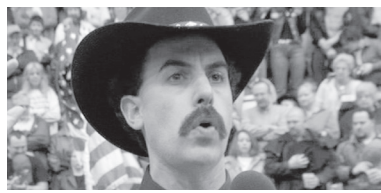


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Provost sets goal of lowering student-faculty ratio

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Reporter

The provost set a goal to improve the student-faculty ratio from 14.7 to 1, to 13 to 1 at Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Provost Nowell Donovan said TCU must hire 59 new faculty to meet this goal.

In the past three years, 41 new faculty positions have been created, Donovan said.

Donovan emphasized to the

group of about 40 faculty members the importance of forming one-on-one relationships with students and what it means to teach leadership.

"Every Frog that hops out of here has to really count," Donovan said. "Students must know when and how to lead."

The proposal from the Honors Program to transition to an honors college was also highlighted in the meeting.

While it has not been officially decided whether the honors

college will be created, Donovan said, it would be established in the Student Center in fall 2009.

Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program, said the honors college would provide more support and better advising for honors students.

Donovan said having an honors college is predicted to improve the status of the university.

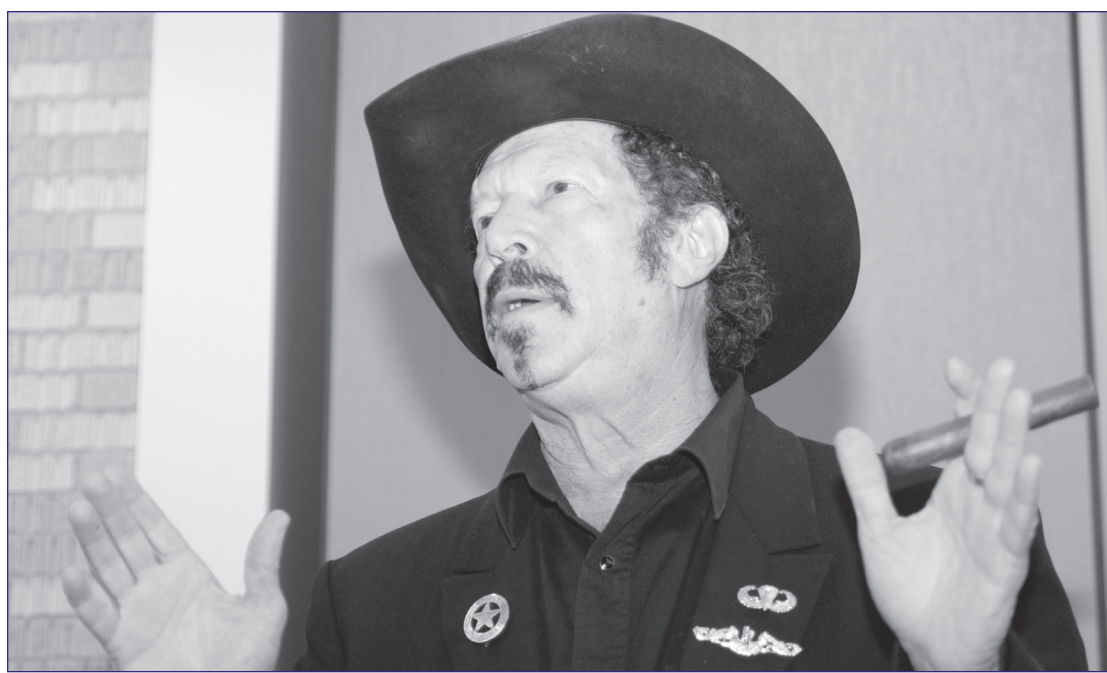
He also said he wants TCU to be "internationalized."

By 2012, he said, he hopes 100 percent of students have some kind of international experience before they graduate and wants at least 55 percent involved in the study abroad program.

Donovan concluded the meeting with an announcement of a provost forum in the Student Center Ballroom at 3 p.m. Monday, where 300 students are expected to attend and participate in round-table discussions about the implementation of the



CHAD SNYDER / Staff Photographer
TCU chief investment officer Jim Hille spoke about the endowment and the university's ranking at the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday.



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor

Gubernatorial candidate Kinky Friedman speaks to the TCU community about getting young adults to vote and his campaign in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall Thursday night. Students can vote on Election Day on Nov. 7.

Campus gets kinky with Friedman

By JOANNA BERNAL
Staff Reporter

Gubernatorial independent candidate Kinky Friedman encouraged about 200 students, faculty and community members to vote early in a speech Thursday in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall, where he said being politically correct is not his focus.

"There's something more important than being politically correct," he said. "It's being morally correct."

Friedman talked about his education policy, which he said includes increasing teachers' salaries and having corporations sponsor high school sports programs. He also said he wants to legalize gambling and invest the money earned into public schools.

"Day one, I'm opening up the two Indian casinos," he said, "and I'm closing the two horse slaughtering plants that are shipping meat over to India."

He also said he wants to get rid of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test because it is limiting education and sending away teachers.

"No great teacher can teach the TAKS test," Friedman said. "People need someone to tell people that you have a booger on your nose, and TAKS is a booger on Perry's nose."

Friedman said he wants to allow prayer back in school. "What's wrong with a kid believing in something?" he said.

As for healthcare, Friedman said he wants to restore funding for the Children's Health Insur-

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ance Program, which was cut in 2003.

By 2020, Friedman said he wants 20 percent of Texas' electricity derived from renewable sources.

"Farmers need to set up biodiesel stations all over the state," he said. "Willie Nelson's bus runs on vegetable oil and the prices never go up on that."

Andrea Vasilio, a senior radio-TV-film major, was one of the students who crowded into the room to hear Friedman speak.

"I wanted to educate myself on his platform because I don't know much," she said.

Students make election choice

By AMBER PARCHER
Staff Reporter

Students say they are unsure about whom they're voting for in Tuesday's election for Texas governor.

The gubernatorial race includes two independents, a Democrat and a Libertarian, who are all attempting to oust Republican Gov. Rick Perry from office.

Candidates have made border security, gambling, education and taxes the key issues in this election.

Taylor McKittrick, a freshman business major, said he is going to base his vote on issues such as immigration and homeland security but would not say for whom he is going to vote.

Senior political science major John Salas said he won't vote in next week's election because he doesn't like any of the candidates.

Salas said he thinks politicians will act in self-interest to keep themselves in office instead of what is beneficial for society.

"When I find a candidate who isn't an idiot, I'll vote for them," Salas said.

Several students said they have not been happy with Perry's performance as governor.

If re-elected, Perry would be the longest-serving governor in Texas history. He supports spending \$100 million more on border security and building a \$184 billion transportation system, according to his Web site.

Junior business major

Samantha Jackson said she will probably not vote for Perry again because he hasn't provided strong enough leadership.

Kyle McCord, a sophomore ranch management major who voted early, said he agreed.

"I haven't seen much happening with education," McCord said. "I think Perry could have done better in that area."

Democratic candidate Chris Bell said his priorities include creating affordable healthcare for everyone and increasing education funding, as well as limiting the amount of mercury emissions from coal plants, according to his Web site.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Republican-turned-independent, said she wants to give teachers a \$4,000 pay raise and stop Perry's proposed transportation system, according to her Web site.

Valerie Martinez-Ebers, an associate professor of political science, said immigration could influence voting, especially in Fort Worth.

"There has been a lot of effort to get Latinos to the polls on this issue," Martinez-Ebers said.

Joanne Green, an associate professor of political science, said although Mexican-Americans tend to vote for Democratic candidates, there have been efforts in Texas by both sides to register and mobilize these voters.

As far as students go, Mar-

tinez-Ebers said, many of her students have expressed interest in Friedman.

"I'm not sure whether it's his eccentricity or the positions he takes on issues," Martinez-Ebers said. "But whether they actually vote for him remains to be seen."

Friedman, a leftist independent, said he wants to send 10,000 National Guard troops to the border and legalize casino gambling, marijuana and gay marriage, according to his Web site.

Libertarian candidate James Werner favors free labor flows over open borders and wants to create a sales tax on all new goods and services, according to his Web site.

Both Bell and Friedman say they would punish Texas employers who hire illegal workers, contrary to Perry and Strayhorn, who say they would not.

Also on the ballot is the U.S. Senate race and numerous U.S. House of Representatives.

In the U.S. Senate, Republican
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TIME TO VOTE

Follow this link to find out where you can vote Tuesday:
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Bring either your voter registration card or a picture ID.

Dancers to restage classic piece

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

Although the dance department is continuing tradition by presenting an end-of-semester performance, there's something noticeably different about this fall's show.

Act II of the classic ballet "Giselle," the second half of the production, will be performed in its entirety.

A restaging of a classical ballet like this has not been presented by the dance department for two years, since "Grand Pas Romantique" was performed in 2004, said Alicia McConnell, a junior ballet and radio-TV-film major.

"Giselle," first produced in 1841 at the Paris Opera, is the story of a young girl named Giselle, who dies of a broken heart when she discovers that the man she loves, Albrecht, is betrothed to another girl, McConnell said.

Act II, which was restaged by professor of Professional Practice Li-Chou Cheng, takes place in a moonlit forest where the spirits of young women who died before their wedding days, called "Wilis," prepare to initiate Giselle and kill Albrecht, McConnell said. Although Giselle cannot save herself from the Wilis, she does save Albrecht.

Domingo Estrada, a senior ballet and modern dance major, said restaging is simply taking a well-known ballet and presenting it years later at a different dance

company. Sometimes, the choreography will be altered in a restaging, but

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JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor
TCU ballet and modern dance majors perform their Fall Dance Concert, Live@dancetcu.

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Graduation bittersweet with loans, student says

By MICHELLE THOMAS
Staff Reporter

Books and supplies: \$810.
Dining plan: \$2,800.
Degree from TCU: \$116,440.

Getting out of debt before retirement: priceless.

December is a month away and graduation for some seniors is in the not-so-distant future — followed closely by a bill for their education at TCU.

With the increasing cost of tuition, students are requesting more and more loans to help pay for their education, said Mike Scott, director of financial aid.

Loans are given based on financial need and make it possible for some students to attend universities such as TCU — but they eventually must be paid back, he said.

The tab students accumulate over a four-year span is often overwhelming, said Sean Sloan, a senior marketing major.

"It's a huge burden for students just out of college to figure out how to pay it all back," Sloan said. "On top of trying to find a job after

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THE BREAK DOWN

- Average cost of a degree: \$116,440
- Amount awarded in loans, scholarships and grants last year: more than \$127 million
- If this was divided evenly among students, each student would receive about \$63,500 — leaving \$52,940 left to pay.
- According to the College Board, 23 percent of students at private, nonprofit universities graduate with at least \$30,000 of debt.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy, 65/46
SATURDAY: Few Showers, 60/52
SUNDAY: Few Showers, 66/59

PECULIAR FACT

TENNESSEE- Japanese eating champion Takeru Kobayashi won his third straight Krystal hamburger-eating contest, setting a new world record in the process. Kobayashi ate 97 Krystal hamburgers in eight minutes on Saturday. -AP

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in a classic ballet such as "Giselle," the choreography usually stays the same, said Estrada, who plays the role of Albrecht.

The first half of the production will feature three modern dance pieces, two of which were choreographed by TCU dance faculty.

"Pessoa," choreographed by Susan Douglas Roberts, an associate professor of modern dance, is meant to convey human presence and absence. "Ode: Killer Bees, Y2K, and the Right to a Fully-automated Kitchen," was choreographed by Andrea Harris, assistant professor of dance, and portrays fear in the American media, according to TCU's Web site.

The third modern piece, "Chula," was choreographed by guest artist Michelle Dexter, a professor at the University of Central Oklahoma, and features high-energy duo work, according to a press release.

Estrada said "Chula" has a very African, spiritual feel. The two styles of dance

featured in the first and second acts are completely different, said Krista Jennings, a junior ballet, modern dance and English major.

"People will get to see new, upcoming choreography and also the beginnings of ballet," Jennings said. "It's a good balance."

The dancers have been rehearsing for the concert since early September, McConnell said.

McConnell, who is performing in both "Giselle" and "Ode," said she spent as much as 13 hours per week in rehearsals.

Besides performing, Petrina Arneson, a junior ballet major, said the dancers will also be backstage working the lights and helping with costume changes during the show. Even the stage manager is a dance student, she said.

Jennings, who is performing in both "Giselle" and "Pessoa," said the concert will show students how talented the dance department is.

"We have really amazing faculty members and dancers," Jennings said. "People will be amazed to see what we can do."

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graduation, we have to figure out how to pay off our debts."

Between federal, state, private and TCU loans, scholarships and grants, more than \$127 million was given to TCU students last year, Scott said.

If all aid were divided evenly among the more than 8,000 students at TCU, each student would receive about \$63,500 toward a four-year degree.

According to the TCU Web site, the average cost of a degree is \$116,440. That leaves students with a \$52,940 bill to pay.

"Check please!" has never been such a painful phrase, said Andrea Broadbent, a senior fashion merchandising major.

Broadbent said graduation is becoming bitter-sweet with the reality of going into the real world with all her debt in tow.

"When I got to college, my education was the most important thing," Broad-

bent said. "As I'm getting ready to leave college, figuring out how I'm going to pay for that education has become the most important thing."

Aisha Whitaker, a senior sociology major, said she wasn't thinking about the amount of debt she would leave TCU with when she filled out an application.

As graduation day approaches, it's on her mind a lot, Whitaker said.

"I'm going to be paying back my loans for the rest of my life," Whitaker said. "That's really scary."

According to TCU's 2005 Form 990, a report that nonprofit organizations must file with the IRS, the university awarded about \$30 million in loans and other financial aid in 2005.

The amount of aid TCU offers shows that the university is working with students to make the task of paying for college a little bit easier, Sloan said.

While TCU may be doing its part, a College Board press release states that some federal loan programs aren't helping as much as they have

in the past.

According to the College Board Web site, the value of federal loans is not keeping up with inflation and the rapid increase of the cost of attending college.

This contributes to the increasing number of students seeking aid from private education loans. Private loans usually have higher interest rates than federal loans, placing students further into debt.

According to the press release, 23 percent of students from private nonprofit colleges graduated with at least \$30,000 of debt.

Despite the daunting task of paying off this debt, Sloan said that not going to college is not an option for most young people.

"This day and age, getting a college degree is a must," he said. "We aren't just competing with people in Texas or the United States. Anyone in the world can get a college education."

Sloan said although it is hard for students to manage their finances with ease, getting an education

at TCU is too important to pass up.

Whitaker said she agrees, saying some students find that the opportunities obtained by receiving a degree outweigh the burden of debt.

Scott cautions students to be reasonable in the amount of money they borrow but says a college education is well worth what's spent.

"I firmly believe that a student loan is the best investment you will ever make," he said.

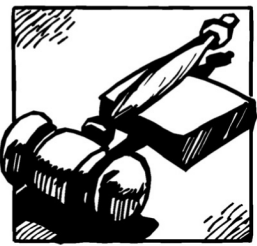
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litan Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison faces very little challenge for re-election from Democratic candidate Barbara Ann Radnofsky, Green said.

Green said the congressional delegation will likely stay in the hands of the Republicans because of the conservative nature of Texas and the implemented redistricting plan.

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THE SKIFF VIEW

Take advantage of Election Day

Many American college students blow off the opportunity to do something people on the other side of the world risk their lives to do.

Tuesday is Election Day, and unfortunately, students who are eligible to vote in Tarrant County may treat it no differently than any other day of the year.

That's a shame. The deadline for registration has long since passed, and if you did not register, you lost your chance to vote and your right to complain about the candidate who is elected.

But, if you are registered, you have no excuse for not voting — especially since the process is now so user-friendly.

Polling locations depend on your address, but for TCU students who live on or near campus, that's likely to be nearby. St. Stephen Presbyterian Church at 2600 Merida Ave. is located just off Stadium Drive.

You can find a polling place close to your residence by checking the precinct number on your voter registration card or

by checking the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Tuesday morning. Also, locations can be found online at the Tarrant County Elections Web site: tarrantcounty.com/evote.

Voting effectively also means voting responsibly. Do your homework. You have the weekend to educate yourself on major issues, such as education reform, border security and healthcare, surrounding the gubernatorial race.

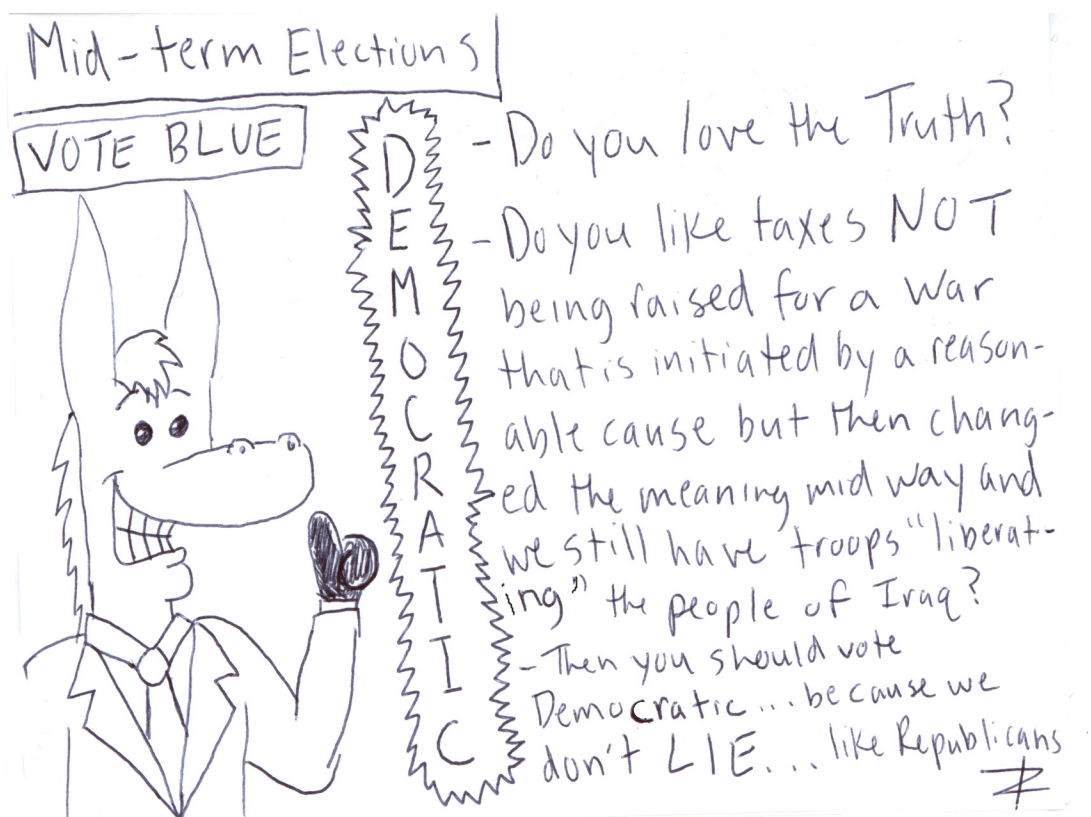
Don't neglect local decisions. Among other issues, Tarrant County voters will decide on a heated race for district attorney as well as a freeze on county taxes for senior citizens.

Kinky Friedman, Chris Bell and Carole Keeton Strayhorn each have Facebook groups in which students can show support, but support on a networking Web site will not affect the polls. The only support that really counts now is in the voting booth where you can make your views and opinions heard.

Make your informed decision count Nov. 7.

Jennifer Boone for the editorial board.

BY RICKY ANDERSON



Dixie Chicks fighting gender role

In case no one has heard, the Dixie Chicks are in the news again. They have a new documentary coming out soon titled "Dixie Chicks: Shut Up and Sing," which highlights the controversy that has followed the band since Natalie Maines' comments about President Bush.

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Though the Dixie Chicks are hardly on my musical radar, I can't help but admire the stand they are making. It is now en vogue to support the Chicks' stand for freedom of speech.

And it's not like we don't know what they're saying. They recently appeared on both the Oprah Winfrey Show and Larry King's CNN program ... on the same day.

Though many people may think all the recent publicity is overkill, it at least makes up for the silencing job done by country radio. It also allows us to possibly examine the real reason the Chicks have had to endure the outrage they have.

What the Chicks are doing is essentially challenging the centuries-old dogma that women should be seen, but not heard. It's no accident the main protest against the band has come from the American South.

The South has perpetuated the myth of "Southern Womanhood" since antebellum times. The myth has inspired generations of Southern men to exalt their women as goddesses of beauty and purity while demanding they stay in the kitchen, barefoot, pregnant and with their

mouths shut. How they can be statuesque beauties while pregnant domestic slaves is beyond me.

I know many will say they are not protesting the Chicks' right to free speech, just their criticism of the president and the war. I imagine the radio programmers echoing the protesters by saying that they won't play the Chicks' music because of the political beliefs of their clientele.

I can't help but wonder if the main reason they're not being played is because they're not playing the "good-woman" role in the South. If a man had said the same things as the Chicks, would there be the same kind of reaction? I don't think so, and I'll illustrate why.

In the early 1970s, Johnny Cash was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War. On his television program, he invited artists such as Bob Dylan and other "protest" singers on his program but was never censored for his beliefs. He even wrote a song called "In Vietnam Talkin' Blues."

Yet Cash's television program wasn't canceled, his music wasn't banned, and, as far as I know, he didn't receive any death threats. Last year Hollywood

even made a very good, Oscar-nominated biopic of the singer's life.

Flash forward to today and tell me why the Chicks are being treated as they are. I would think 30 years of progressive enlightenment would have changed such antiquated sexist beliefs. Perhaps it has all been a mirage. Maybe the progress we think we have made as a society is only superficial and has not penetrated deep enough to change the nation's soul.

I, for one, thought we had come a long way, but now I'm not so sure. Women certainly have more rights now than ever before, but the recent controversy with the Dixie Chicks shows there is a lot more work to be done.

I think the Chicks' battle now is for more than just freedom of speech. It is for the equality and respect they thought they had before they were banned.

Erick Raven is a first-year graduate student in the School of Education from Grand Prairie. His column appears every Friday.



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The Dixie Chicks have created controversy in both the country music and political worlds. They have a new documentary coming out titled "Dixie Chicks: Shut Up and Sing."

Vote for the governor; get your voice heard

Attention! Attention! All registered Texas voters!

It is time to go to the polls and vote. The gubernatorial election is upon us, and it is time

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to choose a candidate. If you haven't heard, Texas has five candidates for governor. That's right, five candidates.

So, who is running? If you missed the debate, I'll give you a lively recap. When I watched the debate between the incumbent Rick Perry, Kinky Friedman, Carole Strayhorn and Chris Bell, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Because of the comedic Kinky Friedman's blatant disregard for political correctness and contempt for the Internet, he seemed like a product of the dark ages. If you want a cave man for governor who thinks the Internet is the devil, he's your man.

"One tough Grandma" Carole Strayhorn disappointed me at every turn by evading questions. Instead, she responded with slogans such as "I'm going to shake Austin up!" When she was asked about her flip-flopping past among Republican, Democrat and Independent parties, she answered with a catchphrase.

Rick Perry did a masterful job using his political record to answer questions. But, when pressed about the underhanded dealings with the Trans-Texas Corridor, a proposed multiuse, statewide network of transporta-

tion routes, he shimmied out of that jam faster than Michael Jackson in a sexual assault trial.

Sadly, Libertarian candidate James Werner was not involved in the debate. Considering the event looked more like a circus than a debate, he probably didn't miss out on much. Regardless, don't forget about Werner.

I personally endorse Chris Bell for governor. If you think there should be a limit on college tuition increases, he's your man. And if you think standardized testing in public schools is merely teaching to test, then vote Chris Bell for governor.

A week ago, when Bell came to speak on campus, I had the pleasure of meeting him in person. The students asked him some hard questions. Miraculously, he answered every question without wiggling out of the issue. I was impressed with his direct manner.

But really, it does not matter if you vote for Chris Bell or Kinky Friedman. Get out there and vote.

This is your chance to make a huge difference in thousands of lives.

What's stopping you?

Rosalind Hunt is a senior political science and English major from Austin.

VOTING INFO

You may register to vote or find your polling location at the Texas Secretary of State Web site:

sos.state.tx.us

Absurd, cutthroat competition kills childhood experience

Face paint, colorful outfits and exposed bellies: Fine for TCU cheerleaders, bad for little girls.

Last week, on my way back from church, I witnessed a caravan of

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pint-sized cheerleaders crossing the street as they left their competition at the University Recreation Center.

Seriously, none of these girls could have been more than 6 years old. While I could go off on a tangent about how parents nowadays need to dress their young ones a lot more modestly, I'm not going to go there today. What deserves everyone's attention is what these girls were doing here.

Competitive cheerleading when barely out of kindergarten — what

the hell is that all about? What happened to finger paints and Saturday morning cartoons? What happened to playing on the swing set? What happened to kids just being kids?

Our nation starts its children on the "success" path way too soon, especially in the realm of youth sports. Private golf or tennis lessons starting at age 6 so your kid will make the high school team. Driving across town twice a week to attend a pitching academy at age 9. Competitive dancing lessons starting at age 4.

Sure, some might scoff at those seemingly ridiculous statements, but to others they are a way of life. Everybody wants the best for their children in the land of opportunity, but I believe there's a limit.

Some may say America needs this sort of lifestyle. After all, com-

petitiveness and determination helped us develop from a land of simple farmers into the greatest power in the world, right? Pushing our kids is only natural. That way, we can separate the strong from the weak and get the leaders of tomorrow off on the right foot. As they say: a little competition never hurt anybody.

A little competition never hurt anybody, eh? Last month, a little league baseball coach in Uniontown, Pa., was convicted of corruption of a minors and criminal solicitation to commit simple assault after he offered one of players \$25 to bean an 8-year-old autistic teammate. The reason? So the autistic boy couldn't play, thus improving the team's chances of victory. Worst of all, this sleazeball avoided conviction of two more serious charges, aggravated assault and reckless endanger-

ment, because it was determined the boys injuries weren't serious enough to warrant these charges.

I'm glad to see we are instilling such virtue in our children. Respect your elders, don't cheat in school and, oh yeah, throw a fastball at your mentally disabled teammate's head. God bless America.

It's not always the parents who push their kids into these activities and the crazy lifestyle associated with them. Many young children may be fascinated by the idea of being on a baseball team or some other type of competitive sport, and their parents may never hear the end of it.

If your young daughter wants to be a cheerleader, buy her some pompoms and a couple of videos. If your little slugger wants to play baseball, sign him up for the "everybody wins, five strikes

and you're out, let's go out for ice cream because you are all champions to me" world of YMCA baseball.

There's a time for children to be barked at by hyper-competitive coaches who are vicariously living their sports dreams through their players: It's called middle school.

The real world is a tough place, full of backstabbing, win at all costs, steal-your-sales-commission-to-pay-for-their-summer-home jerks. So why would we want to expose our kids to this kind of culture any sooner than we have to? It's no wonder that 70 percent of athletes drop out of youth sports by the age of 13.

I think we should let them stick to sandboxes and Legos a little bit longer.

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Kazakhstan the Beautiful

Hilariously outrageous plot delivers all 'Borat' promised

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

It is true. Believe the hype. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," is hands-down the funniest movie you will see this year — possibly this decade.

What can only be described as pure genius, "Borat" is a movie based on the sketch of the same name on HBO's "Da Ali G Show."

It follows the story of journalist Borat Sagdiyev (Sacha Baron Cohen, "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" and "Da Ali G Show") who leaves his native land of Kazakhstan for America.

Borat travels from New York to California while filming his documentary, which is the most expensive film ever made for Kazakhstan costing 48 million tenge — the equivalent of \$5,000 — to learn what makes America so great and report his findings back to the government.

The central plot line, if you want to call it that, forms after Borat sees an episode of "Baywatch" and falls in love with the one and only C.J. Parker (Pamela Anderson).

He convinces his only companion on the trip to leave New York and travel to California to get a full

understanding about what America has to offer.

Borat learns a number of lessons during his journey across the states.

"Along my travelings, I learn many new things about America," Borat says. "For example, that it is no longer legal to shoot at Red Indians. Once again, I apologize with all my heart to the staff of the Potawatomi Casino in Kansas."

This is just one example of the many outrageously funny misunderstandings Borat comes across because he is unfamiliar with American customs.

The film pokes fun at the obvious American stereotypes: From the dumb Southerners and the drunken fraternity men, to the elderly and many more.

The beauty of Borat is that everyone in the movie truly tries to help the journalist learn the American way, and before the scene is over, each and every one of them is fed up with him.

The tactics used to help "Borat" maintain its "keep-everyone-in-the-dark" strategy often gets the cast and crew in trouble with the local law enforcers.

In New York, a warrant was issued for Baron Cohen's arrest. He

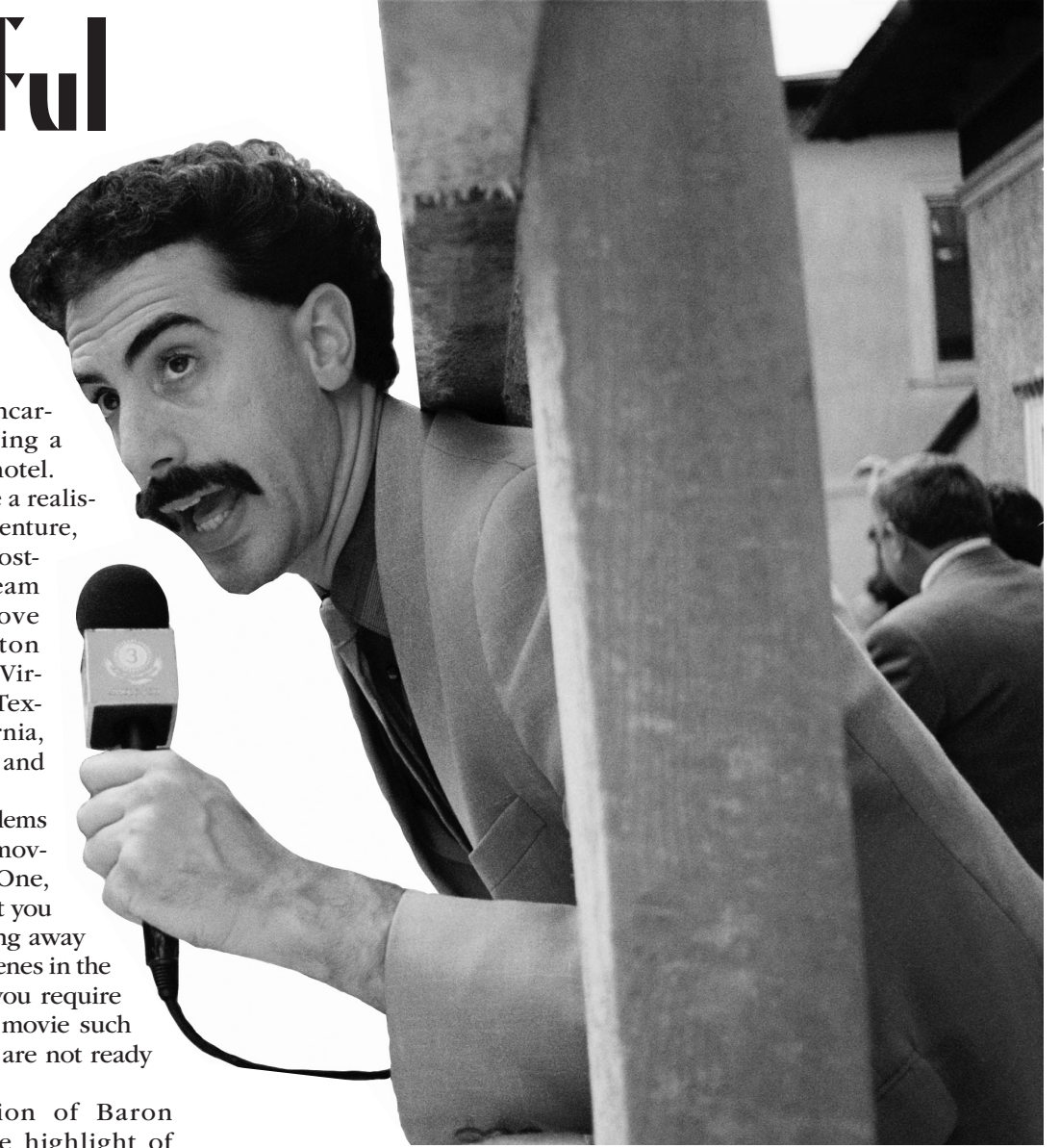
narrowly escaped incarceration while filming a segment at a local hotel.

In order to capture a realistic cross-country adventure, the film was shot mostly out of an ice cream truck as they drove through Washington D.C., West Virginia, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, California, Oklahoma, Alabama and South Carolina.

There are two problems with reviewing a movie such as "Borat." One, there isn't a whole lot you can say without giving away the gut-wrenching scenes in the movie. And two, if you require an explanation of a movie such as "Borat," then you are not ready to see it.

The improvisation of Baron Cohen is easily the highlight of the film because the audience realizes very little of the dialogue is scripted.

"Borat" should easily earn Baron Cohen a Golden Globe nomination in the Best Actor in a Comedy or Musical category. And if there was any justice, he would receive an



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Academy Award nomination, too. Though, I don't feel the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is ready to place such kudos on this type of film.

Is this film offensive? Yes. Should that stop you from going to see it?

Only if you don't mind missing out on the funniest thing to hit the big screen since "Gigli," but the difference is this movie is intentionally funny.



Energy drinks' caffeine, calories concern nutritionists

By KATLYNN MENGERS
The Battalion (Texas A&M)

Vying for the dollars of teenagers and college students with weight-loss promises, increased endurance and legal highs, energy drinks make up a \$3.4 billion-a-year industry that grew by 80 percent last year.

"I think energy drinks are largely a waste of money," said Robert Chapkin, a Texas A&M University professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Services.

Many Texas A&M students use energy drinks such as Red Bull and SoBe to keep them awake to study.

"I need it to stay awake," said George Castillo, a Texas A&M sophomore accounting major.

Chapkin said the caffeine in energy drinks will keep drinkers awake; however, caffeine can come at a price. Poison control centers receive several reports a year of caffeine overdoses.

Some products contain two to four times the amount of caffeine than Coca-Cola,

according to a University of Florida study.

Energy drinks are moving toward bigger cans. Some are raising caffeine content to gain a competitive edge.

"High levels of caffeine might cause the heart to race in some individuals," Chapkin said. "Also, the drinks are loaded with calories, so you had better exercise a lot or you can gain weight."



Some nutritionists are concerned with the extreme levels of vitamin B present in the drinks. In large doses, they can cause rapid heartbeat, numbness and tingling in the hands and feet.

Earlier this month, a new study found a number of caffeine overdose reports to a Chicago poison con-

trol center. These involved young people taking alertness pills such as NoDoz or energy drinks, sometimes mixed with alcohol or other drugs. During three years of reports to the center, the researchers found 265 cases of caffeine abuse resulting in 12 hospital visits.

"Danger only adds to the appeal," said Bryan Greenburg, a marketing consultant. "Young people need to break away from the bonds of adults and what society thinks is right. Heart palpitations aren't likely to scare them off."

Greenburg is right, Castillo said.

"Energy drinks aren't good for me at all, but sometimes you just need it to stay awake," Castillo said.

Some students use energy drinks to increase their athletic performance. There is debate over whether this is effective.

"Caffeine is the major 'active' component," Chapkin said. "This may help in long-term aerobic exercise by reducing glycogen depletion, associated with fatigue."

The Swedish government studied energy drinks and recommended that they not be used to quench thirst or replenish liquid when exercising. It also discourages mixing energy drinks with alcohol.

A Brazilian study found college students didn't feel as drunk as they actually were after drinking vodka and Red Bull. Their perception of their coordination and reaction time didn't match objective tests.

The potential for accidents and alcohol poisoning worries Dr. Sandra Braganza, a pediatrician and nutrition expert at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York. As she prepared to write an article about energy drinks for a pediatrics journal, she was surprised how little published research she could find on them.

"The truth is, we don't know what kind of effects these ingredients can have," Braganza said of taurine, glucuronolactone and guarana. "We have to start doing more studies on this."

The Associated Press contributed to this report

Stop the flu before it stops you

By ELISA GOMEZ
Staff Reporter

You've heard stories all about it. You're achy; you have a fever and chills. This means you might even have it. That's right; flu season is here.

Lavonne Adams, a professor in the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and registered nurse, the best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year.

"Flu season usually begins in October and ends in February," Adams said. "Getting a vaccine is very helpful."

The flu shot is an inactivated vaccine, meaning it contains different strains of dead influenza viruses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

The shot is available to people older than six months, who are both healthy or have chronic medical conditions.

If you do not like shots, the nasal-spray flu vaccine is also available. The spray is made with live, weakened flu viruses that do not cause the flu and is available for people between the ages of 5 and 49 who are healthy and not pregnant.

The people on the TCU campus who are more susceptible to the flu are those who work around younger children and people involved with health-care, Adams said.

"Other people who may be at risk are those who have some type of chronic disease," Adams said.

If you begin to have some of the flu symptoms, it is best to treat the symptoms as you have them, said a CVS pharmacist.

Products like Tylenol and Advil can help for aches and pains. When taking some products like TheraFlu check the

ingredients. If the ingredients do not help the symptoms, there is no use in taking the product.

Washing your hands is one of the best ways to prevent getting the flu, said Heather Padgett, a senior nursing major.

"Getting enough sleep is also another way to stay healthy," Padgett said.

Taking a multivitamin daily, eating right and staying away from people who are sneezing or coughing are also ways to avoid getting the flu, Padgett said.

If you do get the flu, be sure to get enough fluids and rest, Adams said.

"Antiviral medications are also very helpful when you get the flu," Adams said.

Many grocery and drug store pharmacies are currently distributing the vaccination and the cost is around \$25. The shot is also available at the Health Center for \$20, which is charged to your student account.

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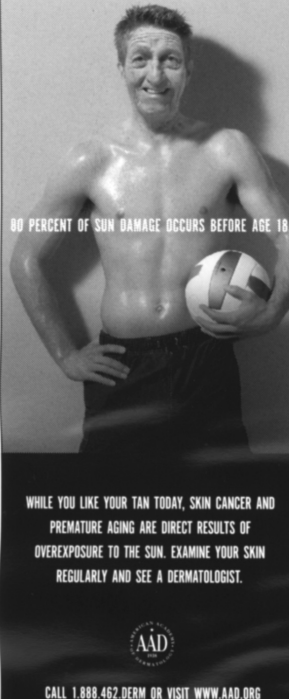


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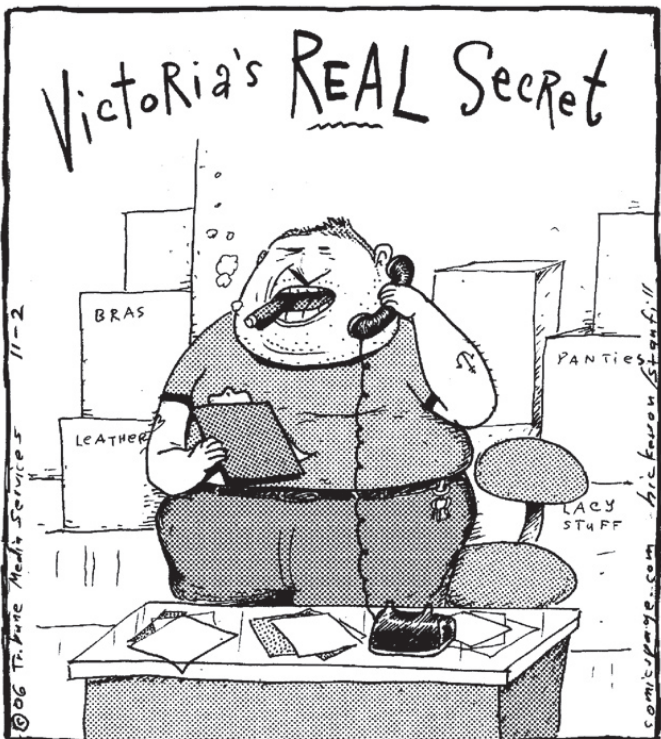


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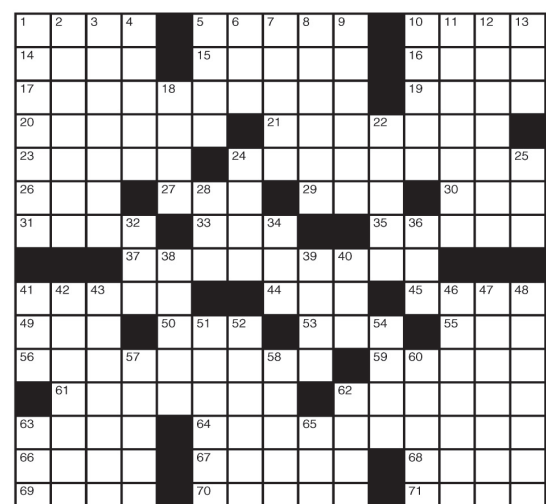
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By John Underwood
New York, NY

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

One of the women's doubles team is in Ohio competing in the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Tennis Championships. Find out how the team fared and what its expectations are for the spring season.

FOOTBALL



TCU safety Eric Buchanan makes a stop on Wyoming returner Devin Moore in the fourth quarter Sept. 28. The football team plays UNLV on Saturday.

STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Looking for Rebel defeat

By BILLY WESSELS
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs (5-2 overall and 1-2 in conference) will be trying to even their conference record and extend their winning streak to three games when they visit the UNLV Rebels on Saturday afternoon.

Last season, the Frogs beat the Rebels (1-7, 0-4) 51-3 in Fort Worth.

This will be the first trip to UNLV for the Frogs since their 41-18 victory in 1998. The Frogs lead the all-time series 3-1.

One of the keys to last weekend's 26-3 win versus Wyoming was the offense, which looked aggressive, said Gary Patterson, head coach.

"For us to have a chance to keep winning, we have to keep attacking and try to take advantage of every weakness a team has," Patterson said.

A big factor in the offense's production was the play off senior wide receiver Quentilly Harmon, who had three catches for 105 yards in last weekend's win.

"Last week, coach (Mike) Schultz gave us the right plays to go down the field, and we came through," Harmon said. "It's always good to make a big play."

The more aggressive offense was not the only reason for the Frogs' success last week, Patterson said. The defensive pass rush played a big factor, too.

"Teams have tried to get the ball off in less than two seconds, and it's hard

to get any sacks when they are doing that," Patterson said. "We were able to get into position where it was second or third-and-long, and we could play coverages that make them hold the ball longer."

Senior defensive tackle Jarrarcea Williams played a role in last week's win, recording a sack and two tackles.

"I feel like we have played consistent," Williams said about the defensive line. "Being tackles, we do the little things that people really don't think about."

UNLV's talented players will be some of the best the Frogs have faced since their game against Texas Tech, Patterson said.

"On offense, the quarterback (Rocky Hinds) is a great talent who transferred from USC," Patterson said. "They've always had good skill players, and we have a lot of work to do to prepare for them."

Even after last year's win against the Rebels, the Frogs are in no position to play complacently, Patterson said.

"When you're looking up in the standings like we are, there's no margin for error," Patterson said. "To get to a bowl game, you have to win three or four of your last five games."

SATURDAY'S GAME

Horned Frogs vs. UNLV Rebels
• The 2 p.m. game will be televised on Versus.

MEN'S GOLF

Frogs to face tough competition in Calif.

By TIM BELLA
Staff Writer

As the fall golf season comes to a close, the men's golf team looks to make a team effort as it gets ready for next week's CordeValle Classic in San Martin, Calif.

During the previous four fall tournaments, the Frogs have shown flashes of their potential with two second-place finishes. But when they are not hitting on all cylinders, the team has finished 12th and 11th.

Junior Franklin Corpening said the Frogs need more production from the back end of their tournament teams in order to take it to the next level.

"What we've kind of battled throughout the year is our No. 4 and No. 5 guys really haven't stepped up and played well," Corpening said. "For us to play well, we have to all play good."

Although the back end of

the teams have struggled, its front-end players, senior Drew Stoltz (two consecutive top-10 finishes), sophomore Jon McClean (three top-10 finishes in four events) and Corpening (first collegiate win at last month's Memphis Intercollegiate) are giving the team a chance to compete at a high level each time it steps on to the course.

"It's a product of being prepared," Stoltz said. "The more that myself, Jon and Franklin play well, the more it's going to help the guys on the team well and get our best result."

The Frogs, ranked No. 22 nationally according to Golfweek and No. 24 according to GCAA/Bridgestone Coaches Poll, head into a tournament that is historically known for boasting a field deep with quality teams. This year is no exception with two of Golfweek's top-10 teams taking the

course, including Stanford (No. 9) and host UCLA (No. 3).

Although head coach Bill Montigel said the Frogs do not have a good feel for what to expect from the course just yet, he said he is enthusiastic about next week's challenge. He said he has heard from colleagues how well-run the tournament is and is looking forward to the practice round so the team can start planning for the intricacies of the course.

"It looks like an extremely long golf course," Montigel said. "After we play the practice round, we'll come up with a little bit of a game plan."

One element that will work in the Frogs' favor is that they go into the California tournament well-rested.

Corpening said the previous tournaments came one after the other and left them with little time to prepare and rest. He also said the break

allowed the team much-needed time to catch up on its school work.

"For this tournament, we've had two and a half weeks off," Corpening said. "We've had some sit-down time with ourselves and practiced what we needed to do."

Even though he said he thinks the team is playing pretty well right now, Montigel said it is on the brink of being an even better squad as it looks ahead to next week and the three-month layoff before the start of spring season.

"We're awfully close to playing really well," Montigel said. "I'll be surprised if we don't play well in this tournament."

EVENT INFO

The two-day CordeValle Classic will begin Monday in San Martin, Calif.



Sophomore Jon McClean finished in ninth place at the Ridges Intercollegiate in Jonesborough, Tenn. The Frogs play in The CordeValle Classic in California next week.

MEDIA RELATIONS

WOMEN'S GOLF

Coach: Rank doesn't reflect play

By MATT MABE
Staff Reporter

Even though the women's golf team didn't finish as well as they may have wanted, the coach said none of the players are getting down about the team's 11th-place finish at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown.

Head coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said while the team's finish doesn't look too great on paper, it doesn't reflect the game played.

"Our finish doesn't show that great," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "But it is not that we played badly. Everyone in the league are really good players, which makes for a very competitive game."

Ravaioli-Larkin said though she was hoping for a higher finish, the team still wasn't that far from the scores of those in the top five.

"I was definitely hoping for a top-five finish," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "I think we were about one round short from finishing in the top five, so it was close."

Ravaioli-Larkin said the tournament had the toughest field the team has played on this fall.

"The first couple of days we did all right," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "The last day we got better and seniors Catherine Matranga and Camille Blackerby really stood out."

Matranga and Blackerby were both under par in Wednesday's final round of the tournament.

While those two particular senior players stood out, Ravaioli-Larkin said the new freshman players have made a noticeable contribution to the team as well.

Ravaioli-Larkin said it is good to have the freshman players in the fall so they can learn and be prepared for the big spring season.

"The freshman players have been helping us out," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "They provide the team with some depth and good scores as well."



Senior Catherine Matranga finishes her swing at the Mountain West Conference women's Golf Championship last spring. The TCU Women's golf team finished 11th at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown earlier this week.

MEDIA RELATIONS

SPIKED HORNS



Senior middle blocker Anna Vaughn, shown working the net against the Wyoming Cowgirls on Sept. 16, will help lead the Horned Frogs against Mountain West Conference opponents the No. 9 Utah Utes and the No. 18 BYU Cougars tonight and Saturday. Vaughn led the Frogs with 10 kills Tuesday in a loss to the No. 17 Oklahoma Sooners.

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FINAL ROUND

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Nov. 22-23
Poipu Kauai, Hawaii