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## Athlete graduation rate below average

By Mischa Astroff  
Staff Reporter

The university's graduation rates for its athletes in all but one sport lag behind the national averages, but university officials said they hope new academic facilities and programs for athletes will help them improve.

Chris Uchacz, director of athletic academic services, said TCU's overall graduation success rate or GSR, is 68 percent. The NCAA's national average is 78 percent.

Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal operations, said "The numbers don't lie."

"Kids just didn't finish," Hesselbrock said.

The football team's rate is the highest for university sports at 67 percent and is also the only sport that equals its sport's national average.

The NCAA developed the GSR as part of its academic reform initiative to better reflect mobility among student-athletes, such as transfer students, according to the NCAA. The American Football Coaches Association used the formula for academic awards, for which TCU football was recognized for exceeding 70 percent.

The GSR differs from the academic progress rate, or APR, which the NCAA

also uses to assess institutions and possibly impose penalties. Under the APR, students who leave the university without graduating, regardless of academic standing, count against the institution's APR score. In May, 218 teams at 123 institutions faced sanctions for having a substandard APR rate, according to the NCAA.

Other sports such as golf and tennis have higher graduation rates, but those rates, along with swimming and diving, are combined into an "other" category in NCAA statistics.

Uchacz said the GSR takes into consideration athletes receiving aid or a scholarship to play a sport. Athletes have a six-

year window to receive their diploma after entering the university without incurring a GSR penalty.

The GSR also includes midyear enrollees and athletes who transfer the same year into the university in the statistics; however, walk-on players and nonscholarship athletes are not counted in the statistic, he said.

Under the GSR calculation, institutions are not penalized for outgoing transfer students who leave in good academic standing, according to the NCAA Web site. These outgoing transfers are essentially passed to the receiver.

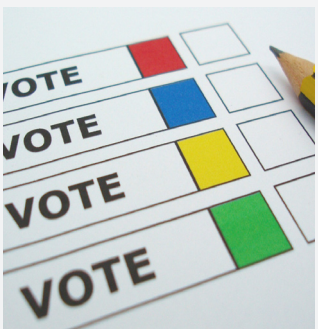
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3	High School Musical 3: Senior Year	\$9.3
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6	Soul Men	\$5.6
7	Saw V	\$4.2
8	The Haunting of Molly Hartley	\$3.5
9	The Secret Life of Bees	\$3.1
10	Eagle Eye	\$2.6

—Associated Press



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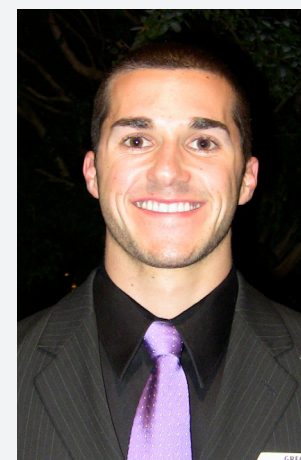


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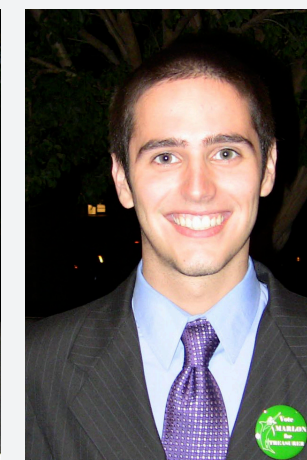


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## Get the scoop on who's on the ballot

While the buzz around this year's Student Government Association elections can't quite rival that of the recent presidential elections, today's vote will decide who is in charge on campus for 2009. You've seen the signs and you've gotten the Facebook group invitations, but maybe you're still not sure what the candidates are about. For a full guide to this year's SGA elections, see page 4.

### Voting Times

Polls opened on my.tcu.edu at midnight and close Wednesday at noon. Students can vote online or at voting stations in the Campus Commons and outside the library.

## Play details living life to its fullest

By Chelsea Smith  
Staff Reporter

The exhortation of the play "Our Town" to enjoy life to its fullest transcends the time during which it was written, cast members said.

Because the production features a minimal set and the actors pantomime most of the props, there will be little to distract students from that message when "Our Town" opens at the Buschman Theatre tonight.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play follows two neighboring families, the Gibbs and the Webbs, over the course of several years. It focuses on the relationship between George Gibbs and Emily Webb, who eventually marry. After Emily dies in childbirth, she gets the opportunity to relive a single day from her life. Emily realizes she never fully appreciated the meaningful moments she shared with friends and family.

It's a theme most college students can relate to, said senior theatre major Tricia Williamson, who plays Emily's mother in the production.

"We get so caught up in schoolwork and

everything that we have to do," Williamson said. "We don't realize that we're not going to be alive forever, and we should be enjoying it more."

The show's director, T.J. Walsh, declined an interview.

Senior theatre major Daniel Fredrick said he thinks playwright Thornton Wilder's bare-bones approach to the piece resulted from a dissatisfaction with the way plays were staged in 1938, when it was written.

"He wrote this play as an attempt to refocus what he felt like theater should be about, so he sort of stripped away all the nonessential things," Fredrick said. "There are no walls. There's just a few chairs and tables, and that's it."

Fredrick plays the stage manager who also acts as a narrator. "He speaks directly to the audience — sets up sort of what's going on, introduces the town and the people in it," Fredrick said. "He'll also have to move furniture and everything, and he plays a couple other characters in the play."

Williamson said learning how to deal with the set and practically nonexistent props was the hardest part of preparing

### 'Our Town'

**What:** TCU's theatre production of "Our Town"  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 - Nov. 14 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 2:30 p.m. Nov. 16  
**Where:** Buschman Theatre in Ed Landreth Hall  
**Cost:** \$10 to the general public \$5 to senior citizens, students from other schools and TCU students, faculty and staff

the play.

"You have to stop and think: how can I make people understand what I'm doing without them seeing anything physically in my hands?" she said.

Still, senior theatre and communications major Desmond Ellington, who plays a deliveryman, said he thinks the absence of props enhances the action onstage.

"It's a very intricate story, and it's told out of sequence sometimes," Ellington said. "It's written that way so the audience can focus on what the actors are do-

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## Sherley to open coed fall 2009

Renovated dorm will have movie theater, lounge area

By Chelsie French  
Staff Reporter

After 50 years on campus, Sherley Hall is undergoing a \$16 million renovation project and will reopen as a coed dorm in fall 2009 to allow more room for incoming male students, a Residential Services official said.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said Sherley will be converted into a coed dorm because Milton Daniel Hall will be closed for renovation, and the university needs living space for incoming male students. After renovations of Milton Daniel are complete, the university will make a decision on whether Sherley will remain a coed dorm, Allen said.

The original Sherley was built in 1958 and housed 350 residents. The planning for the new building began in December 2007, and construction began promptly after students moved out in May.

Bob Proske, senior project manager, said there are currently 70 to 80 people working to renovate Sherley.

"The only thing that was left of the

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## Printers in library to join 'green' movement

By Yusi Cheng  
Staff reporter

Technology Resources is helping the university go green by working to make double-sided printing the default setting in the Mary Coats Burnett Library's information commons.

Bryan Lucas, executive director of Technology Resources, said the idea of double-sided printing was initiated by students at the beginning of the semester.

Each semester, students are given 200 free pages for printing in the Pharos system in the computer lab, and charges will apply after the first 200 pages.

The Pharos printing system is the software that allows any authorized person on campus to print from the printers in the computer lab in the library.

June Koelker, dean of the library, said the default setting of duplex printing will be available to students as soon as Technology Resources finishes working on the charging mechanism used by the Pharos printing

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ing institution's GSR statistical body, according to the Web site.

Uchacz said the low graduation rates are due to student-athletes not graduating within six years or transferring out in poor academic standing. However, Uchacz said that it's not all bad news when it comes to student-athlete graduation rates.

"The students who don't graduate within the four years they're eligible for sports don't always leave the university," Uchacz said. "TCU graduates 85 percent of the student-athletes who exhaust their four years of athletic eligibility but continue at the university for up to another six years.

"These student-athletes are usually leaving to pursue their athletic careers, whether that be in football or baseball or golf, and they come back and finish their degree over a longer period of time."

Current San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson was one such player, he said.

"LT didn't graduate during his four years of eligibility, but he still finished his degree," Heselbrock said.

Uchacz said the Athletic Academic Services department's main goal is keeping students focused both on the field and in the classroom. Athletic Academic Services provides student-athletes, both scholarship and non-scholarship, four full-time academic counselors, tutoring and help with study and note-taking skills, Uchacz said.

Taylor Roncancio, a junior supply and value chain management major and football player, said he thinks Athletic Academic Services does a good job helping athletes keep up with their school work.

"Freshman year, I had eight hours of required study hall," Roncancio said. "Now I use the tutors they provide if I need help in my classes. I definitely take advantage

## TCU's Graduation of Total Student Body vs. Student Athletes on Scholarship

Year	Total Student Body	Athlete
2006	69 percent	56 percent
2007	68 percent	48 percent
2008	69 percent	66 percent

Based on 6-year graduation window

### GSR Rates

**Baseball:** 58 percent  
**Men's Basketball:** 45 percent  
**Football:** 67 percent  
**Men's Other:** 76 percent  
**Women's Basketball:** 59 percent  
**Women's Other:** 79 percent  
**Note:** "Other" sports include golf, swimming and diving, tennis and rifle

of all the help Athletic Academic Services offers."



Courtesy of TCU THEATRE

Nelson Fleming, as George Gibbs, and Alyssa Gardner, as Emily Webb, star in Theatre TCU's production of Our Town.

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ing with their scene."

Fredrick said that many students who read the play during high school should give it a second chance.

"I think they should come to

this play to dispel the notion that it's this dusty, old, boring thing," he said. "Unless you had a really phenomenal English teacher, I think it's really tough to understand this play in that period of your life."

Although some students may have less-than-fond memories of

the play, Fredrick said he thinks "Our Town" will be around for a long time.

"This play's really about people and humanity," he said. "Those things haven't changed, and I don't think they ever will. I think 'Our Town' is going to be produced in another hundred years."

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system so it can be configured to support default duplex printing.

She said at the same time students can still individually select duplex printing on the black-and-white printers.

Lucas said the cost of fixing the software to allow double-sided printing will be determined by the manufacturer of the printing system. He said it is undecided how many free pages students can print from the library, and the number will be evaluated once Technology Resources is able to make this change.

Technology Resources is trying to figure out if the software can handle default duplex printing for all users of the printers, Lucas said.

Koelker said default double-

sided printing is a good idea and she would like to see it happen because it will bring more conve-

**"I don't think professors will have problems with students printing their homework double-sided."**

**Haley Murphy**  
senior political science major

nience to students.

However, the printing system still needs to be flexible because some students' projects need to be printed on one side of the paper for certain reasons.

Haley Murphy, a senior political science major, said she thinks the free printing limit of 200 free pages is a low number, which double-sided printing could help.

"I don't think professors will have problems with students printing their homework double-sided," Murphy said.

Jessica Yang, a freshman economics major, said she has already used about 100 free pages printing from the library, and one hundred more won't be enough for her school work. She said paying for college is already expensive and she doesn't want to spend more extra money on printing.

Lucas said it will certainly make sense of the TCU go green initiative if default duplex printing is eventually put in place.

"It is definitely a sustainability issue," he said.



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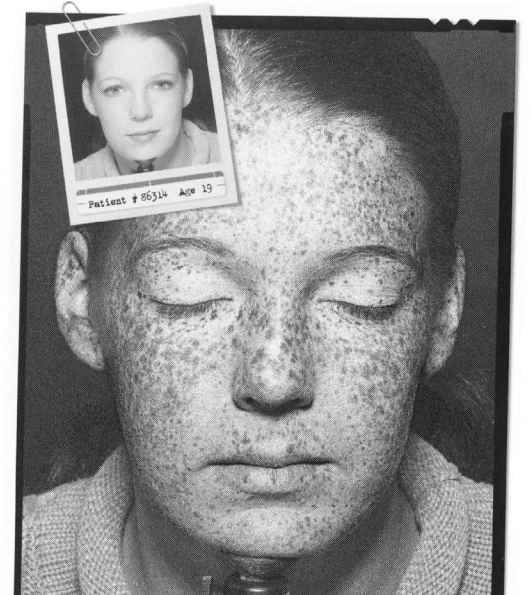
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*The Skiff View*

## University should offer same-sex dormitories

With the renovation of Sherley Hall underway and plans set for remodeling the interior of Colby Hall, incoming residents will be left without an option for single-sex housing.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said the dorm will open coed next fall to make room for male students who will be displaced by the closing of Milton Daniel Hall for renovation. After the two dorms reopen, a decision will be made whether to keep the dorms coed or make a return to single-sex status.

This problem will leave many students, especially incoming freshmen women and men, in limbo. Parents who prefer that their daughters and sons live in traditional single-sex housing won't have that option, and students wanting the experience of living in a single-sex residence hall will be denied that chance, an opportunity available at most of TCU's peer schools.

If the university is going to require freshmen and sophomores to live on campus or in the Grand Marc, it should provide students with options for both single-sex and coed housing, instead of boxing students into what they may see as an uncomfortable living situation.

Commend the university for making a concerted effort to increase its residential capacity — the millions it has spent on improvements have created a beautiful Campus Commons area and provided much-needed improvement to Clark Hall and soon to Colby, Sherley and Milton Daniel halls, but it should not focus too much on the future while losing sight of students who are here now. Students need to have a comfortable, safe place to live to succeed in school, and it is the university's responsibility to make sure that they are given a satisfactory place to lay their heads.

*Managing Editor Joe Zigtema for the editorial board*

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

## Obama should appoint McCain to his Cabinet



Nov. 5, I woke up with mixed feelings.

I disagree with Barack Obama on several ideological issues, but I am willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. The next four, or eight, years are a blank slate for now, and any idea of what an Obama presidency will look like is a conjecture at best.

I was heartened by John McCain's concession speech urging support for Obama. He was a very gracious loser, and it made me feel proud for supporting him with my vote.

In the midst of my disappointment over McCain's loss, a thought crossed my mind. Actually, it was one that had crossed my mind before.

As Obama is picking his Cabinet over the next two months, why not consider McCain?

Think it's crazy?

Well, Obama actually told reporters that McCain

would make a great addition to his Cabinet back when the two candidates met on Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center site.

Here would be a great opportunity for Obama to prove the things he said during the campaign were true and not just empty promises.

All the things that made McCain qualified to be the president makes him just as much, if not all the more, qualified to be a high-ranking member of a presidential administration.

McCain has more than 20 years of legislative experience, something that could help balance Obama's still relative lack of experience.

During this time, McCain has shown he has been willing to work across party lines to get things done. He has even spoken out against his own party when he felt that it was the right thing.

And McCain's military experience would be an invaluable asset to Obama, perhaps even as Secretary of Defense, as the next administration will have to face a number of complex threats such as Iran and the next steps in the War on Terrorism.

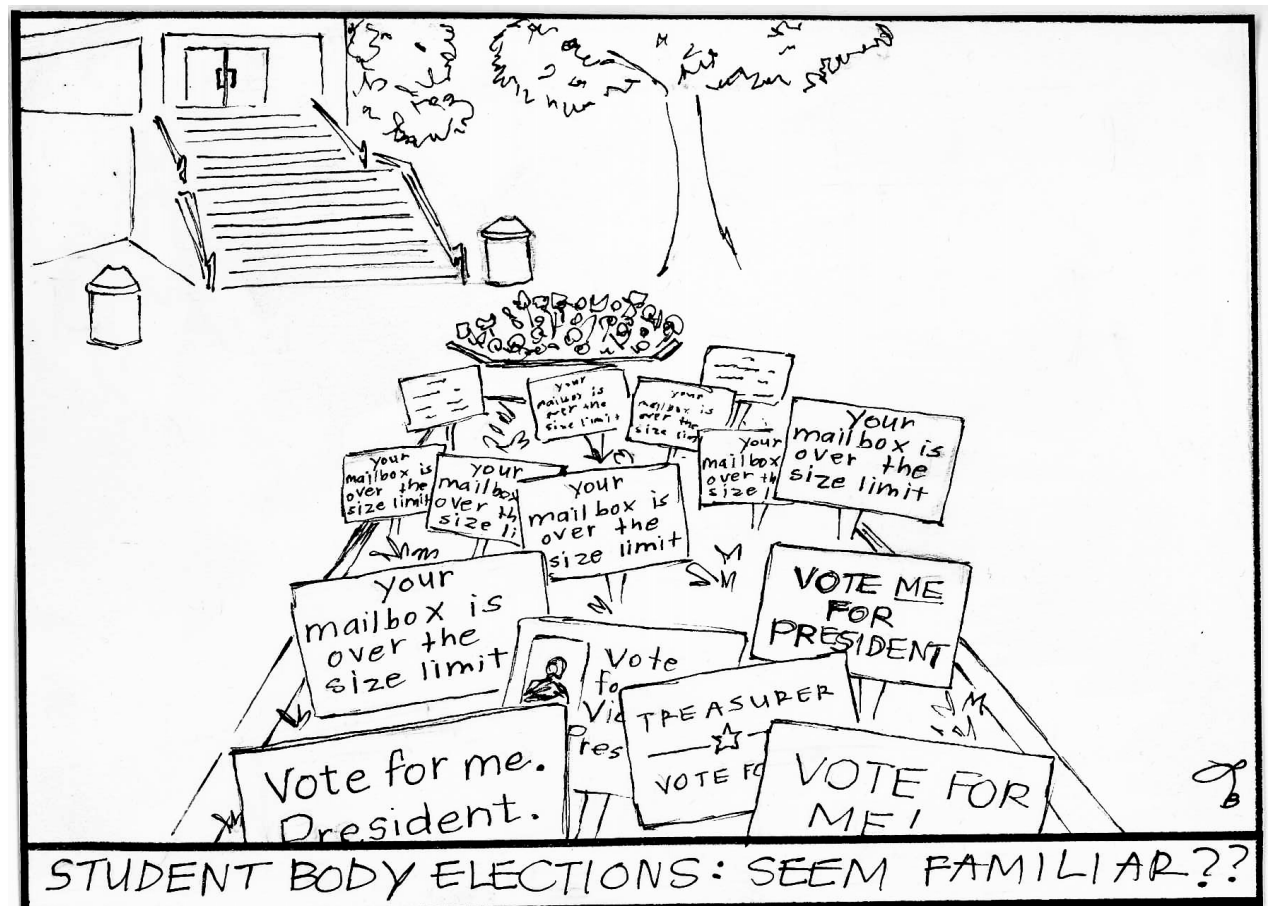
Finally, Obama offering a Cabinet position to McCain would provide a major step in healing a nation that has been deeply and bitterly divided after a long, drawn-out election, and it would prove that he truly wants to unite the country, not just unite the country around him and his party.

If people would see the two former rivals working together, maybe it would inspire them not to create Facebook groups calling for Obama's impeachment (yes, already!), but to work with other people from all over the political spectrum for a better future for all of us.

Even if Obama does not offer McCain, or another prominent Republican, a position in the Cabinet, he, his administration and the Democrats in Congress need to work with Republicans if they ever want to accomplish true change.

I woke up the morning of Nov. 5, 2008, with mixed feelings. I hope to wake up the morning of Nov. 5, 2009, feeling confident that our president and his administration are working toward uniting us all.

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



*Lana Blocker is a senior advertising/public relations major from Heath.*

## McCain's mistakes, lack of focus lost Republicans the presidency

John McCain brought a classless campaign to a dignified close last Tuesday night, though his supporters remained obstinately disrespectful. While the media will now undoubtedly be scrambling for stories to fill the void the end of the two-year campaign has brought, I would like to offer my own epitaph to the most exciting political campaign in recent history.

McCain lost for three main reasons. He was off-message, he was negative and he made poor decisions.

Analysts can argue race or gender until they are blue in the face, but McCain lost because Barack Obama stayed on message and he did not. From day one of his campaign, Obama was the candidate of change while McCain tried to reinvent himself more times than Cher. This misstep gave the Obama campaign power and his supporters a banner under which to gather.

McCain was also mistaken in thinking Americans would find

derogatory campaign ads appealing. The Paris Hilton ad he ran was juvenile and did not do anything to strengthen his campaign.

All the mistakes could have been negated by a good vice-presidential selection. But instead of picking someone like a Mitt Romney or Tim Pawlenty, he chose Sarah Palin, a novice governor with no national experience to her name. Instead of beefing up his economic standards, he picked a woman, hoping to cater to Hillary Clinton voters.

What McCain failed to understand is the most ardent Clinton supporters were women who were pro-choice feminists with true democratic ideals. He was a fool to think he could court them by choosing a candidate so drastically underqualified.

Some also argued Clinton did such damage to Obama during the primaries that she practically handed McCain the presidency. While the Democratic primary was unusu-

ally vicious, McCain made no effort to pounce on this show of disunity. Frankly, Clinton tested Obama far more than McCain did and that cost him the election.

He also lacked the campaign machine Obama developed. An admitted technophobe, he began the shift toward online campaigning too late. Long after Obama was texting his supporters on a regular basis, McCain finally began a widespread e-mail campaign.

Could he have won? It's possible. If he had spent the month after his nomination brushing up on economic policy and hammering away on both Clinton and Obama, he could have established a strong foothold for the general election. Instead he vacationed while Clinton and Obama duked it out, and now he is retiring into obscurity while Obama becomes the 44th president.

*Libby Davis is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Coppell.*

## Frog football deserves better support

This past Thursday I flew to Salt Lake City to watch TCU football play the University of Utah. In addition to about 40 TCU fans on the plane was a representative from the FedEx Orange Bowl. He was among representatives from five other bowls attending the game.

Not surprisingly, once Frog fans found out who he was, they asked him all kinds of questions. But one important question the representative asked a TCU fan was how many fans TCU could send to a bowl game. The TCU fan said at least 30,000 fans, and while I'm not sure whether that would happen, it brings up a much more important, broader question. What level of support does the TCU community have for football?

One would think TCU fans would be pretty eager to support our team if coach Gary Patterson is enviable enough that a Kansas State fan made a Web site encouraging his school to hire Patterson. This desire for Patterson was taken to the next level last Friday morning when GoPower.com, Rivals.com's Kansas State affiliate site, falsely reported Patterson had resigned from TCU to take the coaching job at K-State.

If we want to be known as a football school — a squad other teams consistently fear — we need to perpetuate a much more pro football atmosphere. The culture of TCU will have to be more football-friendly if we want to continue to strengthen our program.

In case you haven't noticed — and judging by game attendance, you haven't — TCU has rebounded very well after a disappointing 2007 season. The only two games the Frogs lost were away games against top-

10 ranked teams in front of sold out crowds. Speaking of sold out crowds, this is where the lack of support is most evident.

TCU upset No. 9 Brigham Young University Oct. 16 at home, but the student section didn't even sell out, much less the game. On the contrary, as I was leaving Salt Lake City on Friday morning, Utah students were already camping out to get tickets for their 11/22 home game against BYU. That's right; Utah students were camping out (in 40 degree weather) for a chance to attend a home game. After noticing the extreme difference in levels of support between TCU and our rivals, I did some exploring as to why that might be.

The number of living alumni is one of the first things that sticks out. TCU has about 60,000 to 70,000 alumni still living, while the current enrollment, for example, at University of Texas at Austin is more than 50,000. With TCU having close to 10,000 current students, it makes sense that filling Amon G. Carter Stadium to its capacity of 44,000 is difficult.

Sure TCU football wasn't incredible in the '70s or '80s, but that's so long ago now that those decades are just party themes for current students. LaDainian Tomlinson, whose last season was 2000, holds more than 10 NFL records and was one of the best to ever play at TCU. How that doesn't get the TCU and the overall Fort Worth community more eager to see TCU play, I don't quite understand.

If non-TCU affiliated Fort Worth residents are going to play "hard to get" when it comes to game attendance, the leadership is going to have to come from within TCU. The little

things that happen together reflect our attitude toward athletics. For example, many of my friends told me their Thursday night class wasn't canceled during the BYU game. That's pathetic if you ask me, but it's a good indication of what some professors think about our football team.

Another very negative event happened after the BYU football game. The hundreds of excited TCU students, eager to celebrate a monumental upset on the field with the football team, were met by some overaggressive TCU and Fort Worth Police officers. More experienced schools, such as the University of Utah after beating TCU last Thursday, don't send officers over to tackle students and kneel them in the face like officers at TCU did. Instead, they carefully took down the goal posts to avoid injury and enjoyed the victory with the students.

All the little things we do that don't support an environment where TCU football can thrive add up to poor game attendance, which undeniably affects the outcome of close games. The best part about supporting football is that it rubs off on other sports. If football game attendance increases, so does attendance at other TCU sports. After all, this is Texas, where football always comes first.

If TCU can change its habits that don't support football, we will not only improve our student and alumni attendance, but we will also gain the support of the Fort Worth community, which could potentially make Amon G. Carter Stadium a pretty tough place to play.

*John Andrew Willis is a sophomore environmental science major from Dallas.*

# FEATURES

## SGA ELECTIONS 2008

Check out your candidates' goals for the student body

### President



**Kelly Barnes**  
**Hometown:** Austin  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Political science

The role of the Student Body President is to represent the students' interests. My platform aims to do just that.

Parking is a major issue for students, and I plan to address that through a safe parking garage. Many students are irritated when given their

scheduled enrollment time for classes and are unable to make that time slot to register. I plan to create an automated system where students can input their top choices ahead of time and when their times comes up, the computer will register the student in all the classes that are open. I also feel that TCU Athletics lacks student support. I plan to work with the athletic department to increase student participation through a point system where students would swipe in to every game they attend, and at the end of the academic year, the top attendees would be given a predetermined prize. I also plan to get tailgates back in the Worth Hills area to unite the student body again. The new dining plan has created many problems, and I plan to form a student committee to investigate ways to improve the plan.

**Kelsie Johnson**  
**Hometown:** Fort Worth  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Advertising/public relations and political science

My experience in Student Government Association and on campus is unmatched, and it will allow me to hit the ground running with this position. Some things I'd like to see if elected include increasing the storage size of student e-mail inboxes, introducing parking reform that would include students being allowed to park in the visitor's lots on weekends, bringing safe, student-friendly tailgates (with alcohol for those over 21) to campus for the 2009 football season and making the "go green" idea a reality with specific, attainable goals. I would also like to get student input on how the meal plan can be made better in the future. What I really want students to know is that SGA is here to serve them, and I am very open to feedback and input from students.



### Vice President



**Matt Dietrichson**  
**Hometown:** Richardson  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Entrepreneurial management and psychology

TCU is a great school with countless features that set us above and beyond others. One of the coolest things about this school is how easily students can influence and dictate their own college experience. If elected, I am fully prepared to spend time listening and working on your behalf. Based upon my own

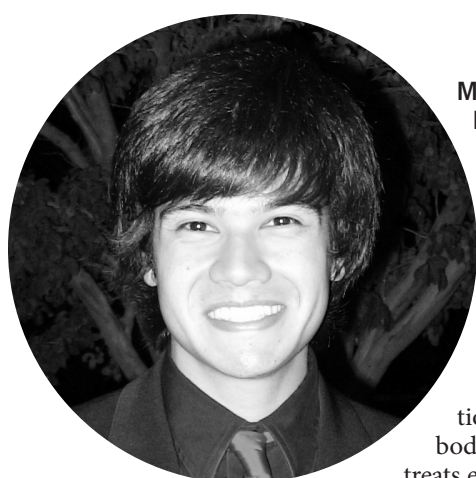
observations and experiences, my current goals for the coming year include improving student tailgating, simplifying parking, offering additional meal plan options and initiating significant sustainability efforts on campus in the coming year. Additionally, I would like to introduce outdoor heating and lighting at Market Square, construct a new student seating area near the library, and based upon students' opinions, decide how to best utilize the Pond Street Grill area. I have already been in discussion with a variety of sources regarding these issues and know that making significant changes will not be easy, but I have the experience and the desire to accomplish the goals. I am willing and truly excited to do the work needed to make positive things happen for our campus.



**Justin LaPote**  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Finance and entrepreneurship

I want to become our next vice president because I believe I can better our already great university. I have the leadership experience

it takes to benefit our student body. If elected, I want to bring back student tailgates, reform our current meal plan by letting students take out food, make the University Union more open to people living off campus and incorporate Sub Connection into the meal plan. I would also like to create a lottery system for class sign-ups that makes sure everyone gets some of their classes even if they cannot sign up at their designated time. If possible, I would like to work on a parking garage for the long term.



**Matt Williams**  
**Hometown:** North Richland Hills  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Computer information technology

My main objective is to bring what you, the TCU students, want to campus. I want to bring about a new representation to the TCU student body; a representation that treats each individual and organization with respect and recognition. While the other candidates have one background that they excel in, I feel that my well-rounded background and the wide selection of student organizations I am involved in give me the experience necessary to represent all groups of the TCU community. Some of my specific platform ideas include:

Working toward getting a more diverse selection of food at Market Square and 1873 Sports Bar & Grill.

Meeting with various dining services departments on campus to try to include Sub Connection and Bistro Burnett onto the one-free-meal-per-day swipe plan.

Negotiating a wider variety of off-campus dining to restaurants to join the 'Frog Bucks' way of paying for food such as Chick-fil-A, Pizza Hut and others.

Implementing more inside and outside facilities in which the TCU community is all open to, which include more Mac rentals inside the library and 24-hour access to the basement of the library.

Working to establish a new winter academic term on campus that allows students to get a few extra classes out of the way.

Working closely with the treasurer to help allocate as much funding as possible for all student organizations.

Raising money to help fund and create scholarships that will help pay for students wanting to study abroad.

### Treasurer



**Marlon Figueroa**  
**Hometown:** San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Finance and German

Student body treasurer is one of the highest positions a student can achieve at TCU. The treasurer manages and budgets for more than \$300,000. It is crucial to make sure that whoever holds that position will have the necessary experience and drive to take on such a huge responsibility. I truly believe that I am the only qualified candidate for such a job. I have already worked with more than half of the student budget. I have seen the successes and mistakes that have happened within SGA. I am ready to take on the position of treasurer and ensure that every student gets his or her money's worth from the student body fee we all pay. I will restructure the activities Funding Board to make it accessible to every student organization. I will cut back on wasteful spending. I will bring back tailgates and fund part of them to offer a great environment for pregame activities. I will work hard to bring more popular performances on campus. I am going to be a proactive student body officer who will exceed every expectation that is required from the treasurer.

**Greg Hamre**  
**Hometown:** Sugar Land  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Finance with minors in accounting and energy

In my opinion, a leader must do more than simply lead; he or she must reach out to all students, listen to their wants and needs and work with them to make those things become realities. If I am appointed as Student Body Treasurer, I will successfully manage the budget and act as a liaison between the Student Body and the Activities Funding Board. I will greatly enjoy this opportunity, so I have chosen to run for election. Goals I hope to achieve while in office include bringing back the tailgates, more big name concerts, a stronger dining plan and a parking garage.



**Ryan Hoff**  
**Hometown:** Austin  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Finance, accounting and political science

My main goal is to make sure SGA is serving the student body and being fiscally responsible in the process. I want to balance the SGA budget and make sure we are keeping track of money that is distributed on campus. I am also a proponent of budgeting money for special projects that the candidates for president and vice president have in mind, such as tailgating and fixing the parking situation on campus. My mission is to serve the student body. I have already said that I will take all of the money awarded to me as compensation for being elected treasurer and put it back in the general funds for student body projects. I challenge my opponents to do the same so that SGA and the treasurer position can stick to serving the student body.



### Programming Council Chair

**Kennedy Stewart**  
**Hometown:** Carrollton  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Advertising/public relations with a minor in psychology of leadership

For the past year, I have been an active member of Programming Council serving as the special events director. In this position, I have worked on events such as a Super Bowl party, a campuswide spa day during finals week, and now I am planning Holidays at TCU 2008. I have also participated in the Frog Aides freshman leadership program through SGA and now serve on its executive team.

I would love the chance to continue to plan such events and oversee the programming branch of Student Government with your help.

As Programming Council Chair, I would love to bring large scale events to TCU's campus by focusing on what you, the students of TCU, would like to see. My goal is to utilize effective advertising so more students are better informed on the events that SGA hosts as well as wisely use the programming budget in a way to maximize its efficiency and success. My biggest priority will be the entertainment and enjoyment of TCU students.



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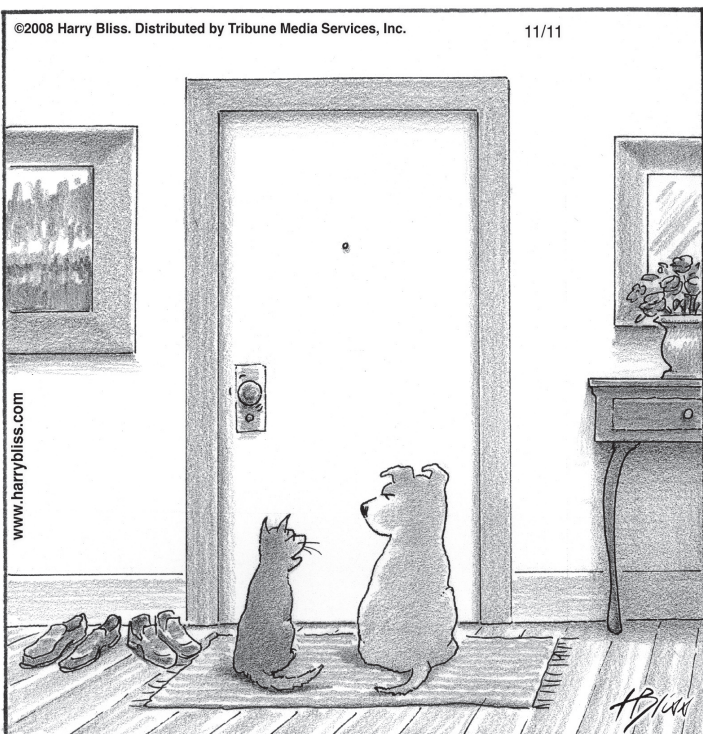


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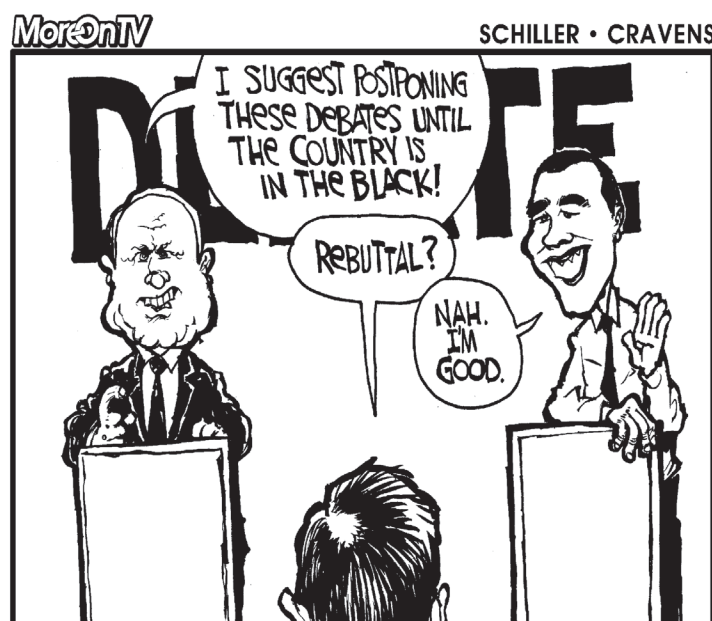
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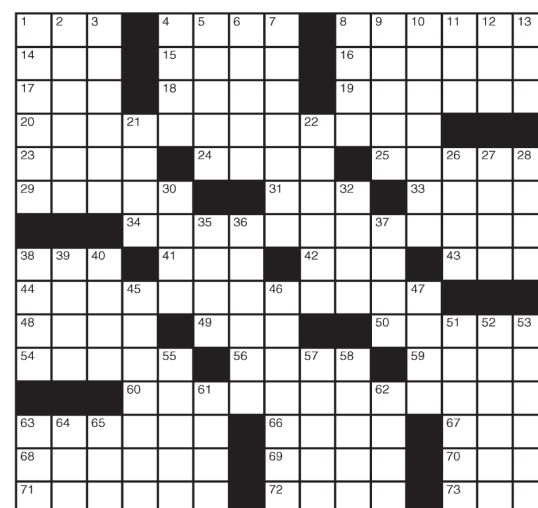
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## SPORTS



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Sophomore center Micah Garoutter attempts a shot over a defender during the Lady Frog's 56-55 victory over the Oklahoma City University Stars on Friday in Fort Worth.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CLOSE ONE  
Team wins final preseason game

By Robert Bember  
Staff Reporter

The Lady Frogs' last-second, come-from-behind win over the Oklahoma City University Stars in their final tuneup before the start of the regular season made it evident that there is still work to be done.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said rebounding was a huge concern, despite outrebounding the Stars 47-46 in the 56-55 victory.

"That's been something we've spent a lot of time on in the last week," Mittie said. "We're not very quick to the

ball right now."

Despite a significant height advantage, in the Lady Frogs' favor, the Stars outscored TCU in the paint 22-18. The Stars' tallest player measured 6 feet 1 inch, while the Lady Frogs had seven players at the 6-foot-1-inch mark or taller.

"We just need to play harder in all angles of the game," sophomore Helena Sverrisdottir said. "We can see now that there are a lot of things we can work on."

Forward Chantelle John was the game's leading rebounder with 10 boards. As a transfer in her first game action with the team, John didn't waste any time getting on the board, scoring the team's first two buckets and six of their first eight points. Mittie said he was pleased with her effort throughout the game.

"We did not do a very good job of getting her the ball in the second half," Mittie said. "I thought she got fatigued because she was really working hard to get some things done down there."

Mittie expects John to get more touches as the offense improves.

Guard TK LaFleur and forward Rachel Rentschler also saw their first action with the Lady Frogs as members of the starting lineup. LaFleur and John were with the team last season but didn't play because of NCAA rules for transfer players. Rentschler, also a transfer, was granted a waiver by the NCAA that allows her to play in her first season with the program.

"It doesn't feel like they just came here," Sverrisdottir said. "We're really close as a team."

LaFleur impacted the game at both ends of the court, finishing with 11 points, five rebounds, two assists and four steals. Early in the first half, with the Stars attempting to capitalize on a TCU turnover with a fast break bucket, LaFleur intercepted a cross-court pass and

set up guard Shayla Moore with a layup at the other end.

In the second half, LaFleur showcased her athletic ability by leaping up and snagging a Stars' pass out of the air for another steal.

"She's probably shaking some rust off too," Mittie said. "First game in 16, 18 months. You come out and it's almost all new again."

LaFleur hit a pair of big 3-pointers down the stretch to pull the Lady Frogs within one. Overall, the team struggled from the field.

"We weren't shooting well at all tonight," Sverrisdottir said. "We only shot 30 percent and we know that we can do better than that."

With 5.5 seconds left on the clock, the Lady Frogs came out of a timeout trailing 55-54. Sverrisdottir received the inbounds pass in the post and was immediately double teamed and fouled as she went up for the shot, sending her to the free-throw line with 3.4 seconds to play.

She sank the first and rattled the second home to give the Lady Frogs a 56-55 lead. Sverrisdottir led the team with 12 points and five assists and contributed eight rebounds as well.

The Lady Frogs' previous lead came with 1:51 left in the first half.

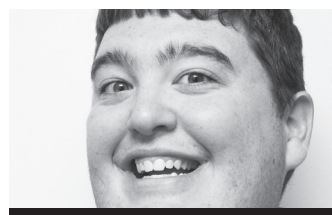
"We played a lot harder in the last two minutes of the game than we did in the first part," Sverrisdottir said.

Mittie said the team is going to have to win at times without style points and focus on staying out of foul trouble, maximizing possessions and controlling tempo.

"We're going to have to win some 65-58, 59 games," Mittie said. "While I spent a lot of the night frustrated, it was good to see us handle some things down the stretch."

## BILLY KNOWS BEST

## Football coaches fired midseason should get out now



BILLY WESSELS

What do coaches Ron Prince, Joe Tiller, Phil Fulmer, Tyrone Willingham and President George W. Bush have in common?

All of them are currently working, but none will have a job come January.

And worse, the coaches are still expected to work despite already getting the axe from their respective schools.

I guess there are some perks to being a lame duck. The coaches have free reign do whatever they want for the remaining schedule, because they know they're done after the season.

But at the same time, the coaches need to perform to the best of their ability to attract other potential suitors.

So the real question is, if you're a lame duck coach and you know you are leaving after the season, why not just clear out your office now? You are more than likely just going to be phoning it in for the rest of the season, and that could put both the coach and the school in a bad light.

If I were a coach with one foot out the door and administrators trying to push the other out, I would

just leave. I'd take a few months to watch some football, see what other jobs open up and throw my name in the hat.

Plus, usually there are rumors that circle around all coaches, either good or bad, for those with jobs and without. Like Friday, for example, when a Kansas State fan site reported that head coach Gary Patterson was headed to take the helm of the Wildcats at season's end, less than

If I were a coach with one foot out the door and administrators trying to push the other out, I would just leave.

24 hours after Patterson's worst loss as a Horned Frog coach.

Hearing Patterson on a national radio show refuting those rumors was a refreshing feeling.

Patterson is most likely at or near the top of several schools' wish lists for future head coach positions. This probably won't be the only time we see rumors like this come out about Patterson, but to know that he cares enough about where he is now to clear the air about his name is good to see.

Billy Wessels is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Waxahachie.

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