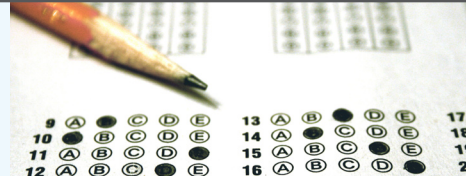


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## Official: Athletes earning diverse degrees

By Jason Fochtman  
 Staff Reporter

The degrees that TCU student-athletes are pursuing are quite diverse, counter to a study by USA Today that found student-athletes in some schools cluster in not-so-demanding majors, an athletics official said.

According to the study, 83 percent of the schools have at least one team in which at least 25 percent of the juniors and seniors have the same major. For example, seven of the 19 players on Stanford University's

baseball team major in sociology, according to the study.

Chris Uchacz, director of Athletic Academic Services Office, said the article made generalizations about colleges grouping student-athletes within certain majors to keep them eligible for sports.

"Our philosophy at TCU is truly in the student-athlete," Uchacz said. "It's not athlete-student, the student part comes first."

The USA Today study looked at about 9,300 upperclassmen athletes, 142 schools' media guides and Web sites, all 120 schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly

Division I-A) and 22 Division I schools with "standout basketball teams over the past few years."

More than half of the clusters are referred to as "extreme," where at least 40 percent of athletes on a team are in the same major. For example, all seven of the juniors and seniors on the University of Texas at El Paso's men's basketball team majored in multidisciplinary studies, according to the study.

Uchacz said even though some majors are more popular than others, such as communication studies, he doesn't see the trends mentioned in the study at the university.

The College of Communication accounts for 25 percent of student-athletes, according to data from Athletic Academic Services Office. The men's baseball team has six upperclassmen who have declared communication studies as their major out of 13 upperclassmen in the team; men's basketball five out of six; women's basketball three out of five and football 19 out of 51.

The other two colleges with the highest student-athlete enrollment are the Neeley School of Business with 24 percent of

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## DECK THE HALLS



With presents in hand, groups of TCU students gather around TCU's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in front of Sadler Hall. LINH DANG / Staff Photographer

## Dean says legacy admission not hurtful

By Andrew Young  
 Staff Reporter

The dean of admissions defended legacy admission despite a legal analysis recently published that argues legacy preferences at colleges and universities are illegal.

The analysis published in the Santa Clara Review based its argument on the Civil Rights Act of 1866, which protects citizens from discrimination based on ancestry, and the 14th Amendment, which protects citizens' civil rights against infringement by any state.

According to the analysis, legacy admission, or giving preference to relatives and children of alumni, contradicts "the fundamental values of a society founded on equality and committed to social mobility based on talent and merit" and argues legacy preferences are "unlawful in both public and private universities."

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said legacy admission relieves some of the pressures on the admission office during the admission process.

"One of the pressures that is on us is that we don't want to extend a lot of offers to kids who have no interest in TCU," Brown said.

Brown said online applications have allowed more students to apply to schools they aren't really interested in.

"It becomes increasingly important for us to try to figure out who really is interested

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## Study: Americans failing at civic literacy

By Jessica Reho  
 Staff Reporter

Some faculty remain optimistic about student community involvement despite a recent study on American civic literacy, which revealed a major void in civic knowledge among the nation's college students.

The report, "Our Fading Heritage: Americans Fail a Basic Test on Their History and Institutions," is the third study conducted by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, a nonprofit organization promoting a traditional curriculum.

The civic literacy test measured knowledge of America's founding principles, political history, international relations and market economy.

More than 2,500 randomly selected Americans nationwide took the basic 33-question test, and more than 1,700 people failed, with the average score 49 percent, or an F, according to the institute's Web site. Elected officials scored even lower than the general public with an average score of 44 percent, and 0.8 percent of all surveyed earned an A.

According to the report, the average

score among those who ended their formal education with a bachelor's degree is 57 percent; only 13 percentage points higher than the average score of 44 percent earned by high school graduates.

Political science professor Jim Riddlesperger said it is helpful to remember that every study has an agenda.

"It alarms me how little average Americans know about our Constitution, about our government, about foreign governments," Riddlesperger said. "It's not hard to demonstrate how little they know."

But, he said, it's easy to underestimate people's values by focusing on academic facts. Some within the academic community have the tendency to overlook the value of street smarts, he said.

"Academic learning is important, but it is only one kind of learning," he said.

Riddlesperger said he couldn't comment on the civic literacy or political knowledge of the average TCU student because he rarely sees the average TCU student in one of his political science classes.

Riddlesperger, who has been teaching for 27 years, said he rarely sees business or nursing students in his classes.

"No one should ever be satisfied with

their political knowledge," he said.

College students are notoriously uninvolved, and TCU is not unique in this regard, he said. This is common across the nation and even throughout most of the western world because students see less relevance in traditional voting and involvement; they get more satisfaction out of volunteering and direct involvement with the human endeavor, he said.

Karen Anisman, an associate with the TCU Center for Civic Literacy, said the center encourages that engagement.

Anisman facilitates the lab component of Riddlesperger's Practicing American and Texan Politics class, where students participate in and develop the implementation of policy projects.

Some of the policy projects students are working on this semester relate to the Fort Worth Independent School District drop-out rate, the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, funding for inner city schools as compared to suburban schools and eco-friendly projects for TCU, she said.

Anisman said most TCU students come from high schools with government classes

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## Commuter train could run by 2013

By Rose Baca  
 Staff Reporter

By the time the train whistle blows, current students won't be around to hear it.

A regional commuter train that would run near campus by 2013 won't benefit students now, but it will help future students connect to major parts of the city without having to drive, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said part of the plan is to have an express bus that will connect students from campus to the nearest station.

"Traffic congestion is just going to get worse," Mills said. "And the cost of fuel is going to probably increase again, so it will be convenient and inexpensive for students."

Carl Weckenmann, the transit systems planner for the Fort Worth Transporta-

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# NEWS

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student-athletes and the AddRan College of Liberal Arts with 19 percent.

On the men's basketball team, one upperclassman has a double major, and in the football team, four upperclassmen are completing double degrees, Uchacz said.

Because TCU is a private school, it offers fewer majors than larger public schools, and therefore some majors have higher enrollment, Uchacz said.

Critics have said schools might be tempted to cut academic corners to help keep athletes eligible, according to the study.

In August 2003, the NCAA adopted the 40-60-80 Rule, which was intended to improve the graduation rate of athletes by requiring athletes to meet certain degree progress requirements.

Prior to August 2003, the degree plan percentage completion rates were 25 percent of the degree completed by the start of a student's fifth full-time semester, 50 percent by the start of the seventh semester and 75 percent by the start of the ninth semester, Uchacz said. After 2003, those rates jumped to 40, 60 and 80 respectively, he added.

Even though the NCAA rule didn't affect how TCU advises student-athletes, it did make advisers and students more aware of how to utilize free electives, Uchacz said.

Shawn Worthen, assistant director of Athletic Academic Services, said the ruling was a step in the right direction. Because of the degree completion rates, some senior student-athletes already finish their first degree and are able to work on a minor or another major, Worthen said.

"It might give them more leeway at the end to where a student athlete can come out of TCU with two degrees," Worthen added.

Worthen said he doesn't suggest a particular major to students when they come to him.

"I let them explore based on what they want to do," Worthen said.

## NUMBERS

### Student-athlete makeup by college

- 25** percent College of Communication
- 24** percent Neeley School of Business
- 19** percent AddRan College of Liberal Arts
- 18** percent College of Science and Engineering
- 9** percent Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- 3** percent College of Fine Arts
- 2** percent College of Education

Devon Kirk, a senior nutrition major on the volleyball team, has switched her major several times and said there was no pressure from the NCAA or academic officials to pick or stick with a particular major.

"Athletics supports whatever career you want to pursue," Kirk said. "They are there to support you along the way."

Eli Cole, a freshman economics major on the men's golf team, said he has never heard of any restrictions concerning majors for student-athletes.

"I've never heard of any adviser telling someone they can't fit a major into their schedule or something of that nature," Cole said. "There's no reason why a certain major doesn't work for a certain athletic schedule; we have every option that we wanted."

# Theatre singers deck the halls

By Chelsea Smith  
Staff Reporter

While students all over campus review their notes in preparation for finals, the cast members of Theatre TCU's production "We Need a Little Christmas" are busy with a different kind of revue.

"I don't think that a musical revue is something that a lot of our contemporary students have been exposed to," said Harry Parker, the show's director. "It's very fast-paced. There is no dialogue: no one talks really, there's maybe a line here and there. There's no scenes, there's no monologues: it's just song after song after song."

Eight student singers and two student dancers, all members of the musical theater program, will perform a series of more than 40 songs in about 90 minutes, Parker said.

Parker and musical director Alan Shorter picked most of the songs in "We Need a Little Christmas" from Broadway musicals because they wanted to give musical theater students the chance to showcase their acting ability as

well as their voices, he said.

"We tried to pick some songs that gave them the opportunity to create a little one-act play, or an interesting situation or a character they can play while they're singing the song," Parker said. "They are a specific character; they have specific objectives and goals they are trying to achieve. They have an audience that they're singing to — a sister, a lover, a brother, a parent, a friend — in a certain situation."

Although the show will include a number of holiday classics, like "White Christmas" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," Parker said he's looking forward to introducing audience members to some new favorites.

Senior musical theater major Eric Dobbins said his favorite number is "definitely not your typical Christmas song."

"I do a song called 'Send Me a Wife for Christmas,' which is written by the same guy who did 'Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer,'" he said. "It's this hick man who's writing Santa and he's completely sexist, so he's asking

for this perfect wife, in his mind, which is really not P.C. But it's very funny."

Senior musical theater major Rachel Rice said it was hard to learn so many new songs, especially because the cast members had less than a month to prepare.

"We got the sheet music, and we started rehearsing it, and a couple days later we had to be off book and singing it from memory," she said. "Typically, for our big musicals, we usually have about five to six weeks."

Because most of the actors appear in more than 20 of the musical numbers, they also had more material to memorize more than normal, she said. Most of the time, performers only have to learn five to ten songs per show, Rice said.

Parker said this is the first musical revue Theatre TCU has produced. It's also the first time the theater department has put on a performance to celebrate the Christmas season. However, Parker said he plans to make musical revues a regular part of Theatre TCU's annual lineup. The

### Christmas Revue

**What:** Theatre TCU's "We Need a Little Christmas"  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday  
**Where:** Buschman Theatre  
**Cost:** \$10 - general public \$5 - students, faculty, staff and seniors

students involved in the musical theater program need more opportunities to perform, he said.

"We're informally committed to trying to do a musical revue each year in the semester when we're not doing the big musical," he said. "One musical a year didn't seem like enough."

There will be six performances at the Buschman Theatre. Four of the performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4-7 and two are at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7. Tickets are \$10 to the public and \$5 to senior citizens, students from other schools and TCU students, faculty and staff.

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in coming here," Brown said. "If a student has a parent who is a TCU alum, then we know the student probably has a greater understanding of TCU than most of our applicants."

Brown said this helps the university estimate its admission rate, which is important because it helps determine a school's ranking.

Brown said that although legacy is something that's in an applicant's favor, "it is not going to overcome a mediocre record." He said he estimates legacy has about a 5 percent pull in the consideration of a student's admission to the university.

Parents who have gone to the university believe in the university enough to send their children, Brown said. This results in parents getting involved in the life of the university, he said.

"If they give their time, if they come back for alumni events, if they come support football and basketball and baseball games, if they volunteer to do college fairs for the admission office, volunteer to do high school visits for the admission office, volunteer to do phone calls for us, that's the kind of involvement that I am really interested in," Brown said.

Brown said there are certain attributes an applicant may or may not have that make a compelling case for admission, and legacy is one of those attributes. The ability of a student as a dancer, a musician, a scholar or an athlete might also be one of

those attributes, Brown said.

Brown said these attributes help decide who gets admitted when comparing applicants who are both evenly qualified.

According to the university, TCU does not track the number of legacy students enrolled.

Steve Shadowen, an attorney and one of the authors of the analysis, said he wrote the analysis because he had learned about legacy admission after reading about constitutional law and provisions against nobility. He said he put the two together and decided he wanted to get rid of legacy admission.

Shadowen said the next step is to start with some test cases to create a precedence. He said he would like to see no schools using legacy preferences in the next five to seven years, but that he doubts he would be involved in the actual cases.

Sheldon E. Steinbach, a partner in the postsecondary education practice at Dow Lohnes, a law firm in Washington, said nobody has ever advanced the line of argument as the analysis has, but he said he personally didn't find it persuasive.

Steinbach said the argument seemed irrelevant, and he thinks it is unlikely to change the culture of legacy admission. He said there will always be a way of practicing legacy admission because the practice would simply be driven further underground.

Steinbach said a case against legacy admission may or may not succeed in court, but he thinks it will be a long time before the issue is solved.

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tion Authority (the T), said the 37-mile regional commuter train would follow existing rail lines from Sycamore School Road in southwest Fort Worth, through downtown Fort Worth, northeast to downtown Grapevine and into the north entrance of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, as well as having a station on Berry Street close to campus.

Weckenmann said the T is applying for federal funding to cover about half of the cost needed for the \$470 million project and hopes to have a successful application in by spring 2009.

If the T receives the needed federal funding, it will begin work on the system's final design before moving into construction, Weckenmann said.

The other half of the funding will come locally through tax collected sales from key member cities and the city of Grapevine, Weckenmann said.

The T hopes the proposed rail corridor will help decrease rising

traffic congestion and spur economic development along the rail line, Weckenmann said.

Eric Fladager, the comprehensive planning manager for Fort Worth, said the city encourages transit-oriented development that has higher density and mixed uses, such as commercial, office and residential condos and apartments.

"Really, it's intended to be an environment that people will enjoy walking around," Fladager said. "And of course that helps the businesses that are located there."

Weckenmann said the proposed project has received mostly positive reactions from the public.

Elissa Redding, a freshman premajor from Fort Worth, said she often travels and a train that would take her directly from campus to the airport would be convenient.

Fladager said if the rail line is successful it will most likely lead to more regional rail projects.

"It's generally understood that regional rail is important to the overall rail system," Fladager said.

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and advanced placement classes; however, to take this knowledge and apply it makes more sense than a traditional classroom setting, she said.

Students also have the opportunity to engage in community based civic literacy internships for academic credit, she said. These internships require 150 hours of community service within non-profit organizations and the public sector.

"Students actually see how public policy is affected by these agencies and groups," Anisman said.

Since the program's beginning in spring 2006, more than 110 interns have completed more than 16,000 hours of community service for credit, she said. The labs and internships give students the tools to go out and change their adult communities, she said.

Anisman said she doesn't see any problem with tests and studies measuring civic literacy but cautions that those administering the tests might not know students the way that she does, she said.

"I taught for 25 years in public schools and at Tarrant County College before coming to TCU. I'm not as dismal about the future

as some of these asking the questions seem to be," she said.

Riddlesperger said universities are charged with the unique responsibility of doing a better job of educating young people of their role and instilling an appreciation for our political and economic social systems.

"Even though most in the academic community would probably not agree with me, I am hesitant to blame the young people," he said. "Still, universities, including TCU, should do a better, more relevant job. This is not a just a political science problem."

History professor Claire Sanders said she wants her students to concern themselves with understanding the relationships between historical events and with understanding the consequences of these events, rather than simply memorizing facts.

She said she is always a little suspicious of studies like the one published by ISI.

"I would be ecstatic if students could recite the Constitution, but I can't even recite the Constitution," Sanders said. "Knowledge is only good if it does something for you — memorization is memorization. As far as civic literacy goes, it is important for students to understand the vital role we play as citizens in self governance."

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The Skiff View

## Hands-on learning the best approach

So Americans aren't walking textbooks, according to a recent study. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute recently questioned Americans about their knowledge of America's founding principles, political history, international relations and market economy. Those surveyed received an average grade of 44 percent, and more than 1,700 people failed the test. The institute supports a traditional curriculum for students.

But as political science professor Jim Riddlesperger notes, questioning people solely about academic facts underestimates people's values in their communities.

"Academic learning is important, but it is only one kind of learning," he said.

At TCU, like many other universities around the country, students are put in situations to practically use the knowledge they use in class, rather than regurgitating facts from a textbook to a scantron sheet. For example, political science students are working on policy projects to improve Fort Worth Independent School District's dropout rate, help the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and help TCU become more eco-friendly, said Karen Anisman, an associate with the TCU Center for Civic Literacy.

As some schools have changed their curriculums from a traditional education to those favoring practical experience such as internships and other methods of hands-on learning, fewer students will have memorized the facts and tidbits found in their textbooks. But does that mean students are less prepared?

"I would be ecstatic if students could recite the Constitution, but I can't even recite the Constitution," history professor Claire Sanders said. "Knowledge is only good if it does something for you — memorization is memorization. As far as civic literacy goes, it is important for students to understand the vital role we play as citizens in self governance."

Understanding concepts, rather than memorizing facts, are what prepare students to deal with real-world problems they will face out of school. While understanding how the world has arrived at its present state is important, it's ever more crucial that students have their minds wrapped around the why rather than the what.

After all, that's what books are for.

Managing editor Joe Zigtema for the editorial board.

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#### University should keep Frog Calls

I'm all for Think Purple, Live Green, but don't take my Frog Calls away. I've changed my light bulbs to compact fluorescent lights. I even have an LED flashlight — it's not very good, but I use it. I've inflated my tires, several times, but they still look low. I bring my drinks from home in a reusable container, and I wash my clothes in cold water. I recycle paper in my department and at home. I eat less sugar and drink more water. But if you take my Frog Calls away, you'd be robbing me of a very valuable tool.

In Wednesday's paper, the collective opinion of the Skiff editorial board wants us to believe Frog Calls is an archaic practice that no one uses. I beg to differ. I use mine every day. It's practically worn out and will be by the time the next Frog Calls rolls around. The yellow page section alone is a plethora of information for new students to TCU and to Fort

Worth.

I do use the online directory, but if I'm looking for help in a department and don't have a name I pull out my Frog Calls. My Frog Calls is not just for looking up people, it's a road map to all the departments on campus.

Department names change and people come and go, but with my Frog Calls I have a written volume that can be easily deciphered, highlighted or circled for contacting employees, students or vendors. Computers can be slow, but my Frog Calls is always handy.

I could go on and on about the virtues of my Frog Calls, and 9,000 copies annually may be too many, but to do away with the Frog Calls completely would be a disservice to many here on campus.

Terri Robinett is a TCU Telecommunications customer service representative.

## Obama's cabinet picks not good

ERIC WARD

President-elect Barack Obama's Cabinet choices are disappointing.

Rather than represent new thinking, they are bringing us some of the old.

Take Robert Gates. He already is secretary of defense. And he will remain so for at least a year. He has been running the Iraq War, a war that Obama vowed to end. He has been advocating the modernization of our nuclear weapons arsenal, while Obama talked about disarmament on the campaign trail.

Or take Sen. Hillary Clinton, Obama's improbable choice for secretary of state. She voted for the Iraq War and never completely apologized for it, even though Obama opposed it from the start. This is a war that has cost the deaths of more than 4,200 Americans, according to the Department of Defense.

During the campaign, Obama talked about "turning the page." But it's an odd book when there's a Clinton on the next page.

Obama's choice to head the Department of Homeland Security, Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, doesn't inspire confidence either.

Napolitano refused to confront the outrageous Maricopa County sheriff, Joe Arpaio, who inflamed anti-immigrant

sentiment and treated prisoners inhumanely. Nor has she controlled the armed paramilitary organizations that hunt immigrants in the desert.

On the economy, Obama reached back to the Bill Clinton years and hired the disciples of former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, a man who helped deregulate the financial industry. That deregulation led to our current economic crisis.

On the most important social issue of our day — health care — Obama picked former Sen. Tom Daschle to head the Department of Health and Human Services. Daschle's spouse is a lobbyist for the health care companies, and he himself has worked for a firm whose clients are made up of leading pharmaceutical interests.

These are the faces, and this is the politics, of the old.

After eight years of failed policies, the American public voted for a change based on the belief that the country needs — no, deserves — new leadership.

America's vote for Barack Obama was a down payment on a new future. It's time to remind him exactly what we paid for.

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## Frog Camp should stay in U.S.



GRETCHEN WILBRANDT

So here I sit feeling guilty after purchasing a plane ticket that in three months will whiz me half-way around the world. It is not purely for pleasure or play but rather the environmental education that is offered by Australian universities that I feel justifies my monster carbon footprint. I danced around the ethical issues that I was feeling, for if it wasn't for the amazing institutions and unmatched educational experiences that Australia is heralded for, I wouldn't be going. But is that enough? Should I flee such a wonderful establishment as TCU to travel around the world in hopes to gain knowledge in a completely different setting? These days one can learn nearly anything via the Internet, but then why is it that I feel compelled

to leave this country, leave my trace in the ozone and jeopardize the well-being of others?

Again, on other academic trips to enhance my environmental education, I have flown around the world. Is that hypocritical of me? Returning from such trips has left me even more inspired and aware of global issues that I can begin to address locally; that guilt vanished after I stepped foot back onto American turf. I have witnessed what other countries are doing to combat global warming on a personal level, and my life has greatly been enriched, leaving me a daily bike rider, recycler and energy-conscious individual. Are these gastronomical carbon emitting trips worth it? I strongly believe so.

Then, we get to the issue of the international Frog Camp. I came to TCU with the belief that Frog Camp was to bond students together, in various areas of Texas, but perhaps I was wrong. While I would love to travel to Europe and hang out with fabulous professors and students, is it necessary? I went to Frog Camp about two hours away from Fort Worth, and I don't feel like

my experience was any less than that of someone traveling to Europe. I would feel even more timid attempting to meet new people for the first time while in a foreign country. Plus, look at the all the emissions being expended for the sake of something that many students can partake in while staying in Texas or even the United States for that matter. The current amount of carbon in the atmosphere is 385 parts per million, reaching beyond the safe level of 350 ppm, with vast increases expected in the near future. Yet here we are jettisoning off around the world to satisfy personal desires that can be quenched at home.

So I sit here and wonder, can I actually justify traveling to the other side of the world to study, yet strongly state my opinions against traveling around the world for amusement? It comes down to ethical values. While I might be jettisoning off at present, I know I will be gaining the best education I can to aid and restore the Earth now and for the future.

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## Organization key to finals success



PATRICIA ESPINOSA

Just a few more days until the university sidewalks are packed with students, ready to storm the steps of the library. 50-pound backpacks and totes, hoodies accompanied with UGG slippers and a can of Red Bull in whatever hand or pocket is available will invade TCU. The time has come.

The time to pull all-nighters and fill your stomachs with caffeine and sucrose. But is the usual ritual of staying up late and poisoning your body with energy drinks worth it? Maybe. But it certainly is not the right way to get the grade you want.

Yes, this strategy of making your life a living hell during dead days is effective

for some. I've done it many times. I'm in more than three organizations; I work at the Skiff, which takes up a lot of time; I do backstage work for one Theatre TCU show every semester; I take at least 15 hours every semester and have a double degree and a minor to take care of. Trust me, I am the epitome of a procrastinator.

However, last semester, I tried something a little different. I studied ahead of time, with a schedule to manage my time of what needs to be taken care of in order of importance. I kept my body hydrated with healthy drinks and ate the best meals I have had all year long, giving me the most energy I've ever had. I slept until 10 a.m. and went to bed as late as 12 a.m. The results? I made a 4.0.

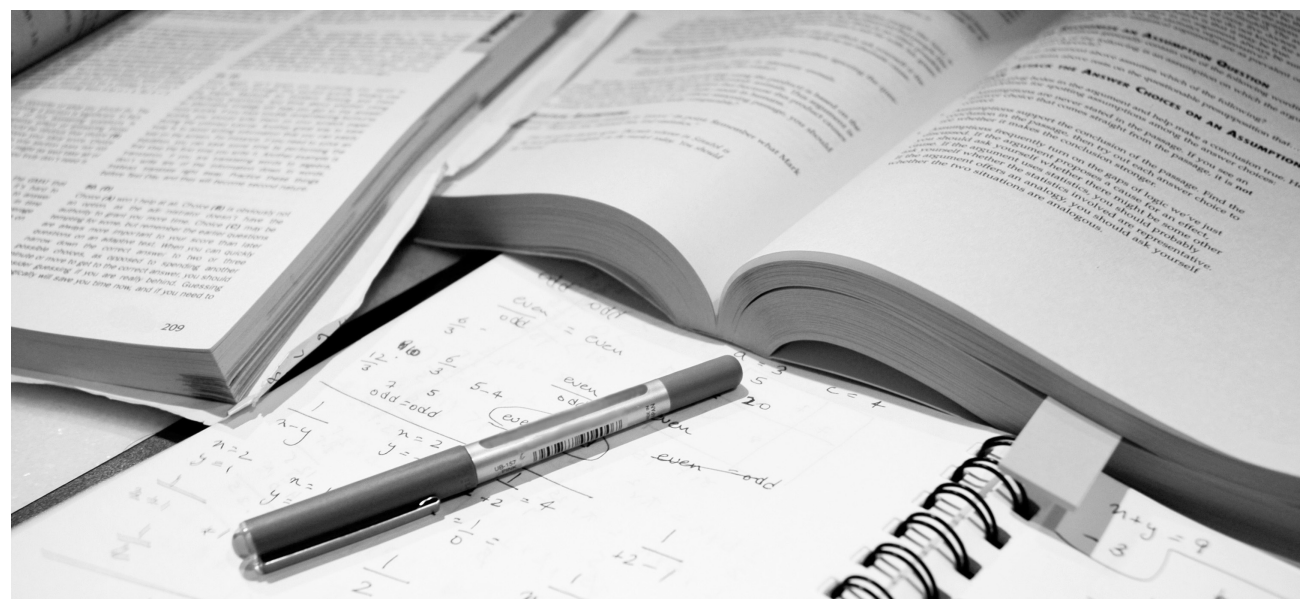
Students need to find a way to organize themselves this semester. Time management is everything. Before I got to college, my parents drilled that phrase into my brain, and I thought I'd kill the next person who said it to me. But after two years of experience, I've finally learned that if I just slow down and take my time, it'll all be OK and work out for

the best. I found that I was calmer and more efficient when studying for the big test. I got better sleep, was in a better mood and felt more confident going in to take my exams.

Last minute cramming sessions and loads of Monster energy drinks are not going to help anyone. Everyone needs to take a step back, assess the workload and attack that \$100 textbook that hasn't been opened all semester long. Try it. If that doesn't work, then go ahead and revert back to the old-fashioned stress technique. At least you'll know what works best for you.

Students, including myself, need to focus on the important parts of finals week. Studying for a final isn't the only thing we need to worry about. Good physical health and a sound mental state are key when traveling the path that will lead you down the road of success. It worked for me, and it can probably do the same for you.

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## NEWS

# New first lady's family rises from depths of slavery

By Dahleen Glanton and Stacy St. Clair  
Chicago Tribune

GEORGETOWN, S.C. — Tiny wooden cabins line the dirt road once known as Slave Street as it winds its way through Friendfield Plantation.

More than 200 slaves lived in the white-washed shacks in the early 1800s, and some of their descendants remained here for more than a century after the Civil War. The last tenants abandoned the hovels about three decades ago, and even they would have struggled to imagine a distant daughter of the plantation one day calling the White House home.

But a historical line can be drawn from these Low Country cabins to Michelle Obama, charting an American family's improbable journey through slavery, segregation, the civil rights movement and a historic presidential election.

Their documented passage begins with Jim Robinson, Obama's great-great-grandfather, who was born around 1850 and lived as a slave, at least until the Civil War, on the sprawling rice plantation. Records show he remained on the estate after the war, working as sharecropper and living in the old slave quarters with his wife, Louiser, and their children. He could neither read nor write, according to the 1880 census.

Robinson would be the last illiterate branch of Michelle Obama's family tree.

Census records show each generation of Robinsons became more educated than the last, with Michelle Obama eventually earning degrees from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. Her older brother, Craig, also received an Ivy League education.

Barack Obama's campaign hired genealogists to research the family's roots at the onset of his presidential bid, but aides have largely kept the findings secret. Genealogists at Lowcountry Africana, a research center at the University of South Florida in Tampa, scoured documents to put together a 120-page report, according to project director Toni Carrier. She said the center signed a confidentiality agreement and is not allowed to disclose the findings publicly.

However, in his now-famous speech on race during the primary, Barack Obama stated he was "married to a black American who carries within her the blood of slaves and slave owners."

Obama aides refused to discuss the report

or allow Michelle Obama to be interviewed about her ancestry. She has said she knew little about her family tree before the campaign, but census reports, property records and other historical documents show that her paternal ancestors bore witness to one of the most shameful chapters in American history.

When Michelle Obama moves into the White House — a mansion built partially by slaves — she will embark upon a life her great-great-grandfather never could have envisioned for her. At antebellum estates such as Friendfield Plantation, past sins are being revisited amid the celebration.

Little is known about Jim Robinson's life at the plantation, beyond the fact that he worked in the riverfront rice fields after the Civil War.

A map from the early 1870s, a time when Robinson was living on the plantation, shows three parallel rows of slave cabins, each with 10 to 13 buildings along Slave Street. But by 1911, only 14 were still standing.

Five single cabins remain today. With their massive fireplaces and wood plank walls, each tells a story about slave life on the plantation.

The small shacks, only 19 feet deep, housed several families at once, says Ed Carter, who now oversees the property.

The plantation's former owner, Francis Withers, built a "meeting house" for the slaves on the estate prior to 1841, and the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assigned a preacher there. A fire destroyed the church in 1940.

By the time Withers died in 1847, the family had expanded Friendfield to include six plantations and more than 500 slaves. At the height of the rice trade, Friendfield was one of the most lucrative plantations in the area, producing what was called Carolina Gold on more than 500 acres of rice fields, Carter said.

The plantation's prosperity faded after the Civil War, and the family began selling off the property in 1879, according to land records. Jim Robinson, like many former slaves, continued to live on the farm.

Among Jim Robinson's surviving children was Fraser Robinson Sr., Michelle Obama's great-grandfather. Born in 1884, Fraser Sr. went to work as a houseboy for a local family before his 16th birthday. Census records show he was illiterate as a teen, but had learned to read and write by the time



Margretta Dunmore Knox, 78, friend and fellow church member of Michelle Obama's grandparents Frasier and LaVaughn Robinson, sits in their Bethel AME Church on Nov. 23 near the Friendfield Plantation in Georgetown, S.C. Historical records show that Michelle Obama's ancestors are descendants of a James Robinson, who had been a slave on the Fairfield Plantation.

he had his own children.

As an adult, Fraser Sr. worked as a lumber mill laborer, shoe repairman and newspaper salesman. He registered for the draft during World War I, but was turned down because he had lost his left arm, military records show.

Fraser Sr. married a local woman named Rose Ella Cohen and had at least six children. Described by a family friend as an intelligent man who wanted his children to be well-read, Fraser Sr. always brought home his extra copies of the "Palmetto Leader and Grit," a black newspaper that was popular in rural communities across the country.

"He used to make his children read those newspapers," said Margretta Dunmore Knox, who still lives in Georgetown and attended the same church as the Robinsons. "Maybe that's how they became so smart."

His eldest son, Fraser Jr., was born in 1912 and graduated from high school. Census records from 1930 show that 18-year-

old Fraser Jr. was living at home and working at a sawmill after earning his degree.

At the time, Georgetown, a coastal town about an hour's drive north of Charleston and the state's third-oldest city, was split along racial lines. The basic human rights that blacks had known after the Reconstruction era disappeared as the Deep South sank into the Depression and segregationist ways.

As Georgetown's economy crumbled, Fraser Jr. headed north to Chicago in search of employment. Once there, he met and married LaVaughn Johnson. Their son Fraser Robinson III — Michelle Obama's father — was born in 1935.

Though they never attended college, Fraser III and his wife, Marian, made education a top priority for their two children. Both would later attend Princeton and earn postgraduate degrees from prestigious universities.

Fraser Jr. and LaVaughn Robinson lived

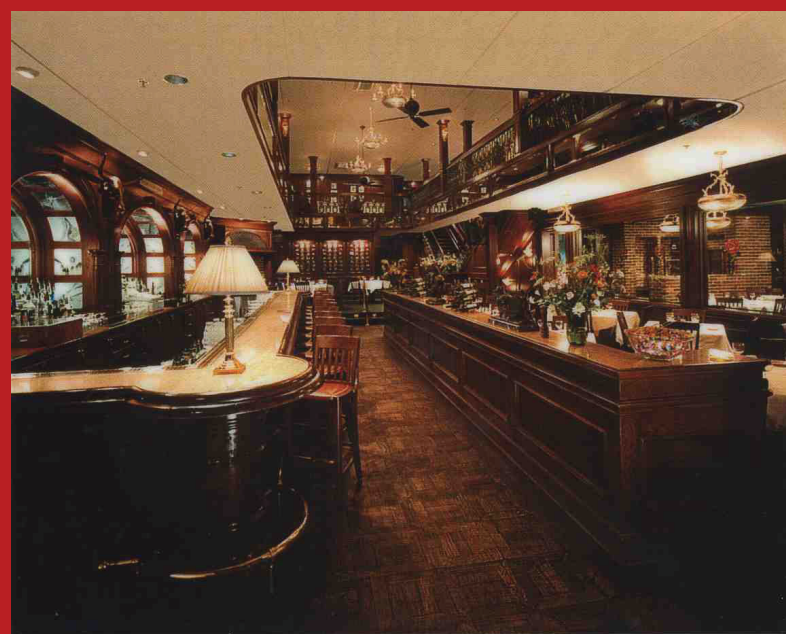
on the South Side of Chicago for part of Michelle's childhood, before retiring and moving down south. After returning to Georgetown, the couple joined the AME Bethel Church, which was founded by freed slaves in 1865 and is the oldest black church in the city. The couple sang in the choir and built a large circle of friends, Knox said.

Michelle Obama returned to the same church in January while campaigning for her husband in the South Carolina primary. Addressing a packed audience that included at least 30 descendants of Jim Robinson, Obama talked about the need for change in the confident voice of a distant daughter of slavery.

"Things get better when regular folks take action to make change happen from the bottom up," she said. "Every major historical moment in our time, it has been made by folks who said, 'Enough,' and they banded together to move this country forward — and now is one of those times."

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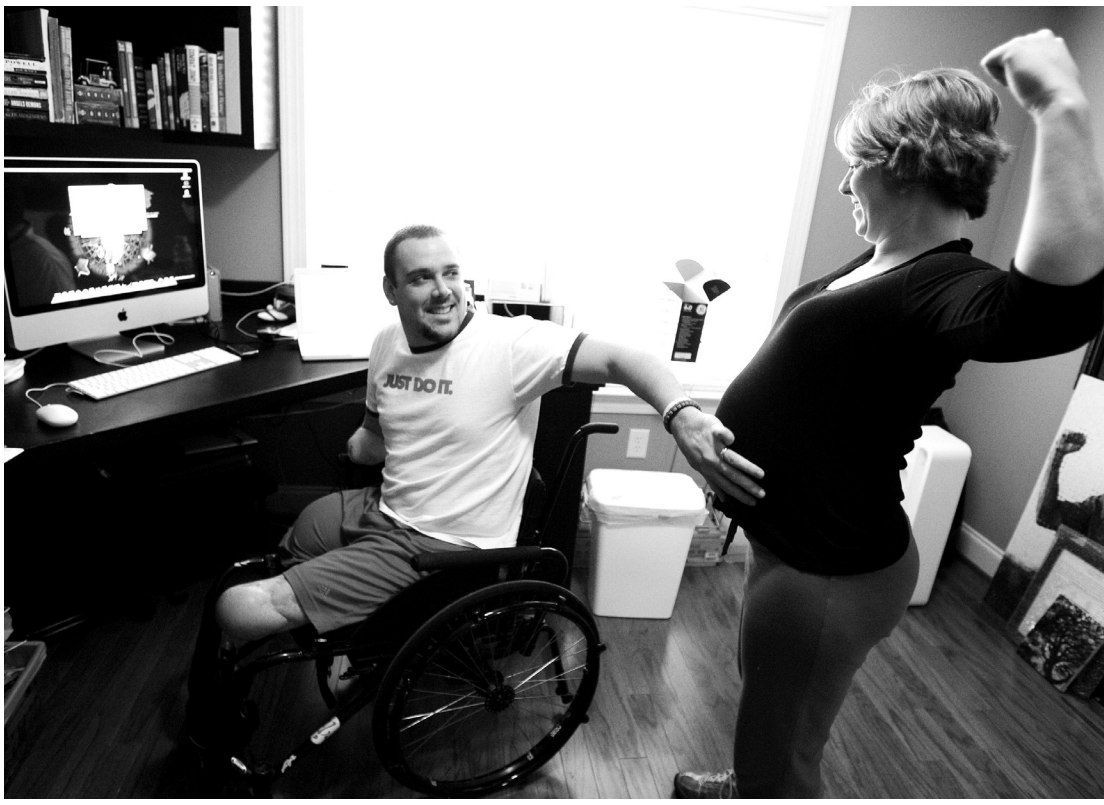
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ETHAN HYMAN / Raleigh News & Observer via MCT  
 Joey Bozik, left, feels his wife Jayme's stomach as he works in his office in their new custom-built home in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., in November. Their baby is due in December. Bozik, who served in the 16th Military Police Brigade, became a triple amputee after his Humvee rolled over a bomb in Iraq in 2004.

## Triple amputee veteran savors family and home

By Martha Quillin  
 McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — This Thanksgiving, former Army Sgt. Joey Bozik and his wife, Jayme, wanted what anybody would want: a holiday meal with family. A turkey, some vegetables, a football game on television in their new home, a new baby on the way.

Four years after his body was blown apart by a land mine in Iraq, Joey wanted his mom and his brothers to see that his life was coming together.

Hundreds turned out in October to watch a limousine bring the Boziks to their new home.

The 2,600-square-foot house built by a battalion of volunteers was being given, free, to honor Bozik's service. In a two-hour ceremony, the 82nd Airborne Band played; the Airborne Chorus sang the national anthem.

When the speeches were done, Joey walked stiffly on two prosthetic legs to the center of the gathering and took his wife's arm for balance. An Army parachute team floated from the blue sky, and one of the paratroopers handed the grateful couple the key to their new place.

Since Joey got hurt in a mine explosion in Iraq, nothing, it seems, has been simple.

In that split-second flash, an Airborne-trained military police officer went from being able to jump from planes to needing help getting out of bed. With both legs and his right arm severed, and his left arm in a cast, he couldn't even feed himself at first.

Joey had entered the military the way he goes into everything, with a pragmatic eye. Growing up in Wilmington, N.C., he wanted to do police work, but felt local departments underpaid their officers. Federal law enforcement looked like a better option. He particularly liked the U.S. Marshal Service, and figured five years of

military experience would look good on a resume.

He enlisted in the Army in January 2001. Basic training was the first time he had ever left home.

He was assigned to a military police unit of the 82nd at Fort Bragg. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he was sent to guard the Pentagon. In 2003, he was in Afghanistan.

An officer there introduced him to a friend, Jayme, from Texas. Joey e-mailed her. They couldn't believe how much they had in common. He especially liked the way she could be emotional about something, then make a rational decision about it.

The night of Oct. 27, 2004, Joey was seven months into a 12-month deployment in Iraq when his group of MPs was sent out south of Baghdad to investigate a possible roadside bomb. They left, as they always did, in a convoy of three: a Humvee, a tank, another Humvee.

Joey was in the rear Humvee when it started down a highway on-ramp and hit the mine.

Amputees are common among the casualties of such violent explosions sent to recover at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. Triple amputees, such as Joey, are relatively rare. As he underwent one surgery after another, set and achieved physical therapy goals and began to do things he had done before his injury — play golf, water ski — Joey became something of a celebrity. In most of the stories, somebody nearly always called him a hero.

Joey's own heroes include Abraham Lincoln. Veterans of World War II. Those local cops who risk their lives at every traffic stop for \$32,000 a year.

"I don't see myself as a hero," Joey said, not for doing his job, and not for deciding he didn't want to spend the rest of his life lying on a couch.

Joey and Jayme were married on New Year's Eve 2004, while he

was still in the hospital. After he got out, they moved to California on a program for injured vets.

"We had to learn how to live with his disability," Jayme said. "And we had to learn how to live as a couple."

When they were dating, he made most of the decisions. After he was injured, she took the dominant role. Now, they're learning to be partners.

They decided together to apply for a home that a group of veterans involved in the construction business around the Triangle wanted to build for an injured vet. Joey's wheelchair was chewing up the bed frame and the door jams in their 800-square-foot apartment in California, and they knew they couldn't afford to buy a house there where he would have enough room to maneuver.

Since his injury, Joey has come to appreciate friends and family, too, and wanted to be back in North Carolina where they are.

The Triangle Real Estate and Construction Veterans, the Armed Forces Foundation and the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County were looking for a vet to be the first recipient of a "Hero's Home," their name for the service project. They chose Joey.

It took dozens of groups and hundreds of individuals to build the house, customized to meet Joey's abilities and interests. Narrow halls were eliminated, along with carpets and rugs. Joey, who does most of the cooking, can pull his wheelchair under the stovetop. A microwave and refrigerators pull out as drawers he can reach sitting down.

The heat runs under the floor. When the couple's first child, due Dec. 24 and already named Violet, gets big enough, her daddy can get down on the floor with her and play.

It will be a simple, wonderful thing.

## American lion skull to be auctioned this weekend

By Mike Dunham  
 McClatchy Newspapers

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — That was no ordinary pussycat stalking the frozen bogs and meadows of Interior Alaska.

Stretching 10 feet long, weighing 600 pounds, with 5-inch fangs and claws to match, the American lion possessed more muscle, brains and speed than its African cousins.

Few Alaskans have heard of Panthera leo atrox ("horrible lion"), a contemporary of the mammoth and saber-toothed tiger. But the massive, maneless meat-eater once chased down ice age bison, moose, musk ox — and maybe people — roared, stretched and napped near present-day schoolyards, bike paths and berry patches.

We know this because, from time to time, parts emerge from the sediment. One big Alaska lion skull, plucked from the muck by an unknown gold miner, will go on sale in Los Angeles at an auction Dec. 7 and 8.

American lion fossils are rare finds, especially in Alaska, said Patrick Druckenmiller, curator of earth sciences at the University of Alaska Museum of the North in Fairbanks.

"Most of what we know about American lions comes from the Lower 48," he said. A lot of knowledge about the critters comes from one place and one relatively brief period of time, namely the remains of some 90 individuals extracted from the Rancho La Brea tar pits in California.

Alaska lion parts are few and tend to be fragments. Druckenmiller could think of only four more-or-less complete skulls.

Because they are so scarce, he said, whole scientific papers have been dedicated to descriptions of a partial skull or lower jaw. Along

with short-face bears and scimitar-tooth cats, they were the big carnivores in the late ice age. Because of their position at the top of the food chain, each specimen has the potential to cast a lot of light on the entire ecosystem of its time.

Panthera leo atrox disappeared around 10,000 years ago. "But radiocarbon dating of a new specimen could potentially refine this estimate," Druckenmiller said.

Tom Lindgren, the fossil specialist for Bonhams & Butterfields, the international firm conducting the auction, said the skull came from a St. Louis collection with minimal information about where it was found.

The location is something Druckenmiller would like to know.

Lion fragments have been discovered from Fairbanks to the North Slope, from the Yukon border to Shishmaref on the Bering Sea. The beasts ranged into South America and could have lived "potentially almost anywhere in the state, any of the ice-free areas in the last ice age — which was a lot of Alaska," he said.

The skull going to auction is considered complete and in excellent condition, according to a press release. It measures 17 inches long and "all teeth are original."

Bonhams & Butterfields expects the skull to fetch \$35,000 to \$45,000. Dinosaur fossils, two saber-toothed tigers (one skull, one full skeleton), a mammoth tusk and various geological wonders — gold, pearls, meteorites, etc. — will also be on the block.

Near Fairbanks, 36,000 years ago, a giant feline killing machine pounced on a hapless steppe bison. After a meal or two, the prey became buried, and eventually mummified, in mineral-laden sediments. Its body was recov-

ered from the permafrost in 1979, as fresh as frozen encasement could keep it.

Today the mounted hide of "Blue Babe" is a star attraction at the University of Alaska Museum of the North.

An analysis by University of Alaska Fairbanks emeritus professor Dale Guthrie has concluded

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Patrick Druckenmiller curator of earth sciences at the University of Alaska Museum of the North in Fairbanks

ed that Blue Babe was brought down by an American lion. The predator's tooth and claw marks are evident on the animal's back and haunches.

Babe is displayed so that visitors see its fairly undamaged right side and head. But the side turned away from general view indicates that "a couple of belly-fulls" were probably devoured before the carcass was buried or frozen, said the museum's Curator of Earth Sciences, Patrick Druckenmiller.

Steppe bison are now extinct. So is the American lion, although some authorities feel it may be the same species as the African lion.

## Who is Evan Vanderbilt?

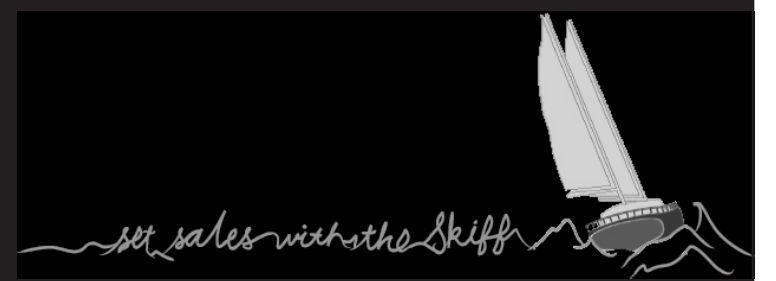
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## NEWS

# Kenya teetering on edge of violence

By Laurie Goering  
Chicago Tribune

KISUMU, Kenya — Barack Obama's late father grew up in this region of western Kenya, so when his son swept to the U.S. presidency last month, townspeople erupted in joy, waving American flags.

It could easily have been a riot instead. Last December, another popular native son, Raila Odinga, lost his bid for the Kenyan presidency to incumbent President Mwai Kibaki in voting widely seen as rigged.

Frustrated Kenyans erupted in an unprecedented spasm of ethnic violence that left more than 1,000 people dead and 350,000 homeless, many of them members of Kibaki's dominant Kikuyu tribe.

Now, nearly a year later, Odinga is prime minister in a power-sharing government, and an independent commission has produced a damning report on the crisis that may result in prosecutions of top politicians and businessmen alleged to have incited the violence.

But Kenyans remain bitterly disillusioned by government corruption and by what seems a perpetual failure of their leaders to improve their lives — a problem that lies at the heart of the nation's ethnic jealousies.

"People are not able to put food on the table, to take their kids to school,

**"People are not able to put food on the table, to take their kids to school, to live a life of dignity."**

Betty Okero  
coordinator of the Civil Society Organization Network

to live a life of dignity. Politicians are in denial and not addressing the problems," charged Betty Okero, coordinator of the Civil Society Organization Network, a union of 40 Kisumu-area church, community and charity groups. As a result, "we just need a little spark" for Kenya to erupt in violence again, she predicted.

In Kisumu, on the shores of Lake Victoria, it's hard to miss the evidence of last January's post-election fury. The blackened hulk of a burned-out shopping center still looms over a major intersection downtown. Many Kikuyu residents of this city, which is dominated by ethnic Luos, have stopped using their surnames in an effort to blend in. Cross-tribal marriages have split up. More than 100,000 people remain in displacement camps in the province, afraid to return home.

Just as troubling, there are widespread signs that frustration is surging again. The global economic downturn is beginning to take

hold despite pronouncements by politicians in Nairobi that the crisis wouldn't affect Kenya — and that is worsening an already acute shortage of jobs. Food and oil prices remain high, despite falling international commodity prices. Faith in democracy is eroding.

In a nation where poverty is widespread and where having a fellow tribesman in power is widely seen as a road to jobs and riches, people also feel cheated that Odinga, now in office in Nairobi, hasn't brought much home in the way of benefits.

On recent visits to his home province of Nyanza, the once-beloved native son has been booed and seen stones thrown at his Hummer, now a symbol of the excesses of those in power.

"The common man on the street feels very betrayed by the government," said Joshua Nyamori, a young party official with Odinga's Orange Democratic Movement. Admitting that even he "has lost a lot of hope in political structures," he said he is considering resigning from his post and returning to an organizing job with a nonprofit, with hopes of strengthening trade unions, churches and farm cooperatives enough that they can begin effectively pressuring what he sees as the country's wayward government.

Roy Samo, one of a group of seven young reform-minded City Council members in Kisumu, similarly says he has been beaten up by hired political thugs after pointing out that 80 percent of a road fund in his district was going into the pockets of politicians.

"Kenya should be a better country that's responsible to its people," he said. "We as a people have a dream of a better Kenya. But the political leaders in Kenya earn a lot of money and they don't want to change that."

The best way to ease tensions in Kenya, Okero and others say, is to crack down on corruption, to publicly address last January's post-election murders in open truth and reconciliation hearings (modeled on South Africa's post-apartheid hearings), and to ensure that the more than 200 people named in a sealed investigation as instigators and financiers of the violence are effectively prosecuted.

Kofi Annan, the former U.N. chief who received the finished investigation in October, has threatened to take the report's perpetrators list to International Criminal Court in The Hague if Kenyan legislators — some of them included on the list — persist in trying to suppress the report and block trials at home.

If the country fails to address the simmering discontent, Okero said, more violence is almost certainly ahead.

"People have discovered," she said, "the one thing that gets the government's attention."



Ruth Williams injects herself with Copaxone for treatment of Multiple Sclerosis. She is shown with her son, Coleman, at home in Somerset, N.J., on November 28.

## Chronically ill face difficult times

By Lindy Washburn  
The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — When Ruth Williams' health plan stopped paying this past summer for the daily medication that slows her multiple sclerosis, she couldn't afford its \$1,000 a month price tag.

It was a choice between electricity — PSE&G had sent a shut-off notice — or medicine. The power company won.

Williams, 43, soon noticed her symptoms worsening. The tingling and numbness that had been confined to her fingertips after four years with multiple sclerosis climbed to her elbows. "I used to type away and then I realized I was making more mistakes than actual words," she said.

It was the same with her feet: first, she had frozen toes, then the bottoms of her feet tightened and soon her lower legs were stiff.

"I knew I was putting myself in a position where it would be harder to do what I have to do for my family," said Williams, who has a 10-year-old son. "I need my hands and feet. But what money I did have just went to pay the bills."

This year's economic woes have forced a terrible trade-off between short-term savings and long-term consequences for

some people with chronic diseases. Medications are often their first cost-cutting target when it comes to medical care, because many pay a large share of their costs out-of-pocket. Some lack any coverage for drugs at all.

About one in four Americans report they did not fill a prescription in the past year and nearly as many said they had cut pills or skipped doses to save money, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

"I've never had so many phone calls from people asking if they can switch to a generic," said Dr. Joseph Friedlander, a Teaneck, N.J., internist. "Or they ask if there are samples from the drug company that will help them."

Friedlander said he's seen patients who had controlled their blood pressure successfully for years start spacing out their daily hypertension medication to once every three days to cut expenses. "Now their blood pressure is markedly elevated," he said.

"You have to educate your patients that it's in their best interests to stay on schedule," he said. "If you don't take your blood-pressure medication to save \$30, and have a stroke, that's going to cost you more — that's going to hurt you for the rest of your life."

At Holy Name Hospital's comprehensive multiple sclerosis center in Teaneck, N.J., where Williams is treated, doctors also are seeing more patients struggling to pay for their medications.

"We have many more patients asking for generics, but they're not available for the injectables," said Dr. Mary Ann Picone, the center's medical director.

When patients stretch their medicines out or stop refilling prescriptions, said Picone, "that puts them at higher risk

for worsening symptoms."

Williams had injected herself once a day with Copaxone to keep the symptoms of MS from advancing.

After numerous appeals, the health plan started paying for — and Williams started taking — her Copaxone again after a three-month hiatus.

For people over 65 with no employer-sponsored coverage, Medicare's Part D, launched in 2006, has provided a partial safety net. It defrays the costs of many of the drugs that seniors need. But this is the time of year when heavy users of prescription medicines have hit the "doughnut hole" — the coverage gap created by Congress, when most beneficiaries pay all prescription costs themselves.

This year, the doughnut hole began when a beneficiary's total drug costs exceeded \$2,511 and continue until costs reach \$5,726.25.

Vincent Nuccio, 74, of Fort Lee, N.J., is in that coverage gap; his wife entered it in June. He talked about meeting health care costs on a fixed income after an exercise class at the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living in Englewood.

His wife's osteoporosis medicine costs \$900 a month, which they paid themselves for the past few months. When the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September, he said, "We didn't even go out."

"With costs escalating, and the price of everything going up, we don't go out very often," he said.

One in three Americans report their family has had problems paying medical bills in the past year, up from about a quarter two years ago, according to the Kaiser Foundation poll. Those with low incomes are even more

likely to report such problems: 40 percent of those making under \$30,000 a year say they've experienced such a problem in the past 12 months.

People ages 25 to 34 were more likely to say the economic downturn had made it hard to meet their health care expenses, compared with those over 55, according to an October survey by Medco, the pharmacy benefits company.

Shopping around and buying via mail order are two ways to reduce costs, said Paul Reyes, a Medco pharmacist and co-host of its "Ask the Pharmacist" program. It's also possible in some cases to combine medications, with a single pill to treat high cholesterol and high blood pressure, for example.

"Make sure your doctor and pharmacist are aware that cost is a concern," he said. "The last thing your physician wants to do is diagnose your condition and think they're putting you on a treatment plan, but not have you get started." Many times there are alternative generic forms available, he said.

But with insurance costs escalating and employers cutting back on coverage, many Americans are worried.

More than half of all insured Americans take regular prescription medications, most commonly for high blood pressure and cholesterol. About one-quarter of seniors take five or more medications regularly.

Ruth Williams lost her part-time job at a pharmaceutical company when her one-year contract ended. Now she's worried about what will happen when her divorce goes through and she no longer has health coverage from her husband.

"It just seems like there is no safety net," she said.

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## National parks relying on seasonal volunteers

By Mike Clary  
Sun Sentinel

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, Fla. — Retired Bell South training manager Dick Johnson stood in a remote wilderness campsite last week, aiming the nozzle of a pressure washer at a wooden platform for a tent. A few yards away, his wife, Joyce, was scrubbing picnic tables, preparing for busloads of area elementary school students who soon will begin arriving for two-night stays through the winter.

When Dick Johnson cut the engine to move a hose, silence filled the void, and the former Wilton Manors residents paused to take in their isolated surroundings.

"This is not revolutionary; we're not changing the world," said Johnson, 63. "But we're not making it worse. This is very fulfilling personally."

The Johnsons are Everglades National Park seasonal volunteers, among a wave of retirees who play a growing role in operating the nation's park system as budgets are squeezed.

They also are self-described "rootless vagabonds" who spend the winter months in the Everglades, leaving the heat and mosquitoes in late April to drive their motor home to another national park for a May through September assignment. They recently volunteered as camp hosts at Olympic National Park in northwest Washington.

"We're in perpetual summer," said Dick Johnson, who retired four years ago. "We can go anywhere we want."

Seasonal volunteers get no pay. But there is limited in-park housing available, and those with motor homes get free utilities.

The opportunities are almost endless. There are nearly 400 parks, monuments and recreation areas in the National Park Service, and most welcome volunteers. The park service estimates that 154,000 volunteers performed services worth \$92 million in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007.

At Everglades National Park, reliance on volunteers of all ages is increasing, according to volunteer coordinator

Jackie Dostourian. She estimated that last year 592 volunteers donated 44,194 hours in support of all park operations, including four visitor centers, two campgrounds, 48 backcountry sites and various environmental education programs.

"Over the years we've made an effort to increase volunteerism; we are getting lot of projects done," Dostourian said. As an example, she cited the reopening last year of the storm-damaged Chekika recreation area, where volunteers cleared trails and painted picnic tables.

"Volunteer groups have become huge," she said.

Park volunteers are not just seniors. School groups, area business employees, service clubs and college students on spring break annually come to clean, repair, paint, uproot invasive species and answer visitors' questions.

Joyce Johnson, 58, a college philosophy major, was a stay-at-home mother of two, but she shared her husband's love of the Everglades and public service.

"When kids are introduced to a place like this, they learn to care," said Joyce Johnson. "We see kids who come here for the first time and are a little afraid. But after 48 hours, they don't want to leave."

Volunteer Bill McCreary, 69, taught science for 40 years, the last 28 at Palmetto Senior High School in Miami. He now leads interpretive walks in the park, while his wife, Carol, works in the visitor center.

"This place is amazing," the Indiana native said before a group of about 30 visitors at the Royal Palm Visitor Center.

McCreary then told his listeners that alligators can leap from the water, and pointed to the lake just a few feet away. "I've seen a gator jump up 6 feet to clear that wall and walk right over here," he said as heads turned and eyes widened.

"Where is there a better job?" McCreary said when his talk ended and the visitors headed out to the boardwalk. "I'm still teaching, but no classrooms and no paperwork."

## Hate incidents in U.S. increasing

By Howard Witt  
Chicago Tribune

BOGALUSA, La. — Three weeks after Americans elected their first black president amid a wave of interracial good feeling, a spasm of noose hangings, racist graffiti, vandalism and death threats is convulsing dozens of towns across the country as white extremists lash out at the new political order.

More than 200 hate-related incidents, including cross-burnings, assassination betting pools and effigies of President-elect Barack Obama, have been reported so far, according to law enforcement authorities and the Southern Poverty Law Center, which monitors hate groups. Racist Web sites are boasting that their servers are crashing under the weight of exponential increases in page views.

Even more ominously, America's most potent symbol of racial hatred — the Ku Klux Klan — has begun to reassert itself, emerging from decades of disorganization and obscurity in a spate of recent violence.

Two weeks ago, the leader of a Klan cell based in this backwoods town once known as the Klan capital of the nation was charged with second-degree murder for allegedly shooting to death an aspiring member who tried to back out of an initiation ceremony.

Late last month, two suspected skinheads with ties to a notoriously violent Klan chapter in Kentucky were charged in a bizarre plot to kill 88 black students and then assassinate Obama by shooting him from a speeding car while wearing white tuxedos and top hats.

"We've seen everything from cross burnings on lawns of interracial couples to effigies of Obama hanging from nooses to unpleasant exchanges in schoolyards," said Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project at the



Howard Witt / Chicago Tribune via MCT  
Judy Robinson, pictured Nov. 18, discovered KKK and "white power" graffiti outside her house shortly after she put an Obama campaign sign in her front yard in Angie, La.

Southern Poverty Law Center, based in Montgomery, Ala. "I think we're in a worrying situation right now, a perfect storm of conditions coming together that could easily favor the continued growth of these groups."

Among the factors experts say are contributing to white supremacist anxieties: the rapidly worsening economic crisis; demographic trends indicating that whites will cease to compose a majority of Americans within a generation; and the impending arrival of a black family in the White House.

The FBI is investigating the recent Klan-related incidents to determine the extent of any possible conspiracies. And the Secret Service is monitoring the apparent sudden surge in hate incidents "to try to stay ahead of any emerging threats," according to spokesman Darrin Blackford in Washington.

Even some white suprema-

cist leaders who describe themselves as moderates say they are alarmed.

"There is a tremendous backlash" to Obama's election, said Richard Barrett, the leader of the Nationalist Movement, a white supremacist group based in Learned, Miss. "My focus is to try to keep it peaceful. But many people look at the flag of the Republic of New Africa that will be hoisted over the White House as an act of war."

The FBI, which tracks hate crimes across the country, has no figures yet for 2008. But already, based on local media reports across the country, some experts are calling the rise in hate incidents surprising and unprecedented.

"The rhetoric right now is just about out of control," said Brian Levin, director of Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University in San Bernardino.

"When you get this depth of hatred, it usually is the smoke before the fire."

In the small Louisiana town of Angie, 58-year-old Judy Robinson decided to place an Obama campaign sign outside her home a few weeks before the election. On the morning after Halloween, she awoke to find the words "KKK" and "white power" spray-painted around her yard.

"I thought all that KKK stuff was in the past," said Robinson, an African-American home health-care worker. "But now I look at people and think, 'Could he be Klan?' Suddenly I'm feeling like my town is hostile territory."

Experts acknowledge that modern Klan chapters remain isolated and small, with perhaps 6,000 members nationwide — a shadow of the group's membership of 4 million in the early 20th century.

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## NEWS



Sherry Devart-Alfred and her daughter, Kelly Barber, of Lacey, Wash., talk about the suicide of Kelly's husband, Joshua, who shot himself to death in the parking lot of Madigan Army Medical Center. An urn with the ashes of her husband sits on the coffee table in the foreground.

## Army, VA battle GI suicide rate

By Christian Hill  
McClatchy Newspapers

OLYMPIA, Wash. — “Do you think that God’s going to send me to hell for killing innocent people?” former Sgt. Joshua Barber asked his wife one day last summer.

Kelly Barber tried to reassure her distraught husband. Nearly three years after a combat tour in Iraq, he was a shell of the loving and fun-loving man she’d married nine years earlier.

Joshua Barber was quiet, withdrawn, constantly fighting demons he couldn’t exorcise. His question reinforced her fear that he was sliding further into a well of guilt and despair as she tried desperately to hold on.

The couple had sought help from the Army and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, but Kelly Barber said they got caught up in red tape.

“He just had to fight so many battles, and no one would help him,” she said.

The 31-year-old soldier killed himself three weeks after asking that terrible question.

On Aug. 25, a day after his wife reported him missing from their home in Lacey, Wash., Joshua Barber drove onto Fort Lewis in his silver 2005 Ford F-150 pickup, a gift from his wife when he returned from Iraq.

He parked in the lot at Madigan Army Medical Center and shot himself in the head with a revolver, one of several guns he’d taken from home.

Barber’s death is hardly an isolated case. In a nearly three-year period, more than half of the veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who committed suicide did so at least a year after their deployments ended, Army data show. A large number of soldiers who hadn’t deployed also took their own lives. The number of suicides involving veterans ages 18 to 29 receiving care from the VA nearly doubled from 36 in 2005 to 68 in 2006, the most recent figures available, according to the VA.

The Army and the VA have redoubled their efforts to prevent suicides. Both have expanded services and launched initiatives aimed at suicide prevention.

The Army is hiring dozens of counselors and has developed an interactive video so soldiers can identify warning signs and help a distraught colleague through various scenarios. The Army and the National Institute of Mental Health recently announced a five-year, \$50 million research program into the factors behind soldier suicides.

The VA, meanwhile, is taking steps to improve its screening among veterans diagnosed with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, and increase training so chaplains can look for warning signs. In July 2007, it launched a national suicide hot line, which receives thousands of calls each month, said Fred Blow, director of the VA’s Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center.

“The Army is doing everything possible, but you still have those who choose to take their own lives,” said Maj. Nathan Banks, an Army spokesman.

For Joshua Barber, the serious problems began a year after his return from Iraq. He had deployed with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from September 2004 to October 2005. The Stryker brigade has since transferred to Germany.

Barber was a cook but found himself a gunner on missions in Iraq. His VA physician wrote in an assessment after his death that “it is reasonable and valid to attribute his suicide to post-traumatic stress disorder, particularly in light of the fact that he joined during peace time, not knowing he would be called on to serve in war.”

“At the point of enlistment, he probably never suspected that he would be called on to serve in a combat role,” she wrote in the assessment, a copy of which was provided to The Olympian by Kelly Barber.

Barber joined the service before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. On Dec. 21, 2004, a suicide bomber detonated explosives inside a mess tent near the Mosul airport, killing 22 people. Among the dead were 14 U.S. service members, including six Fort Lewis soldiers.

For days, Barber and other soldiers had to keep the area secure and escort federal agents around the crime scene. After his return home, he had nightmares about the mutilated bodies lying everywhere, his wife said.

“He would say that all he could remember was the smell of death,” she said. “That bothered him quite a bit.”

When a sniper’s bullet killed his first sergeant, Barber blamed himself. He was convinced the noncommissioned officer would still be alive if Barber had gone on that mission, his wife wrote in materials submitted to the government.

Barber noted in his post-deployment health screening that he felt at least one time during his deployment that he was in “great danger” of being killed. He also acknowledged that he had an experience so frightening and upsetting near the end of his tour that he felt numb or detached.

However, the screening official concluded that Barber had “no medical issues” and didn’t refer him for treatment, including for combat and operational stress, according to the screening, a copy of which was provided by Kelly Barber.

Her husband eventually sought private care. Barber’s status with the military added to his stress. He transferred to an Army Reserve unit based in Tacoma, Wash., to serve out his military contract.

He was required to undergo a retention physical. It wasn’t until August 2007, nearly a year after he underwent the physical, that he was found medically unfit to continue serving. The military deemed the reasons to be nonduty-related.

He was given an honorable discharge in January. He was hired as a cook at Madigan, where his wife also worked. (Kelly Barber no longer works there. The 40-year-old just moved to Florida, where her family lives.)

By spring, and after some initial delays, Joshua Barber had received a disability claim from the VA for post-traumatic stress disorder and had begun receiving treatment at one of its hospitals.

Early in the morning of Aug. 24, Kelly Barber awoke to find her husband watching television in the living room, drunk. His drinking had become a problem.

She became angry and stormed back to the bedroom. Later in the day, he called her at work to apologize. In one of their last conversations, he “said he loved me and he was sorry,” she recalled, breaking down during an interview.

“Sometimes I think it’s my fault,” she said a little while later.

He wasn’t home when she returned from work. She later discovered that he’d taken all the guns and ammunition from the home.

On the kitchen counter, she found his cell phone and a green Post-it note.

“I love you. Please do not blame (sic) yourself. Sorry,” it read.

She called police.

Surveillance video shows that Barber arrived at Madigan about 7 a.m. the next day and didn’t get out of the pickup, according to the police report. A Madigan employee found his body two days later and called 911. Kelly Barber, who was working at the time of the discovery, was notified later that morning.

According to the medical examiner’s report, Barber had put a revolver loaded with hollow-point rounds to the right side of his head and pulled the trigger.

He was dressed in his old combat uniform.

“He was making a statement to the military,” Kelly Barber said.

## Obama team’s youth outreach provides new way to govern

By Laura Olson  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Myra King, who coordinated Students for Barack Obama at Loyola University Chicago, put in long hours registering voters and canvassing neighborhoods as part of a nationwide campaign that targeted younger voters, drew overwhelming support and now offers potential for a new engagement with American youths.

Now it’s transition time for organizers who descended on college campuses this fall in an effort to convince their peers that elections are hip. As their candidate prepares to take office, they are attempting to pivot from pushing voters to the polls to pressing for legislation. Their challenge: keeping the attention of an under-30 crowd of motivated voters into the next semester and beyond.

Obama captured 66 percent of the vote among those under 30, exit polling showed. Only 31 percent in that group voted for Sen. John McCain.

The transition team already has moved to capitalize on this enormous youth base: Webcasting Obama’s weekly addresses on YouTube, communicating on a post-election Web site, www.change.gov, and reaching out by e-mail to many of the campaign’s 3 million donors.

The team also has taken advantage of booming social-networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace in reaching out to younger voters in their own element.

**“We hope the lesson of this election is that when you pay attention to young people, they pay attention to you.”**

Sujatha Jahagirdar  
New Voters Project

“I really enjoyed that during the campaign ... there were constant e-mails about what we can do,” said King, 19. “The Internet ... is the way to keep in touch with our generation.”

Experts say factors that contributed to increased youth turnout at the polls will be key to continuing this engagement as the election season fades into governance.

“Obama forged a much different relationship with young voters than (Sen. John) Kerry did” in the 2004 campaign, said Scott Keeter, the Pew Research Center’s director of survey research. “In

terms of a separate force created from the grass roots, the machinery for that is in place in a way that I don’t think we’ve ever seen before.”

One challenge in the new administration’s effort to maintain its connection with younger voters: how well it lives up to its promises, Keeter says. Exit polls show that younger voters are eager for change on a variety of fronts — health care, college costs and, like the rest of the electorate, economic issues.

“We hope the lesson of this election is that when you pay attention to young people, they pay attention to you,” said Sujatha Jahagirdar of the New Voters Project.

In the past, political operatives had little incentive or methodology when it came to reaching younger voters, who have a poor track record of turning out on Election Day. But social networks, e-mail and text messaging have given politicians new tools for campaigning — and now, perhaps, for governing as well.

Using these techniques to build on the networking that the campaign put in place could “continue a dialogue and increase transparency,” said Bobby Campbell, director of policy and programs for SAVE, a national student group focused on increasing voter turnout.

Networking technology also could help keep younger voters interested in a particular subject as legislation moves through Capitol Hill, and possibly involve them in lobbying for their causes.

Sites such as YouTube also can help the Obama administration reach out to tech-savvy youth. Obama’s transition team posted his first Saturday radio address on the site, where it was viewed more than 800,000 times in three days. The transition team’s YouTube Channel, ChangeDotGov, already features 11 videos.

The team also is focused on plans to expand national service opportunities such as AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps. Younger voters told Harvard University pollsters this fall that they are interested in public service.

Change.gov not only provides information about service opportunities, but it also asks those interested in participating to submit contact information to the incoming administration.

Volunteer work can translate into involvement in bigger policy issues later, Jahagirdar says.

“They get exposed to some of the more systemic problems and very quickly move towards the idea that you need policy change,” she said. “They start asking some of the deeper questions.”

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# Ala., Fla. coaches have success in common

By **Jeremy Fowler**  
The Orlando Sentinel

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — For the record, Nick Saban and Urban Meyer never have met at a bar, coffee house or your local Chili's to talk over a Coke and a smile.

That's according to Meyer, who might have been too busy tweaking his intense scowl while watching special-teams tape. Saban was busy locking up five-star recruits.

"We see each other every year at meetings and get along very well," Meyer said.

Figures that their only interaction involves football, which might help explain why the paths of these two juggernaut coaches will intersect on college football's biggest stage Saturday.

**"I've been a head coach eight years, and it's hard to get chemistry. That's the secret to winning. This is the way it's supposed to be."**

**Urban Meyer**  
Florida head coach

Thanks to around-the-clock coaching blueprints that have transcended the patience it typically takes to build a program winner, Saban's No. 1 Alabama squad in the conference faces Meyer's No. 2 in the conference Florida Gators in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game.

Saban could be poised to lead his Tide (12-0) to a national title in his second year in Tuscaloosa, a feat Meyer accomplished in Year 2 in Gainesville.

Saturday's winner in Atlanta's Georgia Dome could become the SEC's standard bearer for the next generation of champions.

Meyer's spread offense might vary from Saban's throwback smashmouth running game, but these coaches have had similar impacts on the national coaching scene.

Both have national title rings, Saban in 2003 with LSU and Meyer with his 2006 Gators.

Both have rammed through the shadows of iconic coaching predecessors, Florida's Steve

Spurrier and Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Both earn top-shelf salaries with Saban's \$3.75 million per year and Meyer's \$3.25 million, figures that might rise based on this year's success.

Both are national trendsetters in recruiting and offensive innovation.

Both coaches are walking espressos when it comes to intensity and program detail.

And both carry a certain swagger that reminds some of a proud champion and others of a robotic pyramid schemer.

Don't ask Saban to explain the similarities.

"I don't really know how they do what they do," Saban said.

"They do a great job of recruiting and a great job of coaching, but I can't really comment and make any comparison on something that I don't know that much about. I know they get really good results, and that's pretty obvious."

These coaches have expressed a deep respect for each other in pregame interviews, and Meyer is impressed with Alabama's turnaround after a 6-6 finish in 2007.

The Gators went 9-3 in Meyer's first year and 13-1 in his second.

"There can be a one-year period to get people on the same page, but it's another thing to do it," Meyer said. "Alabama has done it."

While Saban credits his staff's "road map" of mixing his recruits with Alabama veterans for the recent success, Meyer still clings to the almighty chemistry.

"I've been a head coach eight years, and it's hard to get chemistry," Meyer said. "That's the secret to winning. This is the way it's supposed to be."

And this is how big games are supposed to feel. Here are five ways in which Meyer and Saban might be similar or different, with each category breathing life into the eventual finalist for the national title game:

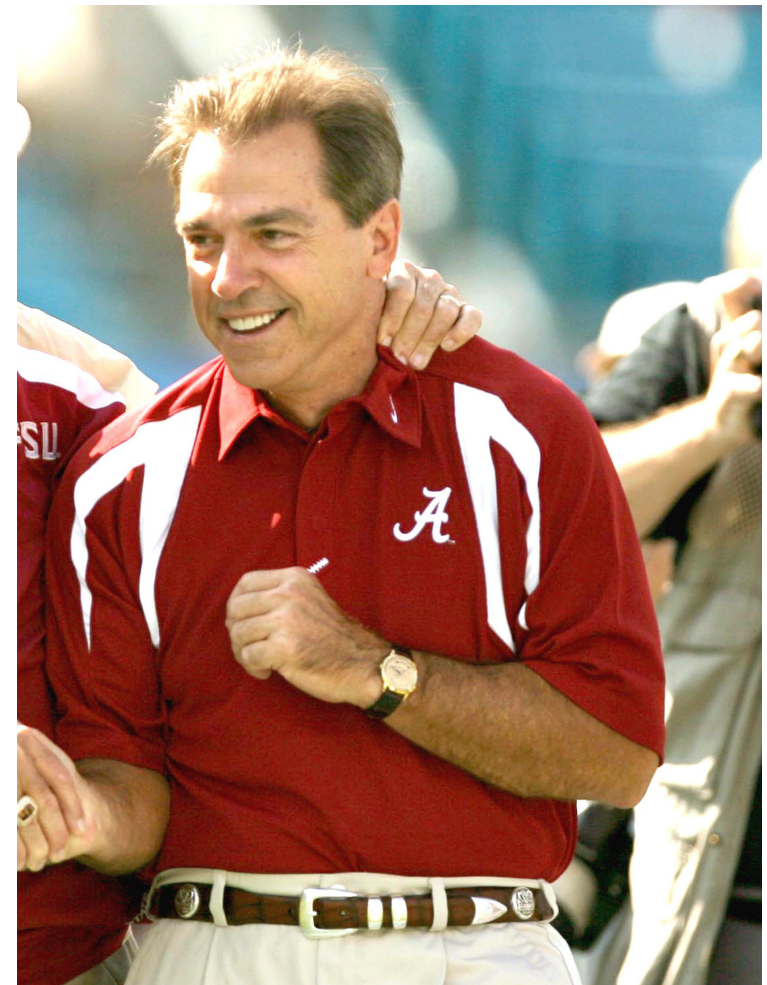
**On-field coaching philosophies**

Saban is one of the country's best defensive tacticians, with an offense reliant on a dominant offensive line and physical backs, but Meyer gets the nod for innovation here.

His version of the spread offense has revolutionized the



HECTOR GABINO / El Nuevo Herald via MCT  
Florida head coach Urban Meyer shouts from the bench during the Gator's 45-15 victory over the Florida State Seminoles at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla., on Saturday.



STEPHEN M. DOWELL / Orlando Sentinel via MCT  
Alabama head coach Nick Saban is pictured before the start of the Florida State University versus Alabama college football game at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium on Sept. 29, 2007, in Jacksonville, Fla.

game. He's an architect of the trendy scheme. Variations of the spread have invaded the playbooks of numerous powerhouse programs.

Even as CBS' Gary Danielson claimed in September that Florida's full-out spread "has peaked," the Gators are scoring 46 points per game this season, more than 14 points ahead of Alabama's offense.

"I said if anybody ever calls (the spread offense) basketball on grass, it's not," said Meyer about Florida's 237 rushing yards per game. "We want to be extremely physical with our offensive line."

**Attention to detail**

Both coaches live by it. Saban's iron grip is so steady, he even battles with the media for access to his players and coaches. Meyer is a stat geek who can spew out every first-, second- and third-down percentage imaginable.

"Every little thing is big (for Saban)," Alabama quarterback John Parker Wilson said. "There's nothing that's overlooked or

pushed to the side."

**Influence**

There's a reason Forbes magazine listed Saban as "Sports' Most Powerful Coach," even before this breakthrough season began. Based on his winning pedigree, his contractually obligated autonomy over many of the program's major decisions and Alabama's rich tradition, Saban's growing power at 'Bama is expansive.

If he loses Saturday, however, Meyer might be working on a second title and "untouchable" status in Gainesville.

**The persona**

This might be where they differ the most. Saban rubbed plenty of people the wrong way when the former Miami Dolphins coach promised he wasn't leaving the NFL shortly before bolting for the Tide after the 2006 NFL season. Insert the smarmy public label.

Though not a warm and fuzzy guy, Meyer is mostly known as an intense coach who is out to win.

The cold persona just isn't

**"We have compassion for people and respect for what they do. . . . We've always tried to help those guys (past players) and take time to develop good people."**

**Nick Saban**  
Alabama head coach

him, Saban says.

"Most people that know me don't have that feeling," Saban said. "The friends and relationships I have are important to me. We have compassion for people and respect for what they do. . . . We've always tried to help those guys (past players) and take

time to develop good people."

**The recruiting**

Both coaches have been aggressive on their way to landing cornerstone players.

Saban started the Webcam trend, a loophole in NCAA recruiting rules that allowed him to get face time with recruits from 1,000 miles away. Meyer was one of the first to send thousands of text messages a month.

Saban has freshman Julio Jones, who has the potential to be one of the SEC's best receivers in the last decade, but Meyer gets the edge here for snagging you know who away from 'Bama's previous regime led by Mike Shula.

"I knew he was a very intense guy, but even when you meet him you can tell how passionate he is and how intense he is and how much love he brings to the table and how much he wants to win," Gators quarterback Tim Tebow said about Meyer.

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## Tebow's Heisman hopes on line Sat.

By Jeremy Fowler  
The Orlando Sentinel

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — This week is about Archie Griffin. It's about Herschel Walker, Dick Butkus, Sammy Baugh.

It's about Vince Young. And don't forget Barry Sanders, O.J. Simpson and Doak Walker.

It's about (insert your best college football player of all time here).

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow might already belong somewhere on this list. A dominant performance Saturday against Alabama might just cement his place.

A win in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game in Atlanta should vault the No. 2 Gators (11-1) into the national title game while strengthening the legacy of Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner.

It could also improve his chances for a Heisman repeat, a feat only Griffin accomplished from 1974-75 as Ohio State's running back.

"If you're talking about college football players, he's one of the best (of all time)," CBS Sports broadcaster Verne Lundquist said this week.

If winning is a large factor in defining a player's on-field greatness — and it's the only measuring stick Tebow says he uses — than Tebow has plenty of legwork to raise his all-time profile.

A win over No. 1 Alabama (12-0) doesn't guarantee the Gators will play for the national title, though it's likely.

Quarterbacks of the last two decades such as Nebraska's Tommie Frazier and USC's Matt Leinart almost guided their programs to three national titles. Tebow, meanwhile, is operating on a half championship considering he played a backup role to Chris Leak during the 2006 title run.

In the year of big-yardage Big 12 quarterbacks, Tebow might get camouflaged in the Heisman voting by front-runners Sam Bradford

from Oklahoma and Texas' Colt McCoy. Tebow is a virtual lock for an invite to New York for the Heisman ceremony.

Though Tebow admits the possibility of winning a second Heisman is "cool," it's not his focus.

"When I came to Florida, I wanted to win championships," Tebow said. "Winning the Heisman is a great, a great award. I'm thankful for it. But it's nothing compared to a championship."

If Tebow wins the Heisman, it might be because of his intangibles and leadership, not his statistics.

Last season's Heisman race was predictable after Tebow amassed 55 touchdowns and 4,181 yards of offense, including 895 rushing.

Tebow has a respectable 37 touchdowns through 12 games this season, but his current 2,299 passing yards would be the lowest for a pass-heavy Heisman winner since Auburn's Pat Sullivan in 1971.

Numbers might prevail in the Heisman voting, but winning can't be ignored.

Take Griffin, whose rushing totals dropped from 1,695 in his first Heisman campaign to 1,450 in his second win, but he led the Buckeyes to an undefeated regular season in 1975.

"I really think Tebow's playing for second place," said Chris Huston, director of the Web site Heismanpundit.com. "I still think his chances are pretty narrow. If you're going to give it to a guy twice, to me it's almost got to be a no-brainer. And there's an argument for two other guys that might be superior to him this year. To me, this year's been about the Big 12 and a Big 12 quarterback."

Despite Tebow's season piling statistically in comparison to last year's, some of his intangibles are surpassing the previous mark.

Coach Urban Meyer said he was floored by the way Tebow managed Saturday's 45-15 win against Florida State — 12-of-21 passing for 185 yards and three touchdowns, 80 yards rushing with



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow celebrates after scoring a touchdown in the second quarter against Florida State. Florida defeated Florida State 38-15, at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla. on Nov. 29.

another score, no turnovers and 502 yards of total Gators offense in rain-soaked conditions.

It was far removed from the tentative quarterback Meyer saw through the first four games when Tebow accounted for a pedestrian eight touchdowns.

"One time (the expectations) hit him, early in the year," Meyer said. "He's playing at a level now, you have to be careful what you say — some day I'm not going to be careful, that's how strongly I feel about him. He's one of the best."

"I walked on the field and my foot sunk six inches into that sod. And he managed that game . . . Heisman and Players of the Year and all these things that go on, as far as who managed that game, we

have our guy. We have the guy we want."

Whether Tebow wins the Heisman, he might be guaranteed plenty of YouTube clips for years to come for his "you will never see any player in the entire country play as hard as I will play" speech to the media after losing 31-30 to Ole Miss on Sept. 27.

The Gators have won eight consecutive games by 28 or more points since.

"If Florida goes on and beats Alabama and then goes on to win the national title, this thing will take on a life of his own," Lundquist said of the speech. "It'd be remembered as one of great statements of a college player in a long, long time."

## STADIUM

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toward scholarships for the football team.

"Ideally, in a model, if you can somehow get it all funded, and if it works out the way we think it will work out, we've got a chance to self-fund the scholarships for the football team," Bailey said. "That's a big, broad statement, but that would be our goal."

The university will likely turn back the clock on the stadium, giving it a 1930s look by incorporating a Fort Worth art deco style of architecture, Bailey said.

"We want to be the Camden Yards of college football," Bailey said. "Camden Yards is where the Baltimore Orioles play. It is a new facility that's been made to look old."

The arches of the original design still stand on the west side of the stadium but have been less noticeable since the upper deck was added in 1956.

The South End Zone Complex features the art deco look with fresco designs at the top of the structure and around windows. The Texas & Pacific Railway Terminal in downtown Fort Worth is another example of the style.

The stadium's new look will include more of the TCU gold brick, which is largely absent from the stadium outside of the South End Zone Complex. The amount of brick that will be used is unclear now in the early stages, Bailey said.

Another new feature that may be in the works is the addition of a concourse all the way around the stadium from which the fans could view the game. Another deck of seats may be above the concourse.

Bailey said the capacity of the stadium likely wouldn't change significantly.

"I think if there's any decrease, or much, it will be more of a by-product of architecture than it will trying to cut the number of seats," Bailey said. "We think there's something special about 40,000 seats and not being below a 40,000 threshold. We also have

direction from the chancellor's committee for the stadium that we have the ability to expand for the future, and that we engineer for that now."

Even though the renovations will add 20 suites and 800 club seats, which Bailey said is a liquid number right now, the general fan will not be forgotten. To keep everybody more comfortable, the size of seats will likely be in the 20-inch range while most stadiums use 16- to 18-inch seats, Bailey said. Regardless of whether the university chooses to install seats or benches, Bailey said he wants them all to have backs.

"This thing isn't just a whole section of suites and club seats," Bailey said. "It's not just a glass condo sitting there, and we're not going to have any real people out in the stands. We're very much trying to take care of them as well."

Concourses below the seats will receive a significant facelift as well, further improving the experience of the general fan.

The construction will likely be done one side at a time. The construction on one side will begin in January 2010, and the other side the following January. Bailey said the stadium cannot be out of commission during the season.

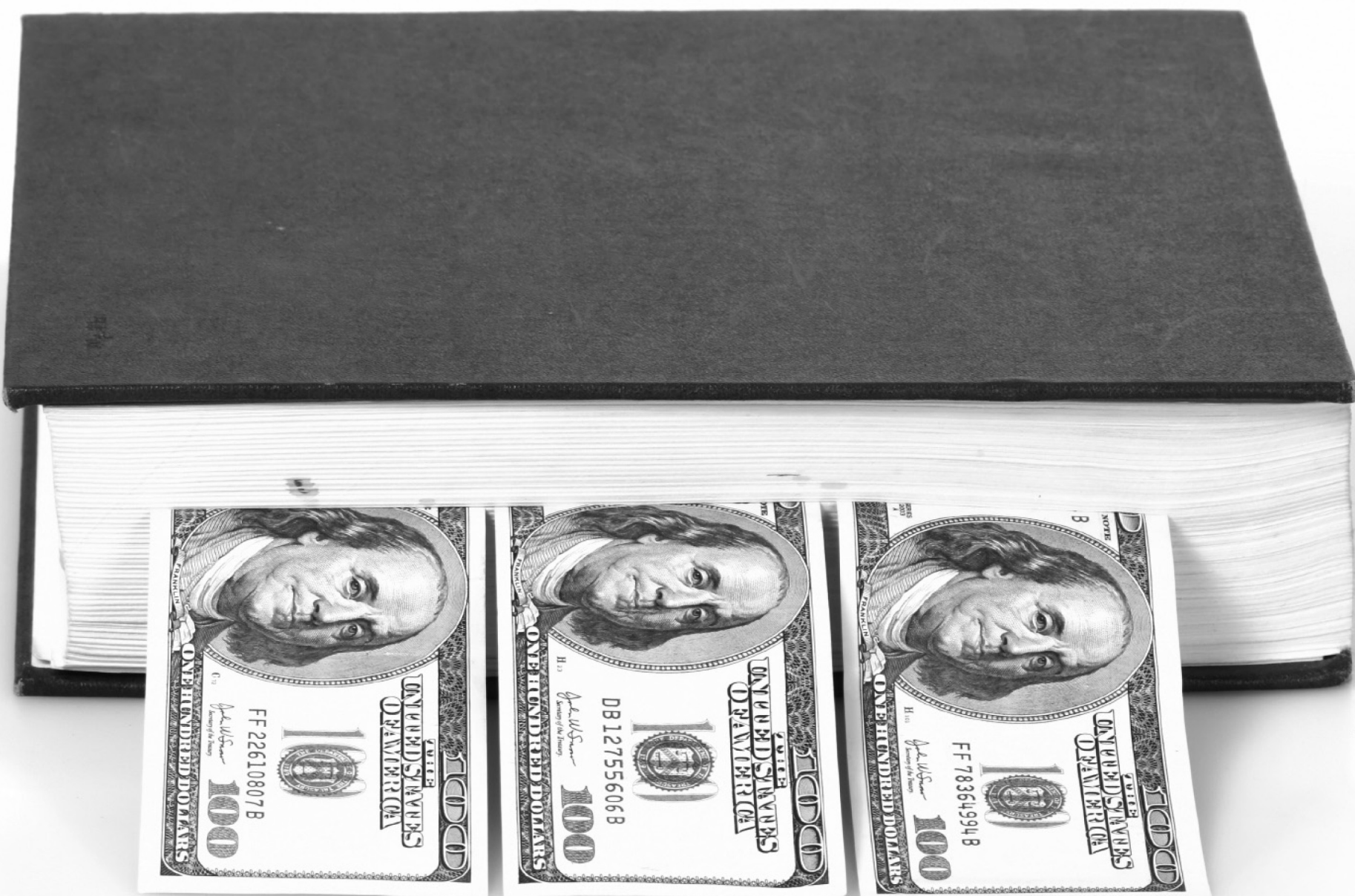
It's still up for debate as to which side will close first.

"The practical people, the construction people, would say start on the east side because, with the east side, you can learn from your mistakes," Bailey said. "The east side is the simpler side. Build it to begin with. The finance folks say you can't throw the west side because that's where your revenue is coming from."

Bailey said he thinks the west side will get the nod.

More money is needed before the university can begin pursuing the necessary permits for the project, Bailey said. Designs would need to be finalized as well. Bailey said that if he received the money today, construction still wouldn't begin until January 2010.

"There's a lot of planning and a lot of leg work yet to be done," Bailey said.

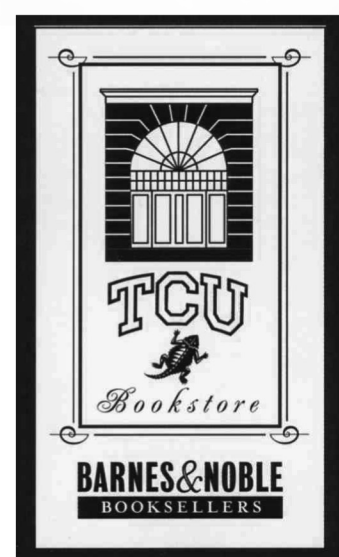


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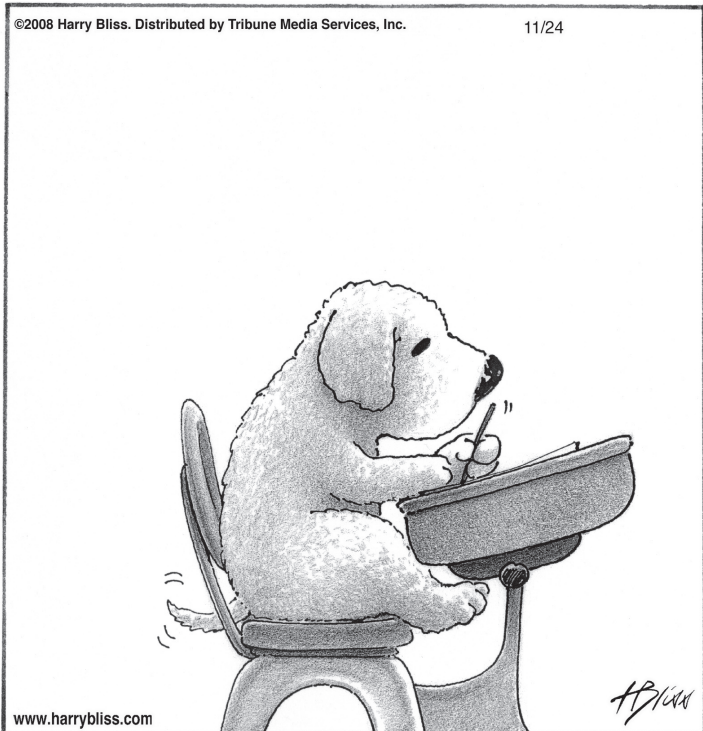
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See Friday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

**Wednesday's Solutions**

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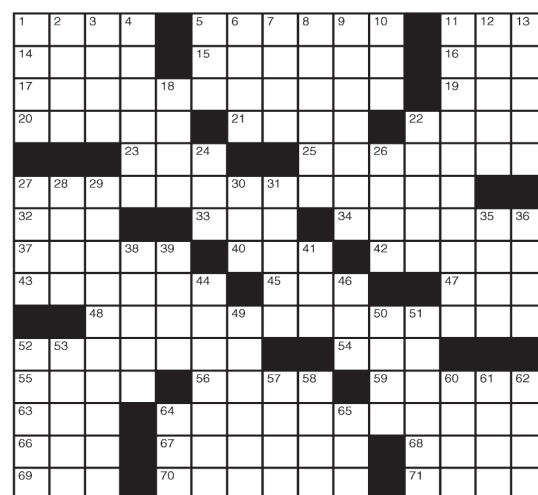
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  - 20 Went out with
  - 21 Stink and then some
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  - 32 Light gray
  - 33 Horse's morsel
  - 34 Got edgy
  - 37 Covergirl Cheryl
  - 40 Part 3 of quip
  - 42 Transactions
  - 43 Singer Emmylou
  - 45 Old Turkish title
  - 47 Toledo uncle
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  - 55 Velvety plant
  - 56 Power input point
  - 59 Haste result
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  - 64 End of quip
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  - 68 Related
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  - 70 Betel nut sources
  - 71 Singletons



By Alan P. Olschwang  
Huntington Beach, CA

12/4/08

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  - 10 Cone or Cat prefix
  - 11 Pay
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  - 18 Check the prose
  - 22 Waxing stuff
  - 24 Sticky stuff
  - 26 Went quickly
  - 27 Lattice strip
  - 28 Nepal's place
  - 29 A/C controller
  - 30 Hood's gun
  - 31 Hawke or Coen
  - 35 Yale grads
  - 36 Brit.
  - 38 Matures
  - 39 Knights' titles
  - 41 Souffle ingredient
  - 44 Brandy balloon
  - 46 Mo. for Leos
  - 49 Latin being
  - 50 Politico Gingrich
  - 51 Crude shelter
  - 52 Dispatched biblical-style
  - 53 Observed
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FOOTBALL

## FUTURE GLIMPSE



This is a future image of what Amon Carter Stadium could look like following renovations. Renovations will not be underway until 2010 at the earliest, but school officials say there is still a lot of work that needs to be done and money to be raised before stadium construction can really get going.

## Stadium renovation plans under way

By Robert Bember  
Staff Reporter

Many campus buildings have fallen victim to the university's construction binge, and the necessity for another new, shiny crane may be on the horizon.

Ross Bailey, associate athletics director for operations, said the Dutch Meyer Athletic Complex and Abe Martin Academic Enhancement Center, located in the south end of Amon Carter Stadium, will serve as a model home to future renovations of the rest of the stadium, with construction slated for 2010.

Bailey emphasized that the project is still in the conceptual stage and that there is much work

to be done before construction begins.

"To say that they are anywhere near final designs would be a misnomer," Bailey said.

Dallas-based architectural firm HKS Inc. is working with the university during the schematic design stage of the project, Bailey said. That is the first stage of the project, he said.

HKS will help to create presentation documents and a video to show prospective donors. HKS worked with the university on the South End Zone Complex, and it has had a hand on other major projects, such as the American Airlines Center and the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium.

Right now, HKS is the prima-

ry company involved. Bailey said other architecture firms could contribute to the project, and construction and engineering firms will be added later.

"It's amazing the number of people and trades and all that come together on a project like this, but no, we're not that far down the road yet," Bailey said.

The Amon G. Carter Foundation has donated \$15 million toward the stadium renovation. The conceptual cost to renovate the west side of the stadium is in the neighborhood of \$120 million, Bailey said.

"We'd like to put together a core of people that become the founder's club," Bailey said. "These six

to eight founders become really the core group, from a donation standpoint, that place the impetus on getting the project going. We would then hope to fund the rest of the project through smaller donations, suite leases and club seats."

Bailey said the group would likely consist of Chancellor Victor Boschini, athletics director Danny Morrison and associate athletics director for development Davis Babb.

Funding to build the South End Zone Complex came entirely from donations, which allows all revenue from the complex's club seating and suites to go directly

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ULTIMATE FRISBEE

## Ultimate frisbee club to play in tournament

By Michael Carroll  
Staff Reporter

The ultimate frisbee club will participate in the Jingle Bell Hell Tournament on Saturday and Sunday in Denton.

The tournament will benefit Santa's Helpers, a toy drive that collects holiday toys for children throughout the Metroplex.

According to tournament details, each team will be required to bring a new, unwrapped toy for every player on their team.

Sophomore business finance major Tyler Nissen said teams from the University of North Texas, Rice University and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin will participate. The tournament is open to any ultimate frisbee clubs willing to pay the entry fee, Nissen said.

"The first day we will play about five games, and the second day is tournament play," Nissen said. "Everyone's just encouraged to have fun and bring out toys to give the foun-

datation."

The team that brings the most toys will have their tournament fee reimbursed, according to tournament details.

Nissen said the team has used tournaments and games this semester as practice for the spring semester.

"Next semester is when we have the tournament where we can win and then move on to the next level and hopefully make it to nationals," he said. "This semester we've just been trying to get a lot of practice time and recruit a lot of people so we can be successful next semester."

The team plans to play in a Mardi Gras tournament and a tournament in Arkansas soon after Winter Break, Nissen said.

Students still have the opportunity to join the team, and those who are interested are encouraged to do so, Nissen said.

Information on ultimate frisbee and other club sports teams can be found at [www.campusrec.tcu.edu](http://www.campusrec.tcu.edu).

QUICK SPORTS

Football players earn honors

The Frogs had 18 players named to All-Mountain West Conference teams this season, a school record.

Eight of the Frogs' 11 starters on defense were named to either the first- or second- All-MWC team, including junior defensive end Jerry Hughes, who was named All-MWC defensive player of the year.

The first-team players are Hughes, senior linebackers Jason Phillips and Robert Henson, senior safety Stephen Hodge, senior center Blake Schlueter and sophomore wide receiver Jeremy Kerley as a return specialist.

The players who earned

second-team honors are senior safety Steven Coleman, senior defensive tackle Cody Moore, senior defensive end Matt Panfil, junior cornerback Rafael Priest and junior offensive tackle Marshall Newhouse.

The seven players who were honorable-mention picks are: senior running back Aaron Brown as a return specialist, sophomore offensive tackle Marcus Cannon, sophomore quarterback Andy Dalton, freshman punter Anson Kelson, junior cornerback Nick Sanders, senior defensive tackle James Vess and sophomore wide receiver Jimmy Young.

— Sports editor Billy Wessels

FOOTBALL

## Fan site encourages Sugar Bowl committee to pick TCU

By Billy Wessels  
Sports Editor

While the fate of the Frogs' post-season is no longer in their hands, members of a fan Web site are trying to propel the team into the Sugar Bowl by writing e-mails to the game's officials.

Athletic Director Danny Morrison said he is happy just to see the team in the mix.

"We are pleased that TCU is one of 18 schools under consideration for one of the BCS Bowl berths," Morrison said. "However, it is likely that we will be in San Diego or Las Vegas."

On the fan site [www.killerfrogs.com](http://www.killerfrogs.com), members have started a thread

called "Letter to the Sugar Bowl, State your case for TCU." The first post is a 917-word letter one Frog fan sent to Jeff Hundley, chief operating officer for the Sugar Bowl.

Overall, four letters have been posted on the site, and two other members have made postings saying they have sent e-mails to the committee.

Wes Phelan, partner for [www.killerfrogs.com](http://www.killerfrogs.com), said this wouldn't be the first time TCU fans have helped the Frogs get into a bowl they wanted.

"You never know about fans' e-mail campaigns," Phelan said in an e-mail. "Ten years ago we got into the Sun Bowl and beat then No. 19-ranked USC, largely on the strength

of behind the scenes efforts by TCU and the "out front" efforts by the fans. The Sun Bowl people were impressed with the show of support and took a chance on us."

Phelan said TCU fans' presence was the perfect present for the Sun Bowl committee in 1999.

"We rewarded them by selling out our allotment of tickets and then whipping the pants off of USC," Phelan said. "So you never know about these kinds of campaigns. I am happy that our fans are making the effort."

Phelan said because of the current bowl system, which he feels is flawed, fans have to do whatever they can to help their team.

"The entire calculus of the bowl

system changed with the formation of the BCS and right or wrong, it is what it is and we have to work within the system for our shot at a 'name' bowl," Phelan said. "Whether or not an e-mail campaign will help our chances remains to be seen, but I sure can't hurt."

TCU has played in the Sugar Bowl twice before, both for national championships, and TCU won both games. First, on New Year's Day in 1936, TCU defeated LSU 3-2 in the second-ever Sugar Bowl. On Jan. 2, 1939, TCU beat the Carnegie Tech Tartans 15-7 to win their most recent national championship.

This season's Sugar Bowl will be on Jan. 2 at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.



Senior running back Aaron Brown returns a kickoff during the Frogs' 54-7 victory against Wyoming on Oct. 25. The Frogs finished the regular season with a 10-2 record.

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