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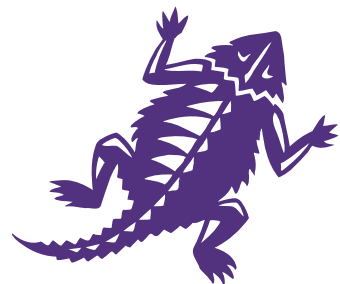
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Students given option to stay in dorms during Winter Break

By VICTORIA PUENTE
Staff Reporter

Every winter break many international students have had to find temporary housing because a flight home was too expensive and the residence halls were closed for the holidays. This year, several dorms will remain open during the break.

Carter, Samuelson, Foster, Waits, Tom Brown-Pete Wright

and Moncrief halls will give students the option to stay in their dorms during the break, which will be from Dec. 15 to Jan. 14, said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services.

"By opening the dorms, it not only gives (international students) a place to stay but it also means they don't have to spend that \$2,500 that they don't have," said John Single-

ton, director of international student services. "So for those kids I think it's a very nice gesture on TCU's part."

About 95 percent of an estimated 520 international TCU students are on a degree-seeking program, which means they study here for several years and for those who live overseas it can cost thousands of dollars to travel home, Singleton said.

"Students are now required to live on campus for their first two years, but international students — who could not afford to fly home — were being told they couldn't stay on campus for those three weeks," Singleton said. "This wouldn't be an issue if they were allowed to live in an apartment, so I think this was TCU finally making right on that situation."

Previously, if an international student could not find a place to stay, the International Student Services office would find a family in the community for the student to stay with during the winter break, Singleton said.

"For some students, staying on campus is probably less about needing a place to stay and more about not wanting to go back home for that amount

of time, away from their friends and the place where they spend most of their time," Allen said.

Other students who will benefit from the new open dorm policy will be those who live out of town and have a job or internship in the area or if a student's family is out of town on vacation they can stay at the dorms so they do not have to

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ROCK STAR



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Ken Morgan, associate dean of the College of Science and Engineering, stands between a horse bridle and a satellite image of Southwest Texas in his office. Morgan is the director of operations for TCU's new Energy Institute. Morgan also plays in a band set to perform at The Moon Bar on Dec. 6.

Professor balances teaching, music

He is the ultimate multi-tasker. He chairs the geology department, teaches a freshman geology class and directs TCU's new Energy Institute. But Ken Morgan is more than that. On his personal time, he plays music with his band, who will take the stage at The Moon Bar on Dec. 6. For about ten years, he has been

training horses for his son, who suffers from cerebral palsy, a disease that causes difficulty in muscle control. He is now on the board of directors for a volunteer organization that provides about 100 children with the opportunity to ride horses for therapy.

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Brite raises funds to rush expansion

By AMANDA SHIMKO
Staff Reporter

The Brite Divinity School is hoping to save \$2 million on its expansion project by moving the groundbreaking up two years, a Brite administrator said.

Newell Williams, president of Brite and a professor of modern and American church history, said plans have been in the works for a few years. The renovations and expansion will cost \$195 million and is expected to take 18 months to complete, he said.

But with building costs projected to be on the rise, Williams said, the school hopes to have the funds in time to begin construction summer 2008 when the cost would be \$175 million.

More than \$10 million has been raised, said Larry Brown, director of development operations.

If the school were able to

raise \$3.7 million, Williams said, \$3 million has been guaranteed from private donors.

The new building would supply a 54,000-square-foot addition to the 17,000-square-foot Moore Building, Williams said.

Moore was originally intended to hold 100 students, Williams said.

This year, they have 268 students, said Suzanne Stone, administrative assistant to the associate dean for academic and student affairs.

Williams said the number of students at Brite range anywhere from 270 to 320 throughout the year.

With offices stuffed in storage closets, broom closets and renovated bathrooms, Williams said, "It's like Calcutta."

The new three-story building will have a parking garage, counseling center, a 150-seat

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Dorms to receive new media rooms

By VICTORIA PUENTE
Staff Reporter

A new 24-hour media center, to be located between King and Wright halls, will be equipped with a pool table, flat screen TVs, game tables and a mini-bar and it will be available for all students at the beginning of the spring semester.

The center is scheduled to open on the first day of spring classes Jan. 14, but issues with the exterior construction could delay the opening until the end of January, said Harold Lee-man, associate director of the Physical Plant.

"There will be a bar area with a sink and microwave where students can set out food for a football game or some kind of group gathering and it will also have a private bathroom area," said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services.

The center will have three

round tables with seating and two flat screen TVs. One of the TVs will be by the pool table and the other will be in a corner surrounded by comfortable seating, a DVD player and cable access, Allen said.

"We don't want to overcrowd it with furniture until we see how students use it, which is what we did in the technology center," Allen said. "We'll probably come back in and add furniture."

The technology center, located between Carter and Samuelson halls, opened Oct. 9 and was designed as a study space for individuals and groups, said Rachel Siron, hall director for Carter and Samuelson halls.

"It has one area in the center with tables and chairs and white board erase dividers," Siron said. "Then we have another area with a wide

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Campuses debate gun control issues

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

Not even a year after the most horrific school shooting in this country's history, the debate has been brought back to college campuses.

The debate as to whether students should be allowed to carry a concealed firearm into a college classroom has been a prevalent topic among special-interest groups, university administrators, lawmakers and students alike since that fateful April 16th morning in Blacksburg, Va.

The heart of the debate focuses on whether allow-

ing concealed weapons in a classroom setting can save lives if a catastrophe such as the one at Virginia Tech happens again.

Since the tragedy, groups such as Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC) have sprouted around college campuses nationwide, advocating that students who are concealed handgun license holders should have the right to carry these concealed firearms into university buildings.

The group saw its membership climb in October, adding about 3,000 new student activists to put the group at 7,500

members through October, said W. Scott Lewis, SCCC's spokesman. This spike in membership numbers coincided with an "empty holster" protest university representatives took part in Oct. 22 through Oct. 26. The protest took place at almost all of the 111 universities and colleges represented in the group and had students wearing empty gun holsters around their campuses. There is not a TCU chapter of SCCC. Texas universities with SCCC chapters include the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Texas

Tech University, the University of North Texas, Texas State University, the University of Texas at San Antonio, Stephen F. Austin State University and Angelo State University.

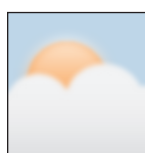
The discussion has even made its way to Texas State where, according to a recent article in the University Star, the campus newspaper, a resolution presented at an Associated Student Government meeting calling for the state legislature to allow concealed weapons to be carried to class.

Lewis, an Austin resident, See **GUNS**, page 4

CORRECTION

The university tracks the percentage of minority students that drop out, and 81.2 percent of minority students are retained by the university, said Kathy Coghlan, assistant director of institutional research. The retention rate

for minority students enrolled in support programs is almost 100 percent said Mike Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid. An article in Thursday's paper, "Freshman programs help raise retention," contained incorrect statistics.

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BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Police officers were suspended without pay for allowing a suspect to smuggle a loaded gun into police headquarters by hiding it in her underwear. — Associated Press

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stay alone, Allen said. "Moncrief Hall was the only exception to the closed dorm policy during the winter break, because it mostly housed athletes who needed to be on campus regularly for things like practice and games," Allen said. If a student lives in one of the closed halls and wants to stay on campus during the break they will have the option of staying in a friend's room in one of the open halls, but it has to be approved by the resident assis-

tant, Allen said. It's pretty laid back. We are just offering this service as a convenience to students and we don't anticipate any major things," said David Cooper, associate director of Residence Life, "but the RAs will still make sure if any students are misbehaving we confront it and we would do our normal procedures." Students can contact campus police from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the winter break with any problems and after 5 p.m. the RAs will be on duty and available to help students out with any issues, Cooper said.

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screen TV where students can watch a DVD, which many students have been using it on a very regular basis." The centers will also be available for school or club meetings and even social gatherings, but only on a first-come, first-serve basis, Siron said.

"The RAs have held different movie-watching gatherings or just have people getting together and having popcorn and sitting around and chatting. There haven't been any official events, but if people wanted to they could have their meetings there," Siron said. Both centers will be open 24 hours and accessible to all students with their ID cards, Allen said.

BRITE

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auditorium, six classrooms, preaching centers and fireplaces, Williams said. The parking lot, adjacent to Moody Building and behind Moore and Beasley Hall, will be the site of the new building. Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said in an e-mail that the university has added a significant number of parking spaces around the entire university as well as increased the frequency of the shuttle in order to alleviate parking issues. While there will be about 32 parking spaces around the new building, no decision has been finalized in regard to how those will be zoned, Gutierrez said. The new building can comfortably fit 400 people, Williams said. "So that means we could have 1,000," Williams said jokingly.

Students to help immigrants

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS
Staff Reporter

With the help of student volunteers, hundreds of immigrants will soon be able to call themselves U.S. citizens. A citizenship workshop on Dec. 1 will give students an opportunity to volunteer and experience something new — the citizenship application process. The workshop will be at the Tarrant County College in Fort Worth from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is being sponsored by Proyecto Inmigrante ICS, Inc., said Carlos Valera, a junior political science major. The workshop is part of a campaign called "Ya Es Hora Ciudadania," which means "It's Now Time," said Kelley Escobar, a junior political science major. This campaign and workshop were created to encourage immigrants to become citizens so they can vote and express their opinions, Escobar said. She said the campaign has been going on for about three years.

Escobar is one of the volunteers who will be at the citizenship workshop again this year. She said she volunteered at the workshop last year and noticed that she saw only two TCU students there and she wanted to change that. "We're trying to get TCU more involved," Escobar said. "This is a good volunteer opportunity, can help the community and can boost students' resumes." Escobar said volunteers will help people fill out their applications for citizenship as well as make the applicants feel more comfortable if they need to talk to someone. Proyecto Inmigrante ICS, Inc. citizenship workshops are hosted in major cities in the U.S., Valera said. Valera said he volunteered at two other citizen workshops in Dallas and is now organizing volunteers on campus with Escobar. "The workshop is becoming prominent now because the fee for applying for citizenship increased from about \$300 to \$600 this past July," Valera said. Through advertising on Hispanic TV stations and publications, the organization was trying to promote citizenship before and after the fee increased, Valera said. Valerie Martinez-Ebers, a political science professor, is the volunteers' faculty sponsor for this workshop. She said

she helped Escobar and Valera, who decided on their own to help the organization, host a table in the student center to get students to sign up to volunteer. "This is important because the process is complicated and expensive," Martinez-Ebers said about the citizenship application process. Martinez-Ebers said the perception of immigrants not wanting to stay in America legally is not true. They just need help to become citizens, she said. Escobar said the organization prefers bilingual students because most of the people at the workshop will speak Spanish and little English. She said they also prefer Spanish, pre-law and political science majors because this is a topic that would probably interest them the most and would be a good experience for them in their field. Martinez-Ebers said other students from Tarrant County College and the University of Texas at Arlington will be volunteering. Many volunteer and charity organizations, as well as immigration attorneys, will be at the workshop, Escobar said.

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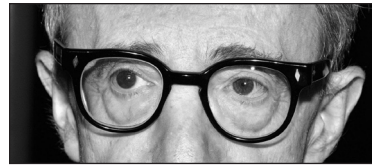
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"His lack of education is more than compensated for by his keenly developed moral bankruptcy."

— Woody Allen

THE SKIFF VIEW

Cheers, jeers of semester

CHEERS to the university for making campus more environmentally friendly with biodegradable utensils and to-go boxes in dining locations. The innovative Spudware is a step in the right direction toward making a difference in the environment.

CHEERS to the Neeley School of Business for the multiple awards won and for raising its admission standards. To be the best, you must only accept the best.

JEERS to Residential Services for creating a dining plan that could have a \$2,100 price tag and will go into effect next fall. Deco Deli and Eden's Greens, you will be dearly missed.

CHEERS to the members of Green River Ordinance for showing us that hard work and dedication pays off — literally — with a record deal from Capitol Records. Their work around the community and attempts to raise awareness for Darfur should also be applauded.

CHEERS to Residential Services for allowing students to access their on-campus

housing during Christmas break. There is nothing worse than being alone on Christmas, and TCU has made that possible for students from far away places.

JEERS to the Mountain West Conference for scheduling the football team for three Thursday night games. The Horned Frogs 7-5 record may have been different had the team played on full rest those weeks.

CHEERS to the university for upgrading to wireless Internet in campus dormitories. Facebook can now be accessed from the basement while waiting on laundry to finish the spin-cycle.

CHEERS to Horned Frog basketball fans for camping outside of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to create a big-game atmosphere for the Nov. 13 win against Rice. The best way to promote a winning atmosphere is to have the support on the homecourt.

JEERS to every person on campus in a position of power who stonewalls and withholds important information from students.

The Daily Skiff editorial board.

BY FRANK BURKETT, FROM THE DAILY SKIFF, DECEMBER 1949



Image column intended to be satire, not serious commentary

Are y'all kidding me? Because maybe you didn't know that I was kidding in my Image Magazine HUMOR column. Maybe you were reading too closely to tell that I was making fun of a common stereotype.

COMMENTARY



Morgan Blunk

Shame on you people for not recognizing farce from a tree or satire from an apron. My column was poking fun at an age-old stereotype, not pushing women's rights back to pre-Susan B. Anthony.

I have to admit, a few thanks are in order, though. Thank you for all of your encouraging and classy words of criticism and advice. It's you who have given me the topic for my next charming column in the spring: "A Sense of Perspective: Why Upperclassmen Have More of It." This will undoubtedly warm all of your anxious hearts.

And to those of you whose messages I didn't read, well, too many nasty thoughts can ruin a person's chi. And that's just bad karma. Forgive me.

To the ones who think I'm shallow — I do have a shoe fetish and a terrible habit of reading trashy chick-lit books, so maybe I am a bit shallow in those regards.

To the ones who think I'm wasting my \$30,000 per year degree by masking it in an attempt to get a husband, well, I'm writ-

ing the column that was heard 'round campus — and other schools, I'm told — and you're not. Weird.

If you ask anyone who knows me personally they'll tell you I'm a serial dater. My friends all laughed at my column because they know I'm probably the least likely to tie the knot in the TCU chapel in May of 2008.

I am actually disgusted at the idea of getting married while still in college — or shortly thereafter — and thought it was funny to write that I was for it. I thought you'd get it.

Thank you to everyone who gave me my 15 minutes of fame in the past few days. Now, I can get married and have lots of babies right out of college instead of becoming a reporter like I've always wanted. Not.

Aren't finals next week? Go study or something.

Morgan Blunk is a senior broadcast journalism major from Omaha, Ne.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Skiff staff decided to put the usual Opinion page on DailySkiff.com to allow students to express themselves on what has become a controversial issue. An article in Image Magazine, also available on DailySkiff.com, has caused quite a stir and raised some important questions about gender roles and editorial policies.

We hope you consider the issue carefully, and even though this is the final issue of the Skiff, we urge you to voice your opinions about this issue at DailySkiff.com. However, we hope the discussion will be academic in nature — as it should be on a college campus — and not attack the author or the magazine's editors.

— Editor-in-chief Andrew Chavez

Magazine content contains more than opinion columns

In response to the negative feedback of Morgan Blunk's most recent column, "Nothing wrong with racing to the altar," we, the editors of Image Magazine, would like to clarify a few things to our readers.

The last page of Image is dedicated to opinion columns. The writers are given a topic on which to give their personal stance. The topic

chosen for this issue was what the writers thought about students getting engaged before graduation. We are not made aware of the writers' opinions before the topic is chosen, and we do not feel it is our place to censor their writing if it is not in line with our own personal views, as this column was not. Blunk's column was meant to be a satirical and humorous take on a specific stereotype of TCU women. The column should have been labeled as such, and for that, we apologize. But for running it, we do not.

Although we understand many of our readers were offended by the column, that in itself is not the right motive to censor someone's opinion. Even if the column were not intended to

be satirical, though it was, we still stand behind our writer. We asked her to express her opinion, and she did just that. We are saddened by the personal attacks that have been made on Blunk, and we would appreciate it if the discussion were handled in a civil and mature manner. A major complaint of readers is that Blunk's column was disrespectful to women, and yet, these attacks are disrespectful at best.

For those who agree with Blake Robertson's column that appeared in Thursday's Skiff that Image can no longer be regarded as a "legitimate work of journalism," we would hope that you base this belief on the numerous thoroughly reported stories throughout the magazine, rather than on the opinion columns alone. If you still have our magazine, we ask that you would take the time to read the other articles. You may be surprised at what you find.

In this issue alone, we have three hard news stories dealing with issues we hoped you would find informative and thought-provoking — things that might affect you more than the opinion of one woman in the journalism department. We appreciate TCU's interaction with us, and we hope, in the future, that other topics will generate this much discussion.

We, the editors, value strong, independent women and men. It would be a contradiction for us to say otherwise as two-thirds of our editorial staff are women — one of whom is married, working and taking 18 hours of classes; the other of whom is about to take a reporting job in another city, without a husband in tow.

Image Magazine Editor-in-chief Ky Lewis and Image managing editors Michelle Devereaux and Kathleen Thurber.

Finding spouse not sole purpose of getting college education

By now, most of the student population has read or is aware of the recent article in Image Magazine about the perpetual race to the altar.

COMMENTARY



JoHannah Hamilton

What is most surprising to me, however, is the response the article has generated among male and female students.

I will make it a point here not to attack the author of the piece. After all, this is a university environment where everyone should

be free to express his or her opinions.

Yet, the substance of the article, or lack thereof, has drawn contention among the student body and also touched on some issues that rarely receive their due at this institution.

Putting on hold for a moment the larger issues about womanhood and sexuality, we must question the larger class issues at hand.

Coming to college to find a mate is not a new concept, but to that end, it is an antiquated one.

Particularly on a campus

where the females outnumber the males, it is difficult to understand the point, but the larger issue to me is one of class.

Most TCU students rarely think of their social class — it's one of the benefits that come with privilege. Others cannot help but hyperventilate at the thought of their culminating student loans. If \$125,000 is the going rate for finding a husband, I would venture to say we are overpaying, given the statistics on divorce.

But if the goal of the women on this campus is to educate themselves and find a

community where knowledge is valued, the cost of the degree is not what matters, but its substance.

Considering TCU's highly rated business school, perhaps women business majors are not "overachievers." The author owes her education and her ability to attend an institution of higher education to the feminists who came before her, as much as she desires to be unaffiliated with them.

The author's overarching argument rests on the idea that women belong in the home and should desire to stay there.

In a time where women are closer to parity than they have been in the past, it is harmful to revert to nostalgia of a time where the sole role of women was to be homemakers and choice was not an option.

The fact that women have a choice to work in or outside of the home is a testament to feminism and to the work feminists, both male and female, have done, and we must not overlook our history. Narcotizing oneself with the idea that homemaking is the preferred culmination of four years of college undermines the structure and purpose of this insti-

tution and all who have, are and will receive a degree from it. It also compromises the dignity of the women who choose to work at home.

The author's premise, that women exist to find a man to take care of, is inaccurate and embarrassing, not only because it excludes a vast human population who are not sexually attracted to the opposite sex, but also because it pulls from the grave the idea that women are not fully human.

JoHannah Hamilton is a senior anthropology major from Burleson and a coordinator for the TCU Women's Network.

Religious groups shouldn't fear influence of Hollywood movies

Video games turn kids into killers.

Music encourages rebellion. And movies destroy ... Christianity?

The entertainment industry has faced these accusations for years. The latest target is a movie to arriving in theaters Dec. 7.

You have heard of it by now: "The Golden Compass."

It has sparked controversy,

among Christians.

During the preview, it almost resembles the fantasy-like features of "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" with humans alongside animals and witches.

But the themes are far from similar.

While "Narnia" has Christian undertones, "The Golden Compass," or at least the

novels it is based on, has the opposite.

"The Golden Compass" is based on the "His Dark Materials" trilogy by Philip Pullman, who has expressed his distaste with the "Narnia" series in earlier interviews.

According to the Baptist Press, Pullman has said his books are about killing God, and he is "trying to undermine the basis of Christian belief."

Part of the controversy has to do with the books being geared toward children.

Christian leaders have claimed the movie and books are trying to turn children into atheists.

Movies are getting credit for having a greater impact on society than they really do.

A survey conducted by The Barna Group indicated that the movie, "The Passion of the

Christ" — billed as the "greatest evangelistic tool" of our time — had little impact on Christianity.

The survey reported less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the people who saw the film said they professed their faith or accepted Christ as their savior as a reaction to the film.

This study indicates that watching a religious-themed

movie does not persuade people to endorse or follow the beliefs in the movie.

So why are religious organizations frightened that a so-called anti-religious movie will persuade people to turn away from God?

People decide on their own what they want to believe or not believe.

Gretchen Hollis is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Snyder.

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GUNS

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said critics may be misinformed as to what the group's objective might be in regard to who should have the right to carry a concealed firearm into a classroom.

"This is not a debate about keeping guns out of the hands of immature, substance-abusing college students," Lewis said. "This is a debate about allowing licensed individuals — age 21 and above, in most states — to carry their concealed firearms on college campuses, the same way they carry them virtually everywhere else."

Even though the discussion has become more lively as of late, university officials such as Chancellor Victor Boschini know the serious repercussions that could accompany such a movement.

"I would be opposed to their being allowed to do this in a group living environment," Boschini said. "My gut just tells me, from 20-plus years experience in a campus environment, that this is a recipe for disaster."

Abbie Spangler, the founder of Protest Easy Guns — a grassroots movement "focused on protesting lax U.S. gun laws, which provide criminals and dangerous individuals easy access to guns," she said — agreed with Boschini that the results would be dangerous if they were to be put in place.

Demonstrators with Spangler's group have organized lie-ins involving 32 people lying on the ground for several minutes — a symbolic protest remembering the 32 people killed in the Virginia Tech shootings and the amount of time it took for Seung Hui Cho to obtain his gun.

"Our protest movement believes that students should not have guns on college campuses," Spangler said. "That is completely ridiculous."

Despite the strong push on the part of Spangler and Protest Easy Guns, she said in a Nov. 1 Chronicle of Higher Education article that the level of enthusiasm for

this movement was not on par with past influential movements on college campuses.

"Students just don't seem to be caught up in this issue the way they were in the civil rights movement," Spangler said in the article. "I don't know whether things will change because of these demonstrations and other things."

Even with such strong opposition to the idea, the push from SCCC state delegates and licensed concealed firearm holders alike has only intensified since Gov. Rick Perry's proclamation shortly after the Virginia Tech shootings that concealed-weapon license holders should have the right to carry their firearms anywhere in the state. Perry would even go so far as to sign a bill a little more than two weeks after the shootings that prohibit law enforcement officials from confiscating weapons from license holders in emergency situations.

"It's time for us to have that debate in Texas from the standpoint of whether or not a law-abiding citizen in the state of Texas can take their appropriately licensed and permitted weapon anywhere in this state, whether it's on a college campus or wherever," Perry said April 30. "A person ought to be able to carry their weapon with them anywhere in the state if they are licensed and they have gone through the training."

"The idea that you're going to exempt them from a particular place is nonsense."

Cold Hard Facts

In Texas, an individual 21 or older must meet 15 requirements before successfully obtaining a concealed handgun license, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Some of the requirements include: the individual must not

have any felony convictions, must not have any family violence convictions of any kind, must not have any Class A or Class B misdemeanor convictions within the last five years, must not be chemically dependent, must not be disqualified if a court ruling presents the person as being a danger to himself/herself or to others, must pass state and federal fingerprint and background checks, must pass a 10-hour

training course on the applicable laws and appropriate use and must pass written and shooting tests.

Lewis said the individuals dedicated enough to go through the application process are not the ones anti-gun activists should be worrying about.

"The people who in the individuals dedicated enough to go through the application process are not the ones anti-gun activists should be worrying about."

According to information gathered from Sept. 1, 2006, to Aug. 31 by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Tarrant County issued 6,561 concealed handgun licenses — good for 7.22 percent of the nearly 91,000 issued licenses by the state during that time period. The totals were good for third in the state, behind only Harris and Dallas Counties. The county would also finish tied for third with Bexar County and behind Harris and Dallas Counties in license denials at 23, or almost 6 percent of the state's concealed handgun license denials.

Of the 90,867 licenses issued, 2,929 were issued to people ages 21 to 23, which was good for 3.22 percent of the licenses issued during the yearlong period, according to these same Texas DPS statistics. These figures dwarf the 392 applicants and the 40 people ages 21 to 23 — which

totalled a much larger chunk of concentrated data at 10.21 percent — whom were denied a license.

Even with the statistics being as concentrated as they are for college-age students in Tarrant County, legislation in the 2007-2008 Official Student Handbook indicates the use, storage or possession of weapons or devices potentially causing harm to others "may result in immediate expulsion in addition to the filing of criminal charges."

"There is no benefit to having a firearm on campus unless you are a member of our police force," Boschini said.

Open Your Eyes

The discussion has trickled onto the lawn of TCU among students who support and oppose the idea of concealed weapons on campus.

Students such as Chris Benavente, who is an active member of the National Rifle Association, said gun owners are law-abiding, responsible individuals, and thus should allow for concealed carrying on campus. Benavente, a senior political science major from Spring, said his strong views on the Second Amendment through his NRA affiliation and what it means has shaped his perspective on the issue.

"I support in protecting our Second Amendment right," Benavente said. "Your right to defend yourself, your family and your position is important, and is the most basic right we have in America."

Other students such as James Michael Russell disagree. Russell, a sophomore religion and anthro-

pology major from Fort Worth, said he disagrees with Perry's viewpoints on concealed weapons being allowed in all public places.

He offered his opinion on what should be done to gun control, not just what should be done in regard to college campuses.

"Get rid of all of them," said Russell, a member of Young Democrats and TCU Peace Action. "If we don't do something that extreme to limit the violence, what are we going to do?"

By implementing gun-free zones for potential victims at universities such as TCU, officials are essentially creating safe zones for potential criminals, said John Lott, an author who wrote the books "More Guns, Less Crime" and "The Bias Against Guns."

"A decade ago I think hardly anybody would have questioned the idea of gun-free zones," said Lott, a senior research scientist at the University of Maryland. "But I think now, it's still a minority. You have a number of people who are concerned about this and I think eventually it's going to dawn on people that these multiple victim public killings are all occurring, anything of any reasonable sign, is taking place where guns are banned."

There is no such thing as a 100-percent gun-free zone at the University of Utah or Brigham Young University. The two Utah institutions, both of which are affiliated with TCU through the Mountain West Conference, allow people to carry concealed weapons under a one-of-a-kind state legislation found nowhere else in the country. Other state legislation has 38 states banning weapons at institutions, with 16 of those states

placing a specific ban on guns, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Adam Snell, BYU's SCCC delegate, said the policy has not had a negative effect on BYU or other institutions in Utah.

"Other Utah campuses where concealed carry is allowed have not had any problems since the policy was implemented," said Snell, a senior political science major from Mesa, Ariz. "Many people claim that if students were allowed to carry and a gunman came on campus that the whole campus would turn into a shooting gallery with everyone shooting at everyone."

If there were to be a repeat of the Virginia Tech tragedy, guaranteed protection by way of campus security is something that is less than a guarantee at any given college campus, Lott said.

"It would be great if one can go and guarantee protection some other way, but you can't," Lott said. "Even if you increased the number of police tenfold from what you had, you still wouldn't be able to cover the entire campus."

"The big thing that affects how many people get killed or injured in these attacks is the amount of time that takes place between when the attack starts and when somebody is able to arrive on the scene with the gun. The longer the time, the more carnage takes place."

It is the collective responsibility of the students to engage in whatever they must do to save their lives if a horrific act were to take place at TCU or any university for that matter, said Wyatt Tubb, Texas A&M's SCCC delegate.

"When I ask a person what they are going to do when a killer walks into the classroom and blows his or her best friend away, most of the answers I have heard have been, 'I have never thought about that,'" said Tubb, a senior mechanical engineering major from Canadian, Texas. "The sheep mentality of 'It will never happen to me' has permeated many people's minds. As soon as people put themselves in the shoes of the victims at Virginia Tech, they realize that the police will not respond in time to save their lives and they must be able to defend themselves if they want any chance of survival."



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From rocks to prairies

Geology professor trains students, horses

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff Reporter

He has been the principle investigator for more than 50 studies, a consultant for more than 70 companies and a lecturer in his field all over the world.

He directs a new TCU program, trains horses for disabled kids, raises his two sons and plays bass guitar at The Moon Bar, all while teaching freshman geology.

And that's just a normal day of work for Ken Morgan.

Richard Hanson, geology department chairman, said Morgan's energy makes him

a great teacher.

"He's taking on a lot, but he's got a lot of expertise," Hanson said. "He loves to teach."

Morgan, TCU's associate dean of the college of science and engineering, also serves as director of operations for TCU's new Energy Institute.

The institute will incorporate the business and technology aspects of all kinds of energy when it opens in January, Morgan said. Students interested in working in the energy industry can earn a minor from the institute, which Morgan said will teach them to appreciate

the other facets of the energy industry and help TCU students stand out to companies.

"We know they'll hire finance majors. We know they'll hire geologists. We know they'll hire engineers," Morgan said. "We're trying to also tack onto that more skills and understanding of the broader industry."

Because of TCU's proximity to the Barnett Shale, Morgan said other schools have shown interest in traveling to Fort Worth to tap into the natural gas industry, including the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University and the University of Oklahoma.

"We have center stage," Morgan said. "They have to come to our house. We may as well get the welcome wagon out and make this happen."

Valerie DeSantis, director of advancement of science and engineering in the Energy Institute, said Morgan's dedication to TCU and his positive personality enable him to be successful.

"Ken's the type of person who can juggle a million things at once," DeSantis said. "The busier he is, the more he gets accomplished."

Morgan is not all business,

though. He said it will be standing room only when his band takes the stage at The Moon Bar on Dec. 6.

He was first introduced to music by his father, who played bass fiddle at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

Morgan's band, which he said has been renamed many times, covers anything from The Police to the Eagles, and invites people to come and sing with them when they play.

"This semester, I'm going to invite all the students in my class to come over and see how goofy I can be," Morgan said.

Though he is known throughout the department for his sense of humor, Morgan does have a sensitive side. He started training horses about 10 years ago, he said, when he saw the joy his youngest son took from horseback riding. He decided to move to the country and bought two horses.

There was just one problem: Morgan had no idea how to train horses. An added difficulty is that his younger son has cerebral palsy, a disease that causes difficulty in muscle control.

So he got on the Web, he said, and found what is called "clicker training."

The method uses a clicker to help horses remember certain actions with the noise and a treat. Morgan said he and his older son spent a lot of time training the horses, but seeing his younger son ride was well worth it.

"When he's on that horse, even though it's a struggle, I don't care who you are, it brings tears to your eyes because you will never witness that in your life," Morgan said.

Morgan serves on the board of directors for the All Star Equestrian Foundation in Mansfield, a vol-

unteer organization that he said provides about 100 children with the opportunity to ride horses for therapy. Every January, the foundation hosts an event for centers all around Texas at John Justin Arena. In 2009, Morgan said, Fort Worth will be the host city for all institutions like All Star around the nation.

"When you see a youngster be able to raise his hands up on a horse or take the reigns for the first time in their lives and take a 1,200-pound horse around an arena, it's pretty spectacular," Morgan said.



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor
Ken Morgan, who teaches a freshman geology course, has been a consultant for more than 70 companies, will direct the new Energy Institute and trains horses for children with disabilities.

Real estate investment leads alumnus to millions

By ERICA SAVAGE
Staff Writer

When alumnus Adam Blake started buying rental properties around TCU his freshman year, he had no idea his business would make more than a million dollars a year when he was a junior.

Blake, 22, is the founder and owner of Blake Venture Corp., a real estate investment and development company in Fort Worth. Entrepreneur Magazine reported in August that his company is projected to generate \$2.4 million in sales for 2007. Although he does not disclose this information anymore, he said his actual revenues exceed the numbers from the article.

His success soon caught the attention of a Dallas entrepreneur organization, and he joined the chapter in May as its youngest member. Blake said the competition and success of other entrepreneurs has influenced him.

But Blake's success didn't come easy. His junior year of high school, everything changed.

"My dad lost his job and I saw how hard it was on my family," Blake said. "I knew right then that I didn't want to work a nine to five job."

Blake said after his father lost his job, he stepped up for the family and took on a leadership role.

In 2003, as a freshman at TCU, Blake started his corporation after receiving his real estate license. He said he never planned to get into this business but saw the opportunity and went for it.

"With the money I got from a fraternity brother, I started buying and managing rental properties as a way to pay my way through school," Blake said.

Blake said he used the \$100,000 loan from the fraternity brother as a down payment on properties. Within a few months, he made the initial investment and started managing rental properties for other owners.

"From the profit I made off the first few deals,

I was able to start my own company," Blake said. "Before I knew it, I was doing so well that I had to call my brother, David, to come down here and help."

David Blake, 21, is now the vice president of leasing for Blake Venture Corp.

"Adam is the best role model a little brother could have," David Blake said. "He taught me about the business and how to make money."

Adam Blake not only mentored David Blake about the business and how to turn a profit on investments, he also helped him financially to get back on track to finish his college degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Adam Blake has also influenced his family and

those close to him.

Chris Powers, senior finance and marketing major, remembers the first time he and Adam Blake met.

"He was my Rho Gamma during rush my freshman year," said Powers. "And for some reason I really hit it off with him."

A Rho Gamma advises and leads a rushee around the different Greek houses while keeping his or her own membership to a Greek organization a secret.

Powers and Adam Blake stayed in touch over the years but it wasn't until last March that they discussed working together. Powers said he also recognized there was a high demand in the Fort

Worth market for rental properties and real estate investments. He works with Blake as a licensed agent.

"I have never met someone at his age that is as motivated as he is," Powers said. "He uses his time so efficiently. He never wastes a minute; he is constantly doing something. He is more motivated than any person I have ever met."

Adam Blake's father, Richard Blake, reflected back to what his son was like growing up and how far he has come.

"Adam was more reserved, rather quiet and had a very serious nature," Richard Blake said. "He excelled in sports. His nickname in soccer was 'The Terminator' because he was so much bigger than the other kids, he would just plow right through them."

Richard Blake said he saw a change in Adam Blake's attitude in the eighth grade. He said Adam Blake started focusing on his grades in order to get into Rockhurst High School, an all boys private Jesuit prep school.

"Once he puts his mind to something he does it," Richard Blake said. "It is not a shock Adam is doing well. I knew whatever he wanted to do he would be successful at because he was so determined."

Adam Blake said if he had to offer some advice it would be to start sooner rather than later.

"College is the best time to start (a business) because there is no risk," he said. "When you're young, you have time and people are willing to help college students."

Adam Blake graduated from TCU in May with a bachelor's degree in business administration. His company has five other full-time employees all under the age of 24. When it comes to hiring, Adam Blake said, he looks for someone who is ambitious and motivated by money.



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Adam Blake, owner of Blake Venture Corp., works in his office. Blake graduated in May and his company is a real estate investment and development company.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

SUNDAY DRIVE



Senior guard Brent Hackett drives the lane during the Horned Frogs' 76-49 win against the Rice Owls on Nov. 13. TCU will host the Oklahoma Sooners on Sunday at 7 p.m. Fans are encouraged to wear white shirts to "White Out" Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

FANTASY

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this week's top three waiver wire adds to keep an eye on.

Waiver Wire Adds:
Adrian Peterson (RB-CHI): The Chicago running game has been abysmal this year due not only to the ineffectiveness of Cedric Benson, but also to the ineptitude of the Bears' offense as a whole. Now that Benson is on injured-reserve, the job falls to Peterson. On the upside, he has been more successful this year with the touches he has seen, averaging more yards per carry than Benson and half the touchdowns with a quarter the carries. And keep in mind, Peterson was prolific in college at Georgia Southern University.

Kolby Smith (RB-KC): Larry Johnson's ankle seems to be worse than the Chiefs are letting on and with Priest Holmes announcing his retirement, Kansas City's ground game lies on the shoulders of this rookie. If last week's extraordinary effort was any indication of things to come, he could help you down the stretch.

Anthony Gonzalez (WR-IND): He finally had the game everyone has been waiting for last week with a 100-yard-plus effort. And with Marvin Harrison still rehabbing, there is no better time for him to come up big.

We are going to forgo Week 13's Matchups because this is, unfortunately, the last column of the season.

Here are my final predictions for the season to give you an idea

what teams you should continue to look to for help during these final critical weeks.

- NFC Division Winners
- NFC North — Green Bay Packers
- NFC South — Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- NFC East — Dallas Cowboys
- NFC West — Seattle Seahawks
- NFC Wildcards — New Orleans Saints, Minnesota Vikings
- AFC Division Winners
- AFC North — Pittsburgh Steelers
- AFC South — Indianapolis Colts
- AFC East — New England Patriots
- AFC West — San Diego Chargers
- AFC Wildcards — Jacksonville Jaguars, Cleveland Browns

BASKETBALL

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— an issue, Mittie said, that women's basketball should consider revising.

"I think the one thing that has been different in women's basketball with 15 scholarships, you're probably seeing more transfers out there than we really need to," he said. "You can't play 15, so it is hard to keep everybody happy ... We should go to 13 like the guys have for a parity standpoint. There would be more parity across the country. You would see less transfers if you had that situation."

On the men's side, head coach Neil Dougherty has dipped into the junior college player pool to help shape out his roster. Two of which, junior forward Alvaro Parker and junior guard Henry Salter, are even starting.

During the last two seasons of his tenure, Dougherty has suffered back-to-back below .500 seasons, going 19-42 during that stretch.

Though the losing seasons did not directly lead him to recruiting more junior college players for a "quick fix," bringing in players who could play right away and have an instant impact was an important element in the recruiting process, he said.

"For me personally, I prefer to have a kid for four years whether right out of

"The high school does not want to be embarrassed where their all-state or All-American player can't qualify to go to the local state university."

Rick Ball
BallStars founder

high school or prep school," Dougherty said. "But there becomes a time when you look at your roster, as by class, that maybe it makes more sense to get some immediate or older help."

Even with the recent influx of junior college players and transfers for the men's team playing pivotal roles this season, Dougherty's team is doing it the right way, said Rick Ball, the owner and founder of BallStars, a scouting service that serves as an outlet for recruiting junior college basketball players.

BallStars plays a role similar to what Rivals plays for high school and prep school athletes, providing ratings, statistics and insight into the world of junior college basketball.

"I don't consider TCU a JC-recruiting program exclusively by any means," Dougherty said. "I think they're doing it probably as good as you can by supplementing their needs with a JC player."

Despite the TCU basket-

ball programs' success in bringing in talented student-athletes not directly out of high school, Ball said lower academic standards among Division I institutions has decreased the number of junior college players able to play at the next level. In turn, a school's academic integrity is challenged and in some cases, tainted.

"That's probably one of my biggest disappointments in my lifetime; college academic standards continue to be diluted," he said. "I don't think our students are getting better. We're just lowering the standards so they can get in, and that's across the board."

He added: "It has always been a situation where if the player is special or seems to be special, there seems to be ways in getting his grades in line. I'm not going to say through outright cheating and a lot of the times, it's not the university that does it, but it's the high school. The high school does not want to be embarrassed where their all-state or All-American player can't qualify to go to the local state university."

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LADY FROGS

From page 8

style similar to TCU.

"This is a big pressure team and, hopefully, should turn out to be a good game," Knight said.

Senior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford said the team is really excited about taking

on an opponent with the stature of A&M.

"Two years ago when we played them, we won," Butler-Rayford said. "I'm sure they want revenge, so we have to come out with our A-game Sunday."

Mittie said this game is not just about the opponent, but about how to get the team to play better.

In Wednesday's game,

Ross scored a season-high 23 points, leading three players who scored in double-figures, including Butler-Rayford and sophomore guard Danielle Nunn.

Knight said as a team they are working on remaining focused on the game and continuing to build the necessary confidence in each other and as a team.

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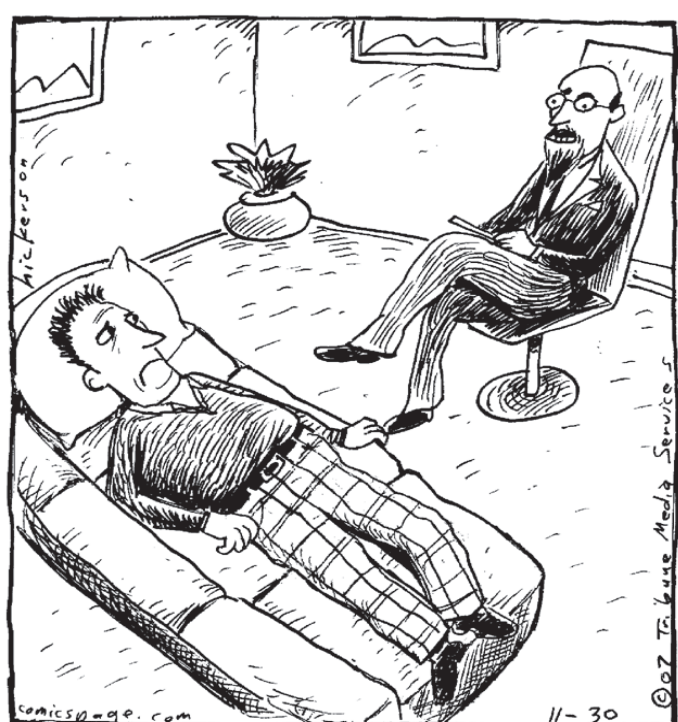
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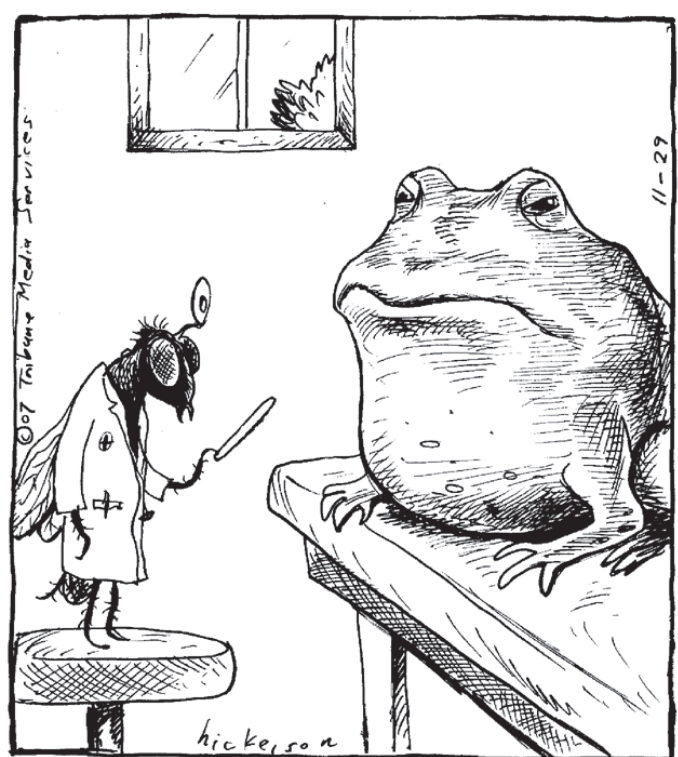
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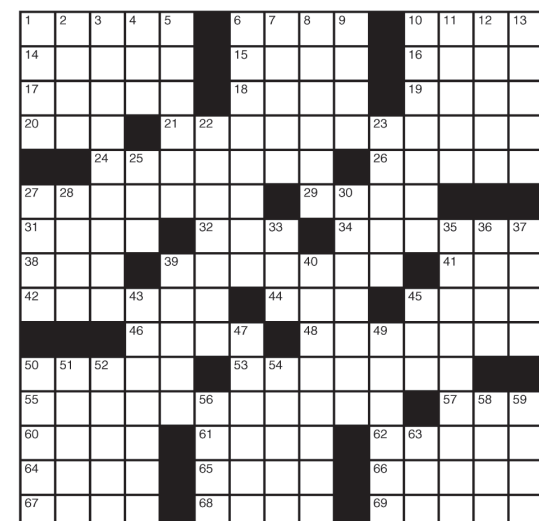
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women prepare to face No. 12 Aggies

By CALLIE COX
Staff Reporter

After snapping a two-game skid, the women's basketball team welcomes an opponent Sunday that holds a lot of tradition, the head coach said.

Following an impressive performance from senior guard Adrienne Ross, the Lady Frogs will go head-to-head with state rival Texas A&M on Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said this game is big for his team because they are competing against a respected, in-state opponent with the Aggies.

"The rivalry between us and A&M is not just about women's basketball," Mittie said. "It's this way with anything you play the Aggies in.



Billy Wesseles / Photo Editor
Freshman guard Helena Sverrisdottir leads a fastbreak during the Frogs' 75-63 victory against Fresno State on Wednesday night. TCU will host the Texas A&M Aggies at 2 p.m. Sunday in a much anticipated showdown.

We have been playing each other for 100-plus years."

TCU is coming into the game following a 75-63 win against 0-4 Fresno State on Wednes-

day, bringing its record to 3-3 for the season.

The No. 12 Aggies have gotten off to a solid start this season with a 4-1 record.

The last time these two teams played each other was in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Women's Division I tournament where the Lady Frogs beat the Aggies, 69-65.

Coming off the win against Fresno State, Mittie said Sunday's test against A&M presents a similar challenge on defense, much like FSU did Wednesday.

"This team presses a lot," Mittie said. "We need to handle that pressure and hopefully get some points on the board."

Senior guard Moneka Knight said she remembers A&M as being a quick team, but one that has a playing style similar to TCU.

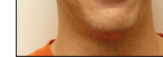
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FANTASY FOOTBALL

NFL favors profit over football fans

By ERICK MOEN
Staff Writer

The outcry over viewership of NFL games reached its crescendo last night when this year's two NFC powerhouses met up in Dallas on the NFL Network.



Erick Moen

It was the first match-up of 10-1 teams since the 90s and involved two of the most beloved franchises in all of sports, yet 2/3 of the U.S. was deprived due to the disgusting greed of rich men.

The NFL has gone from a home-grown game to an elitist sport more every year, but it has become increasingly alarming recently. The accessibility of the game to true fans that bleed their team colors tells the story.

The Super Bowl was the first to go.

The tickets have become so exorbitantly expensive that no real fan can go see his or her team try to take sports' greatest crown. Even playoff games are becoming a corporate, convoluted mockery of their former selves with tickets so amazingly exclusive that true fans are prohibited from attending.

Next, the NFL decided to outsource its fan base by sending games overseas depriving even the privileged few with season tickets from attending their home team's games.

The NFL Network serves as the final dagger in the heart of the true fan. It is only a matter of time before the NFL stops accepting the massive amounts of money offered by the big networks and begins passing on that expense to fans by making all regular season games pay-per-view.

Not only does that increase the difficulty for any fan to see the teams they love, it also decreases their enjoyment of the event by placing them in the unsure hands of brown-nosing announcers whose checks have the NFL logo on them.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. The death of Sean Taylor will make the next couple of weeks in the NFL a very hollow affair for a large number of players and fans and it is a dark cloud that will hang over the rest of the season — a moment of silence for a young man senselessly gone too soon.

2. Bill Parcells built the Cowboys team that will most likely represent the NFC in the Super Bowl, but he has taken shots from many of his former players on his coaching style and the atmosphere he fostered. But when asked about the matter and about Terrell Owens, all Parcells did was compliment all the players and give the credit to their efforts. Now that is the epitome of class.

And now the main event,

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BASKETBALL

Transfer athletes strengthen basketball teams

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

It may be impossible to argue with the women's basketball team's decade of success or men's basketball's early-season prosperity, but it is evident the programs have been recruiting outside traditional avenues to strengthen their teams.

The two programs have a combined 10 players — five on the women's team and five on the men's team — on scholarships this season that have either transferred from another Division I program or have come from a junior college.

The combined number places TCU at second in the conference for the most scholarship players that did not come straight to TCU from high school. Wyoming leads the Mountain West Conference this season with 11 such players, seven from its men's program and four players from its women's program.

The number also puts the TCU programs in elite company in the state of Texas, ranking third in a list of eight in-state universities in the category. Texas Tech, with 14, and Houston, with 13, top the Horned Frogs.

Breaking the Norms

Women's head basketball coach Jeff Mittie said non-traditional recruiting seizes an opportunity to restock a program that will bid farewell to five seniors at the conclusion of this season.

The solid play he got from a transfer last season — former player and LSU transfer Hanna Biernacka — was a sign that bringing in transfers could work. The team has added three transfers this season: Chantelle John, TK LaFleur and Eboni Mangum. The three will sit out the mandatory year before

they're eligible to play next season.

"We have five seniors this year," he said, "so when we looked at recruiting and had an opportunity to get some good players in the spring, we wanted to alleviate some pressure off of this recruiting class on signing all freshmen. It was a situation where we had never really done that before to this extent."

While there are 13 scholarships available to a men's basketball program, women's programs have 15 scholarships

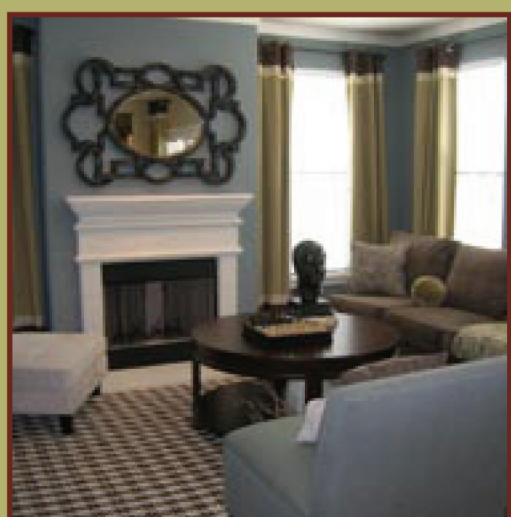
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