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Tuition to increase as well as living requirements

By ELISA GOMEZ
Staff Reporter

A tuition increase by 8 percent for the 2007-2008 academic school year was approved by the board of trustees on Friday. The board also approved a two-year residential requirement for all freshmen and sophomores to live on campus beginning fall 2007.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said a majority of the tuition increase will go toward bringing the student faculty ratio down to 13 to 1.

Tuition and fees for full-time undergraduate students will be raised from \$22,980 to \$24,820.

"It's never easy to raise tuition, but overall, the increase will be to maintain quality of education at TCU," Boschini said. The increase will also help pay for health care benefits for faculty and staff, as well as utilities, Boschini said.

Jace Thompson, SGA vice president and junior accounting major, said he's never glad to see a tuition increase and

thinks there are other avenues to be presented, such as increasing scholarships along with tuition. Thompson sat in the meeting as a student representative for Intercom, a panel of students who present student perspectives to the board.

"It's never easy to raise tuition, but overall, the increase will be to maintain quality of education at TCU."

Victor Boschini
Chancellor

"Hopefully, students will be able to benefit from a percentage increase in scholarship money, since tuition is increasing," Thompson said.

Thompson also said he agreed it is important for the student-faculty ratio to be lowered.

"Most of my business classes are large," Thompson said. "It's important to achieve this ratio for all classes across the board."

In addition to the tuition increase in the 2007-2008 school year, TCU will require all freshmen and sophomores to live on campus.

"We are convinced that it will help students, and we have seen the results of numerous studies based on this requirement," Boschini said.

Craig Allen, director of Resi-

dential Services, said the plans for housing requirements and expansion are in line with TCU's Vision in Action plan, which began in 2003.

"These plans will help TCU return to its residential heritage," Allen said.

Construction on two of the new residential halls will be completed by next fall, Allen said. The two others will be completed in the spring of 2008, he said.

The completion of the four **See TUITION, page 2**

Rock the Vote SGA elections for 2007 begin today

CANDIDATES FOR SGA PRESIDENT



Jace Thompson



Austin Uebele



Thomas Pressly



Taylor Allen

By LAUREN PICK
Staff Reporter

Students can vote for the 2007 Student Government Association officers, including president, vice president, and Programming Council vice president, today at my.tcu.edu from 7 a.m. to midnight.

The candidates for SGA president are Austin Uebele, a junior psychology major, and Jace Thompson, a junior accounting major.

Uebele said as president of the student body, his goal will be to change the environment in which students live — anything from entertainment to tuition to safety.

"I want to give students the tools to better succeed," Uebele said.

One of the tools he has in mind is iTunes U, a program provided by Apple Computer Inc. that would allow free university courses to be podcasted, Uebele said.

He said he will also push to

CANDIDATES FOR PC PRESIDENT



Giovanni Guerra



Kristen Chapman

cap the rate of tuition increases so students will have a better idea of how much they will pay each year when they enter the university.

Uebele wants to implement safety awareness courses for both men and women where victims share their stories with students, he said.

As a freshman, Uebele organized a hurricane relief drive. He is a member of

the Chancellor's Leadership Program, a facilitator for Connections and Frog Camp, a representative in the House of Student Representatives and has been active in SGA.

Thompson, who is currently the student body vice president, is serving as chairman of Campus Advancement this year. He is a member of CLP, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity

and was an orientation student adviser the past two summers.

One project Thompson played a key role in for this school year was getting the free planners for students through SGA, he said.

Three of his main focuses as SGA president would be getting scholarships to increase with tuition, extending the time in which students have to elect to take a course pass/fail and providing students with a 24-hour study facility, Thompson said.

"If students are going to be required to live on campus for their freshman and sophomore years, then they need a place where they can study past 1 a.m.," Thompson said.

Both of this year's candidates for SGA vice president, Taylor Allen and Thomas Pressly, are also in favor of increasing scholarships with tuition. They said they want the university to offer performance-based academic **See VOTE, page 2**

Volunteers protect endangered mascot

By JOHN BOLLER
Staff Reporter

The mascot of our school has become endangered and could become extinct throughout Texas, but a TCU professor said it's not too late.

Tony Burgess, professor of environmental studies, said he has created a project in hopes of preventing the horned lizard from becoming extinct.

Burgess said the number of horned lizards in Texas has been declining during the past 30 years. Research done on the reason for the decline has not given any conclusive evidence as to why. While the cause of the decline is unknown, volunteers are making sure the current population of horned lizards will have a future in Texas.

"We have to make sure that there will be enough food for the lizards to survive."

Tony Burgess
Professor of environmental studies

tions have provided us with housing for the lizards and future land for the animals, we still need help from TCU students with the labor."

Molly Holden, a science education graduate student, said, "The habitat is the key to the project."

"We really need the students help in preparing the land," Holden said. "The more students that come and help, the sooner the land will be ready for the lizards."

Burgess, Holden and other TCU students and faculty have been going to the nature center preparing the land. They have to make sure the area will provide the needed ecological factors to ensure that the lizards will be able to survive.

Abby Davis, a junior environmental science major, said the volunteers are currently monitoring the ant colonies in the said. "While these two institu- **See FROG, page 4**

Artist celebrates program's anniversary with painting

By RACHAEL RILEY
Staff Reporter

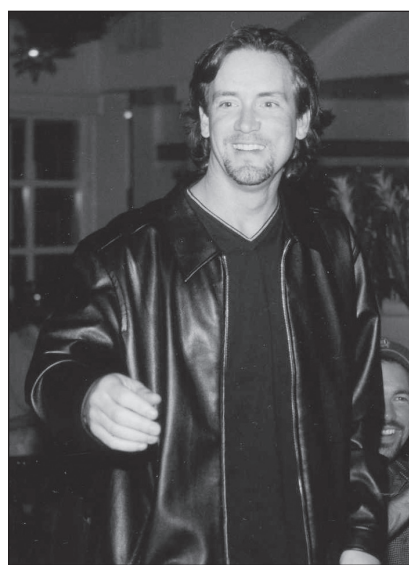
The TCU community took part in the ranch management program's 50th anniversary ceremony Friday and had the opportunity to witness the first showing of a painting given to the program as a token of appreciation.

About 80 students, faculty, staff and members from the board of trustees viewed artist Karen Holt's painting, "Nearby ... there is peace," at the ceremony. Holt's painting was a gift

from TCU to congratulate the program for its accomplishments, said Bonnie Melhart, associate provost for academic affairs.

"The program has progressed over 50 years with each director, alumnus, member and student adding their loving touch and care to the program," Melhart said.

The ranch management program is an intense academic program, said Eric Brast, associate director of the Institute of **See RANCH, page 4**



OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Hollywood cinematographer and TCU alumnus Blake Evans will speak today about his experiences at 4 p.m. in 141 Moudy North.

Alum to share film advice with students

By CORTNEY STRUBE
Staff Reporter

The Hollywood cinematographer who wrote the screenplay for "Flyboys" will use his experiences today to discuss cinematography with students and faculty.

Blake Evans, a 1986 radio-TV-film graduate for TCU, has been involved with the television series "The District," "Jake in Progress" and set-to-be released "Big Day," which premieres Nov. 28 on ABC.

Evans will address topics in cinematography such as relationships among actors, directors, directors of photography, cameramen and writers. He will also have a cinematography lighting workshop, a question-and-answer session, a reception and a screening of his film clips. Evans will also speak to several theater and radio-TV-film classes.

Chandler Smith, director of development for

EXTRA INFO:

•Q & A session with Evans, 141 Moudy North 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

•Reception, 141 Moudy North 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

•Screening of Evans' film clips 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

the College of Fine Arts, said Evans' experience will benefit students who are interested in cinematography and film.

"Blake Evans is very professional and focused, and he pays great attention to the detail of his work," Smith said. "For students to see

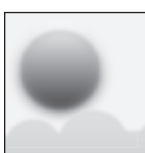
what kind of thought, preparation and character goes into how a film looks will bring a new appreciation for the business."

Evans' other films include "The Prince & Me 2" and "The Third Nail."



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

Ranch Management alumni Bobby Harter, left, and Dusty Powell are the two cowboys depicted in the painting unveiled at the Ranch Management Program's 50th anniversary ceremony Friday.



WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly Sunny, 78/50

WEDNESDAY: Partly Cloudy/Wind, 61/37

THURSDAY: Sunny, 66/46

PECULIAR FACT

ALBANY, N.Y. - Drinking a shot of beer in New York could get you arrested for drunken driving, thanks to a typo in a New York law passed this year. — AP

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scholarships for students who didn't receive a scholarship their freshman year but demonstrated academic excellence while at TCU.

Allen, a junior entrepreneurial management major, has served in the House for three semesters and was on the judicial board last year. He is also a Neeley Associate, serves on the standards board and is the new member educator for Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and is a leader in K-Life, a middle and high school discipleship program, he said.

"I've been active from the very beginning," Allen said. "I want to

really make a difference."

As vice president, Allen said he would like to see student ID cards used at off-campus locations, a textbook lottery in which students would enter to win a textbook paid for by SGA and increased recycling to create a more environmentally-friendly campus.

"We can't lower tuition, but we can help cut costs," Allen said. "Textbooks are an obvious student cost."

Allen would also advocate more input from students on the new University Union, he said.

"I want students to voice what they want and have the administration hear it," Allen said.

Pressly, a sophomore his-

tory major, said implementing a "Frog Dollars" system in which students could use their ID cards off campus, is one of his top priorities.

Pressly also wants increased advertising for on-campus events and said he will talk to administration about rethinking some of the current policies.

"I don't think we're as apathetic as portrayed; students just don't know what's going on," Pressly said.

Pressly is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was Speaker of the House last spring and was also on the executive cabinet. He said he is currently working to make my.tcu.edu the central portal where students can access e-mail and

eCollege without having to sign in more than once.

Giovanni Guerra and Kristen Chapman are running for Programming Council vice president.

Guerra, a sophomore international relations major, has served on SGA since her freshman year and is currently the vice president of Sigma Lambda Alpha sorority and is the director of lectures, forums and films for PC.

As PC chair, Guerra said she wants to organize bigger events and have more familiar celebrities on campus for Homecoming and Howdy Week.

"I really want to focus all events on students and bring the TCU community together,"

Guerra said.

Guerra said she wants to make the tailgates friendlier for the entire student body, not just the Greek community. Also, she hopes to cut back on smaller events so more funding can be concentrated on the big events that draw more students.

Chapman, a sophomore marketing major, is currently the PC director of special events. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, a Frog Aides director and serves on Student Foundation, she said.

Chapman said she brought Dennis Haskins, who played Mr. Belding on Saved by the Bell, to campus for Howdy Week and also helped organize Battle of the Bands.

"There are a lot of things PC wants to do, and I want to see that happen," Chapman said.

Chapman said she would like to implement a polling system to see what students

want so PC can produce better programs.

Chapman also said she wants PC to spend its money more frugally and make their budget go further.

"Programming Council is the most visible branch of SGA," Chapman said. "We need to make the most of the money we receive."

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residence halls will provide additional housing, which will increase the sense of community on campus, Allen said.

Thompson said he would rather see students wanting to live on campus as opposed to requiring students to live on campus.

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SPARKLE? advertisement for Colonial Car Wash. Promotes a \$5 off carwash package for TCU students with ID.

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Pink out for breast cancer

Support TCU Football this Saturday, Nov. 18 against San Diego State.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The scientific name for an animal that doesn't either run from or fight its enemies is lunch."
— Michael Friedman

THE SKIFF VIEW

Students can't gripe if they don't vote for SGA

Though you can no longer put your two cents in about which party should rule the House and Senate, you can still make an impact on campus.

Student Government Association elections are taking place today and you, as a student, need to vote.

In 2005, SGA had a \$275,000 budget split among the House, Programming Council and the cabinet. Students contributed to this fund through each of their \$48 student government fees. The way the money is spent should represent the students — something that can only be done through elected representatives.

Texas is known for its apathetic voters, ranking 49th in the number of women who vote and 48th in the number of men who vote according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research. That equated to about 40 percent of Texans turning out at the polls.

While this is a sad representation, it is still more than the 25 percent to 26 percent of students who voted in last year's SGA elections.

True, SGA is not making decisions as paramount as the representatives in Washington,

but if you're going to complain — and history shows that you will — you at least need to have cast your vote.

No matter what your stance regarding SGA may be, nothing will change if you don't vote.

And don't just vote for the first person who pops up on your screen — read a little bit about each candidate and vote for the ones who you think will impact campus in a positive way.

The people chosen will be the ones on the forefront of issues such as plus/minus grading and plans for an honors college, along with less serious issues such as what band will play at Howdy Week and where Spring Fling will take place.

SGA couldn't make it any easier for you. Log into my.tcu.edu, take two minutes out of your time on Facebook and vote. The polls opened at 7 a.m. this morning and will be open this year until midnight.

If you don't vote, then don't complain when SGA hosts Kevin Federline instead of Pat Green or whoever performs at the next campus concert.

News editor Kathleen Thurber for the editorial board.

OOOFSPOOF BY ROLF NELSON



Volunteering offers more than social service hours

It was one hour, one night that started as one huge inconvenience.

We all have good intentions that often get interrupted by daily activities; my commitment to hand out candy at Boo at the Zoo my freshman year was no exception.

The community service activity of handing out candy to costumed children during the Halloween season sounded like a great idea in early September, but by the time the actual night rolled around, I was regretting my decision. I had papers to write, a test, not to mention a mixer I wanted to attend. Could I really spare an hour of my time?

Yes, I could. And thankfully, I did. In that one hour, on that one night, I got to meet one very special child. The superhero costume he wore with pride was no different from many of the costumes I had seen roaming around the zoo, but it was what was under his cape that set apart this 7-year-old child.

He was in a wheelchair. It was obvious he was still trying to adjust.

He struggled down the wooden walkway and through the crowd of tiny trick-or-treaters.

I was the lucky person who handed him his first handful of candy and escorted him to his favorite exhibit — the tiger. I was the lucky person who

witnessed the beautiful smile shining through his mask.

College campuses often compare themselves to bubbles isolated from the problems of our community, our country and our world.

It is easy in the whirl of school work and social events to focus only on one's self and one's immediate surroundings.

But that overlooks a significant part of what being an educated member of society means: A sense of service to others, of community trusteeship, of recognizing that we have been so blessed while others face very difficult challenges.

I do not volunteer in the community as much as I feel I should.

In years to come, when I look back on my experiences at TCU, I will remember the papers, exams and parties only faintly.

But I will cherish the children I got to play with while participating in Up 'Til Dawn, the patients I met from Cook Children's Medical Center and the smile on the face of my little superhero as he watched the tigers.

It is true what people say about college being the best four, or five, or six years of your life, and the years do fly by. But do try to find a little time to help others.

You may find that one hour on one night will change your life as well as the lives of the people you serve.

Jamie Crum is a senior broadcast journalism major from Colorado Springs, Colo.

COMMENTARY



Jamie Crum

Revolt against chain businesses; support local establishments

Out of toilet paper and snacks? Need a mid-morning coffee fix? Need some gas to get home for the holidays? I bet when you think about these

questions, a slew of nationally franchised stores come to mind.

Like it or not, we live in a nation of chains. Gone are the days of main streets littered with mom-and-pop shops. The old hardware store's been turned into an Ace. The burger shop has given way to the nauseating golden arches of McDonald's, and the local creamery has been replaced with an overpriced Coldstone franchise.

Sound familiar? This process of extra-regional commercial takeover has been gripping America for decades. Sure, we all love the fancy signs and product consistency offered by our favorite chain stores, but are they really doing any good for society? I think not.

When citing the negative effects of super companies, Wal-Mart always seems to be at the top of everyone's list. With everything one could ever imagine purchasing located under one roof and low prices

to boot, Wal-Mart has served to put many locally owned businesses on the chopping block.

However, it doesn't stop there. Wal-Mart keeps expanding and conquering new trades. Today's Super Wal-Marts contain grocery stores, tire repair shops, plant and garden sections and optometry centers. A single location also has a land area practically equal to that of the state of Rhode Island.

Truthfully, Wal-Mart's consolidation of services really worries me. What's to stop them from putting a doctor's office inside of every Super Wal-Mart? That way, America's wisest citizens can deliver life-saving care while being paid \$6.50 per hour and stock paper towels in aisle 10 in their downtime. Far-fetched? Yes. Impossible? You be the judge.

Starbucks is another interesting case study. I've always found the dichotomy of this establishment to be fascinating. It's a venue with its own culture. In many suburban towns across America, it's where the "alternative" 15-year-old kids go to hang out and whine about how their parents won't change their curfews to 10:30. They just lie around for hours while drinking coffee and doing nothing productive. Seriously, it's like a modern-day opium den.

Also, Starbucks is where many older folk, such as high school principals and teachers, go to purchase a nice caffeine fix at all hours of the day. So, to recap, you have authority-hating teenagers and the very adults that levy that authority upon them gathered in one place. Let's just say that you can cut the tension with a knife.

Social commentary aside, seemingly everybody in our generation thinks Starbucks is the definitive name in coffee. Has anyone ever had any other kind? You know, not Folgers or Maxwell House but real coffeehouse coffee. We've grown up with a Starbucks on every corner! Who are we to judge what's good when we've only had one thing shoved down our throats our entire lives?

Big business hurts everyone. For many sellers, it shrinks their customer base and forces many to go out of business altogether. For consumers, it limits options and forces mass consumption of a possibly inferior product without alternatives. As responsible and compassionate citizens, it is up to us to preserve our local businesses. Spare a dollar, save a dream.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears every Tuesday and Friday.

COMMENTARY



David Hall

Public universities give students same benefits as private institutions

Competition drives the educational system in the United States. This year, the college system felt the surge of college-age students who are a result of the baby boomer generation. Although the University of Texas at Austin labeled its increase in admissions the "Rose Bowl" effect, it cannot be ignored that colleges across the nation have experienced an increase in applications.

Every family that plans to send a child to college must decide whether to choose a private or public institution. Private institutions are inherently wealthier because of higher tuition rates and endowments. Many families believe that a private education is better than one obtained at a public university because of this fact.

However, if a university is to be considered competitive, all the best students must be able to compete. If a student is unable to pay the high tuition fees at a private university, the only chance to attend is to receive significant financial aid. Most Americans cannot afford to

pay a \$45,000 price tag, so they must apply for scholarships and financial aid. This makes the application pool unnecessarily competitive. While it is true that the best and the brightest of the less fiscally endowed get the scholarship, it does not guarantee that it is a representative and well-rounded sample of Americana.

In Great Britain, private and public schools have different connotations than their American counterparts. Public schools are the more competitive of the two, and they closely align with our private schools. While the majority of the attendees of these schools are the wealthiest of England, a few scholarships are awarded for those unable to otherwise attend. George Orwell, who wrote "Animal Farm", was one such scholarship student.

This system, while stricter in the early 1900s, continues to propagate a sharp divide between the upper and lower classes. The English public school system impedes competition and class transition. The American private school system does the same.

The true beauty of the American educational system lies in the ability for a student to transition to a higher social status through education. This is the result of public schools far more often than private. When a family considers the future of their child, they should look beyond what is considered by clever advertising to be a better education and instead look to where the greater competition lies.

The issue of money and its effect on schooling has been proven to be closely related. Robin Hood, a program that transfers money from wealthy high school

districts such as Highland Park in Dallas and Alamo Heights in San Antonio to less fortunate districts around the state, proves the connection between these two factors. The boards of these wealthier districts cried foul, believing money had no correlation with education, but they were proven wrong when test scores at the poorer districts improved substantially with the added funds.

The only way to get the best of both worlds is for the U.S. government to substantially increase federal aid to public and private schools alike. The

government should also support public education more substantially than it does now. According to the Wall Street Journal, the United States spends more on education per pupil than almost any other nation — 75 percent more than the international average for primary schools and 53 percent more than the international average for secondary schools. However, at the same time, our year-to-year academic achievement gains are among the lowest in the world. Among 17 western nations, the United States ranks second to last.

We are inefficient with our educational system not just because teachers are underpaid but also because we fight against natural competition among students. The doors must be opened for everyone to compete on a level playing field. When this happens, the United States will secure its position as a world leader in technology, business and the arts.

Harrison Powers is a columnist for the Daily Texan (U. Texas). This column was distributed by U-wire.



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RANCH

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Ranch Management, which is affiliated with the overall program.

"It has the same principles it did 50 years ago but is also able to adapt quickly if it needs

to," Brast said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said it is wonderful to have such a program that not all schools can boast.

"The program has thrived for 50 years," Boschini said.

"We are not only celebrating 50 years of a program but also looking forward to the next

50 years."

Melhart and Ranch Management Director Kerry Cornelius said they asked Holt to work on a painting after Boschini suggested her as an artist.

Boschini said Holt has also painted three other portraits featured at TCU.

Cornelius and Melhart said

they arranged for Holt to go to a local ranch and take photographs for her painting.

Holt said she was pleased to work with TCU and hoped to capture the philosophy and mood of the ranch management program in the painting.

"Being on the ranch inspired

me," Holt said. "There was a peace out there that is not known in the city."

Photographing the sunset, water and watching the cowboys round up cattle was all a great experience, Holt said.

Cornelius said the painting is outstanding and reflects the backbone of the program.

"It represents economical and ecological sources such as water conservation," Cornelius said. "It also illustrates the agricultural way of life."

The painting succeeded by portraying the peacefulness of ranch life, said Chris Farley, assistant director for the ranch management program.



RYAN PERRY

Professor of environmental studies Tony Burgess, left, and sophomore biology major Ryan Seaver prepare the land for the release of horned lizards Sunday at the Fort Worth Nature Center.

FROG

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area where the lizards will be released

"These ants make up the diet of the horned lizard," she said, "and we have to make sure that there will be enough food for the lizards to survive."

Other than making sure the lizards will have enough food, the volunteers also have to make a record of the current animals living in the area, as some of them could be a predator of the horned lizard, Burgess said.

"It is more than just monitoring ant colonies, and cleaning up the land," said Ryan Seaver, a sophomore biology major. "We have to take care of detail, from knowing what vegetation lives here, where the nearest water source for the lizards is, to what animals currently live here and what their diet is."

The nature center has given 3,000 acres of land, but with so much land to cover and only a few volunteers, it is a slow process in making sure the land has all of the necessary requirements, Burgess said. Sophomore biology major Cory Leach said students should realize that their participation can make a difference.

"If students take a little bit of time to come out and help, we can and will save these lizards — our mascot," Leach said.

Currently, the Fort Worth Zoo has between 20 and 25 adult horned lizards. The zoo is going to breed the last remaining adults in the zoo and take care of the newborns until their new habitat at the Fort Worth Nature Center is completed. Burgess said.

Burgess said he hopes it will only be a little more a year until the lizards can be removed from the zoo and placed in their new habitat.

Ground broken for King memorial

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
McClatchy Newspapers

Ordinary folks and megastars gathered on a muddy patch of the National Mall on Monday to break ground on a memorial honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

President Bush shared the stage with former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., talk show host Oprah Winfrey, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton to launch the first memorial on the Mall dedicated to a black.

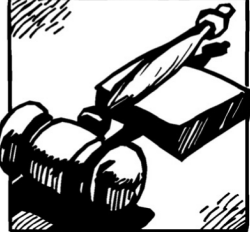
"Today, we see only these open acres, yet we know that when the work is done, the King Memorial will be a fitting tribute, powerful and hopeful and poetic, like the man it honors," Bush told a mostly black crowd of 5,000 people. "As we break ground,

we remember the great obstacles that Dr. King overcame and the courage that transformed American history."

Scheduled for completion in spring 2008, the \$100 million crescent-shaped memorial will stand on prime real estate: four acres of land along Washington's Tidal Basin between the Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln memorials. The location is symbolic and significant. Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, is a founding father of the country. Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared freedom from slavery.

The steps of the Lincoln Memorial are also where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in the summer of 1963, capping a massive civil rights march on Washington.

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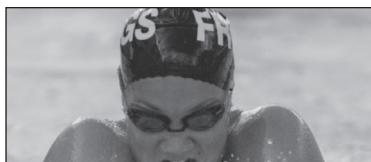
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TODAY IN SPORTS

The Horned Frog men's and women's swimming and diving teams had three meets last weekend. Find out how the teams performed and what these meets mean for the their seasons.

Frogs move up to No. 3 in Mountain West standings



MEDIA RELATIONS

Stephen Hodge, sophomore safety, brings down a New Mexico Lobos player on Nov.11 in Albuquerque, N.M. The Horned Frogs defeated New Mexico 27-21 and will next play the San Diego State Aztecs at 3 p.m. Saturday.

By MICHAEL DODD
Sports Editor

In a weekend that saw major changes to the overall Bowl Championship Series standings, the Horned Frog football

team continued its winning ways with a victory over the New Mexico Lobos on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Frogs (7-2 overall and 3-2 in conference) defeated the

Lobos 27-21 and improved to No. 3 in the Mountain West Conference standings behind the BYU Cougars (8-2, 6-0) and the Utah Utes (6-4, 4-2).

The Cougars, with a 55-7 win

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

University	Overall	Conference
Brigham Young Cougars	8-2	6-0
Utah Utes	6-4	4-2
TCU Horned Frogs	7-2	3-2
Air Force Falcons	4-5	3-2
Wyoming Cowboys	5-6	4-3
New Mexico Lobos	5-5	3-3
San Diego State Aztecs	2-7	2-3
Colorado State Rams	4-6	1-5
UNLV Rebels	1-9	0-6

BCS STANDINGS

- Ohio State Buckeyes
- Michigan Wolverines
- USC Trojans
- Florida Gators
- Notre Dame Fighting Irish
- Rutgers Scarlet Knights
- Arkansas Razorbacks
- West Virginia Mountaineers
- Wisconsin Badgers
- Louisville Cardinals
- LSU Tigers
- Boise State Broncos
- Texas Longhorns
- Auburn Tigers
- California Golden Bears
- Wake Forest Demon Deacons
- Oklahoma Sooners
- Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets
- Maryland Terrapins
- Boston College Eagles
- Virginia Tech Hokies
- Tennessee Volunteers
- Nebraska Cornhuskers
- Oregon Ducks
- Brigham Young Cougars

against the Wyoming Cowboys, are now ranked No. 25 in the BCS and have clinched at least a share of the Mountain West Conference championship.

Against the Lobos, there were a number of individual accomplishments for the Frogs.

Senior quarterback Jeff Ballard improved to 15-2 as a starter, a career winning percentage that ranks him No. 1 all-time at TCU. This was also head coach Gary Patterson's 50th win since taking the helm of the Horned Frogs, and he is the fastest coach to reach that many wins.

Senior tailback Lonta Hobbs moved from No. 8 to No. 5 in the list of all-time career rushing yards. And, with his 36th

career rushing touchdown, Hobbs now only trails former Horned Frog and San Diego Chargers standout LaDainian Tomlinson, who left TCU with 54 career touchdowns.

Senior placekicker Peter LoCoco now has seven straight field goals made over the last three games.

And, on the defensive side of the ball, All-American candidate Tommy Blake, a junior defensive end, recorded his first collegiate touchdown after returning a fumble 20 yards for a first-quarter touchdown.

In order to have a chance at a share of the Mountain West championship, the Frogs will need to continue to extend their

winning streak as every win will be crucial. They will also be rooting for BYU's upcoming opponents to possibly upset the Cougars and bring them back down to the competition.

Teams finish in top 10 at regional competition

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Reporter

A day of personal bests and improvements rounded out a season of constant uphill climbs for the women's and men's cross country teams as they competed in the 22-team NCAA Division 1-A South Central Regional Championship meet in Waco.

Although injuries to juniors Cassie Hostick and Halie Bullin put a damper on the season, the women's team was able to move on and perform during the regional competition Saturday, said head coach Eric Heins.

Sophomore Ashley Young said the team put together a better season than last year.

"Overall, we performed much better as a team this year," Young said.

Heins said the goal for the women's team was to end the season on a high note.

Leading the women's team through the rolling hills of the Cottonwood Creek Golf Course was senior Calandra Stewart, who just missed automatically qualifying for the NCAA National Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

"Going against the wind was tough uphill," Stewart said. "The wind pushed more going downhill and gave a bit of an advantage."

Stewart stayed among the top-10 runners throughout the entire meet despite going against a field

of 108 competitors. During the final 50 meters of the race, Stewart was overtaken by Jodi Hulett from UT-Arlington and Miranda Walker of Arkansas.

Stewart crossed the finish line in ninth place (10th overall, but one runner was from a school with less than five runners) with a time of 20 minutes 54.8 seconds for the 6K race. The event was won by Rachael Forish from SMU.

"This year went better than last year," Stewart said.

Her placement in the race put Stewart one place shy of an automatic entry to the nationals.

The women's team finished in eighth place overall with UT edging them out by just one point.

"I felt we did a good job of following coach's race plan," said freshman Carlene Mayfield. "We raced well inside ourselves."

The men's race followed a new format with a 10K course as compared to the traditional 8K run used during conference competition.

Freshman Festus Kigen and junior Matt Manly led the Frogs through the course to a ninth-place team finish.

Kigen came out of the gate hard while staying with a clump of Arkansas and UT runners. After the group began to spread, Kigen began to follow his race plan.

"Coach told me to start

around 30th place and push my way up," Kigen said.

Kigen finished in 23rd place out of 123 runners with a time of 31:20.

Manly elevated his performance by setting a new personal record in the 10K with a time of 31:47.5 and finished in 32nd place (34th overall, but two runners were from schools with less than five runners).

"I followed it (the race plan) to a certain degree, but I went well above it," Manly said.

Heins said Manly ran a smart race after being in the 110th place at the 1K mark.

"We did exactly what we talked about for the race," Heins said.

With the season at a close for the teams, both the men's and women's teams can begin to prepare for next fall.

**WOMEN'S 6K
 PLACEMENT & TIME**

Calandra Stewart	10	20:54.8
Carlene Mayfield	32	22:02.3
Danielle Selner	39	22:18.0
McKale Davis	40	22:20.4
Ashley Young	60	23:03.4
Lisa Baity	72	23:26.8

**MEN'S 10K
 PLACEMENT & TIME**

Festus Kigen	23	31:20.0
Matt Manly	32	31:47.5
Alex Morris	63	33:02.0
Steven Solazzo	72	33:16.4
JT Reinert	77	33:33.2
Michael Garcia	78	33:42.1
Houston Bolin	89	34:08.9



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Sophomore Matt Manly set a personal best with a time of 31:47 in the 22-team NCAA Division 1-A South Central Regional Championship in Waco on Saturday. The men's and women's cross country teams finished in the top 10 at Saturday's meet.

Men win season opener against Centenary Gents

By TIM BELLA
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team is trying to distance itself from the dark memory of last season's 6-25 record, and with a 72-66 win over the Centenary Gents on Saturday, the Frogs are starting the season off on a winning note.

The Frogs set the tone on offense and defense in their season opener with five players scoring in double figures and by holding the Gents to 37 percent shooting.

The Frogs also worked five new players into the rotation, including three players who transferred to TCU: sophomore forward Kevin Langford, junior forward Alvarado Parker and junior guard Ryan Wall.

Langford and Parker combined for 28 points and 14 rebounds to go along with Wall's 10 points.

Langford, a transfer from California, said he can bring a good inside presence to this year's team.

"It felt good to get back out there," Langford said. "I was really anxious. I had most of my family there."

Junior forward Blake Adams finished with 13 points off the bench, and he said the younger players were a little nervous at first but settled down once the game got going.

"I'm happy we have more scoring," Adams said. "They came from decent programs, and I played against them in high school. So, I know the type of players they are."

Head coach Neil Dougherty said he was proud of his team for being able to close out a game in which the tempo favored Centenary.

"I don't want to play in a game where there's 60 fouls called," Dougherty said. "It doesn't bode well for a transition (offense) team."

At the end of the first half, returning starters Brent Hackett and Neiman Owens provided easy buckets and



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Senior guard Neil Dougherty dribbles down the court against the Lithuania Academy on Nov. 2. The Horned Frogs defeated the Centenary Gents on Saturday night and will next face the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks today at 7 p.m.

rebounds to give the Frogs a 32-31 halftime lead. The junior guards did a little bit of everything as Hackett scored 13 points, while Owens pulled down six rebounds.

The second half featured an increase in physical play from both teams, as well as Centenary moving to a 3-2 zone defense in attempt to stop the Frogs' inside-outside game.

"We basically just kept running our same zone offense," Langford said. "It was there every time. We just couldn't execute."

A couple of late turnovers cut TCU's lead to one, but

Dougherty said the experience the team has in this type of a game allowed them to close it out.

"Last year, we were in 20-plus of these type of games and didn't win them," Dougherty said. "Remembering what we went through last year helps us in situations like this."

After the game, Dougherty said he constantly reminds his players of one of the lessons he learned while playing for current Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski during his days at Army.

"You forget about the past unless it helps you with your future," Dougherty said. "Each time we can win and play well, it will separate us from last year."

STANDINGS

University	Overall	Conference
San Diego State Aztecs	3-0	0-0
New Mexico Lobos	2-0	0-0
Air Force Falcons	1-0	0-0
Colorado State Rams	1-0	0-0
TCU Horned Frogs	1-0	0-0
UNLV Rebels	1-0	0-0
Wyoming Cowboys	1-0	0-0
Brigham Young Cougars	0-0	0-0
Utah Utes	0-1	0-0

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The Horned Frogs host the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks today at 7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.