states. Beyond the numbers, the election has become a subject of constant conversation in workplaces and at home, candidates have become cultural icons and many viewers have found themselves obsessed with television coverage.

"It's the highest engagement I've ever seen — by far," said Abner Mikva, a former judge and Chicago-area congressman who distributed literature for Harry Truman in 1948. "This is the most excited I've ever seen the electorate. There is a feeling in the air — similar but even more so — to when Jack Kennedy was elected."

The biggest reason may be the candidacy of Barack Obama, a young, charismatic African-American whose Democratic campaign has energized voters who'd previously shown little interest in politics. On the Republican side, John McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin, who would be the first woman vice president, has driven excitement among conservatives.

The result is "a reawakening of American electoral politics," said Lawrence Jacobs, a University of Minnesota political scientist who studies polling and the presidency. "Not long ago we were bemoaning the withdrawal and cynicism of American voters. This election is showing a consistently intense electorate. People have been following this at a fever pitch for months and months."

Most commentators, of course, applaud this as good for democracy and government. Tuesday is likely to feature scenes from across the country of excited voters, mobbed polling places and people standing in line for hours. But it also raises the possibility that voting systems

could crack under the strain of increased turnout, potentially forcing polling places to stay open hours later than scheduled.

"We expect very long lines," said Mary Boyle, spokeswoman for the watchdog group Common Cause. "In states with early voting, I've heard reports of 4 1/2-hour lines. And that's for early voting, which is over multiple days. On Election Day, we think the whole system will be tested like never before. People need to be patient — bring a snack, bring a book and be ready to wait. Don't think voting is something you'll be able to do in 15 minutes. You won't."

Experts are forecasting a turnout of about 65 percent of eligible voters, the highest in nearly a half-century, since the election of John F. Kennedy in 1960. Before that, it had not been since 1908 that turnout had been so high, prompting some to call the 2008 election a "hundred-year storm."

If voters are still in line when polls are scheduled to close Tuesday night, authorities may keep them open longer, which could mean confusion and delays.

Early voting, which in previous years had been a negligible factor, is this year providing a vivid indicator of what is to come. More than 30 million people have already voted, a hefty percentage of the overall 140 million expected to cast ballots to pick the nation's 44th president. Early voters in such states as Florida, Georgia and North Carolina stood in line for hours.

In some states, that has likely siphoned off enough voters to make Election Day go more smoothly. But in others, it's merely a warning of how crowded things will get.

"I think of early voting as the early-warning buoy, and it looks like there is a storm coming," said Paul Gronke, who heads the Early Voting Information Center at Reed College in Portland, Ore.

Other signals point in the same direction. Voters turned out in higher numbers for this year's primaries than for any other primary season except 1972, when the country was agonizing over the Vietnam War. Roughly 10 million new voters have registered since 2004, about 5 million more than might have been expected from

ordinary trends.

"In my lifetime, we have never had a climate like this one," said Curtis Gans, director of the Center for the Study of the American Electorate. "In 1932, (during the Great Depression,) maybe there was a climate like this one."

Voters appear to feel the country is facing monumental challenges of the sort that only come along every few decades. The global economic system is in crisis, the U.S. is entangled in frustrating wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the threat of terrorism continues to loom. Gas prices are high, as is the cost of health care, and retirement savings are in jeopardy.

Many scholars cite the 1960s, with their social turbulence and intense civic activity, as the last time the public was so engaged with the political process.

"The difference, of course, is you had the social movements and street protests in the 1960s you don't have now," Jacobs said. "But the level of rejection of the status quo is phenomenal. Eighty-five percent of the people say we're going in the wrong direction. The public anger is palpable."

Obama seems to have tapped into that. With his unprecedented cash reserves, the Democrat has invested heavily in driving up registration, participation and turnout, even in states that have rarely seen much political activity on the presidential level.

And of course, as potentially the first black president of a country that has always been torn by race, Obama's candidacy has caught the imagination of large numbers of African-Americans and youthful voters, as well as other citizens. Some, including Obama himself, insist that this election will bring to an end the conservative era that began with Ronald Reagan's election in 1980.

The result of all this is a vote that feels historic to many people, and they want to be part of that history.

"This is a rare turning-point election, like 1932 or 1980," said Allan Lichtman, a history professor at American University. "I'm not saying people are consciously making those comparisons. But it is affecting their response."



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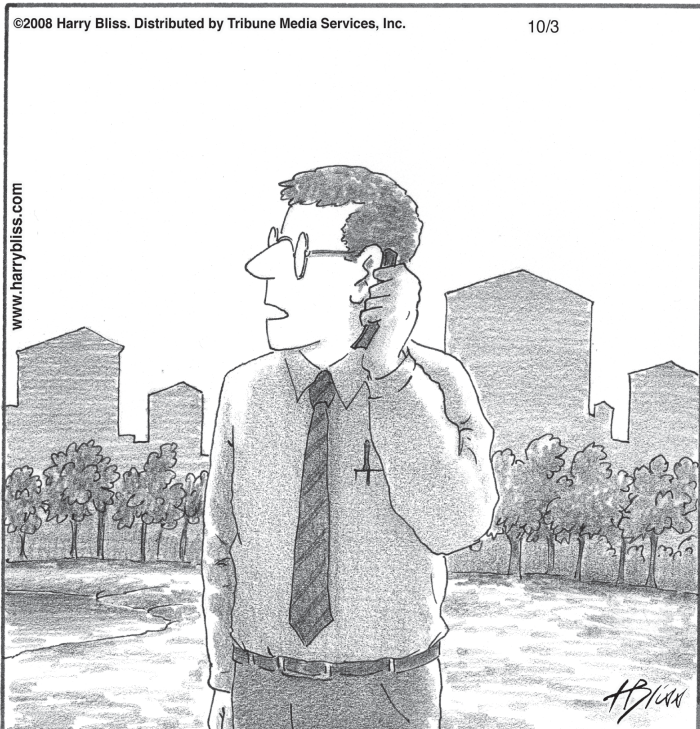


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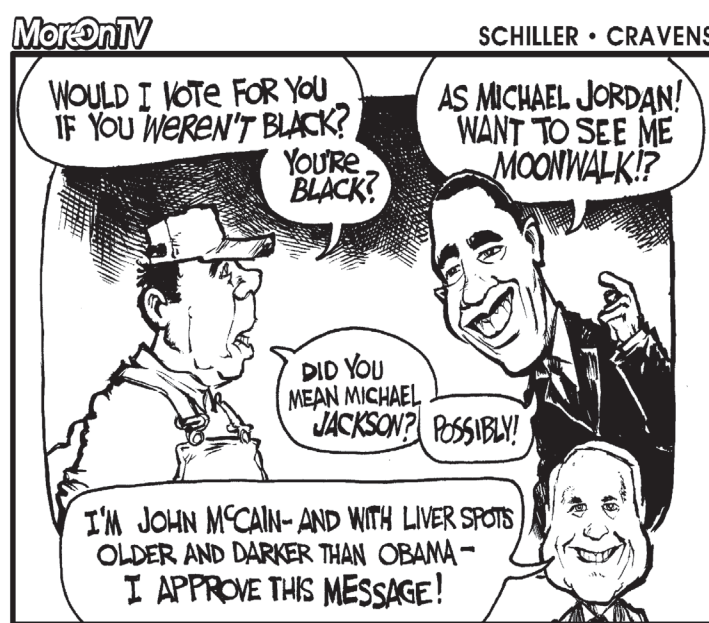
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Friday's Solutions

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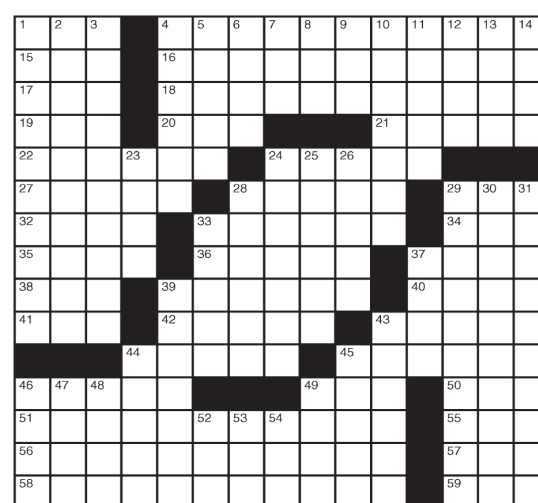
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By Willy A. Wiseman  
New York, NY

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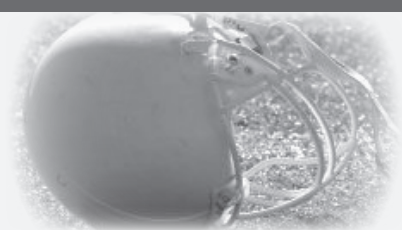
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# LIFT-OFF



Freshman guard Ronnie Moss dunks the ball against Lithuania Christian University on Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. LINH DANG / Staff Photographer

## TCU wins lone exhibition game

By Brian Smith  
Staff Reporter

New head coach Jim Christian showed off his tough-as-nails defense in an 81-50 rout of Lithuania Christian University at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Monday night.

The Horned Frogs forced 33 turnovers, which they scored 41 points off of. LCU's guards were flustered all night by senior guard Jason Ebie, who recorded six steals on the night.

"Overall, the effort was fantastic," Christian said about the defense. "I thought on the ball we were pretty aggressive, pretty good."

Edvinas Ruzgas, a transfer from Weatherford College, led the Horned Frogs with 14 points. Ruzgas made three 3-point field goals, all in the first half.

Overall, the Frogs struggled shooting the ball. They finished shooting just 36.5 percent from the field, and were 7-29 from 3-point range. However, Christian said LCU's decision to play a zone de-

fense for a majority of the game had an impact on TCU's offense.

"I thought we got great looks all night," Christian said. "Those were really good shots by really good shooters, but they don't always go in."

The game marked the debut of seven new TCU players. In addition to Ruzgas, Kavon Rose, another newcomer, scored in double figures with 10 points.

Fellow freshman Ronnie Moss finished with eight points and two steals.

"He may be the best on-ball defender I've ever coached," Christian said about Moss. "He's strong and fast, and he makes you uncomfortable."

The Horned Frogs opened the game with a 19-4 run. They led by as much as 25 points before going into the half with a 41-19 lead. At halftime, LCU had as many turnovers as they had field goal attempts with 18.

TCU dominated in almost every statistical category, including rebounds. The Horned Frogs

ended with a 52-35 advantage on the boards and were led by senior forward Kevin Langford, who finished with 13 rebounds and 12 points.

Although it looked strong, both Christian and Langford said the team has room for improvement.

"We just need to execute our plays better, I think," Langford said.

Christian said the team needed to get down the court faster in transition.

"In the first half I don't know if we ran as hard as I would've liked," he said. "It is something we need to be pretty good at."

The Horned Frogs will square off against Western Michigan in the first round of the ESPN Charleston Classic on Nov. 14.

### Basketball Game

What: TCU vs. Nebraska  
When: Nov. 19, 7 p.m.  
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

## FOOTBALL



Senior tailback Aaron Brown returns a kickoff against Wyoming on Oct. 25. PAIGE MCARDLE / Staff Photographer

## Football team beats UNLV, moves up the ranks in BCS

By Billy Wessles  
Sports Editor

With the Frogs' 44-14 victory over the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the Frogs moved up one spot in the BCS ratings for the third straight week.

TCU now rests in the No. 12 slot in the BCS poll. Being ranked No. 12 means the Frogs can qualify for a BCS game with an at-large bid, provided they come out on the winning side of a Thursday showdown with the University of Utah and leapfrog fellow BCS hopeful Boise State, which currently sits at No. 10.

Sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton led the way for TCU on Saturday by completing 16 of his

29 passes, throwing for 151 yards and three touchdowns. Dalton also added 52 rushing yards on nine attempts.

Senior running back Aaron Brown led the team in rushing with 60 yards on nine carries. He also scored his second touchdown of the season.

Overall, eight different players ran the ball and nine different players made catches.

On the defensive side of the ball, junior defensive end Jerry Hughes recorded four tackles, including two sacks. He now has 14 sacks on the season to lead the nation. Hughes also received his third Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Week honor.

As for the rest of the defense, despite allowing 108 yards on the ground, the team is still ranked No. 1 in the nation in run defense, allowing 38.9 yards per game. The next closest team is No. 1 Alabama, which allows 65.6 yards per game.

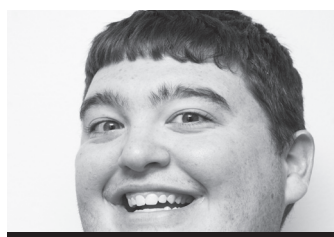
Now, a win Thursday night for the Frogs will clinch at least a share of the Mountain West Conference title.

### Football Game

What: No. 12 TCU at No. 8 Utah  
TV: CBS College Sports  
When: Thursday, 7 p.m.

### BILLY KNOWS BEST

## Following Texas Tech's upset win, Frog fans can learn a thing or two



BILLY WESSLES

I drove five hours this past weekend with hopes of watching one of the most anticipated college football games of the season.

I was able to see the game, but unfortunately for me, it was on TV.

Of course the game was the University of Texas against Tex-

as Tech in middle-of-nowhere Lubbock in a matchup that will go down as the best of all time in that rivalry.

But I couldn't see it in person, because my friend Ryan and my plan of using some of our buddies' Texas Tech ID cards to get into the game was spoiled by both added security and the line to get into the student section, which started Monday.

So even if there were no added security, I had no chance of getting into the game because it seemed like half of the school skipped class for the entire week to camp out.

So I got to thinking: why don't we do that at TCU?

Now, maybe not to that extent because the Frogs usually don't host the No. 1 team in the nation, but why can't fans bust out the tents Friday afternoon, work the grills and play some pick up football while waiting and get in the mood for some TCU football?

For the last couple of years, a handful of basketball fans have camped outside Daniel Meyer Coliseum for a night, but that is nothing compared to the thousands of people who were waiting outside Texas Tech's stadium.

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