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Are TCU athletes participating in "athlete friendly" majors too often? Tomorrow in News



Do the children of alumni get preferential treatment in the admissions process? Tomorrow in News

International student enrollment up in U.S.

By Victoria Maranan
Staff Reporter

International student enrollment at TCU hit its highest numbers in 2007, which was followed by a national all-time high this year.

The Institute of International Education's Open Doors 2008 report shows a 7 percent increase of international undergraduate student enrollment from last year, even though international enrollment at TCU decreased from last year.

The Institute of International Education is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes educational relations between the United States and other countries. The institute's Open Doors reports are compilations of data on international students and American students studying abroad.

Karen Scott, director of international admissions, said there was a 40 percent increase with 126 international students enrolled last year compared to 90 from 2006.

"Last year, we had a bunch of students matriculate in our Intensive English Program,

and a good number of those were from Saudi Arabia," Scott said.

There are 106 international students enrolled this year, according to TCU Institutional Research statistics.

The increase was influenced by the Saudi Arabian government offering scholarships to its student citizens and about 20 students enrolling in the Intensive English Program, Scott said.

Scott said changes in the enrollment rates are influenced by the colleges students apply to, Intensive English Program enrollment

and the economy.

"We have quite a few international students who are music majors, so sometimes enrollment depends on how many students the School of Music is working with," she said.

The same situation applies to international student athletes when they are recruited, Scott said.

Enrollment fluctuated within a couple of years after the Sept. 11 attacks because po-

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The university will continue printing student and faculty phonebooks. News, page 2

PECULIAR FACT

ROME — Defying the economic downturn, an Italian white truffle weighing just over 1 kg (2.2 lb) sold at an international auction Saturday for \$200,000.

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PIANO MAN



Singer/Songwriter Jon McLaughlin performs Tuesday in the crowded Brown Lupton University Union Auditorium. His performance was one of the many events planned by Holidays at TCU.

Provost says budget cuts won't upset tenure tracks

By Mischa Astroff
Staff Reporter

The university's recent 8 percent operating budget cuts will not affect associate professors' ability to gain tenure, the provost said.

Funding for travel, which is a facet of operations in danger because of budget cuts, will not have any bearing on whether a professor receives tenure, Provost Nowell Donovan said.

"While traveling to conferences where their publications are featured is important, the actual publication is way more important," Donovan said.

In the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, there is a five to six year window for assistant professors to work toward tenure, said Ariane Alizet, assistant professor of medieval and early modern British literature. During that time, assistant professors work and do research in their field of expertise, which they in turn publish and present at conferences, Alizet said.

Alizet said other than attending conferences, the two other main components to gaining tenure are publishing research and service to the university.

Alizet said she was unsure if budget cuts would affect her ability to gain tenure.

"Traveling to conferences is an important part of gaining my tenure, I'm not sure, how-

ever, that the budget cut is a be-all end-all decision when it comes to traveling," Alizet said.

There's still money in the budget for travel, but a lot of the decisions regarding funding travel will reside with deans, Donovan said.

Burns said with travel continuing to escalate in cost, the cuts in the budget will force departments to use the dollars they have more efficiently.

"Each department will have to look at how the faculty will be the most successful," Burns said.

Andrew Schoolmaster, dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, said he doesn't see the budget cut as a large issue in regard to assistant professors gaining tenure.

"While it may be a slight hindrance, I don't think it is necessarily an obstacle," Schoolmaster said. "If I was faced with a situation where an assistant faculty member needed to be at a conference to give an important presentation during their probationary period, I would make sure they got there," he said.

Donovan said associate professors can look for ways to make their travel funding go further.

"Professors might consider going to a regional conference rather than a national one," Donovan said.

Donovan said the bottom line is "if they're good, they'll get their tenure."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SGA resolution supports driving eco-friendly cars

By Matt Syme
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Representatives passed a resolution supporting the development of designated parking with reduced price and preference options for students and faculty who register environmentally-friendly vehicles.

SGA voted nearly unanimously to promote parking spots around campus for students and staff that drive green cars Tuesday.

The resolution gave support to initiate one prime parking spot per lot on campus to become a designated spot for those students and faculty who have vehicles that are considered environmentally-friendly according to the 2008 Environmental Protection Agency Ratings.

Representative Lindsey Wilson initially authored the resolution along with students Ben Halliday, Justine Sanchez, Arceli Long and Cassie Garcia. The resolution began as a project for a political science class and eventually was written as legislation and brought before the

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Increase in room rates suggested

By Chance Welch
Staff Reporter

Room rates for campus housing will increase less than 3 percent next fall, in keeping with past increase rates, but whether the cost of the dining plan will increase is still uncertain, university officials said.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said the increase hasn't been approved yet, but it will be under 3 percent. He said rates have been going up on an average of 3 to 5 percent in the last few years. Allen said his recommendation for an increase has been sent to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills.

Some of the factors contributing to the increase include the cost of utilities increasing with each new hall that has been built and housekeeping costs for supplies and labor, Allen said.

Residence hall rates range from \$2,400 to \$3,450 for the 2008-09 academic year, tentative plans for 2009-10 list the rates from \$2,700 to \$3,550.

"We hire a lot of people. We have about 40 housekeepers. Whether it's full-time staff, residence assistants, all of those add up but especially full-time staff because payroll goes up, the cost of benefits goes up," Allen said.

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Campus institute receives grant

By Logan Wilson
Staff Reporter

The Institute of Child Development received a \$2 million grant from the Rees-Jones Foundation, part of which will be used to hire additional staff members, an ICD official said.

Karyn Purvis, director of the Institute of Child Development, said the grant will also be used to create a DVD series called Healing Families. The first installment of the series is scheduled to air on public television in January or February, she said.

Established in 2005 as a Vision-In-Action initiative, the ICD is part of the Center for Applied Psychology within the College of Science and Engineering. It is an outgrowth of the Hope Connection, an organization developed in 1999 by Purvis and David Cross, associate director of the Institute of Child Development.

Purvis said the donation will help the institute to continue providing information to families of at-risk children in North Texas and across the country.

"This gift is an incredible encouragement, and it also ensures that we will have many other hands in our office carrying the work load," Purvis said.

The Rees-Jones Foundation, which

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tential students were afraid to go to the United States because of public perception. It was difficult for them to obtain visas, Scott said.

"People feared they would not get their student visas," Scott said. "Many people gave up on the process without even giving it a chance."

Enrollment bounced back in 2004, she said.

Scott said she expects next year's enrollment rate to be similar to this year.

"I don't think it will be a record-high year, but I don't think we're going to have a big dip either," she said.

Scott said in the past few years, most international students were from China.

Institutional research figures show China and India have among the highest number of students since 2006.

There are six students from China enrolled at TCU this year.

Scott said enrollment increased also because of China's booming economy.

India's numbers decreased to three

students this year compared with last year's nine, according to institutional research figures.

According to an Open Doors news release, India sent the most number of students for the past seven years followed by China.

The U.S. enrollment rate of students from India increased 13 percent reaching 94,563, while students from China increased 20 percent, having a total of 81,127 in the past year.

Malu Guillen Torres, a sophomore graphic design major from Guatemala, said she decided to come to TCU because of the graphic design program and the independence that living in a foreign country provides.

"Graphic design programs are not very good at home," she said. "And I want to experience living alone and practicing the language."

Kritika Amatya, a freshman economics major from Nepal, said the U.S. Education Foundation in Nepal helped her apply to universities in the United States, including TCU.

"I used those resources, like the advisers, to help manage my stuff to be sent to colleges," she said. "Even during my visa application, they helped me through the application

process."

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NUMBERS

By the numbers
International
freshmen at TCU

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participants and members on the meal plan."

One change students will see this spring is a pilot program to find an eating alternative for students who don't want to walk all the way from the east side of campus to Market Square, Flores said. Two weeks ago, Allen announced that Sub Connection will accept meal plan card swipes starting this spring.

Flores said right now the department is looking at the different locations for the pilot program and how the meal plan will cover the costs.

Despite green initiatives,
Frog Calls still in print

By Mischa Astroff
Staff Reporter

The production of printed copies of the campus phonebook, Frog Calls, does not conflict with university efforts to go green, university officials said.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he thinks the print copy is justifiable.

"Most people, in my opinion, would still prefer to read this particular document in hardcopy," Boschini said.

Shawn Kornegay, associate director of communications, said 9,000 copies of Frog Calls are still printed for students and staff. Kornegay said 6,500 copies of the TCU student, faculty and staff departmental directory are distributed through direct mail while the rest are placed around campus. The directory lists phone numbers, addresses, departments and majors.

"Depending on how many un-

used copies we find at the end of the year, we'll talk with the publisher about reducing the number of copies printed," Kornegay said.

Joe Skully, the publisher of Frog Calls and a 1982 TCU graduate, said of the 6,500 copies put in mailboxes, about 400 are returned to him for distribution elsewhere after being thrown away.

Kornegay said the university does not pay for Frog Calls copies. Instead, TCU provides the information to an outside publisher, which produces the book free of charge, offsetting the costs by selling advertising space.

The phone book is 247 pages long, with more than half of those pages dedicated to advertising. An online version of the publication provides the same information without the advertisements.

Lynette Redding, a junior interior design major, said the print copy of Frog Calls is contrary to the university's commitment to

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Lynette Redding
junior interior design major

sustainability.

"If the university is really serious about going green, it might be better to just have the online version," Redding said.

Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology and sponsor of the TCU Society of Sustainability, agreed the university can get by with only the online version of the phonebook.

"It might be a little less convenient, but we can adapt," Whitworth said.

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The renovation of the Milton Daniel Hall will not affect the number of available rooms because the reopening of Sherley Hall next fall will provide about the same number of beds, Allen said.

New housing options will be available for next year, Allen said. Townhouses on Sandage and McCart, which were split up between undergraduate and graduate students this year, will be opened exclusively to undergraduate juniors and seniors next fall, Allen said. Allen also said condos the university owns on the corner of Bellaire and Stadium Drive will be renovated for use by juniors and seniors and a model for the design will be available soon.

James R. McCombs, a senior business and information systems & supply and value chain management double major who works as an assistant hall director for the Tom Brown/Pete

Wright Apartments as well as an RA for Mabee Hall, said he hasn't seen much of a response from residents about the proposed increase.

McCombs said the requirement that students live on campus their freshman and sophomore year created a "tight fit" when students decided to stay at TCU for housing. Besides several complaints and some hate mail in his e-mail inbox, McCombs said the most feedback he has received in the past was the changes to the dining plan this year.

Rick Flores, director of Dining Services, said he doesn't know whether the price of the dining plans will increase next fall, given the economy and other factors like rising food costs.

"All those things will have to be taken into consideration," Flores said. "If there are services that are extended or put on top of the current meal plan, then obviously we really have to look at exactly what those costs involve and how we share that with the par-

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has given more than 100 grants to various organizations this year, is a private foundation that was established primarily to benefit the people of North Texas. Founded in 2006 by Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones, the foundation's mission is to provide support and funding for programs that will help improve in tangible ways the quality of life and life circumstances of the people it serves. Foundation grants support work education, health, affordable housing, economic development and human services.

This year, the foundation has also donated \$25 million to the Parkland Foundation in Dallas, more than \$2.7 million to Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and more than \$2.5 million for Builders of Hope in Dallas.

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House meeting.

However, it was shelved Nov. 18 to alter some of the text and the resolution's actual title. Fine Arts Representative Candace Ruocco joined the bill authors and made the changes necessary to bring the resolution back before the House.

The authors said students and faculty who contribute to the university's initiative, "deserve recognition, support and rewards for supporting commitment."

The resolution authors believe these few parking spots would reward these individuals for choosing to support the environment. Students and

faculty could receive green parking options by meeting a set of standards the TCU Police would develop. These privileges would be acknowledged by special parking permits.

The rules and availability times for these spots would ultimately depend on each particular parking lot around campus.

By passing this resolution, SGA emphasized that these preference parking options would be a "fair and relevant" recognition by the university of those faculty and students who own such vehicles. SGA also hopes that eventually the TCU Police would supervise the registration and use of these particular spots.

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The Skiff View

Frog Calls should be online only

Most students will remember the pile of unclaimed copies of Frog Calls in the mail room and union. The print version of Frog Calls doesn't appear to be high in demand. Plus, the entire content is available online.

Although Chancellor Victor Boschini says this annual devastation of resources is justified because people would prefer to read the document in hard copy, the piles of unopened phonebooks say otherwise. More importantly, it is contradictory to this semester's theme: Think Purple, Live Green.

The online version of Frog Calls is much easier to access, quicker and more sensible. Shawn Kornegay, associate director of communications, said the university doesn't pay for the 9,000 copies of Frog Calls. But this still doesn't justify printing the phonebooks.

Sustainable living is often associated with cheaper living, like when choosing to take shorter showers or drive cars with better gas mileage. But sustainability is about more than that. It is about conserving resources so that future generations can maintain a quality way of life.

Although it would be understandable to print a few copies for offices, 9,000 copies annually is unjustifiable. University leaders should set a simple yet powerful example by doing away with this archaic practice.

As Keith Whitworth, professor of sociology and sponsor of the Society of Sustainability, said, though it might be a little inconvenient for some, we can adapt for a bigger and more honorable purpose.

Web editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

World needs new strategy in fight against terrorism

DMITRY KOSYREV

MOSCOW — It is more or less clear what happened in India's largest city, Mumbai. This was a mega act of terror staged by an unusually big and well-trained group of suicide bombers.

It was meant as a show of force. Its purpose was to intimidate Indian society and the authorities. It was designed according to the rules of urban guerrilla warfare and aimed at several targets simultaneously. For this reason it was bound to succeed initially, although it was also clear the majority of the attackers were doomed to die or be seized within a day or two. Those who planned it wanted the world to learn the name of the new Osama bin Laden and his organization.

The choice of targets is understandable. They are the most famous spots in the city, as if the terrorists were following a tourist guide. The former Victoria Railway Station, which is a masterpiece of colonial architecture, looks like an enormous Catholic cathedral or the Doge's Palace in Venice. Taj is one of the world's best hotels. In a sense, this 15 million-strong city inhabited by all races and religions, including Zoroastrianism, and a national financial center is more important for India than its capital. So its choice as a target is also clear.

This mega act of terror will surprise only those who have not been following the events in India. There has been a wave of explosions in crowded places since May. The police response has been rather effective. Last September the same organization which claimed responsibility for the attacks warned that it would take revenge for the successful raids conducted in the city by anti-terrorist squads.

The human toll (172 as of now) is not a record. In March 1993, a series of 13 explosions killed 257 and injured 1,100, also in Mumbai. In July 2006, 200 people died in several explosions on trains and at railway stations. Once again, the police found the culprits. The terrorists demanded release of prisoners who had been arrested for previous explosions and attacks.

The recent act has one exotic feature. There are reports to the effect that a number of commandos arrived on motor boats (the majority of the hotels are on the waterfront), and that some of them had curly hair. Is there a link with Somalia, where Indian warships are taking part in the operations against the pirates? Considering that Mumbai is an Indian naval base, this is possible, but it is too early to be certain of anything.

It will take India and the rest of the

world several days to determine exactly what happened. But it is already clear that the Indian special forces are acting professionally and using the right methods. This is boring routine doomed to many failures.

Comparisons with 9/11 attacks and U.S. response are inevitable. At home, the United States took effective measures, which required huge expenses. It attacked and occupied Afghanistan, the source of the threat. But later on, the resources of the world's strongest military power were not sufficient to fully gain control of Afghanistan and adjacent Pakistani regions. Incidentally, it will not be surprising if it appears that the planning of the Mumbai terrorist attack was partly conducted there.

All subsequent steps by the United States and its allies have little to do with fighting terrorism. Washington tried to take advantage of the wave of popular support to reach a completely different goal — that is, assert its global supremacy. It occupied Iraq, which had nothing to do with terrorism, and started developing a program for introducing American values virtually in the entire Muslim world, but its efforts failed to reach the desired effect. As a result, America is in crisis and decline, whereas Muslim terrorists are doing their job.

It is obvious that nobody is going to repeat U.S. mistakes, if only because it is not even possible. Can India plan to seize Pakistan with its nuclear weapons? Can it plan to occupy Afghanistan or Somalia? Let's not forget that like Russia, India is partly a Muslim country. It has more Muslims than even Pakistan. So it will have to work out a strategy of countering terrorism, something which America has failed to do.

This strategy should not be meant for domestic use alone. After all, the events of the last few months have shown that like China and some other countries, India is among the leaders of the newly formed world. For this reason, just as previous terrorist attacks, the crime in Mumbai cannot pass by unnoticed.

The world anti-terrorist coalition, whose capital was wasted by the United States, cannot be rebuilt on a new basis. In 2001, the Indians tried to remind the world that New York was not the only target, and that the roots of the world evil were on India's borders, but they were not listened to.

This time it will probably be different. President Dmitry Medvedev is going to visit India in early December. If his visit is not cancelled, its program is certain to be substantially altered.

Dmitry Kosyrev is a political commentator for the Russian News and Information Agency.



Terrence Nowicki is an editorial cartoonist for the Western Front (Western Washington University).

Despite projections, predictions, Americans were raised to spend

The retail doomsayers are predicting a cataclysmic Christmas season. The stores are bracing for the worst. The gloom is so thick that we're thinking this Christmas shopping season should be subtitled "The Day the Mall Stood Still."

But remember last holiday season? The experts tripped over themselves with conflicting predictions day by day. We got whiplash trying to keep track.

There's a good reason for this uncertainty. Experts don't really know what people will do.

They know what people say they will spend or not spend. But when it comes down to it, every day between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a laboratory of capitalism, a revelation. Millions of Americans making billions of individual decisions based on thousands of shreds of information — perceptions, fear, guilt, obligation, expectation and plain old greed. Will they, or won't they, buy a Blu-ray machine, an American Girl doll, an Xbox?

Heck if we know.

We do know enough to predict that some of the expert predictions will

be wrong. There's a chance that this could be a better holiday season than anyone expects right now.

Sure, people are spooked. Yes, they feel poorer because their retirement

The American consumer is a force of nature that cannot be restrained for long. There's a lull now.

account is ragged and panting. And yes, people are worried about layoffs. But that's the great thing about this country. We don't always follow the plan. We spend, sometimes on a whim.

The Apostles of Less preach about voluntary simplicity, of paring down one's possessions to 100 things. Intriguing ideas that have drawn small, loyal followings. But not most of America. That's because most of America is about abundance, not denial. This is the land of the designer

mud room and the four-car garage. Of gadgets that plug into your computer just to keep your Diet Coke cold while you Twitter.

More is never enough.

The American consumer is a force of nature that cannot be restrained for long. There's a lull now. But were you in a mall parking lot on Friday? Bet it was jammed. Someone is in the stores. They may not be buying yet. But wait.

In recent days, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said that the U.S. had "turned a corner" in averting a financial collapse, even though more work needs to be done. So let's get to it.

America, do what you do best: Plunder stores like those feral brides-to-be who rush the floor at Filene's Basement to grab those deeply discounted wedding gowns.

Leave no store untrammelled.

There probably isn't one American in a million who can understand exactly how this financial mess happened. But we do know this much: America started this economic mess. And Americans can end it.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Nov. 20.

Auto industry deserves bailout, too



MICHELLE ANDERSON

Ever since the government passed the \$700 billion bailout, everyone wants their share of the money.

The auto industry approached the government last week to see if it could get in on the aid that many banks have been receiving but instead got rejected by Congress and told try again.

The big three auto makers — Ford, General Motors and Chrysler — came to Congress asking for assistance without a plan of what they were going to do with the money. Congress gave auto makers until yesterday to come up with a clear plan. "We want them to get their act together. We want them to come up with something. We're here to help. We're not against the auto industry. We want to help those people keep those jobs," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid told the New York Times on Nov. 20.

The government is considering giving the auto industry a \$25 billion

loan, whereas financial groups are not going to have to pay back the government. The government is being harsher on the auto industry, possibly because the request is coming at a bad time.

Asking for government aid right after Congress passed a \$700 billion bailout plan adds too much stress to

The best thing for the auto industry to do right now is come up with an outstanding plan to persuade the government to loan it the money it needs to restructure its business.

the government's effort to get the U.S. economy back on track. Yes, the auto industry deserves help just as much as the financial industry, but the government can only hand out so much money at one time. At some point it has to draw the line. The auto industry is important to the U.S. economy,

and it is scary to think of all the jobs that will be lost if the industry goes under.

Mitch Albom, wrote in a Detroit Free Press column on Nov. 23 that "America can't be a country of lawyers and financial analysts. We have to manufacture. We need that infrastructure."

Albom has a good point.

If the government is going to bail out only banks and companies in the financial industry, then a major part of American history and business will go under. A century-old auto industry needs help and cannot be ignored. It is just unfortunate that so many businesses in America all need help at once.

The best thing for the auto industry to do right now is come up with an outstanding plan to persuade the government to loan it the money it needs to restructure its business.

Even though auto-makers will most likely have to pay back whatever money the government gives them, it is better than letting the industry go under. The auto industry has to play the government's game for now and keep infrastructure and manufacturing in the U.S.

Michelle Anderson is a senior broadcast journalism major from Tyler.

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NEWS

Universities offer expensive academic centers for athletes

By Ron Grossman
Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The Irwin Academic Services Center at the University of Illinois is outfitted with computer labs and classrooms; staffed with tutors, counselors and learning specialists; furnished with oversized leather chairs and Oriental rugs — and off-limits to 99 percent of the student body.

To get help with course work in this Tudor-style former fraternity house, which cost \$6 million to adapt as a tutoring facility, a student must run track, shoot basketballs, battle the Fighting Illini's gridiron opponents or participate in another sport.

Universities across the nation are offering even more spectacular tutoring centers for student athletes, which have become a recruiting device for coaches. Louisiana State's facility cost \$15 million; at Texas A&M University, \$27 million.

As the price tags rise, critics ask: Is spending this kind of money on a few athletically gifted students appropriate? At the University of Michigan, the student newspaper has pressed the administration to open its \$12 million athletic tutoring facility to students of all types — with no success thus far.

"These athletic tutoring palaces perpetuate resentment and stereotyping on campus," said Allen Sack, a University of New Haven professor who played football for Notre Dame and has become a critic of what he sees as the corrosive effect of sports on university life.

"A student who is not an athlete will say: 'I'm working nights to get through school, why don't I get free tutoring?' That the athletes do perpetuates the image of a dumb jock who couldn't get through

school without special help."

The academic centers, usually funded and run by the athletic department, also have been tainted by scandal as one school and then another steps over the line between helping athletes with their homework and doing it for them.

The University of Minnesota lost its basketball team and coach to that temptation in 2000, after

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University of New Haven professor

an academic counselor revealed having written 400 papers for the players. Last year, Florida State suspended a group of football players after it was revealed that a tutor gave athletes answers while they were taking tests.

Defenders of the centers argue that they prepare student athletes for life after the football field and basketball court, as only a fraction can move on to professional sports. Debby Roberts, a learning specialist at the Irwin Center, said she counsels Illini athletes to use their college years to develop their non-athletic potential.

"It's a daily battle," Roberts said. "They all want to think they're going to turn pro."

Supporters also argue the price tag is relatively small in comparison to the money reaped by successful sports programs. In its budget estimate for 2008, the University of Michigan anticipated athletic events would produce \$87

million in revenues. Operating its athletic-tutoring center costs \$1 million.

Universities used to usher athletes through school with the "rocks for jocks" approach — a quip derived from the not-too-rigorous geology courses that would keep quarterbacks and power forwards academically eligible.

The new approach includes services such as one-on-one tutoring from other undergraduates, career counseling, therapy for learning disabilities and monitors to see that athletes get to class. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, sports powerhouses more than doubled their spending on tutoring athletes over the past decade.

On a recent afternoon at the Irwin Center, a freshman soccer player used a computer to scan course offerings for next semester. A hurdles runner, bent over a textbook, reported that a high-school teammate was foundering at a university that lacks a tutoring option. A basketball player was sprawled over a library table, eyes half closed.

Nationally, some faculty members ask if such tutoring facilities are a bricks-and-mortar way of hiding a perennial problem: that many high-school all-stars, recruited for their athletic abilities, may not be intellectually equipped to do university-level work.

Both supporters and critics agree that the tutoring centers provide athletes an experience largely denied others at a mega-university.

"On campus, academic counselors might meet with a student once or twice a semester," said Tom Michael, director of the Irwin Center. "Here, student athletes develop a relationship with one of our counselors, so they have someone to turn to when struggling with a course."



GARY MARX / Chicago Tribune via MCT
U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Ronald Thompson of Canton, Ill., stands next to the grave of Saddam Hussein in the central Iraqi town of Owja on Nov. 15, where the former Iraqi dictator was born and raised. Local tribal leaders built a shrine to house Saddam's body after he was executed in December 2006.

Saddam's legend slow to die

By Gary Marx
Chicago Tribune

OWJA, Iraq — Saddam Hussein's body lies facing the holy city of Mecca, a sword at his side, surrounded by images of him that were everywhere when he ruled but today are erased from the Iraqi landscape.

Behind the coffin to the right, a contemplative Saddam is seen reading the Quran while, on the floor nearby, the former strongman is shown crouching and firing an assault rifle as if in battle.

"He was a very brave man and he loved all the people of Iraq," Mohammed said. "I feel very sad he was killed."

More than five years after the U.S. ended Saddam's 24-year rule, the former Iraqi leader remains a despised figure among most Iraqis — even if many of them, tired of the bloodshed and chaos that followed his demise, yearn for the security that came with his iron-fisted rule.

Yet, if there is one place in Iraq where Saddam is still beloved, it is here, in his sleepy hometown of Owja perched above the Tigris River, where he was born 71 years ago.

It's not just everyday pride about a hometown boy done well, or at least made infamous. It's not just that everyone in Owja is in some way related to Saddam. After all, in this part of Iraq, people can trace their roots back 10 generations, and family, clan, loyalty and honor trump everything.

More than all that, Saddam made this town like the center of gravity in Iraq. While Iraqi villages are often little more than a collection of mud-walled huts and dirt pathways, Owja's main streets are broad and smoothly paved, with painted curbs and modern lighting.

Saddam appointed his kinfolk generals and ministers, gave them farmland and sent them to prestigious universities overseas.

"Back when Saddam was here, they pretty much had the run of the area," said U.S. Army Capt. Ryan Nacin, 29, whose troops patrol the area and who said insurgent attacks have diminished greatly in the past year.

The salad days are over. With Saddam dead and a Shiite- and Kurdish-dominated government now leading Iraq, Owja is on the receiving end of payback.

Sitting in a hall the size of a

football field with a roaring fireplace and a stuffed falcon perched nearby, Sheik Hassan al-Nassiri, head of the Nassiri tribe to which Saddam belonged, complained that his property and assets and those of about 1,500 tribal members have been frozen since the United States toppled Saddam.

American officials, and now the Iraqi government led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, froze the assets because of the tribe's close ties to Saddam and his Baath Party.

Today, Owja's streets are empty, unemployment is rampant, and the riverfront mansions once owned by Saddam and his family lie in ruins. Saddam's tribesmen lack clout even in the provincial government, though Sheik Hassan has, for now, allied himself with U.S. forces in an effort to improve their lot.

But the alliance is risky. Two of Sheik Hassan's brothers — each of whom preceded him as the Nassiri's paramount leader — were assassinated in the past 18 months.

Like other members of the Nassiri tribe, Sheik Hassan heaped praise on Saddam for unifying the country, spending Iraq's oil wealth on the poor and taking on Iran, while dismissing assertions he was a brutish dictator. Saddam executed only people who deserved it, he said.

To honor Saddam and protect his body from desecration, Sheik Hassan's family and three others turned an old reception hall once used for weddings and funerals into his final resting place.

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Scientists map brain cancer to find best treatment

By Sandi Doughton
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — There's never a good time to have brain cancer.

Still, Karl DuBose tries to look on the bright side.

"It's weird to say, but today — and here in Seattle — might be the best time and place to get this disease," said the 45-year-old Everett, Wash., man, who was slammed with the diagnosis last summer.

Long neglected by researchers and drug companies, brain cancer now is being targeted in clinical trials of nearly 15 new medications. Genetic technology is enabling personalized treatment on a level never before possible. And though the disease remains the most malignant form of cancer, some doctors say it's time to stop treating it like a death sentence.

Seattle, which has no nationally recognized brain-cancer program, seems an unlikely place for those trends to converge. But a pianist-turned-neurosurgeon at Swedish Medical Center is on a mission to boost the city's standing by tapping into the science for which Seattle is renowned.

"We're sitting in one of the great technology centers of the world," Dr. Greg Foltz said. "Why not use that to advance the treatment of this devastating disease?"

Foltz was playing piano for the St. Louis opera and headed for The Juilliard School 14 years ago when a friend's daughter died of brain cancer. Stunned to learn how little could be done for patients at that time, he gave up music for medical school.

Now, as head of the new Center for Advanced Brain Tumor Treatment at Swedish, Foltz, 45, has forged a coalition with local research centers and biotech firms. They apply cutting-edge tools to the treatment of patients and work toward better ways to fight the disease.

"Greg has really transformed the whole research landscape in Seattle around brain cancer," said Dr. Leroy Hood, leader of the Institute for

Systems Biology and a pioneer of genetic sequencing. Working together, Hood and Foltz are pushing the frontiers of personalized medicine, by tailoring brain-cancer treatments for individual patients.

Foltz and his colleagues genetically map each tumor they remove or biopsy, examining 30,000 genes to determine which are switched off or on. The pattern can reveal genetic glitches responsible for a specific cancer's runaway growth. Such mapping is done at major brain-cancer centers for select patients such as Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., recently diagnosed with brain cancer.

Foltz does it for every patient, free of charge.

"This is a unique fingerprint," he said, heading to his lab after a two-hour surgery to tease a walnut-size growth from deep inside a woman's head. "The tumor I just removed is already being analyzed."

Foltz also works with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's Allen Brain Institute, which has assembled genetic maps of healthy brain tissue that provide valuable comparisons.

Armed with genetic insight into what makes a patient's tumor tick, Foltz and his team often can predict how aggressive the cancer is and how it will respond to certain chemotherapy drugs. "If I think a tumor is going to behave more aggressively, I can watch it much more closely, do more frequent MRI scans and quickly switch to a different chemo drug at the first evidence of tumor growth," he said.

Using this approach, Foltz said he believes he's been able to extend some patients' lives by up to a year. He's launching a clinical trial to see whether data will support that conclusion.

Scientists at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and other research centers are doing similar research on what makes some tumors more aggressive, but few have taken the more experimental step of using genetic tumor maps to design treatments, Dr. Mitchel

Berger said.

"This is the ultimate example of what we want to achieve in the future — namely personalized medicine," said Berger, head of neurosurgery at UCSF, the West Coast's leading brain-cancer center. "Greg is doing some very innovative ... work."

DuBose is hopeful his individually tailored treatment plan, which has included two surgeries, radiation and three types of chemotherapy, will help him buck what are bleak odds.

About 22,000 Americans are diagnosed with malignant brain or spinal-cord tumors annually. Few will survive more than one to three years. DuBose's cancer is the most common and aggressive type: glioblastoma multiforme, described as incurable by many experts.

DuBose, who runs a carpet-cleaning business, was playing with his dog when he suffered a seizure and wound up in the hospital. Scans revealed a tumor the size of a ping-pong ball behind his right temple. Local doctors offered little hope.

"They pretty much wrote me off," DuBose said.

That fatalistic attitude doesn't sit well with Dr. Henry Friedman, a noted brain-cancer expert at Duke University Medical Center. He noted in an essay last year that a small, but growing, number of people seem to survive glioblastoma. He urged fellow doctors to be more aggressive in treating the disease.

Several of his patients are healthy 11 years after being diagnosed, Friedman said. "Ten years ago, you wouldn't see anything like that."

Because it's rare and can kill quickly, brain cancer has been an orphan disease with limited appeal to researchers. Only two new treatments have been approved in the past 25 years.

But advances in biotechnology have led to more than a dozen new drugs now being tested, including Avastin, or bevacizumab, which dries up tumors' blood supply and has proved partially effective against other cancers. An experimental vac-



JOHN LOK / Seattle Times via MCT

Dr. Greg Foltz leads a team during surgery on a brain tumor in Seattle, Wash., on Oct. 16.

cine more than doubled survival times for a small group of patients with a particular variant of glioblastoma multiforme.

"Now we understand this disease much better than we ever have, and that gives us a whole new group of targets to go after," Berger said.

More and better treatments likely will come out of the work of Foltz and other scientists to sort out the genetic and molecular blueprints of individual tumors, Friedman said. "That is the wave of the future."

Researchers recently sequenced the genes from glioblastoma cells, identifying new mutations linked with the disease. Foltz and his colleagues are mining data from frozen bits of more than 300 tumors, searching for patterns that predict outcomes and vulnerabilities that might be exploited to attack the disease.

They're also using a \$1 million cell sorter to isolate so-called cancer stem cells. These mysterious cells account for only about 1 to 5 percent of most cancerous tumors, but some scientists believe they are the cells most responsible for malignant growth.

"We're trying to figure out why

these tumors grow back," Foltz said.

An unusual combination of surgeon and scientist, Foltz also has the spirit of an entrepreneur. He helped raise \$3 million in donations for the Swedish brain center, which opened last month. He lured one of Hood's top scientists away to join him. Foltz's average day starts with predawn piano practice, then moves on to several surgeries, hours in the lab and phone conversations with patients — all of whom get his cell number.

His latest collaboration, with Accium Biosciences, is the product of persistence. The company, which works mainly for drugmakers, wasn't enthusiastic when Foltz first tried to enlist it in the brain-cancer cause. But he kept looking for an angle and found it — along with an \$850,000 federal grant.

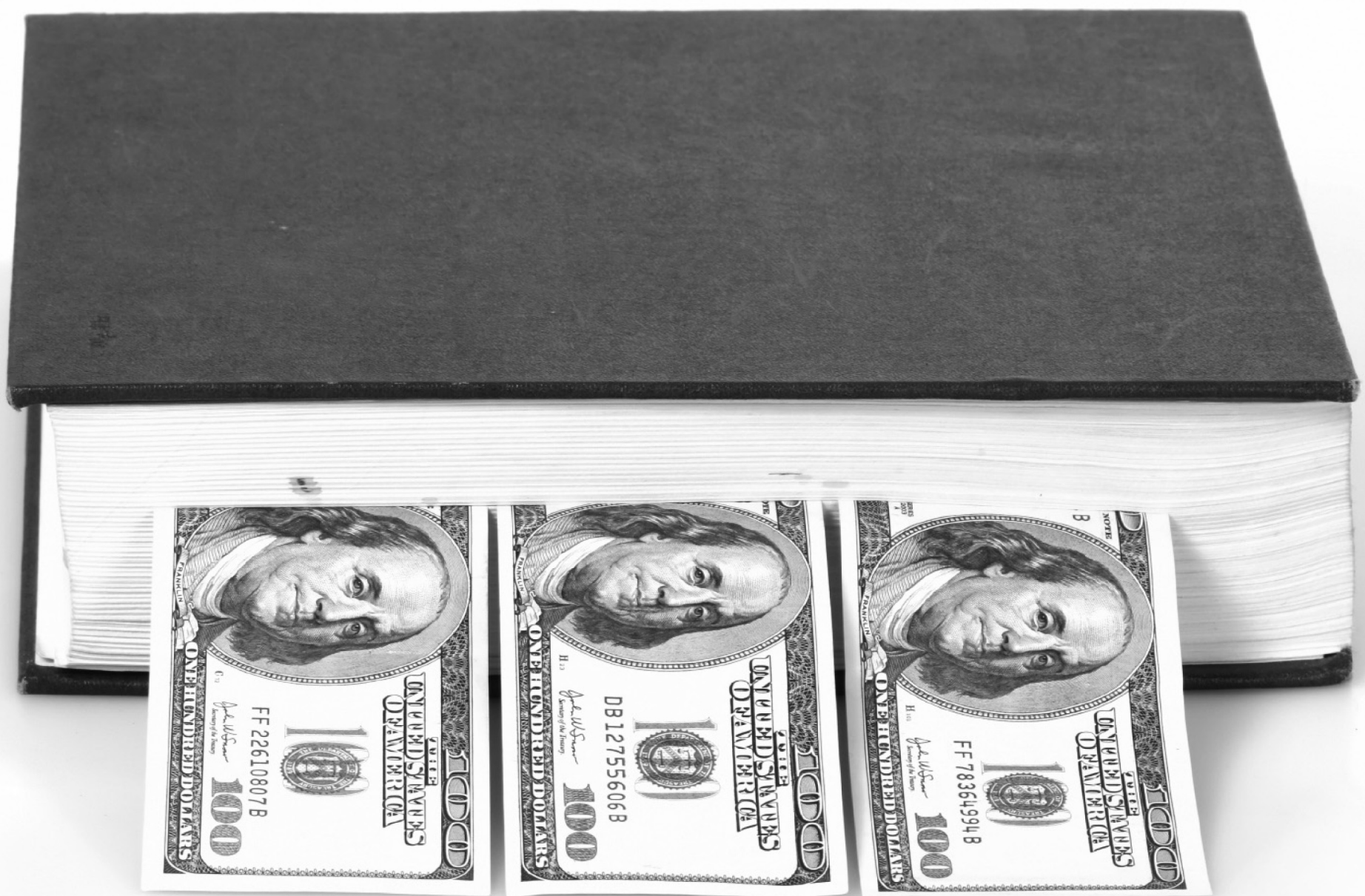
The team now is using Accium's 15-ton particle accelerator to analyze tumor tissue and figure out how much of a specific drug reaches its target. In addition to being useful for drug development, the information can improve patients' care by identifying medications that aren't working well.

Foltz tries to spend one day every week spreading the word about brain cancer and the need for more study, and those efforts led to a new collaboration with the Snohomish-based Chris Elliott Fund. Founded by Dellann Elliott after her husband died of glioblastoma in 2002, the foundation has raised nearly \$1 million in grants and donations for research. Now, Elliott is working with Foltz to reach out to the half of brain-cancer patients in the region who never come to a major medical center for treatment.

"We feel it's so important for these patients to know they have the option of having their brain tumor profiled, and that there are many treatment options out there," she said.

It's been more than a year since DuBose's diagnosis. Except for a slight blurring of his vision, his ordeal hasn't taken much of a physical toll. "I'm still working. I can do pretty much anything I want," he said. But the disease has been all-consuming for him and his family.

"I've kind of let this take over for the last year," DuBose said. "I'm going to fight this tooth and nail, but I also realize I need to get on with my life."

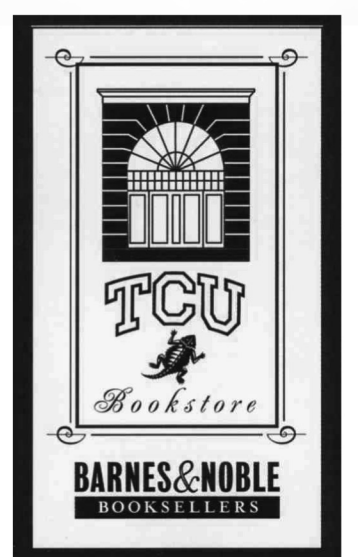


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Strahan: Giants can keep Burress

By Neil Best
Newsday

The wacky doings of wide receiver/divas always are irresistible for NFL pregame shows, but Plaxico Burress made it way too easy Sunday.

This was raw meat tossed into those otherwise clean, well-lit studios, as everyone lined up to sink his teeth into the Giants' troubled wide receiver.

Really, though, there was only one network voice most Giants fans wanted to hear, a guy with a direct pipeline to many current players, including Burress' Friday night playmate, Antonio Pierce.

And Fox's Michael Strahan delivered, speaking passionately and at length, expressing more exasperation than disgust. He was in the minority in not assuming Burress is through in New York.

"At this point, they hope he's at the bottom of the well, that he's hit his bottom, that he will come back," Strahan said, referring to the Giants' organization. "I don't think they want to get rid of him. But, exact words: 'He's making us look stupid.'"

Strahan said Burress "messed up" and related the steps the team takes to convey the seriousness of gun possession:

"One of the first things the Giants do during training camp is bring in the police and they tell you, 'If you have a gun here at training camp, give it to us. We will hold it for you. We do not care if you have a permit, it does not matter ...'

"You have that understanding and you know what the ramifications are. Instead of worrying about what the NFL or Giants can do to you, what the state of New York can do to you is a lot scarier."

Strahan, whose Fox colleague Jay Glazer broke the story Saturday, said the Giants "never expected the guy to have a gun," including Pierce, who told Strahan he was unaware

Burress was armed.

The Giants have offered to help, Strahan said, but "I don't think there is anybody that can get inside his head to figure out why he won't do it. I don't know if he can figure out why he won't do it."

NBC deployed another former Giant, Tiki Barber, to Maryland, where he interviewed players (even Eli!) and reported that Ahmad Bradshaw was the third player present at the club Friday and that Burress' gun was a .40-caliber pistol.

He added that Antonio Pierce initially balked at cooperating with authorities before being threatened with an obstruction of justice charge.

Barber told host Bob Costas that many players, having grown up in dangerous neighborhoods, carry weapons in the belief they need them to protect themselves.

Fox's pregame panel mostly deferred to Strahan, but Howie Long got off a good line about how "every wound in regard to Plaxico has been self-inflicted, and this is an obvious case of that."

It took Fox's game announcers until 4:48 remained in the third quarter to say the word "gunshot." But as the Giants' victory became a foregone conclusion, Daryl Johnston and Tony Siragusa weighed in.

"If you go to a place that you feel you need to carry a gun, the best thing is, stay home," Siragusa said.

Even on the Giants' team-produced radio pregame, host Russ Salzberg opened by hammering him.

ESPN's Tom Jackson offered that Burress "went berserk" after signing a new contract in September, "because, like many players, that money he feels gives him the right to say, 'I don't have to play by the rules,' and that's what he's done."

After Keyshawn Johnson and Kris Carter both estimated that at least half of NFL players carry a gun,



DAVID L. POKRESS / Newsday via MCT
New York Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress (left) catches the ball over San Francisco 49ers defender Nate Clements (22) in the first half. Burress was called for offensive pass interference on the play.

host Chris Berman said, "That's pathetic."

On CBS, Shannon Sharpe said, "He doesn't care about anything but Plaxico Burress."

Dan Marino said, "It's stupid and selfish."

And Boomer Esiason added:

"There's no way he will ever put a New York Giant uniform on ever again. This is one of the dumbest moves in the recent history of the NFL. When you think about the Tisch family and the Mara family, the owners of the New York Giants, they will not stand for this."

SWIMMING

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sophomore Jeff Gettel are the two returning TCU swimmers who competed in this meet last year. Bagby has won seven events this fall and will be competing in the 50-, 100-, and 200-yard freestyle in Atlanta. Gettel, also with seven wins this fall, is competing in the 200-yard backstroke.

"It's a big meet because it gives us a lot of exposure to a lot of different teams and swimmers we don't get to swim against," Bagby said. "Some of them have never heard of TCU and get to see who we are and who we had qualify for the meet."

TCU freshman and wins leader Ashley Bolin, is competing in this meet for the first time and said she's excited to go.

"I'm kind of nervous," Bolin said. "But I think it's just like any other big meet — once I get in the water I'll be OK."

Bolin has earned eight wins in her first year with the Frogs and will be competing in the 400-yard individual medley. Last year's win leader Stephanie Futscher will compete in the 200-yard butterfly.

The short course format is used in the United States for winter-time competition. Competitors swim in a 25-yard pool, as compared with the 50-meter pool used in Olympic competition.

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Josh Bagby
junior

Freshman Edgar Crespo also qualified for this meet with his national team from Panama.

Last year, the men's team set three new school records and made an NCAA automatic qualifying time. Scott McCracken, a senior last year, was the first in school history to break the 19-second mark in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 19.99 at this event.

LILLY

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2005 after graduating from the university in 2000. In his senior year, he rushed for 2,158 yards and scored 22 touchdowns while taking home the Doak Walker Award to the nation's best running back.

Great offensive players should be recognized by the school, but great defensive players, while not always as flashy as their counterparts, deserve just as much praise. TCU has had great defensive teams over the seasons. If the country views the Horned Frogs as a stout defensive team, they should have a face to represent them.

When fans think of great

When fans think of great offensive players of TCU past, they see LaDainian Tomlinson churning defenses into butter in his purple No. 5 jersey.

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But when fans think of the Frogs' defense, in terms of historic players, the man to come to mind should be Bob Lilly.

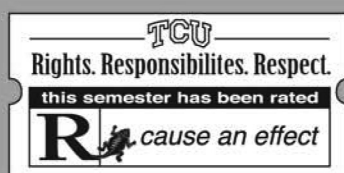
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BASKETBALL

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cal rest because we haven't had the grind practices," Mittie said. "Mentally, we need to get refreshed and ready to go for Thursday."

Mittie said it is easy to keep his team focused on the road, despite the warm climates and exotic locations.

"Here you have a lot of differ-

ent things pulling at you," Mittie said. "You have friends, you have academics, tutors to meet; you just have a lot of different things that are your responsibility."

Back on the court, Mittie said his team still needs to improve its rebounding. Opponents have outrebounded the Lady Frogs 296-262. "I have seen individuals improve (their rebounding)," Mittie said. "But I am yet to see

us put together a game where it has been great."

The Lady Frogs will need to get their rebounding going against what Mittie called a solid offensive team.

"They shoot the three a ton and shoot it well," Mittie said. "Their team really has an identity offensively that they are going to try an get layups and threes. Defensively they will pressure you."

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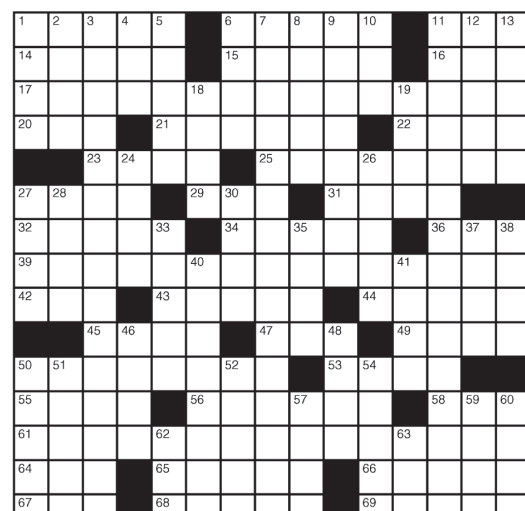
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 - Smidgen
 - Make cloth gathers
 - Bourgeois sculpture
 - Prez on a penny
 - Three lines
 - Wonderment
 - Like some cakes
 - Avian haven
 - a-porter (ready-to-wear)
 - Shows intestinal fortitude
 - For two, in music
 - N.T. book
 - Sound of rippling water
 - Judging group
 - ... on (mollycoddles)
 - Single entity
 - Three lines
 - Be quiet!
 - Skinflint
 - Loudmouth lummo
 - Minnow cousin
 - Pen name
 - Military meal
 - Follow
 - Martin or Kingsley
 - Vietnam neighbor
 - Twinings rival
 - Hoodwinked
 - Three lines
 - E. Lansing campus
 - Sign up; var
 - Real estate abbrs.
 - Speaker's platform
 - Some e-mail attachments
 - Madagascar primate
 - Actress Spelling
 - Ancient temple
 - Vanity cases?



By Verna Suit
 Silver Spring, MD

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Three lines
- Not std.
- Minotaur's isle
- Hook's underling
- Three lines
- Ex-G.I.
- Bared
- Spike TV, once
- Three lines
- Discomfit
- Penchants
- Refer to
- Snarl and growl
- Offend the olfactory
- Like damp basements
- Real estate abbrs.
- Speaker's platform
- Some e-mail attachments
- Madagascar primate
- Actress Spelling
- Ancient temple
- Vanity cases?
- Sal of song
- Leslie Caron musical
- Part of DNA
- Designer letters social
- ID card letters, at times

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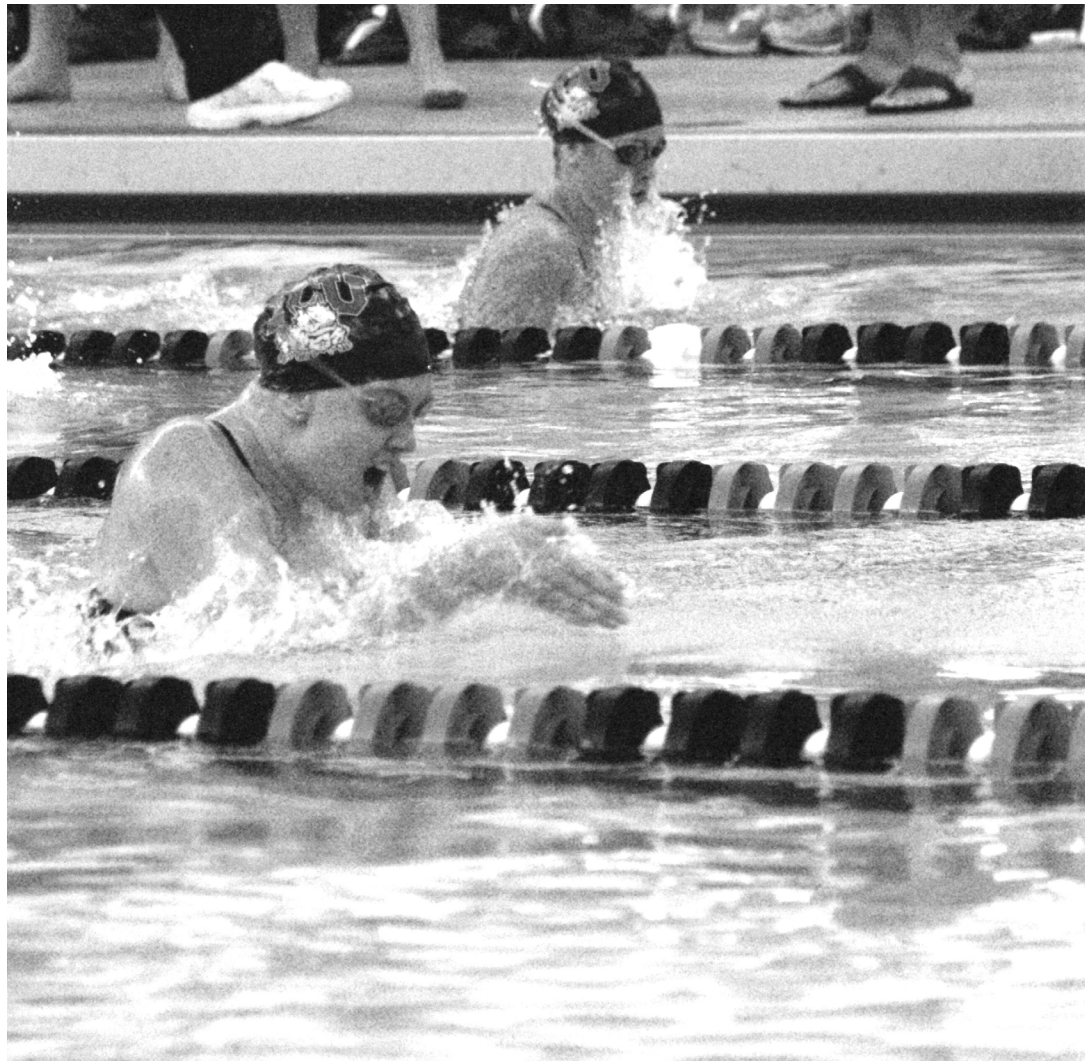
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SWIMMING

TO THE RACES



PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Photographer
Senior Katie Rosen and freshman Megan Higginbotham race in the 100-yard breaststroke against Brigham Young University at the University Recreation Center indoor pool Oct. 30. Rosen and Higginbotham placed first and third in the event.

Swimmers head to nationals

By Travis L. Brown
Staff Reporter

Twelve swimmers will represent TCU at the USA Swimming Short Course National Championships in Atlanta on Dec. 4 and 5.

Six men and six women quali-

fied to compete in the individual-based meet, which showcases the best collegiate talent along with club swimmers 17 and up. The TCU swimmers competing will also face many Olympians at the meet. Michael Phelps competed in the meet last year.

"It's a good experience for them to get to swim against nationally-ranked competitors," said swimming coach Richard Sybesma. "I'm looking at this for a lot of our kids as a chance to get big time meet experience. When you go to the conference meet or the national meet, if you make that qualifying time, you're not so star struck."

Junior Josh Bagby and

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



LINH DANG / Staff Photographer
Junior guard TK LaFleur fends off two defenders during the Lady Frogs' 91-72 victory over Houston on Nov. 25.

Team on the road to Cal

By Billy Wessels
Sports Editor

After suffering their first loss of the season against Boston College in the first game of the Caribbean Challenge in Cancun, Mexico, the Lady Frogs rebounded to beat Eastern Michigan in the last game of the event.

Now the team is on the road again, this time headed to California for a three-game stretch, including participation in the Contra Costa Times Classic.

Boston College beat TCU 77-68, but the Eagles started the game on a 20-0 run and forced eight turnovers in the first seven minutes.

"Unfortunately, our team spotted Boston College 20 points, head coach Jeff Mittie said. "But our team fought hard, got back in it and had a chance."

The coach said he is proud his team was able to respond to the loss with a victory.

"I told them good basketball teams bounce back," Mittie said. "I think it was good we played 24

hours later. We didn't have to dwell on it. We knew we had a game the next day. We were able to turn the page pretty quickly."

The team will be playing its third game of a five-game road stretch at three different locations — Cancun, Fresno, Calif., and Berkeley, Calif. But despite all the travel, Mittie said his team will be able to get something it definitely needs.

"We are able to get some physi-

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FOOTBALL

Great should have number retired



REESE GORDON

He was an all-American defensive tackle at TCU. He went on to become the first draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys in 1961, later enshrined into the Ring of Honor in

1975 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame (1980) — the first Cowboy to earn those distinctions. But former Horned Frog great Bob Lilly isn't among those who have had their number retired at TCU.

However, TCU athletic administration plans to retire two former football players' numbers next year. This will add to a collection that consists of former quarterbacks Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien as well as former Frogs and current San Diego Charger running back LaDainian Tomlinson. Former baseball head coach Frank Windeger also has his number retired.

Jack Hesselbrook, associate athletics director for internal relations, has hinted that the future retirees will be a defensive end and a running back.

While I won't speculate on the identity of the running back, I am hoping the university is about to reward Lilly for a tremendous career, both collegiately and professionally. At 23, I am too young to have ever seen Lilly play, but his accolades speak volumes.

A two-time All-Southwest Conference player, Lilly went on to become an 11-time pro-bowler for America's Team. But before

he became an integral part of a dominant Dallas defense that was nicknamed "Doomsday," he helped TCU put the clamps on its opponents. In Lilly's sophomore season of 1958, the defensive tackle helped stake TCU to a record of 8-2-1, including a scoreless tie with Air Force in the Cotton Bowl. The next season, he anchored a defense that allowed only 75 points in 11 games. In 196 NFL games, Lilly collected 94.5 sacks and was selected to the NFL's all-decade teams of the 60s and 70s, as well as the league's 75th Anniversary All-Time team. The College Football Hall of Fame retired his jersey, no. 72, in 1981.

Now I don't know every detail that goes into selecting an honoree, but I imagine the school wants to keep the honor saved for only the best of the best. Well, Lilly's number was the first called by the Cowboys and Canton, so maybe TCU is just waiting for the right time.

All of the players with retired numbers put up huge offensive numbers for the Frogs. Tomlinson's number was retired in

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