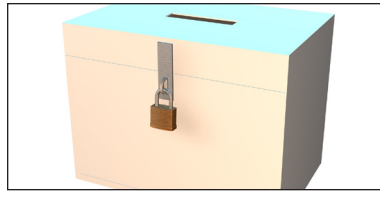


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Tuition, financial aid set to increase in fall semester

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees voted Friday to increase tuition for the 2008-2009 academic school year.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said tuition costs will escalate 8.4 percent, making the overall tuition for undergraduates \$26,900, a \$2,040 increase from this year.

Boschini said along with tuition increasing, the board approved an 18 percent increase

in financial aid.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he believes the increase in financial aid will be most important to students.

Mills also said the financial aid increase was going to be significant because it was more than twice the increase from last year. However, he said, he didn't know exactly how that 18 percent would be distributed.

"That 18 includes both need-based financial aid scholarships and academic scholarships,"

Mills said. "That doesn't mean every award will be 18 percent, it just means the total financial aid money will increase."

Jace Thompson, student body president, said the increase in financial aid doesn't make up for the steady increase in tuition.

"I'm concerned TCU will out-price prospective students in the future years if tuition rates continue to beat out inflation rates," Thompson said.

Boschini said he understands raising tuition will affect different

students but hopes the increase in financial aid will show students TCU is trying to help.

"My commitment is if any student feels like they can't afford the extra amount, come into financial aid, and we'll reassess your financial packet and if you have needs we'll definitely make sure you come back next semester," Boschini said. "That's what that 18 percent is for."

As for the steadily increasing tuition, Boschini said, the board considers it every year and stu-

dents can expect tuition hikes to continue.

Boschini said tuition increases because of faculty and staff expenses, rising insurance and health care costs, and utility costs.

Mills agreed.

"We have 1,700 and some employees at TCU, so as health-care costs and energy costs rise, it has an impact on us directly," Mills said.

Nate Arnold, Student Government Association treasurer, said

he understands why the tuition must increase, but it still makes him feel uneasy.

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FOR YOUR INFO

Tuition hikes

2004:	\$19,700
2005:	\$21,280, 8 percent increase
2006:	\$22,980, 8 percent increase
2007:	\$24,820, 8 percent increase
2008: (projected)	\$26,900, 8.4 percent increase

Natural gas drilling signed to Chesapeake

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

The natural gas exploration lease for TCU's campus has been transferred from Four Sevens Resources Co. Ltd. to Chesapeake Exploration, LLC.

The Board of Trustees executive committee signed a letter of intent in March to appoint Four Sevens as the university's natural gas operator.

Julie Wilson, vice president of corporation development at Chesapeake, said Chesapeake purchased the leasehold assets from Four Sevens on July 2, which means the leases gathered by Four Sevens are transferred to Chesapeake.

Wilson said TCU was aware of the transaction, however, Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor of finance and administration, who has been involved working with the gas companies, was unable to be reached before publication.

Tracy Syler-Jones, vice chancellor for marketing

and communication, said the negotiation to transfer the lease was made between Four Sevens and Chesapeake.

TCU signed with Four Sevens in August, Syler-Jones said.

Plans to begin drilling were scheduled for Jan. 10, 2008, in the Remote Parking lot north of Amon Carter Stadium. The lot is commonly known as the overflow lot by students.

The rig will run for seven months at a time and will stop during football season when it cannot be active, between August and January, according to an Aug. 7 press release from the university.

Chesapeake announced in July that it has entered into a Land Services Agreement whereby Four Sevens and Sinclair Oil and Gas Co. have agreed to work on an exclusive basis in certain areas of Tarrant County to acquire leases on Chesapeake's behalf, according to a Chesapeake press release.

Campus payroll, HR to go paperless by tax season

By LIZ DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Payroll and Human Resources will be "going green" by next quarter, said the payroll tax coordinator.

Shelli Barr-Majors, payroll tax coordinator, said there are two main things they hope to accomplish by "going green."

"To us, going green is trying to eliminate wasteful paper," Barr-Majors said. "It also means security — no lost checks or information floating around where someone could steal an identity."

Barr-Majors said when the department sat down and looked at the amount of paper they used every day, it was an eye opener.

According to Payroll campaign fliers, TCU prints more than 26,000 checks and envelopes a year. It also shows they print more than 46,000 purple advices (check stubs without the check) and envelopes and 4,800 W-2s — which are wage and tax statements.

Barr-Majors said with new

software, all the information can be found online, even deposited paychecks.

"We would like to have this done by the end of January because that's when the W-2s are due," said Debby Watson, director of Payroll Services.

Payroll is hoping to get the students onboard with its campaign because they are becoming very environmentally conscious, Barr-Majors said.

"Students know how important it is to 'go green,' and they are more accepting of change," Barr-Majors said. "They would be our best audience. They would be excited and want to do this."

Watson said there are about 1,500 students on payroll who are ignoring her e-mails.

"I keep sending them e-mails, but if I were to take a guess, students see an e-mail from me, and they are just deleting them," Watson said. "I don't think students look at advices either because they

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CLOCKING IN



KATHY HAMER / The Horned Frog Yearbook

A construction worker places an American flag on top of the clock tower of the unfinished Brown-Lupton Student Union at noon Monday during a ceremony Monday. The 145,700-square-foot, \$45.7 million facility, which will include dining facilities and meeting rooms, is scheduled for completion in August.

Trustees vote to tear down student center

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

It's official. The Brown-Lupton Student Center will be no more.

The Board of Trustees determined Friday that the TCU community hub will be demolished to make room for a smaller, more efficient building, Provost Nowell Donovan said.

Donovan said Clarence and Kerry Scharbauer Hall will be replacing the current Student Center. The building will house the AddRan College of

Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as the Honors College, Donovan said.

Donovan said Scharbauer Hall will be more cost efficient because it will not be connected to Reed Hall like the current Student Center.

"We won't start the construction until May 2008 because students will be going home for the summer and the building won't be quite as busy," Donovan said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the

board's decision to knock down the Student Center and replace it with an academic building is going to have a great impact on the students.

Scharbauer Hall will not be the only change to campus, Donovan said. The hall will help showcase the new campus commons area, he said.

The campus commons will be "pivotal to TCU's pedestrian-friendly campus" and will consist of the Brown-Lupton University Union, four new residence halls and a quad,

according to a press release.

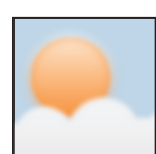
Chancellor Victor Boschini said Frog Fountain will be the centerpiece of the lawn and placed six feet from its previous position. He said he believes that area will be a

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See a sketch of the proposed new area for the building online.



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TOMORROW: Partly cloudy, 83/49
THURSDAY: Sunny, 67/47

PECULIAR FACT

BERLIN — A German flasher stunned lawyers during his appeal hearing on a flashing conviction by stripping in court.

— Reuters

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PAYROLL

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get lost in the mail.”

Watson said the campaign is not working for students because the message is not getting across.

“If I can get the right message across to the students, they will get it,” Watson said. “Going green’ appeals to students.”

The payroll department has been trying to encourage the switch for two years, and Watson said they send information to everyone on payroll but not many people are taking advantage of it.

“First thing we are trying to do is promote direct deposit and not print the advices because you can see everything online,” Barr-Majors said.

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Watson said if students and employees enroll in direct deposit they could see every check in their name from TCU since 1998.

Barr-Majors said there is so much new technology out there and that it should be used to the maximum advantage to preserve resources.

“This is a big thing that we are doing and it makes us wonder what the other departments are doing,” Barr-Majors said. “It would just get better and better through the generations.”

Human Resources is also trying to eliminate the amount of paper floating around the office.

“There is a system that allows us to scan vital documents into the

computer,” Barr-Majors said. “So the whole HR is working on trying to eliminate having so many pieces of paper.”

Barr-Majors said those papers hold vital information about employees, and they cannot have that information on paper because of the threat of it falling into the wrong hands.

The payroll department is taking its cue from stations such as NBC5 that have been campaigning their “going green” slogans, Barr-Majors said.

“Everything has gone green, and we decided that was the way to go,” Barr-Majors said. “We want the word out that we are trying to do something good and help the community.”

COMMONS

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great place for student relaxation.

Boschini also agreed the common area, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008, will be beneficial for TCU residents.

“I think that area will revolutionize campus,” Boschini said. “It will be the place where everybody wants to be, because 24/7 students will have everything they need there, from technology to food to activities.”

“We can’t even imagine how much that’s going to be used until it opens.”

TUITION

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“It’s one of those things that makes you feel sad inside because it is something student body leaders try to work on every year,” Arnold said. “But at the same time, nobody will show up at the chancellor’s office with pitchforks because you know you’re getting quality for your money.”

Programming Council Chair Kristen Chapman agreed.

“I understand why we need to increase the money to keep the wonderful services we have, but I think we can compromise,” Chapman said.

Boschini said raising tuition is never easy.

“We think you’re getting what you paid for, but I would encourage any student who disagrees to make their voice known,” Boschini said. “I always agonize over this, we look at every which way to do this, but the problem is compromising. We could drastically cut services but I don’t think anybody is for that.”

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up."
— Mark Twain

THE SKIFF VIEW

E-checks bring favorable change

There seems to be news about how TCU is becoming more eco-friendly every day. There is the TCU Purple Bike program, plans for a walking campus and the RecycleMania campaign.

Not to be outdone, TCU payroll will soon have a greener attitude as well. All financial information from paychecks to W-2 forms will be available online, making more than 72,000 printouts and envelopes unnecessary. The plan is to complete this change by the end of January when W-2s are sent out.

In keeping with the newfound TCU spirit of going green, this step does need participation from students in order to work.

Payroll officials said about 1,500 students are not responding to e-mails about the switch.

That is unfortunate, because now that mailboxes will be less cluttered with financial documents, e-mail inboxes will become more

cluttered with notices about paychecks.

This and other going green ideas are all an effort to reduce everyone's environmental footprint, however, TCU students need to get on the bandwagon in order to make this change happen before the beginning of the tax season.

By no means is this a revolutionary step, banks have been offering paperless billing for years, so such a switch is expected.

If security standards stay the same or increase, there are no real reasons why students should want to keep receiving paper invoices at the expense of the environment.

All financial information will be available online, and paychecks can be tracked back to 1998.

The change from paper to online will cause less clutter and also help TCU become a little bit more eco-friendly, which is a hard thing to argue against.

Photo editor Michael Bou-Nacklie for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Parents can't buy love with costly gifts

Who is sending parents scraping for change underneath the couch, giving headaches to public relations representatives and making lawyers work for their paycheck?

COMMENTARY



Julieta Chiquillo

It's 14-year-old Disney sensation Hannah Montana.

The eponymous TV show, starring actress and singer Miley Cyrus, is about a teenager who leads a double life as a high school student by day and a pop singer by night.

Citing Nielsen Media Research, a CNN article reported more than two-thirds of U.S. children in the six to 14 age group watched the show in the third quarter of 2007.

With such a strong fan base, tickets to Cyrus' tour were expected to sell in the blink of an eye. And they did, literally.

Parents who invaded Ticketmaster with their credit cards at 10 a.m. — when tickets went on sale — were disappointed to find the show had already sold out.

Scalpers had procured a good portion of those tickets and were reselling them for hundreds of dollars — thousands even — leaving parents empty-handed.

Cue to kicking feet and the sound of hearts breaking.

Parents found themselves emptying bank accounts or participating in ridiculous stunts to get back in their kids' good graces. In St. Louis, 150 men showed up in high heels to compete in a race that would award the winner four free tickets to the concert.

Ironically, the winner wasn't even a parent. He competed on behalf of his boss, who has a young daughter. I guess he really needed the brownie points.

In North Carolina, a parent sued a ticket agency after purchasing four tickets for more than \$1,000 — part of a birthday gift for her 6-year-old daughter.

What a generous mother. Her daughter will be expecting her own third-world country by the time she turns 16.

Parents are going to unnecessary lengths to please their children, and someone needs to draw the line.

It is not wise to swipe your credit card to the whims of children, the easy

targets of short-lived fads. Children get the goods, but they don't know how hard their parents worked to pay for them. By granting their every request, parents are only succeeding in distorting their children's notion of the value of money.

It's hard to say no, especially when a child's cute big eyes well with tears in the same manner that Puss in Boots employs to disarm his opponents. However, overindulging your children will lead to unrealistic demands that strain not only the family budget but also the parent-child relationship.

Parents, you're the adults. Don't be afraid to say no. Your children will still love you, no matter how hard they slam the door or how loud they protest your alleged injustice.

Love is not a commercial transaction. Parents raising a healthy family shouldn't

feel the need to buy their children's affection.

Julieta Chiquillo is a sophomore news-editorial major from San Salvador, El Salvador. Her column appears Tuesdays.



MCT

Classroom diversity should include conservative ideas

You would think a college campus would be a place where people could feel safe from discrimination.

COMMENTARY

Nathan Bass

Recent studies indicate otherwise.

According to a survey conducted by the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, 30 percent of student respondents said they had been discriminated against because they didn't fit expectations for masculinity and femininity. In addition, 25 percent of students of color reported being discriminated against, as well.

How can students be expected to learn in an environment that they can't feel comfortable in?

Couldn't their schools find better ways to protect them and the quality of their learning atmosphere?

An index published by GenderPAC this year has shown that progress has been made.

The index found that nearly 150 colleges and universities have expanded their non-discrimination policies to allow students to have more gender identity and expression.

Two-thirds of the nation's top 25 universities, as ranked by U.S. News and World Report, have enacted

specific policies to battle this discrimination.

Schools are making progress with race and gender equality, but what about political equality on college campuses?

While there aren't really any statistics to enforce it, most conservatives have claimed that colleges are more liberal than any other place, and that they preach liberalism to their students.

David Horowitz, a conservative writer and activist, went so far as to compose an Academic Bill of Rights urging colleges to encourage a diversity of political and religious viewpoints.

Horowitz founded Students for Academic Freedom last summer to promote the issue, and today the group has members on 130 campuses.

Several states have even adopted the bill in their state governments, although his critics wonder if the bill's supporters view the alleged liberal teaching as a real problem or not.

Still, steps are being taken to correct the problem and ensure equality on campuses.

Let's hope that leads to a better learning environment for students.

Nathan Bass is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Tomball.

Simulated drowning technique inherently inhumane

The new Attorney General, Michael Mukasey, wouldn't admit during recent confirmation hearings that waterboarding constitutes torture.

COMMENTARY



Douglas Lucas

To waterboard, an interrogator binds a prisoner, tightens cellophane or a cloth over his face, and pours water on him. The wet cellophane or cloth triggers the gag reflex.

Then the process is repeated until the prisoner believes he will drown.

If that description doesn't convince you the technique is torture, the federal code might.

Title 18, Section 2340 defines torture as an act "intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering ... upon another

person" and "severe mental pain or suffering" as the "threatened infliction of severe physical pain or suffering" or "the threat of imminent death."

The prisoner fears death. It's a mock execution. The United States tortures people.

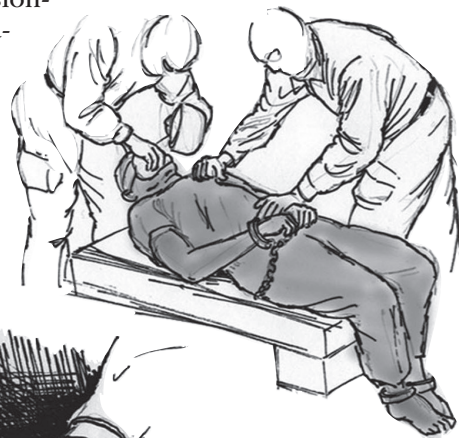
Waterboarding is allegedly effective. According to a 2005 ABC News report, the technique caused CIA volunteers to cave in after an average of 14 seconds, and Al Qaeda's Khaled Sheikh Mohammed impressed interrogators by lasting about two minutes before begging to surrender. Mohammed, after "a dunk in water" — as a conservative interviewer put it — gave away "enormously valuable information," according to Vice

President Dick Cheney on WDAY Radio.

But in 2006 the Seattle Times reported "some intelligence professionals say (waterboarding) often provides false or misleading information"

because many subjects will confess anything to end the experience.

Still, if waterboarding



did extract information from Mohammed, does that justify the procedure?

Of course not. We should distinguish ourselves from our enemies by refusing to become brutes.

We used to make a point of maintaining our humanity.

A Washington Post article last month explained World War II interrogators recently discussed how in the 1940s they "wrestled with the morality of bugging prisoners' cells with listening devices." We still gathered information. Henry Kolm said, "We got more information out of a German general with a game of chess or Ping-Pong than they do today, with their torture."

This attitude helped our troops in the past. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a former prisoner of war who was tortured for years in North Vietnam — beaten frequently, sometimes to unconsciousness. He said in a 2005 Newsweek article that he and his fellow prisoners took strength to resist revealing information from knowing "we were bet-

ter than (our enemies), and we, if the roles were reversed, would not disgrace ourselves by committing or approving such mistreatment of them."

When we give up our humanity, we begin to let go of our morals. One falls, then another, until we find ourselves no different than our enemies. They're willing to turn on their own people; the United States should not do the same by asking its troops to torture.

Douglas Lucas is a senior writing and philosophy major from Fort Worth.

CORRECTION

A Thursday staff editorial included the wrong figure for majors within the College of Communication. The College of Communication has about 1150 majors. The Schieffer School of Journalism has about 600.

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RISING VOICES

Elections bring mix of apathy, interest

By JESSICA REHO
Staff Writer

This time next year, millions of Americans all over the country will flock to the polls to elect the nation's new commander in chief.

In light of ever-surfacing statistics that demonstrate the current president's growing unpopularity and lack of support from the public for the war on terror, some who may not have paid attention to politics before are sitting up and now taking notice.

With the upcoming Democratic and Republican presidential primaries set for March 4 in Texas, candidate hopefuls in the 2008 race, as well as political activist organizations, are making a visible push at the younger generation.

Although this targeted younger generation, those ages 18 to 24, had both the lowest voter registration rates and voter turnout rates in the past two presidential elections compared with the rest of the population, this same younger group saw the greatest overall combined rate increase from the election in 2000 to the one in 2004, according to material published by the U.S. Census Bureau in March 2006.

National Voting Numbers

According to the census report, 55 percent of eligible citizens 55 years and older voted in 2004, compared to only 47 percent of eligible voters 18 to 24 years old. The key difference, the report stated, is in the 21 percent margin of registered voters between the two groups.

One reason for this proportionate difference may be that younger adults, especially in their early 20s, tend to be the most transient — meaning they live in places outside their original voting district. Lower registration percentages could then stem from their not wanting to deal with the hassle of reregistering, according to the report.

Combined, the number of voters registered and voters at the polls grew 4 percent from the 2000 election to the 2004 election, and media conglomerates such as MTV, and political advocacy organizations, such as Rock the Vote, continue to focus on registering more young voters. The Rock the Vote Web site alone registered more than 1.2 million young people in 2004.

Sophomore political science major Kelly Barnes said she feels strongly that TCU will reflect this prediction in 2008.

Barnes said most of his peers are interested in politics and will choose to take an active role in the election process.

"I do think that many TCU students are interested in the upcoming election, because the 2008 presidential

campaign has started significantly earlier, which has allowed many students to be informed," Barnes said. "At this time, I do not feel a strong tie to any candidate running for president. I have a few that I am willing to support, but I will have to see more from the candidates in the upcoming debates."

Predicted Voting Trends at TCU

Junior political science major Mike Haeg said he will be voting in the election, but conveyed that his choice of a candidate would not be a snap decision.

"I am voting because it is a freedom that I am honored to have," Haeg said. "Voting is one of the easiest forms of voicing an opinion. There is absolutely no reason not to."

"I base my candidate preference on much more than 'single issue' politics. The ability to lead Americans and close the partisan gap is hugely important in my mind — someone who can put hope back into politics."

Stephanie Strauss, a junior advertising/public relations major, said she would be casting her vote for former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani.

"He will be able to clean up the nation like he cleaned up New York after 9/11," Strauss said. She said she voted in the 2004 election her senior year in high school and recalled being very excited to vote for the first time.

However, she is not convinced many of her fellow classmates share her enthusiasm for taking part in the political process.

"Hardly anyone I know even voted in the recent gubernatorial election, and Kinky Friedman even came to campus to give a talk," Strauss said. "If you want your views heard, you have to vote. I am not a big fan of complaining but doing nothing about it. One vote can make a difference."

Haeg shared similar sentiments about TCU students and the likelihood of them voting.

"In general, I feel like most students are fairly apathetic," Haeg said. "This could come from sheer political ignorance due to the way they were raised, or mere boredom at the thought of politics and government."

Landon Cox, a sophomore political science major, agreed.

"I think a fair majority of students at TCU are far more concerned with the size of their cuticles than current events," Cox said. "It's a tragedy, like white shoes after Labor Day or Uggs and a jean skirt."

He said he plans to support Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio.

Amanda Torres, a senior advertising/public relations major, is not currently registered to vote, and she said she does not plan to do so anytime soon.

"Voting is unimportant to me because I don't care," Torres said. "I am uneducated and ignorant in everything related to politics, so I won't vote on something that I know nothing about. I am just completely apathetic on the subject."

Reasons for Reluctance

Despite opinions like Torres' adamant decision against even considering to register, associate professor of political science Joanne Green said she does not believe TCU students are any more or less politically active than any other college students around the country; but she did say they might tend to be more conservative in their views.

She attributes this to most TCU students coming from more affluent families, and in most cases, having parents that associate themselves with the Republican Party.

She said a parent's political behaviors will influence their child's political behavioral development, as well. Green said if both the mother and the father affiliate themselves with the same political party, 50 percent of the time the child will choose to affiliate him or herself with the same exact party.

Green also said young people today tend to have more liberal views on social issues, such as gay rights and equal rights for women, but that it really all depends on their frame of reference.

Registration to vote in the Texas Democratic and Republican primaries ends 30 days before the election, which is March 4. The national election is always held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In 2008 it will be Nov. 4.

FOR YOUR INFO

How to register to vote in Texas

- Fill out and mail postage-free an application form from the county Voter Registrar's office, the Secretary of State's Office, libraries, or some post offices.
- Download an application to mail from rockthevote.com

How to use an absentee ballot if you're from out of state

- Apply in writing to your home city or town clerk giving your name, address, the address you want the ballot sent, the party ballot you want and your signature.
- Application forms are also available for download and at your local election office.
- A family member can also apply for an absentee ballot on your behalf.
- Reregistering at Tarrant County is also an option.

Students sound off about voting rights



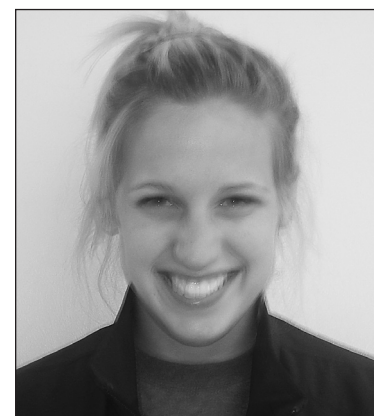
Vinny Herrera, sophomore psychology and advertising/public relations major

"I think everyone should have a say in who leads our country."



Brighton Richie, sophomore chemistry major

"I think it is very important to vote because change is going to happen and you want to make sure your representative advocates the change that will benefit you most."



Katelyn Colburn, freshman advertising/public relations major

"I vote because I want to be heard. My opinion matters and as a citizen of the United States, it is my moral obligation. If I want changes to be made in this country, I can't just sit on the couch and complain. I have to get off my butt and push for what I want."

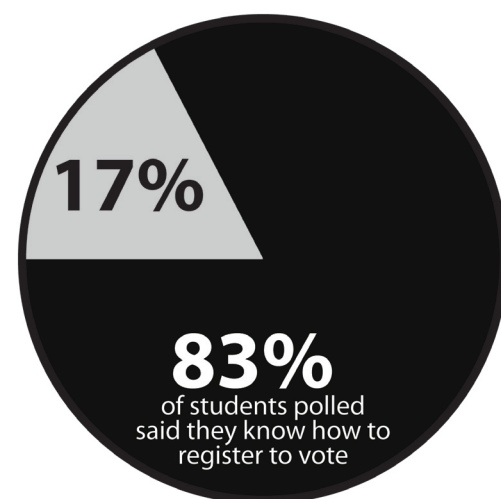
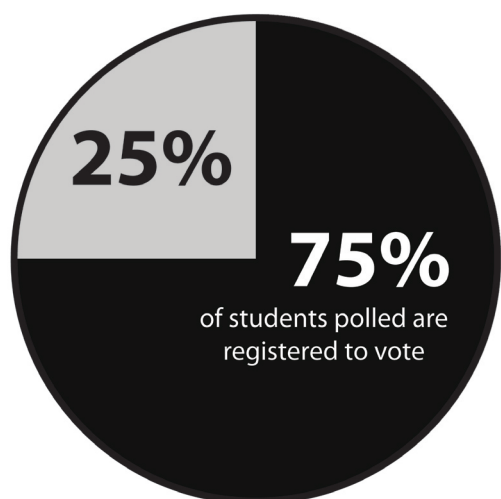
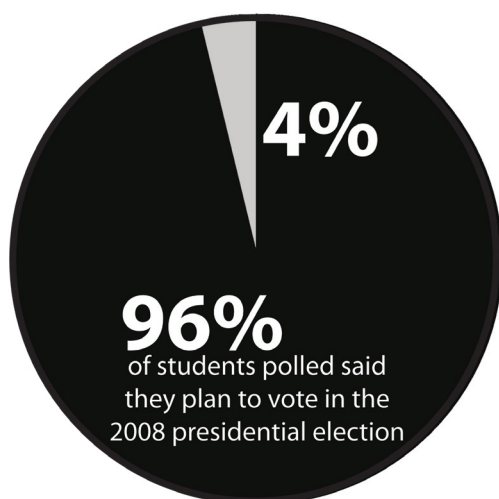
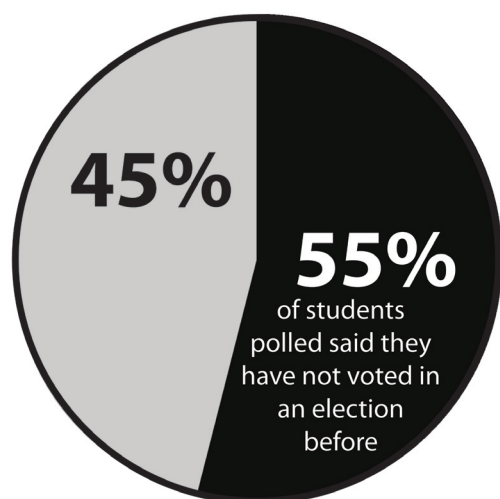


Ruthie Clements, junior psychology and sociology major

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WHO'S VOTING?

KEELY DOERING / Staff Illustrator



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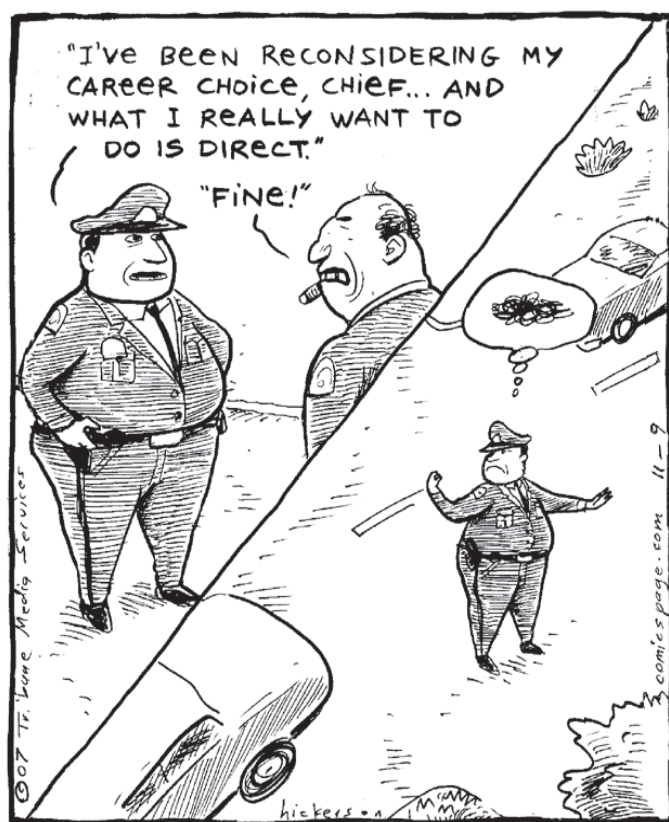
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Directions
Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Friday's Solutions

1	8	5	7	9	4	6	3	2
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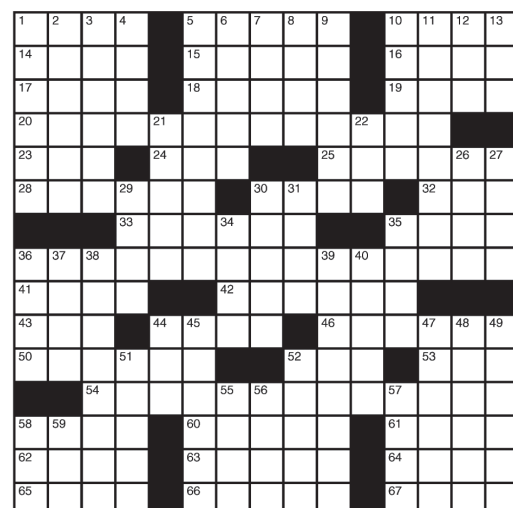
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16 Profuse
17 Gillette razor
18 Greek letter
19 Should that be the case
20 Steakhouse question?
23 Classical heading?
24 Ms. Zadora
25 One-dimensional
28 Penetrated a thick skull?
30 War god
32 In addition
33 Very long cold snap
35 Fellow
36 Think-tank question?
41 Wealthy
42 Wild ass
43 Assent aseas
44 Axton or Wilhelm
46 Agreement-breaking words
9 Activate
50 Go beyond
52 Miss Piggy's pronoun
53 Ike's initials
54 Paternity hearing question?
58 Operatic song
60 Oklahoma city
61 Spoke falsely
62 Lip coat
63 Baylor of basketball
64 Pure and simple
65 Give up
66 Hit back, e.g.
67 Part of AARP



By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

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5 Nursery piece
6 Ekberg or Baker
7 Exhale sadly
8 Heavy book
9 Activate
10 UFO pilot
11 Tempest-swept
12 Ship letters
13 Even if, for short
21 Grand sagas
22 Berlin ice
26 Top-rated
27 Catholic tribunal
29 Friends, of old
30 Go-between
31 Country singer
34 A hail at sea
35 Encircle with a belt
36 Shawl or cloak
37 Howdy!
38 Poker game
39 Uninformed
40 Earth as a hypothetical ellipsoid

Friday's Puzzle Solved

A	M	E	S	L	E	N	A	P	I	E	C	E
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44 SHO competition
45 Word before bed or crackers
47 Small whirlpools
48 Summers
49 Capacitor jar
51 Disgrace
52 Swing or pop, e.g.
55 Christmastide
56 Korbut of gymnastics
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58 As easy as Dawn
59 Chong

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QUICK SPORTS

Loss puts team in consolation bracket

After falling to the No. 5 team in the country Sunday, the Lady Frogs are awaiting word on their next opponent. Head coach Jeff Mittie's group dropped a 73-54 road decision to Louisiana State University just two days after downing Radford University 74-63. The team will know tonight if it will host the next game in the consolation bracket of the tournament.

Sports editor Tim Bella

West Coast trip results in split

A day after a 3-1 win in San Diego, the roles were reversed in Las Vegas for the volleyball team. The team would wind up splitting its weekend West Coast road trip, winning against San Diego State 3-1 (30-16, 30-28, 27-30, 30-23) and dropping Saturday's match to University of Nevada-Las Vegas 3-1 (23-30, 30-21, 17-30, 25-30). A double-double performance from sophomore outside hitter Lauren Otto was not enough to earn the Horned Frogs a win.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Sophomore qualifies for national event

A top-10 finish has one cross-country runner thinking about the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Festus Kigen's 10th place finish at the 10K NCAA South Central Regional has catapulted the Kenyan into the NCAA Championships on Nov. 19. In addition to Kigen's stellar performance, senior Matt Manly finished 64th in the field of 105 distance runners.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Equestrian's fall season ends with loss

Not even a match against a rival could get the equestrian team back on the right track. The team wrapped up its fall docket by falling to 2-6 after dropping Saturday's match to SMU 6-5 in Mansfield. An MVP performance from senior Kindel Huffman couldn't put the team over the top heading into its break in the season.

Sports editor Tim Bella

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Strong second-half sparks win, readies team for Rice matchup

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

On the heels of an opening-night victory, the men's basketball team will make minor adjustments heading into tonight's game, the head coach said.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said one of the team's main concerns following an 89-70 win Saturday against the Angelo State Rams is putting up a stronger defense and getting shorter guards to put more pressure on taller opponents.

Fans can see whether those concerns have been addressed tonight when the Horned Frogs welcome the Rice Owls to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 7 p.m.

Dougherty said some of his shorter players were struggling to keep Angelo State from shooting over their heads in Saturday's game.

Right now, he said, his players are turning their focus inward.

"We'll be working on everything TCU needs to do better," Dougherty said. "Work with zones, press offense — a lot of things that still need a lot of tinkering."

He said at this point, he wants his players to think about how they can better themselves. The team will observe how Rice plays,

"but the biggest focus will be on us," Dougherty said.

Tonight's matchup will be Rice's season opener. The Owls won a 76-63 exhibition game against the University of the Incarnate Word on Wednesday.

At the beginning of Saturday's game, the Rams led TCU by seven points and led the Horned Frogs throughout the first half.

Dougherty said his players weren't scoring and were having foul trouble at first, but once the team settled down, they were able to focus and play better.

Senior guard Brent Hackett led the team in scoring with 19 points.

"I felt the whole time that it was our game," Hackett said, "and I felt like we just needed to settle down."

After halftime, the Horned Frogs got into a groove and stretched their lead to eight points and eventually, got the lead up to 21 points against the Rams.

The Horned Frogs' defense went into overdrive with 30 out of 52 defensive rebounds in the second half.

Senior forward Parker started the second half strong with eight consecutive points and finished the game with 18 points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

"In the first half, we should have attacked the offensive glass much more," Parker said. "Coming out of the second half, that was our main focus ... getting the ball inside."

The team's shooting from the field also increased after halftime from 38.7 percent to 50 percent. Salter scored all of his 13 points in the second half.

"This is how I've always wanted to play, but we never had the opportunity to play this way," Dougherty said. "We never had the depth; we never had the health."

TIM'S TAKE

Win out, then it's off to Houston

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

Amid all the chaos known as my life, I found some time to sort through the rather large pile of clothes on my bedroom floor — a pile that could be easily mistaken for a little podunk town just outside of Lubbock.



Tim Bella

Some of the things I found included a Styx concert stub, my McLovin T-shirt and my "Mighty Ducks" trilogy. There were also some things I didn't want to stumble upon such as my "Beat Texas" T-shirt.

Yikes. If it couldn't get any worse, I found the movie "Bobby" lying next to the wrinkled purple shirt.

Sigh. But two days following loss No. 5, I found something that brought a smile to my face. It was a picture of me standing with my friends Ben and Ross inside Reliant Stadium in Houston during the final minutes of the now defunct EV1.net Houston Bowl.

It was TCU football at one of its highest points, and it was as special of a moment as I have experienced during my time at TCU. A lot has changed since then. Sandwich shops have gone up around campus at a rate that would make

even Starbucks executives hesitate.

Students can no longer jump into Frog Fountain. The Frogs aren't a top-10 team.

But you know what? Even with people calling this season a lost cause and all the injuries and distractions on and off the field, the Frogs find themselves hoping to land back in Clutch City, assuming they win the final two games.

The Texas Bowl, formerly the Houston Bowl, has decided Conference USA is worthy of a bowl tie-in. Luckily for teams like TCU, Conference USA and its six bowl tie-ins — two more than the Mountain West, mind you — is struggling to get five teams, let alone six, at bowl eligibility. In other words, the Texas Bowl officials might be thinking purple if TCU is in the mix.

I just want to go back to "Bobby" for a minute. It was a movie full of potential with a great cast and an interesting story. Yes, it flopped, but isn't it funny how there are some parallels with TCU's season?

Think about it. Loaded cast, tons of potential and a quality story to boot if it was executed properly. Of course, we know how it played out and how this season has gone thus far, but Gary Patterson's crew has the chance to save face by winning out and hoping for a trip to Houston.

Do what "Bobby" did not have the chance to do.

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