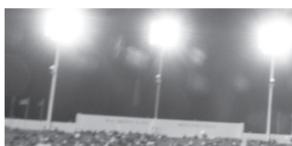




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## Pink Out game to promote cancer awareness

By LINDSEY BEVER  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs will add new colors to their uniforms for TCU's Pink Out football game against San Diego State on Saturday.

The TCU football field will be filled with about 600 breast cancer survivors and supporters from TCU, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Fort Worth community during halftime. All participants will wear pink to benefit the foundation and the fight against breast cancer, said Ann Loudon, the chancellor's

associate for external relations.

Loudon said the band will form a pink awareness ribbon, the cheerleaders will perform with pink pom-poms and members of Zeta Tau Alpha will hand out aware-

### PINK OUT GAME:

- Student tailgate, 1 p.m.
- TCU vs. San Diego State, 3 p.m.
- \$5 of each online ticket sale and 25 percent of Pink Out merchandise sales will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

ness ribbons at the gates to promote its philanthropy, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"We want to communicate that TCU has a role to play," Loudon said. "This is a real link between the community and TCU. It is a real message of how the TCU campus is supporting this cause."

Last year, board and staff members from the foundation came to TCU to ask how they could raise awareness in Fort Worth by joining with the university, Loudon said.

Kelsey Patterson and her

husband, head football coach Gary Patterson, got the football team involved in TCU's inaugural Pink Out game.

"I worked with Gary to get the awareness decals put on the back of their helmets and the ribbons for the coaches' shirts," Patterson said. "The team's involvement is limited because they have a lot going on during the season."

Loudon said she is helping to create a multimedia halftime show featuring the stories of two faculty members, two staff members and two students, whose lives

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SKIFF ARCHIVES  
The TCU Band forms a pink awareness ribbon on the field at a football game last year. \$5 of every ticket sold for Saturday's game against San Diego State University will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

## Faith lessons added to team's playbook

By MICHELLE THOMAS  
Staff Reporter

The football team chaplain said he is committed to being a friend to the Horned Frog athletes, a commitment the head coach and players say he more than fulfills.

Pastor Ken Horton has been working with the Frogs for 10 seasons, and, during that time, he has become a confidant and mentor to many of the players, head coach Gary Patterson said.

Patterson said the players respect and trust Horton.

"He has always taken the time to be here," Patterson said. "He's available for the guys to talk to him and get his advice and guidance."

Horton volunteers at TCU under the umbrella of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and also serves as senior pastor at McKinney Memorial Bible Church.

Horton said he started working with the team because he enjoys having relationships with the players and coaches and being able to encourage them spiritually.

"When players have needs or concerns, they come talk to me about it just like they would their pastor," Horton said.

Horton said the relationships

developed over the course of the season go far beyond college and sports.

"I enjoy the football part," Horton said. "But I want to be someone who is interested in how the rest of their life is going."

Senior safety Eric Buchanan said Horton always reminds them to keep the perspective that what they do is more than football.

"It's the things you don't think anyone cares about," he said. "He's always interested in talking with us."

Buchanan said Horton's open-door policy is proof of his heart for the team.

"If we don't have anyone else to go to, we all know we can talk to him," Buchanan said. "He's a genuine guy, and he's always here for us."

Patterson said Horton serves a big purpose at TCU.

"He is helping these students grow in life and become what they want to become," Patterson said.

Junior safety David Roach said as the son of a preacher, Horton has taken him under his wing.

"You need someone to come around and lift you up when you're down,"

Roach said.

Roach said Horton is loved by the whole team and has helped everyone in a different way.

"When he walks into the room, I get a smile on my face and shake his hand," he said.

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## 'TIS THE SEASON



CHRISTINA HOLTZEN / Staff Photographer  
Senior advertising/public relations major Brooke Sberna, left, and junior radio-TV-film major Stephanie Forrest pass out Order of Omega gift-drive fliers Thursday in the Student Center to Joe Ann May, financial assistant in financial services. The gift should be brought to the tree lighting on Sadler Lawn on Nov. 30 at 6:45 p.m.

## Conservation delays historical Texas papers' arrival at TCU

By LAURA FLORES  
Staff Reporter

A \$23,000 security system was installed in the Mary Coats Burnett Library's special collections to secure 161-year-old Texas legislation papers that were expected to arrive this month.

However, the arrival of the documents, which TCU will host for the next five years, has been pushed back to early January because a third of the papers are still undergoing a conservation process.

The conservation process will maintain the quality of the papers with a digital scan-

ning process, and sharper images of the documents in their current state will allow TCU to reference the papers without damaging the original ones, said Mary Volcansek, dean of AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Texas Legation papers will be part of TCU's special collections located on the second floor in the library, Volcansek said.

"If you like history, and even if you don't, these are priceless pieces," Volcansek said.

Priceless, though the expense to host the papers

is \$260,000 — a cost the chancellor and two donors paid, she said.

Earlier this year, the papers were auctioned to be hosted for the next five years, and supposedly another bidder had been awarded the papers, Volcansek said.

Volcansek said she received a phone call the Monday after the auction and was told TCU had won the bid.

The legation papers will be an asset to the Center of Texas Studies at TCU and will fit in with curriculum, said June Koelker, dean of the Mary Coats Burnett Library. TCU is

the only university in the state to have a center dedicated to Texas studies, Koelker said.

"These documents have to do with the very early years before Texas became a state in the United States," she said. "They are primary documents, which are important to historians and (provide) an opportunity to look at primary documents rather than just reading textbooks."

Texas leaders who corresponded with the United States on the issue of recognizing Texas as an independent country and negotiations deal-

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## Peace Action to protest military school criticized of unethical training

By ALEX ZOBEL  
Staff Reporter

Seven TCU students have received university funding to travel to Fort Benning, Ga. on Friday to protest a military training school that has been accused by its critics of providing unethical military training to Latin American military officers.

Since 2001, different groups of TCU students have been going to Georgia every November to participate in the national protest of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, more commonly referred to by its former name, the School of the Americas.

Last year, more than 16,000 people attended the protest, 17 of who were arrested and charged with federal trespassing for climbing the 10-foot, barbed wire, chain-link fence surrounding the school's perimeter, according to a January Associated Press article.

The TCU activist group Peace Action has organized the past three trips, and this year applied for funding and received \$500 from the Student Government Association, which will pay for gas, a rental car and motel rooms for the seven students.

SGA Treasurer and Activities Funding Board Chairman Brian Andrew said this semester SGA was able to

distribute about \$30,000 to student groups around campus. The only requirement for a student group to receive this university money is that it be officially recognized by Campus

### THE SEVEN TCU STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING THREE MAJOR EVENTS:

- A rally at the gates of the school Saturday afternoon.
- Social justice workshops at the Columbus Convention Center on Saturday night.
- A vigil with a memorial service for people who believe they lost loved ones at the hands of SOA graduates.

Life. The amount of money given is up to the SGA, he said.

"The main purpose of going to this protest is to educate ourselves on issues surrounding injustice in Latin America so that we can bring our knowledge back to campus and educate others," said Courtney Goode, vice president of Peace Action.

Rob Grebel, president of Peace Action, said the trip is not just for educational purposes, but is also an opportunity for students to take a stand against what he said is a symbol of irresponsible U.S. foreign policy.

"There has been a history of excessive U.S. involvement in the domes-

tic politics of Latin America," Grebel said. "The SOA trip is a chance for TCU students to take a stand against government policy that they have a problem with."

The United States originally established the school in Panama in 1946 as the Latin American Ground School with the purpose of providing counter-insurgency training to military officers of governments that the U.S. supported, according to a Washington Post article.

Because of stipulations in the Panama Canal treaty, the school was relocated to the United States 22 years later.

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## PINK

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have been affected by breast cancer. After the presentation, pink balloons will be released to recognize those who have been affected, she said.

Louden was diagnosed with breast cancer in September and said since she is a part of the group affected, she can help communicate the message about breast cancer.

"From my vantage point, the people I have most enjoyed talking to during this time are the people who have gone through it,"

Louden said. "I think the TCU stories are important because until you realize who is here and who has had breast cancer, you can't personalize it."

Ashley Wilson, Panhellenic delegate for Zeta, is helping to get students involved during the halftime show. She said only the breast cancer survivors stood on the field during halftime last year but expects more students to get involved to show their support this year.

"I hope that by people telling their stories, it will increase awareness," she said. "Breast cancer is not something we should be afraid to talk about."

Robin Forner, a junior international communications and Spanish major, lost her mother to breast cancer during her freshman year. When she heard about Pink Out, she said, she wanted to get involved and record a story about her mom, which will be played during halftime.

"Before my mom passed away, she told me that she wanted me to help spread the word because when she was diagnosed, she knew nothing about it at all," Forner said. "Now that I have a knowledge of breast cancer, it would be such a waste not to spread the word because it's such an impor-

tant issue."

Jennifer Braatz, a sophomore business major, said her mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in August and will share her mother's story during the halftime show, as well. She said after she started telling her story, she met many other people who had been affected by breast cancer.

"Sometimes it feels like we're secluded here on campus, away from everything, but we need to realize that people are affected by this," Braatz said. "Hopefully people will stand up to it and donate money and help find a cure."

Kelsey Patterson said

although her family has not been directly affected by breast cancer, she said she believes it is important to support others.

"Just because it hasn't touched our family doesn't mean we aren't touched by it," Patterson said. "If we can get the funding we need, hopefully we can find a cure."

Kelly Imig, assistant director of athletics marketing, said \$5 of each online ticket sale and 25 percent of all Pink Out merchandise, including T-shirts and hats, will be given to the foundation. Last year, \$16,000 was raised for the foundation, she said.

- An estimated 211,200 new invasive cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women and an estimated 1,720 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in men in 2006.
- An estimated 40,970 women and 460 men will die from breast cancer in 2006.
- One woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes and one woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes in the United States.
- In the United States today, there are more than two million breast cancer survivors.

According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation

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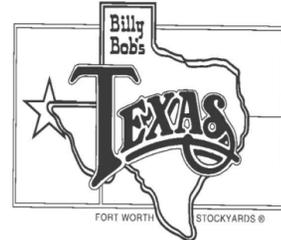
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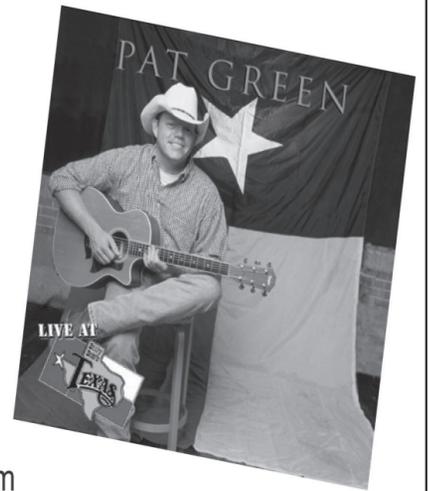


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"Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for president. One hopes it is the same half."

— Gore Vidal

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Be mindful of your mammaries**

It's the one time of the year besides Mardi Gras where its acceptable to lift up your top.

It's Breast Cancer Awareness at TCU, and its time to get those breasts checked out.

You are probably thinking, "I am only 20 years old, why in the world would I need to get a breast exam?"

The fact is anyone can get breast cancer. It doesn't matter what age or gender you are.

Just ask Laura Martin Schlager, a recent TCU alumna who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"When I had to get a mastectomy when I was 19 years old, I realized that breast cancer is a very real thing and everyone should be aware of it," Schlager said.

The American Cancer Society says studies show it is important to get your breasts checked at a younger age both as a precaution and to also establish a

baseline examination against for future need.

A person's breasts change over time, and having previous documentation helps doctors understand and identify those changes and can also possibly help them recognize a problem faster.

If you aren't already scared enough, the American Cancer Society reports that one out of every eight women will get breast cancer in her lifetime.

The ACS also reports that in 2006, an estimated 41,430 people — 40,970 women, 460 men — will die from breast cancer in the United States.

Those are pretty scary statistics.

But you can improve the odds.

So go to the football game this Saturday, wear your pink and support Breast Cancer Awareness.

Your life could depend on it. You owe it to yourself.

*Jaquilee Killeen for the editorial board.*

**BY RICKY ANDERSON**



**Parking tickets run rampant**

As the old saying goes, there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, many students may be surprised to hear that TCU parking tickets aren't on that list.

**COMMENTARY**



David Hall

Those little yellow citations shoved oh-so-lovingly under your windshield wipers are a way of life here at the university. Parking tickets aren't a matter of if, but when.

Let me say that everything having to do with parking here is a nightmare.

Just the mere mention of the p-word is enough to set some students off in a violent, wall-punching rage, and quite honestly, who can blame them? When one takes a good hard look at the situation, it becomes quite obvious that serious change is necessary.

First of all, that "parking space" you see isn't always for parking. I see places all over campus that are just waiting to trap unsuspecting drivers in their grasps.

Earlier this year, there were several "legal-looking" spaces in the Moncrief Hall parking lot that were in the fire lane, and by several, I mean 10. These spaces were the real deal: No diagonal lines in the middle of them, and no signs saying

not to park there. I don't know about you, but when I position my vehicle in between the lines, I don't look around frantically to see if I'm in a legal space or not. I just assume I'm good. What genius paints parking spots in the middle of a fire lane?

Needless to say, there were tickets galore, and some people even got the dreaded "not only do you have to pay a ridiculous fine, but now everyone's going to laugh at your pathetic situation" boot. Eventually, this area was painted over, but the damage was already done.

Now, I'm always paranoid about a booby trap. My friends laugh at me because I inspect the area where I park my car like a customs agent would inspect an import of Columbian "sugar." But hey, they aren't the ones who will have to pay the fine.

Also, one has to look at those who issue the tickets. Sure, the TCU Police do a good job of keeping us safe, but I think a little leniency could go a long way.

In a Facebook group dedicated to improving campus parking titled "I Refuse To Pay the Parking Fines if TCU Doesn't Make Parking Any Better," whose membership is now pushing 800 members, the message board is filled with painful anecdotes.

One student wrote that he informed a nearby TCU

officer he was going to park his car in the visitor lot for two minutes while he grabbed his belongings from Clark Hall. Thinking he had received permission, he returned to his car only to find a ticket attached to his windshield. When he asked the cop what happened, the officer responded that he was obligated to give him a ticket for parking in an unauthorized area. Ouch! Couldn't he have been allowed to slide just that once?

In truth, all of the controversy about campus parking spurs from one thing: The astronomical costs of the tickets. Most offenses range from \$50 to \$100, roughly the price of a used Xbox. What the heck? We're college students. We don't exactly have a renewable source of income.

To put things in perspective, I would have to write about 13 columns in order to pay off a ticket for parking in the Coliseum lot — Uh, not like I did that or anything...

Sure, some might scoff that positioning one's car between two lined spaces without getting a ticket isn't rocket science, but as far as I'm concerned, they can all go back to SMU and keep their mouths shut. It's time for TCU's parking situation to change. Demand it.

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

**Good, evil both fueled by religious beliefs; scrutinization of US Christianity unfair**

Last week's election results were an indictment on the way the religious right influenced the Bush administration. The entire American Christian community, whether they agreed with the religious right or not, are now held under more suspicion than at any other point in American history.

**COMMENTARY**



Erick Raven

In fact, Ted Haggard's ironic fall, which involved his resignation as pastor after accusations of purchasing drugs and involvement in a homosexual relationship just before election week was symbolic of the religious right's future in American politics.

Romans 2:24 (New Living Translation) can easily be applied to the nation when it states, "The Gentiles blaspheme the name of God because of you."

On last week's "Real Time with Bill Maher," the comedian rips not only the religious right but also the basic beliefs of all Christians. Elton John, according to eonline.com, said that all religion should be banned. Are the statements made by the comic and singer fair? To the degree of what they have seen — yes.

Their opinions of what they've seen of Christianity are perfectly logical conclusions based on the paths they have led. Yet a deeper realization must be made in response to such sweeping criticism.

Religion, like philosophy, politics or art, is a servant of humanity. Each individual chooses how to use it — either for the good of humanity or for the ill. The fact that Adolph Hitler or the Ku Klux Klan can use religion as a weapon of hate is no different than when a scientist uses atomic energy to construct nuclear weapons. The science itself isn't evil; it is the person who uses the science who is.

The Christian faith, contrary to current popular opinion, has done amazing things to advance humanity. Every aspect of life has benefited, in some way, from its many graces.

At the same time, much evil has been done in the name of Jesus. Millions have been disgraced, tortured or killed because they didn't conform to a particular Christian viewpoint. C.S. Lewis wrote in his essay "Religion and Rocketry," "Gun and gospel" have been horribly combined in the past. The missionary's holy desire to save souls has not always been kept quite distinct from the arrogant desire, the busybody's itch, to civi-

lize the natives."

But which side should take precedence when judging a religion's worth — the good or the evil?

The actions of a few, or many, are more a reflection on those committing the act than on the philosophy in whose name they commit it. For those who are bent on committing evil acts, they will use any means at their disposal to have their will accomplished. Christianity is an easy tool for people to use as a smokescreen for their anti-Semitism, homophobia, misogyny and racism. It is also an easy tool for humanitarians, artists and public servants.

The same argument could be made about Islam. It is an easy tool for terrorists to use to deceive their recruits into joining them. Yet the religion has also been the conduit for scientific, cultural and humanitarian advances.

Thus, it does no good to make sweeping generalized statements about the smokescreens a group uses to get its agenda across. It makes much more sense to examine the factors and people behind the smoke to get to the real root of a group's mindset. For, as the saying goes, where there's smoke, there's fire.

*Erick Raven is a first-year graduate student in the School of Education from Grand Prairie. His*

**Bush forced to listen to new Democratic ideas on Iraqi war**

It took three and a half years, nearly 3,000 U.S. military deaths and one horrible day for Republicans on Nov. 7 for the Bush administration to finally listen to other opinions about the plan in Iraq.

According to Reuters, President Bush sat down Monday with several important members of a bipartisan group charged with exploring different options for promoting peace in Iraq.

The group, which included former Secretary of State James Baker and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., also met with other members of the Cabinet, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and several Democratic leaders.

After the meeting Monday, Bush praised the group for asking good questions, but said pulling the troops out now is not an option.

What I would like to know is what those good questions were, and why those questions were either not asked, which I am sure they were, or why they have not been answered? Tony Snow, the White House press secretary, said the discussion outlined the current situation in Iraq.

I am glad the person charged with the title of commander in chief finally has decided to talk to a specialized group of political insiders. By the time he leaves office, Bush might even make the effort to change some of the plans for Iraq.

It has taken the administration far too long to address the issue of war in Iraq. With the overall death toll near 150,000, the Muslim sects of Iraq still fighting and an Iraqi Cabinet that plans to drastically change its administra-

tion, I guess Bush thought it was as good a time as any to look into Iraq.

Bush is not the only person considering a change in policy. Blair has suggested Syria and Iran should be encouraged to control the situations in Iraq, according to The Washington Post. He and his Cabinet also are looking for a "reassessment" of the strategy in Iraq.

Maybe it is just me, but I would have "reassessed" the strategy a while ago when, no matter how many insurgents we killed, more troops and citizens were dying.

As much as I abhor President Bush, I do commend him for assessing his current policy in Iraq, albeit much too late. His newfound openness and the recent Democratic takeover of the Senate and House may lead to sev-

eral advances in Iraq.

Although it would take a huge change in his stance, Bush hopefully can accept at least a minor removal of troops. Why not? Our plan for peace in Iraq has backfired; there are far more terrorists and more violence in Iraq than when we entered.

Some things still need to be accomplished and the Baker-Hamilton group will address those. The group will confront Bush and others involved in the Iraq strategy with plans to train more soldiers, possibly increase soldier deployment to establish order quickly, and also request help from Syria and Iran, according to The New York Times. All of these plans hopefully will lead to the withdrawal of most of the troops.

Bush finally has ceded his



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immobile position on Iraq at least a little bit, and the seeds of positive progress in Iraq are set. Hopefully the administration and the Democratically-ruled House and Senate can find a common ground to remove the troops from possibly the most dan-

gerous place on earth. More troops do not need to die in a place that has proven over and over that people will not stop fighting.

*By Scott Girard is a columnist for the Kansas State Collegian (Kansas State U.). This column was distributed by U-wire.*

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Freshman Lauren Sullivan practices for the upcoming match against the United States Military Academy and the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia on Saturday in West Point, N.Y.

RIFLE

# Riflewomen shoot for win in N.Y.

By KATHERINE LANE  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs rifle team will head to West Point, N.Y., to compete against the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia on Saturday.

“West Point has one of the top college rifle teams, and it will be a tough competition for us,” said head coach Karen Monez. “However, we have a team aggregated score that is very competitive with West Point’s.”

The Frogs have not shot a shoulder-to-shoulder competition against either West Point or USP in several years, Monez said.

Freshman Simone Riford said she is hoping to try and shoot her personal average like she does in every competition, but she said she would also like to improve.

“Even though both teams are competitive, I have the same amount of nervousness as I always do,” Riford said. “They are both good teams, but I don’t think we should be intimidated at all.”

Riford said she has been sticking to her usual practice schedule for this tournament, which is about three times a week.

“We had a team meeting with

the sports psychologist who has given us some good tips about our mental training aspect of practice,” Riford said. “Last week was tough for me because I was a little homesick, which made me lose focus, but hopefully, I’m over that.”

Sophomore Tanya Gorin said she does not think there is any added pressure when the team travels for competitions.

“I shoot better and have more focus in a place I am unfamiliar with,” Gorin said.

Monez said because the Military Academy has just installed the same target system as TCU, the range will be familiar, which will be an advantage for the TCU team.

All six players on the purple team, which is the team that usu-

ally travels, will be competing in West Point, N.Y., this weekend, Monez said.

“We want each player on the team to have good individual scores,” Monez said. “Higher individual scores means our team’s aggregated score will be higher.”

The team is very competitive in air rifle, but may not have enough depth for potentially high small-bore scores, Monez said.

Gorin said she expects to have improved her scores since the team’s competition in Austin on Oct. 28.

“It’s an individual sport,” Gorin said. “I’m basically out to beat myself.”

PURPLE TEAM

Name	Class	Air Rifle Match Averages	Smallbore Match Averages
Tanya Gorin	Sophomore	574.5	566
Nikki LeCompte	Senior	576.5	549.25
Erin Lorenzen	Freshman	587.25	568.75
Emily Paper	Freshman	578.25	559
Simone Riford	Freshman	578.25	574.75
Lauren Sullivan	Freshman	583.75	568.25

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# River of Dreams

## Trinity River pollution lessens with passage of Clean Water Act

By JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF  
Photo Editor

When Becky Richard was a child, she used to canoe in the Trinity River near her home in Fort Worth, spending time with her family, floating along the meandering river.

During those days, she only enjoyed the fun — it never crossed her mind to wonder about the pollution in the Trinity River.

But today, that's her job.

Richard is an environmental consultant at her own firm, Environmental Trainers, where she is currently cleaning up properties north of downtown Fort Worth for redevelopment.

One of the biggest problems she faces is the industrial solvents such as mineral spirits — methanol and Freon — in the groundwater and in the sediments and solvents that drain off into the river, primarily from the storm-sewer runoff.

However, since Richard was a child 40 years ago, the river has visually improved, she said.

"It is a direct result of environmental legislation such as the Clean Water Act of 1972 that stopped people from dumping in the river," Richard said.

The Trinity River is a primary water source to more than 5 million people in the Upper Basin around the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Since the Trinity is a crucial water supply to D/FW, it is important for residents to be informed about the river, so they can be more responsible and clean it up, Richard said.

The Trinity River starts in North Texas, just west of Gainesville and south of the Red River. It then passes through Fort Worth and Dallas southward until it reaches the Gulf of Mexico near Galveston Bay.

Fort Worth receives its water from four major reservoirs — Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake, Cedar Creek and Richland-Chambers Reservoir. These reservoirs are all tested by the national drinking standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency and are part of the Trinity River Basin.

The Upper Trinity River plants clean the water so it can be reused again. The organizations that play roles in the cleanup include The Trinity River Authority, the City of Fort



Worth, the City of Dallas and the North Texas Municipal Water District.

When the river leaves D/FW, 95 percent of the effluent water has been treated from the water treatment plants, the Trinity River Authority in Granbury and Village Creek in Fort Worth, Richard said. About 500 million gallons of water a day come from these plants.

In the wastewater treatment plants, the water is filtered through primary and secondary treatments. It then discharges water to surface water areas such as lakes and rivers or sends the water into an advanced treatment that reuses or reclaims the water.

The regulations the wastewater treatment facilities have to follow are mainly set by the Clean Water Act,

which gave the EPA the authority to implement pollution-control programs such as setting wastewater standards for industry. The Act made it unlawful for anyone to discharge any pollutant into navigable waters unless a permit was obtained under its provisions.

Since the Clean Water Act was enacted, most of the industrial and sanitary dumping has stopped, Richard said.

"Most of the chemical contaminants we find in the rivers now are because of storm water runoff rather than industrial and sanitation discharges," Richard said.

The pollutants in storm water, such as oil and gasoline from streets, city pollutants, fertilizers and pesticides, are not always filtered out by water-treatment plants, Richard said.

Also, bacteria from animal waste is a large pollution contributor to the lakes and streams, Richard said.

"The contaminants we pump into the air almost always end up in our watersheds," Richard said. "The majority of the mercury we are finding in our fish comes from coal-burning power plants that discharge mercury compounds, legally permitted, in its smoke stacks."

Michael Slattery, TCU geology associate professor, gives the river a cleanliness grade of C+ for its water quality.

When it does not rain for a long time in Fort Worth, the water rushes

down the storm drains and contains lots of buildup, such as emissions, oil and gas, that get dumped into the river, Slattery said.

"It's interesting in a large urban area people expect someone else to be cleaning the Trinity," Slattery said. "In reality, we are all affected by the Trinity because we live in its headwaters."

According to the Tarrant Regional Water District, in September, 2.5 tons of trash and debris were found in the river and cleaned.

In small tributaries that feed into the Trinity River, garbage such as bottles, Styrofoam and refrigerators can be found, Slattery said.

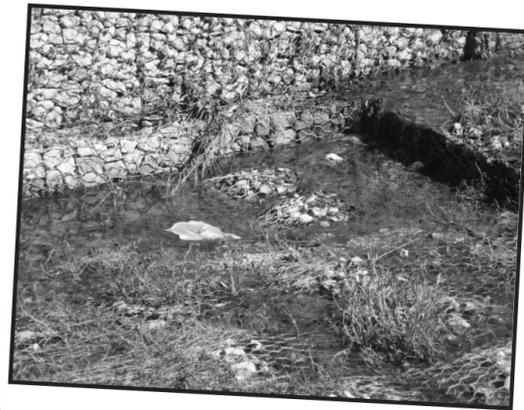
"If the Metroplex residents looked in their own backyard and cleaned it up once a month, then there would be far less pollution," Slattery said.

The TCU Environmental Club has held a cleanup in a tributary near Berry Street. Bethanne Edwards, president of the Environmental Club, wants to have more cleanup days.

When club members picked up trash along the river, they found wires and other garbage that appeared to be dumped near the tributary, Edwards said.

Fort Worth also has an extensive 40-mile trail system that runs along the Trinity River and its tributaries for residents to enjoy.

"If people are more connected to the river, they are less likely to pollute it by dumping trash or oil into it," Richard said.



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor  
The Trinity River is a primary water source to more than 5 million people in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Laws such as the Clean Water Act help to keep the river clear of pollution.

# Students follow trends, lack initiative for individuality

By MICHELLE THOMAS  
Staff Reporter

At freshman orientation, students are encouraged to get involved and be part of something they love — sports teams, fraternities, sororities — the possibilities are endless.

Students are told that every person can find a place to fit in. But when does the desire to find that place overlap a need for self-expression?

Erica Bensik, a senior English major, said in an effort to belong, some students are giving up the things that set them apart.

Bensik came to TCU with a picture of what college would be like. But after four years, she said TCU isn't what she expected.

"College is supposed to be a place where you can just be who you are," she said. "But there is a lot of pressure to fit in at TCU, and I think that students are getting wrapped up in it."

Jeff Ferrell, a sociology professor, said for some students, a desire to be a trendsetter is overshadowed by a desire to live up to what their peers expect of them.

He said college students, especially at TCU, are all starting to look the same, and he wonders why students aren't concerned.

"When did being unique become uncool?" he said. "Everyone wants to belong, but if everyone was living up to a certain standard, where would we be?"

Bensik said students buy in to trends in fear of being left out.

"That's the way it is when you get here, so you have to keep doing it to fit in," she said. "The fear is that, if you don't keep up and meet those standards, you'll just get looked over."

Dovie Dockery, a senior advertising/public relations major, said some students don't want to be held to

TCU's standard, but seem to give in anyway.

"Some people hate it, but they will do it because it's expected of them," she said.

Dockery said females at TCU are being pressured to act and dress a certain way, and it is keeping them from being themselves.

She said these are the same issues she dealt with in high school, and TCU doesn't seem to be much different.

"It's not exactly what I was picturing when I thought about college," she said. "I was told everyone wore their pajamas to class, but I think

this is a school full of homecoming queens."

Ferrell said this need to fit in is causing students to follow their peers rather than establishing their own styles.

"Students are putting too much faith in consumption for their identity," he said.

He said it is the trend of this country for young people to rely on what can be bought to make them unique.

"Being unique isn't something that you can purchase in a Best Buy," he said. "Individuality has to come from somewhere else."

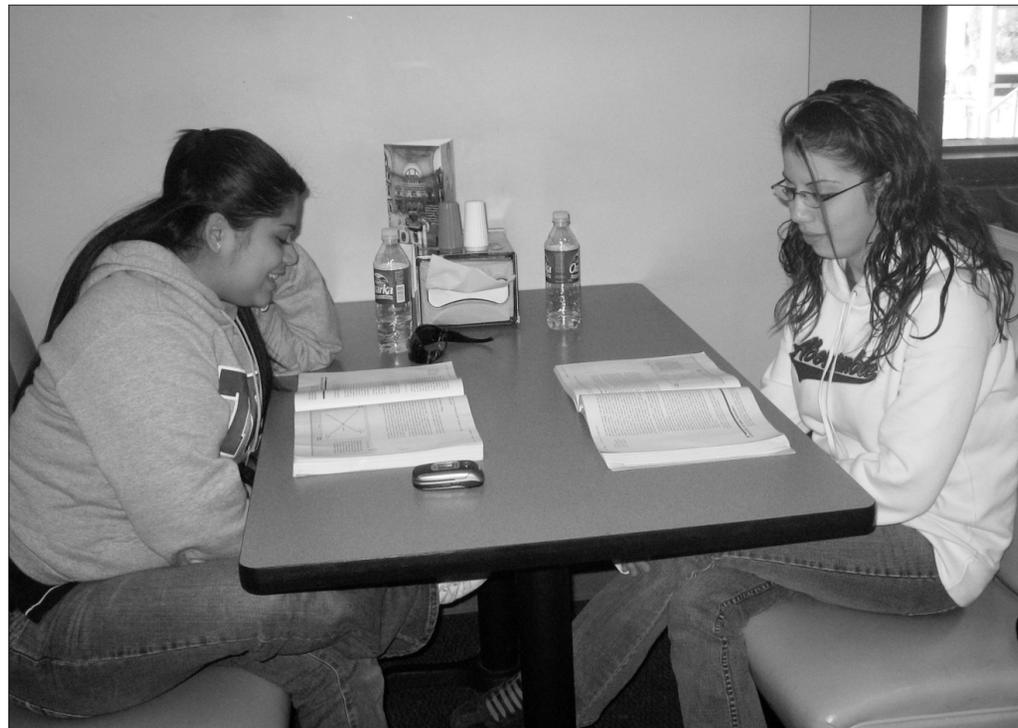
Grant Allen, a freshman business major, said orientation gave him insight into the style donned by TCU men.

"At orientation, all the guys dressed like they were 30," he said. "So I guess I expected the khaki shorts, polo shirts and deck shoes."

It came as no surprise to Billy Jones, a freshman premajor, either.

"I heard that everyone at TCU dresses really fratty," he said. "There's a huge emphasis on Greek life, and I think that has a lot to do with conformity."

Some fraternities require members to look a certain way, he said.



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor  
Cynthia Sorto, freshman economics major, left, and Diana Barrios, freshman criminal justice major, do homework in The Main on Thursday. Students say individuality is rare at TCU. Jeff Ferrell, sociology professor, said, "Students are putting too much faith in consumption for their identity."

"When you see the same people all the time, they can judge you easily," he said. "Basically, you just want to blend in. You don't want to stand out."

According to the Princeton Review Web site, the TCU student body is "frat-tastic."

The Web site's polls posted one student's opinion: "Girls wear a polo shirt, designer jeans and the latest trendy handbag. The guys are similar, minus the handbag."

Jones said since TCU is a relatively small campus, there is more pressure to act and dress a certain way.

Students are competing with each other for the latest and greatest in fashion, technology and status, Bensik said.

"Fitting in and being accepted is what makes people compete," she said.

Ferrell said one way for students to branch out is to get involved in things they believe in.

"Young people need to find something they have passion for instead of simply following the norm," Ferrell said.

When students find the thing that gets their blood pumping, they will find that the norm isn't as attractive as it used to be, he said.

"Many college campuses have a large group of student activists," he said. "I don't see that happening enough at TCU."

If students research sweatshops and begin to realize what effect their consumption has on the world, he said, they may find themselves shopping at thrift stores instead of going to the mall. He said, with other research, instead of driving a mile to campus, students might start riding a bike.

There are many ways students can invest their time and passion, while instilling a sense of individuality and pride in who they are, Ferrell said.

## PROTEST

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ago under its more commonly known name, the School of the Americas, according to the article.

In 2000, the school was forced to close its doors because of what its Web site refers to as concerned citizens wanting change. It reopened a year later changing its name from SOA to WHINSEC and offers new courses emphasizing human rights, according to the Washington Post.

Along with the name change from SOA to WHINSEC came a drastic change in curriculum and a strong emphasis on ethical conduct, according to the school's Web site.

In 2000, congress mandated that a "Board of Visitors," comprising members of the U.S. Congress, representatives from the Department of Defense and members of religious and human rights groups, oversee the institute's operations.

The school's mission statement was also changed to include "promoting democratic values, respect for human rights and knowledge and understanding of United States' customs and traditions," according to its Web site. However, these changes, made in 2000, haven't deterred the thousands of protestors from showing up at the school's gates every November.

Though WHINSEC has changed its name and image and has made attempts to be a more responsible institute, it has still remained a place for protesting U.S. foreign policy, said Joao Da Silva, the communications coordinator for SOA Watch, which is an independent organization seeking to close WHINSEC, according to its Web site.

"Our main goal is for this school to be held accountable for all the things they've taught and for these people they've set loose upon Latin America,"

Da Silva said. "They have been unwilling to admit that what they've done doesn't represent the democratic values of the United States or the respect for universal human rights that the U.S. government should be advocating."

SOA Watch, as well many other organizations and individuals, has accused SOA/WHINSEC of providing Latin American military personnel with training that has enabled them to commit human rights violations such as the torture and murder of their own people, according to soaw.org.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, SOA Watch obtained a list of the school's 60,000 graduates that includes former Panama Gen. Manuel Noriega, who now resides in a Florida prison for international narcotics trafficking; former El Salvador military captain Roberto D'Aubuisson, who federal courts held liable for \$10 million in damages for his role in the 1980 assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero; and former Bolivia Gen. Hugo Banzer, who is reputed for being a violent dictator, according to a Washington Post article.

The most recent accusation of an SOA officer was in August when Uruguay's Justice Department instructed INTERPOL, an international police organization, to arrest three former Uruguayan military officers, one of whom was an SOA graduate, for suspected involvement in a clandestine detention center, which operated in Buenos Aires during the 1970s, Da Silva said.

Representatives from WHINSEC were unable to be reached for comment.

Officials from the institute deny any wrongdoing and said respect of human rights is emphasized in the school's curriculum, according to an article in the McClatchy-Tribune on Tuesday.

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dealing with Native Americans and Mexico are included in these papers, said Chris LaPlante, state archivist with the Texas State Historical Association.

LaPlante said at least a portion of these papers haven't

been seen by researchers and there are correspondents in the papers that haven't been documented before.

The correspondent letters include one in which Andrew Jackson refused a treaty with Santa Anna because, according to the papers, he was a "scoundrel" and "scalawag." Another letter included was written by Stephen F. Austin

two weeks before he died, Volcansek said.

"They're just fun to read," she said.

The papers were inherited by Andrew Jackson Houston's two daughters. A neighbor later found the papers and auctioned them off. That's when the Texas State Historical Association found out about the papers,

LaPlante said.

"We were thrilled to know they existed and weren't lost," he said. "That's an exciting thing to discover."

TCU will be able to use the digital scans, which are copies of the documents, for reference, Koelker said.

Plans for display of the actual documents are still under question, she said.

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Horton said he enjoys working with college students because college is a pivotal time in life.

"I love helping the guys who are starting to make big decisions in their lives," Horton said. "I'm just there for them to ask me questions or to pray for them."

The team is grateful for the support that Horton offers, Buchanan said.

"It's a blessing to have a

man like him praying for you," Buchanan said.

Buchanan said Horton is someone who he would go to for advice and encouragement outside of football, as well.

"He's real with me," Buchanan said. "I know that he means everything he says to me and that it's coming from his heart."

Horton said the biggest misunderstanding about college athletes is that they have the same problems and challenges as everyone else.

"They perform in front of

thousands of people, and on top of that, they are dealing with the same hard stuff everyone else is," Horton said. "It's hard to keep a balance in the midst of that."

Horton said about 30 to 40 players come to chapel services before the game. The service is opened by a player who leads the group in prayer, and the team is given the chance to share prayer requests.

"I share a verse and give an encouragement to players," Horton said. "I want them to develop as men, not just football players."

Horton encourages the team to ask questions about their faith.

"It's important for someone to be honest about where they are," Horton said. "I'm OK with a player to not know where he stands, and I welcome any questions they have."

Roach said Horton has a powerful influence on the team and he helps them get back down to the basics.

"He helps us remember that we have God on our side, no matter what we do," Roach said. "God's the reason we got here in the first place."

## House Democrats choose Hoyer as majority leader

By MARGARET TALEV  
McClatchy Newspapers

In an early check on the power of incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, her own Democratic caucus on Thursday rejected the anti-war leader she wanted as her top deputy and instead chose a Maryland moderate considered less polarizing.

Rep. Steny Hoyer defeated Rep. Jack Murtha of Pennsylvania in a lopsided 149-86 secret-ballot vote to become House majority leader. It was a show of loyalty to Hoyer, who's spent years recruiting Democratic candidates and building bridges across the ideological spectrum. Hoyer also has worked cooperatively with Pelosi as her second-in-command since he lost a leadership challenge to her five years ago, something

she's never forgotten.

Thursday's vote also reflected a widespread concern among House Democrats that Murtha's ethical baggage and reputation for bullying outweighed his claim to a reward for helping Democrats win back Congress this year through his outspoken advocacy of withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq. Murtha, a Pennsylvania steel-country conservative and ex-Marine, is a longtime Pelosi loyalist, but that wasn't enough.

In the end, most political analysts said, the dust-up came early enough in Pelosi's leadership that she can afford to lose the battle, mend fences and secure her position.

But one moderate Democratic congressman, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution, said Pelosi's



CHUCK KENNEDY / MCT  
New Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer speak to the media on Thursday.

backing of Murtha made her look petty and shook some members' faith in her leadership.

"She owes Murtha a lot; she owes the caucus more," he said. "A good leader knows when she has to tell a member no, even when it's your friend."

"She'll either get it and lead differently," the congressman said, "or she won't lead long."

Speaking after the vote, Pelosi, Hoyer and Murtha all pledged to drop their rivalries and unite to pass legislation and pressure President Bush to change course in Iraq.

Pelosi, smiling tensely, insisted that she had no regrets about intervening on Murtha's behalf. "I thought that would be the best way to bring an end to the war in Iraq," she said.

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**FOOTBALL**

# Frogs look for win over San Diego for 5th consecutive victory

By BILLY WESSELS  
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs will be playing for their fifth straight win, fourth in the Mountain West Conference, when they host the San Diego State Aztecs on Saturday at 3 p.m.

TCU's 23-20 victory at San Diego State last season was the first meeting between the two teams. The two teams were members of the Western Athletic Conference for three years — from 1996 to 1998 — but never played each other until 2005.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said the game last year was a tough one for the Frogs, who are 7-2 overall and 3-2 in conference.

"I thought they were very athletic," Patterson said. "It's a group that likes to play."

Senior running back Robert Merrill ran for 170 yards and scored two touchdowns in the victory.

The Aztecs, who have a 2-7 overall record and are 2-3 in conference play, are strong on both sides of the ball,

Patterson said.

"They are senior-oriented on defense and their two defensive ends are a lot like ours," Patterson said. "Offensively, they have three or four guys that can run, and they have good wide receivers."

The Aztecs had a rough beginning of the season, losing their first five games and suffering injuries to key players, Patterson said.

"They played Utah early," Patterson said. "Their senior quarterback and their tailback were injured."

Although they had a rough start, the Aztecs are starting to come into their own, Patterson said.

"The team is starting to grow up and they are finding their identity," Patterson said. "The only place they played better at last year was special teams."

Patterson said the Frogs are finally coming together as a team as well.

"As a football team, we are all on one page," Patterson said. "Its not just an offense, defense and special teams."

A win this weekend coupled with a loss by the Utah Utes (6-4, 4-2), who visit the Air Force Falcons (4-5, 3-2), would move the Frogs into second place in the conference.

Unfortunately for TCU, that scenario would clinch the Mountain West Conference Championship for the BYU Cougars (8-2, 6-0).

Patterson said this time of year is the toughest for a football team.

This week's game will also serve to help raise breast cancer awareness with the game slogan "Pink Out." Patterson said it is important that the football team gives back to Fort Worth.

"One of the things we have tried to do as a family and a program is try to give back to the community," Patterson said.

Events such as this help people realize that football is just a game, Patterson said.

"Here we have a football game, but there are a lot of things out there that are more important than football," Patterson said.



TCU running back Lonta Hobbs is brought down by Wyoming safety Dorsey Golston. The Frogs face San Diego State on Saturday at 3 p.m. The Frogs are 7-2 overall and 3-2 in conference.

**BASKETBALL**

# Men to shoot for 3-0 record

By RACHEL MCDANIEL AND MEREDITH ANDREWS  
Staff Reporters

The men's basketball team will try to move to 3-0 for only the third time in 12 seasons this Saturday when it hosts the UTA Mavericks.

The Frogs, who are 2-0 and have yet to play a conference opponent, face a Mavericks team that is also 2-0 and is coming off a 83-81 win against the North Texas Mean Green on Wednesday night.

Horned Frogs head coach Neil Dougherty said while his team isn't quite where they should be, he's happy with what he's seen so far.

"We've got a lot of things to work on before we're ready to say that we're a complete and cohesive unit," Dougherty said. "There's a lot of coming together still in process, but what I see so far I really like."

Junior guard Brent Hackett said he's particularly impressed with how well the team is playing together.

"The balance of our team is good," Hackett said. "If our big man is in trouble, we have guys that can come in and step it up. Our depth is really good."

Dougherty said he was also pleased with the team's chemistry.

"I really like how they work with each other, how they care about each other, how they come to each other's defenses all the time," Dougherty said.

The Frogs are an inexperienced team with five new players on the roster this year, but, Dougherty said, this is actually a good thing.

"They're young, kind of big guys," Dougherty said. "They don't know a whole lot yet, but they're anxious to go out and prove that they can become something."

Sophomore forward Kevin Langford also said the team's youth isn't necessarily a negative thing.

"Our freshmen have to grow up real quick," Langford said. "But we are at an advantage because they go so hard out on the court."

Dougherty said there are still many things his team needs to work on.

"We just started working on our zone defense two days ago," Dougherty said. "There's so many things we haven't had a chance to do justice to yet, and with our young team, we've had to take things very slow and focus on basic principles like man-to-man defense and our fast break."

The Frogs have also struggled with players getting into foul trouble early in the game, he said.

"If we continue to be in foul trouble, we're going to have to be a much better offensive team than what we've shown," Dougherty said.

Though the afternoon

game against the Mavericks is earlier than the team is used to, it won't affect the outcome, Hackett said.

"Twelve is early for us, especially on a Saturday," Hackett said. "But it's just another game, and everybody has to come out focused and ready to play, to try and become 3-0."

The Frogs and the Mavericks tip off at 12 p.m. Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.



Forward Kevin Langford keeps the ball away from an SFA player Tuesday. The Frogs face UTA on Saturday at noon.

**SWIMMING**

# Swimmers to face Aztecs

By MARCUS MURPHREE  
Staff Reporter

The H2O Frogs prepare for their sixth swim meet in three weeks as they take on the San Diego State Aztecs and Centenary Ladies on Saturday at the University Recreation Center Pool.

Both the men's and women's teams will face the Aztecs, while the women's team will have the added competition of Centenary's squad, head coach Richard Sybesma said.

Since Oct. 25, the teams have had five meets.

"It's been a pretty tough fall with back-to-back meets," Sybesma said. "It helps to prepare us for the conference meet where we will have a three-day meet."

After last weekend's meet against the Wyoming Cowboys and Cowgirls, one swimmer and one diver earned Mountain West Conference honors.

Freshman Jennifer Ferguson earned Mountain West Conference Women's Diver of the Week honors while junior Scott McCracken took the Men's Swimmer of the Week award.

"We were really pleased with Scott (McCracken) and Jennifer (Ferguson)," Sybesma said. "Jonathon Berrettini, Guillermo Ramirez, Alejandro Gomez and Yousif Del Valle have also

been our true points leaders this season."

Sybesma said senior sprinter Erica Tate and junior breaststroke swimmer Maribeth Pottenger will lead the women's team.

"Pottenger is doing great and approaching some lifetime best times this fall," Sybesma said.



The men's and women's swimming and diving teams compete against San Diego State and Centenary on Saturday at noon.

McCracken said.

"If we keep it up, we should be in the running for the top three at conference," McCracken said.

McCracken said another difference between this year's squad and the H2O Frogs of 2005-2006 is the improved attitudes of the swimmers.

"I think everyone this season is doing a good job, and we are behind each other a lot more," McCracken said. "There is a lot more morale this year than last."

Following Saturday's meet, the team will have nearly a month to prepare for the UNLV Invitational meet Dec. 16-18.

"The month off will help us out and give us time to train and get better prepared," Pottenger said.

Sybesma said the month of training will give more time to see how the team will be placed along side the UNLV Rebels

when the conference championship meet begins in February.

The lack of meets approaching final exams will also be to the swimmers' advantage, Sybesma said.

"We'll race after finals," Sybesma said. "We'll be ready to work off some of the finals' stress."

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