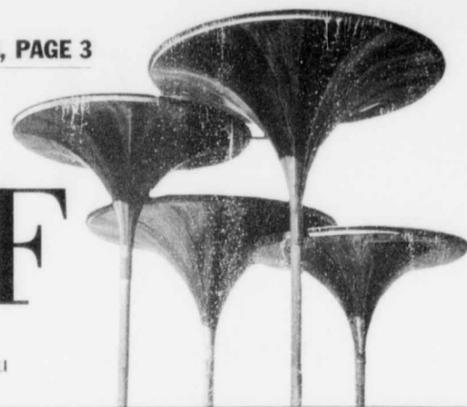


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Today's News

STATE NEWS

WINK — A town of almost 30 people, many of which are students in a high school government class, attended a Wink City Council meeting concerning a local family's fight to keep its pet pig, "Bacon."
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LONGVIEW — A 20-year-old man whose name is yet to be known, working on a Ferris wheel for the Gregg County Fair, was electrocuted while working on the ride's lights about 40 feet above ground.
State Roundup on page 4

HOUSTON — School principals in Houston are being asked to give more detailed explanations for why when students drop out.
State Roundup on page 4

OnCampus

Crime alert sent in response to threats

A campus-wide e-mail sent Tuesday warned all students of an unknown caller seeking personal information.

"Our campus started receiving hundreds of phone calls, all from the same number," TCU Police detective Kelly Ham said.

He said the caller, whose gender was not determined, claimed to be with the "College Security Office."

"They would say something like their financial aid needs to be turned in," Ham said.

Ham said the caller then demanded information like social security numbers and credit card numbers.

Ham said he traced the call back to a J. Harmon and S. Harmon in Parkland, Fla., and then got in touch with a local Florida detective.

"By the time I called, the FBI and Secret Service had already been contacted," Ham said. "The name I traced was real, but their number had been stolen."

Other universities and individual residences were called as well, Ham said.

To avoid the risk of possible identity thefts, do not give out personal information to strangers, Ham said.

—Danny Gillham

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 91; Low: 72;
Partly Cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 89; Low: 67;
Isolated T-Storms

FRIDAY

High: 82; Low: 64;
Scattered T-Storms

Looking Back

1942 — A Japanese floatplane drops incendiary bombs on an Oregon state forest — the first and only attack on the U.S. mainland in the war.

1993 — Late Night with David Letterman airs its last episode. Letterman, passed over by NBC for the host's seat on The Tonight Show after Johnny Carson's retirement, left NBC to launch a show on rival network CBS.

Donations, endowments fund facility

BY MATT POTTER
Staff Reporter

The university is getting a new \$6 million basketball practice facility that will enhance both the men's and women's programs, men's head coach Neil Dougherty said.

The facility will help recruiting, improve both the men's and women's basketball programs and will serve as a new multi-functional gym that will hold camps, clinics and basketball tournaments, Dougherty said.

The facility, which will be named the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Practice Complex,

is a 22,000-square-foot practice facility that has office space for both the men's and women's coaching staffs in addition to two 94-foot basketball courts, a meeting room, a weight room, a lobby and a courtyard, Dougherty said.

Construction began on the facility in early August, and Dougherty said he hopes that the complex would be complete by late February or early March.

The complex is being built on the southwest side of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Plans for the facility include a connecting hallway from the practice facility to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"The TCU basketball program needed a gym to call their own," Dougherty said. "The players will have a place where they can go, pick up a ball and start shooting without having to wait for a schedule or clearance."

The blueprint for the new facility originated more than five years ago, athletic director Eric Hyman said.

"It was submitted to the board in November of 1998, and they approved about 90 percent of it," Hyman said. "In April of

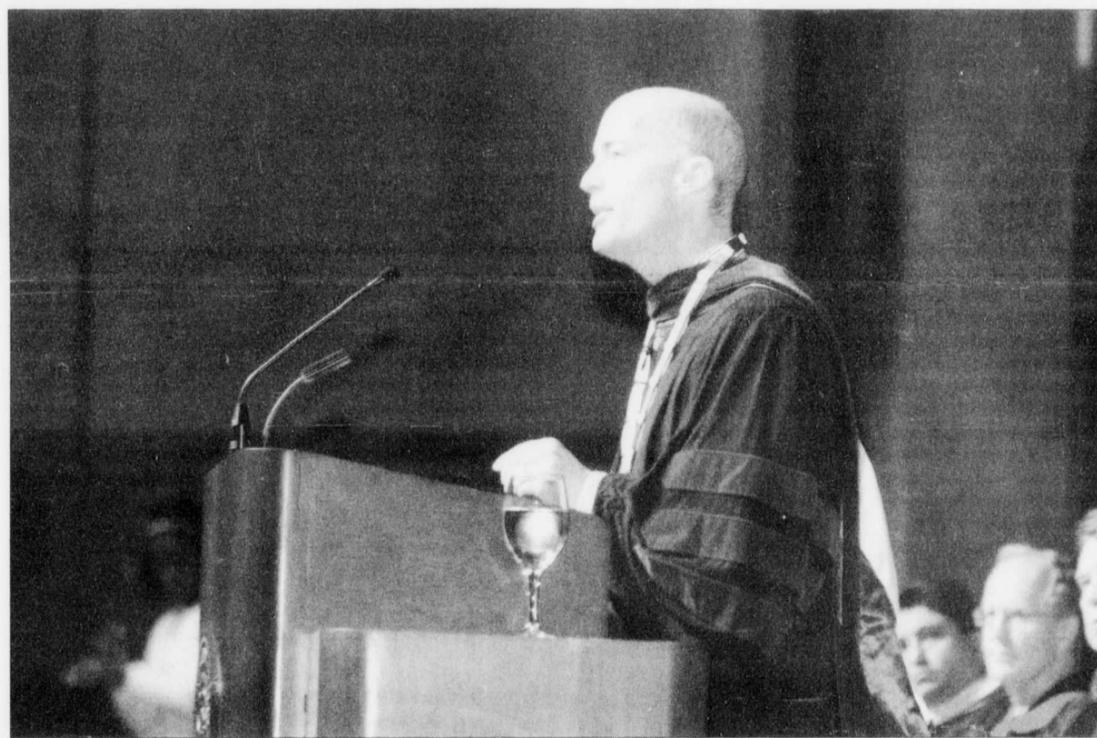
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Construction continues on the \$6 million Ed and Rae Schollmaier Basketball Practice Complex next to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. It's projected to be finished by February or March.
Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

New Voice

Boschini gives his first Convocation speech



Chancellor Victor Boschini gives the State of the University address to a large crowd at Fall Convocation Tuesday morning in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.
Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

BY MEGHAN YOUKER
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he does not know the answers.

He does, however, have the questions, and he finally asked them Tuesday at University Convocation.

"There are five critical questions we must answer together in the coming weeks and months," Boschini said. "And when we have answered them, we then will know TCU's future direction."

TCU needs to consider the hallmarks of an undergraduate education and how to best achieve them, the future of graduate education,

how academic programs and the new core curriculum can best fulfill the university's mission, how the physical campus can better reflect TCU's objectives and the optimal size for the university, Boschini said.

Mary McKinney, professor of Spanish and Latin American studies, said TCU definitely needs more graduate programs, but undergraduates also need additional classroom space.

Anne Helmreich, associate professor of art history, said increasing the number of graduate programs also means questioning the number of professional programs as opposed to more traditional graduate programs.

"It's almost like working out one side of your body and not the other," Helmreich said. "You need that balance between both."

Junior music education major Virginia Neely said because she is considering TCU as a graduate study option, she was encouraged to learn the number of graduate students has increased from 10 percent to 16 percent of TCU's total enrollment, since 2000.

"Seeing that TCU supports graduate studies is the most important thing," Neely said.

Boschini said he has formed a strategic planning committee to review the progress of The Commission on the Future of TCU,

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Parker returns to head dept.

BY KYLE WITTENBRAKER
Staff Reporter

Harry Parker has returned to TCU more than 20 years after his graduation to head up the theater department.

College of Fine Arts Dean Scott Sullivan said though Parker has been away for over 20 years, he spent those years gaining experience.

"I am delighted to have a Horned Frog who understands TCU history," Sullivan said. "He is a consensus builder and leader within the department."

Sullivan said Parker was

"TCU is a top-notch university with enormous potential for growth and a great theater facility."

— Harry Parker

theater department chairman

chosen because of his experience, his professional qualifications and the success of his on-campus interview.

"He had a combination of energy and insightful questions," Sullivan said. "He is personable, energetic and outgoing."

Parker is replacing former chairman Forrest Newlin, who died in 2002.

"I am humbled and flattered to follow Newlin," Parker said.

Parker said he plans to spend some time observing the way the department works. He said he hopes to work with the department members and talk

(more on PARKER, page 2)



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Harry Parker has returned to TCU to chair the theater department 20 years after graduating from the university.

Foreign students refused entry to universities this fall

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 200 people were turned away after trying to enter the country on student visas last month when their names failed to show up in the government's new database of foreign students, a Homeland Security Department official said Tuesday.

One of the 190 cases has led the agency to investigate a possible conspiracy to bring groups of foreign students illegally into the United States, said Asa Hutchinson, the department's undersecretary for border and transportation security.

Universities, schools and other institutions that enroll for-

ign students had until Aug. 1 to enter identifying information of all enrolled foreign students into the Student Exchange Visitor Information System, or SEVIS.

Hutchinson said border security officials contacted schools when a student's name did not appear on the foreign student tracking system. If the school didn't have the required immigration forms from the student, the student was refused entry.

"It's not just a matter of a glitch in the system," he said. "They were really trying to come in under false information. That does not mean they are terrorists, but it certainly poses a challenge to the integrity of our system and potential danger to our country."

Hutchinson said about 600,000 foreign students returned to the United States for the fall and more than 6,400 schools have students registered in the system.

Congress authorized the foreign student tracking system after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Fifteen of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers entered the U.S. legally on travel visas. Three were admitted with business visas and one on a student visa.

Hutchinson declined to give details about the investigation into the possible conspiracy case but said it was "fairly routine in our business that we have fraudulent use of documents and investigations with regards to that."

The 190 students who were turned away would have passed background and name checks in the process of applying for their visas, Hutchinson said, adding that information barring some students' entry to the United States may have been discovered after the visa was issued. Some students could have had four-year student visas, but had dropped out of school and were trying to return on the student visa.

"It doesn't mean our visa system broke down there at all," he said. Names of students who were turned away will be on watch lists so they will be stopped if they try to enter the country again.

THE PULSE

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■ **TCU Wednesday Worship** will meet at Robert Carr Chapel at noon. Call University Ministries at (817) 257-7830 or e-mail k.b.low@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **Intramural Racquetball Singles** registration will take place until midnight Tuesday, Sept. 16. Registration can be done online at (www.campusrec.tcu.edu).

■ **Intramural Team Tennis** registration will take place until midnight Tues., Sept. 23. Registration can be done online at (www.campusrec.tcu.edu).

■ **Joel Siegel**, entertainment editor of "Good Morning America," will speak at 8 p.m. Tues., Sept. 16 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. His topic will be "Being Jewish in America." His presentation will be enhanced by anecdotes and film clips. Student tickets are free. Faculty and staff tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the TCU Information Desk in the Student Center or by calling (817)257-6679.

■ **TCU Semester in Florence** program is now taking applications, due Oct. 15, but recommended to be submitted by Oct. 1. Additional information and applications are available online at (www.ied.tcu.edu/florence/florence.html). For more information, contact the International Education office at (817)257-7473 or in Sadler room 16.

■ **December 2003 degree candidates** should file Intent to Graduate forms in the office of their academic dean by the deadline set by that academic office. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 6.

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BASKETBALL

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1999, they approved the rest."

TCU came up with a long-range plan for improving facilities, including the now completed Lowdon Track and Field Complex, the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, the John Justin Athletic Center and the football practice field.

"We went through our priorities, and then when we got to the basketball facility, we started raising money," Hyman said. "I was stunned by how quickly we were able to raise the money. It took about six months."

For the first time in school history, the students and the university won't have to pay a penny, Hyman said. All the costs were covered through endowments and private donations, he said.

"The new facility shows a huge commitment on the part of the university to improve the basketball program," women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie said. "It's a first-class facility where the kids can come practice their game."

Daniel-Meyer Coliseum was not the best place to practice, Dougherty said.

"There's a lack of court space at Daniel-Meyer; we can't hold scrimmages and work one-on-one with players at the same time," Dougherty said. "Also, during the off-season the coliseum is occupied for graduation and other events."

Junior forward Marcus Sloan said he thinks the new practice facility will greatly improve the team's level of play.

"We'll always have a place to play, and the weight room is

going to help us get stronger, too," Sloan said.

Hyman didn't want to comment on any of the specifics of the donations but said that Ed and Rae Schollmaier are involved with philanthropy in the Fort Worth community. Ed Schollmaier is also a member on the Board of Trustees and the athletic committee of the Board.

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Bronson Davis said Ed Schollmaier has been a moving force for the TCU basketball program for a long time.

"He is very supportive of the basketball program and has been very active in getting this facility built," Davis said. "Ed's gift was the final gift needed to get the project completed and he also made the biggest contribution."

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PARKER

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about and develop new ideas for the future.

"TCU has a high quality of teaching and the learning environment is exceptional," Parker said. "The student body is more diverse, and in general they are better students, better prepared for college."

Parker said he wished there was more space for classrooms, rehearsals and offices for the theater department.

"TCU is a top-notch university with enormous potential for growth and a great theater facility," Parker said. "It is easier for TCU students to be knowledgeable and have exposure to professional theater and internships."

Sullivan said he wants Parker to raise the department's

level of quality, so that the department can receive national accreditation.

Kate Willer, senior musical theater major, said she thinks Parker will be very good for the department.

"He is very enthusiastic and has great ideas," Willer said. "He fits right in."

Parker graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1980. He went to the University of Kansas and earned a master's degree in directing and acting and later a Ph. D. in theater and film.

Parker taught at Westmar University in LeMars, Iowa and was director of theater at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan. before coming to TCU.

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The Skiff View

ADDRESS

Go for the information, not the food

Many students simply see Fall Convocation as the reason professors cancel classes on a Tuesday in the middle of September.

To them, it's a small but welcome break from the weekly grind. A very small percentage of the student body actually attend the ceremony.

Few realize that Convocation is actually a good opportunity to find out what's going on with the university's administration, to see which professors are going above and beyond their job descriptions to help students or do research and to listen to various student musical groups.

You can get some free food too, but it shouldn't be your main reason for attending.

Those who went to this year's Convocation Tuesday were treated to a joke-filled State of the University speech from Chancellor Boschini that covered topics, such as the increase in graduate and undergraduate enrollment, the new core curriculum and the search for a replacement for Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William Koehler. After the ceremony, Dining Services provided a variety of fruits, vegetables and other food, completely free of charge.

However, people who didn't attend Convocation don't know any of that.

Sure, some students took advantage of the free food without actually attending the ceremony. But they still don't know what's going on with the university.

More students should be attending Convocation. Sleep may be important, especially when the rare opportunity to sleep in on a Tuesday comes up, but so is actually knowing how your school is doing.

Next year, don't hit the snooze button on your alarm.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Proposed tuition bill counterproductive

On Sept. 4, two Republican representatives published a report criticizing rising tuition at American colleges and universities.

The two, John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, and Howard D. McKeon, R-Calif., are proposing a bill to address skyrocketing tuition rates at many public and private schools nationwide.

The conditions of the proposed bill state that if tuition grows at more than twice the rate of the Consumer Price Index — a figure, put forth by the federal government, denoting the cost of a "market basket" of goods and services purchased by the average American — over three consecutive years, the institution in question must bring about a plan for curbing costs. The school then has two to three years to implement the plan. If, after this period, tuition is still growing too fast, federal sanctions will be imposed.

To any college student — or college student's parents — this sounds like a great way for the federal government to step in and keep costs under control. The report even states, "decades of uncontrolled cost increases are pushing the dream of a college degree further out of reach for needy students."

Sounds like Reps. Boehner and McKeon are really looking out for the students' bottom lines, right?

It does, until the sanctions themselves are considered.

A school that can't get its tuition under control would face, according to the proposed bill, the loss of some federal student aid programs.

In other words, if tuition at dear ol' State U gets ridiculous, students will have less help paying it.

This will help students to achieve the dream of a college degree, how?

There must be another way. The goal of the proposed bill is admirable — it's just the means of carrying it out that stink.

Any financial sanction imposed on a college or university is ultimately going to hurt students. Whatever monetary penalties are imposed will be compensated at the students' expense, either in terms of further increased tuition or a compromise in the quality of education.

Instead of hurting those whom the bill claims to be aiding, why not impose sanctions that no sane university will be able to ignore?

Consider threatening schools with a loss of accreditation. Without it, no school can stay in business. Or the federal government could create a new category and bestow upon or withhold a title or particular standing from schools, based on their tuition-raising record.

Give the proposed bill some teeth — just don't bite students with them.

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Input is significant

My brother is a freshman at TCU this year, so I've been able to watch him grow firsthand. After a week, my brother seemed like a different person. He was more mature, more grown up. He was turning into an adult. Everywhere else I looked, I saw exactly the opposite.



Josh Deitz

It started when I walked into my Spanish class and was handed a randomly created seating chart. After realizing that no, I was not flashing back to seventh grade, I couldn't help but be a little angry. A seating chart for college students is simply not appropriate.

Little things like choosing where you sit are what differentiate college from grammar school. There is a different relationship between professors and students in college than there is in grade school. College is supposed to be a training ground for the real world. No one tells you where to sit or when to eat. No one reminds you to study or do your laundry. These little details make you grow up.

Of course, this lack of respect doesn't only happen to college students. Sunday, the Star-

Telegram yanked the normal Doonesbury strip because it referenced a news story about masturbation. Ironically, the comic was making fun of the prudishness of people who are scared to read about masturbation in the newspaper. You can check it out online at (www.doonesbury.com).

This type of censorship is a slap in the face to Star-Telegram readers. It's nothing new for the Star-Telegram (they routinely handle their readership with kid gloves), but it is still obnoxious. I skip over about 75 percent of the comics page because they are not interesting. Anyone scared of Doonesbury can do the same. What counts is giving readers the chance to make that decision for themselves.

Sunday only got worse as the day continued. Before he war in Iraq, the Bush administration refused to give out any estimate of how much the war and subsequent occupation would cost. Now that we are stuck in Iraq for the next half a dozen years, the administration is finally letting America in on the price tag.

Instead of treating the American people like adults and letting them make an informed decision based on the real projected costs, the administration decided to just go

ahead with the war and deal with the consequences later. Never mind that this meant treating the American people as if they were sheep. Just tack another \$80 billion on to next year's \$500 billion deficit.

If you want people to act like adults, you have to treat them like adults. That means asking for their input and then listening to what they say. It means treating their opinions with respect. One of the greatest problems this country faces is the detachment so many people feel because it seems like our opinions do not matter.

If you want good citizens who vote and participate in politics, you have to be honest with them. If you want readers to respect your newspaper, you have to show that you are willing to let them judge content for themselves. If you want the respect of your students, you have to consider their input.

Being an adult means making decisions. We need leaders who will let us make those decisions for ourselves. If we do not have a chance to participate in the decision-making process, we might as well stay in seventh grade forever.

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Balance needed between free choice and regulation

Starting in January of 2004, elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District will no longer have soda available to students. The school board voted unanimously for this measure in an effort to curb obesity.

Students will still be able to drink soda, however, but only if they bring it with them. The option to drink soda at lunch will soon become less viable.

The state of Utah has a quasi analogous policy regarding the sale of alcohol. The state runs its own liquor stores that are open only during certain hours and certain days. Seventeen other states, totaling 28 percent of the nation's population, have similar legislation.

When politicians first approved the legislation, they realized the choice to drink needed to exist, proven by the repeal of Prohibition. It seems they were just trying to protect their communities from the negative effects of liquor by making it less accessible. In essence, the state merely made it more difficult to purchase alcohol.

Now, here's the question. Does a governing body have the right to protect its citizenry by diminishing the accessibility of certain things?

The real rub of that question lies in the balance of protecting the population from harm and the protection of individual freedoms. Take gun control, for example. Rifles and handguns are not exactly readily available at the local Kwik-E-Mart. In fact, some difficulty may be experienced in trying to obtain them. The government has decided that guns can harm a community, so they regulate them. Legislators have limited "pure" agency in favor of the common good.

Purists might say gun control is oppressive because they define free agency as the lack of constraint in choice. They see controlling the availability of any choice as a constraint — sort of like baby-sitting. Some people who dislike the idea of certain options being less accessible say it infringes upon their free agency.

The other side has a valid argument as well, though some would disagree. They see society as an extension of the individual and think universal values should be protected by society. Almost like socialism, they say the common good of everyone should be protected.

Proponents of this side could argue that outside constraints, like limiting the availability of tobacco,

could influence some people not to start smoking and even others to quit. They could cite sources that say, "of the 70 percent of smokers who want to quit, only 3 percent actually do." Limiting availability would only help those who are trying to quit.

Where emphasis is placed depends on, on which side of the fence you sit. One side emphasizes the fact that human nature has intrinsic weaknesses and tendencies that lead to harm. It says these tendencies can be combated with strategy, like outside constraint. The other side places emphasis on the pursuit of liberty which should not be hampered in any way. Their motto is: "The less constraint, the better."

Regardless of which side you tend to agree with, the pendulum of popular thought continues to sway from side to side as it has throughout history, and it will continue to do so. Balance is the answer. Balance between protection and agency must be remembered. Efforts to snuff out either side of this debate will only intensify passions and make realistic solutions for both sides that much harder to achieve.

Plainly, guns do more good than bad. In our daily lives, firearms are not a significant cause of death among children.

More kids die by drowning than by accidental misuse of firearms, and comparing that statistic with the number of times each year a gun is used to defend oneself and the number of lives saved by the possession and use of a firearm more than justifies the handful of lives lost in accidents.

By owning firearms we decrease our likelihood of being a victim and grant ourselves the means to defend our families.

Brian Johnson is a columnist for the Daily Utah Chronicle at the University of Utah. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Jesse Loewen is a columnist for the Kansas State Collegian at Kansas State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Guns do not create killers

I am not going to base my argument against gun control on the Second Amendment of our Constitution, but rather on the effect of legal civilian ownership of firearms on our society.

COMMENTARY
Virtually everyone hunts or knows someone who hunts. I shoot recreationally at a pistol range in Kansas City. Shooting, for me, is a form of stress relief. It requires discipline, focus and, at the same time, relaxation.

However, recreational shooting is about as significant an argument to the pro-gun controllers as a woman's right to control her body is to the pro-lifers. The primary arguments from the control side are that civilian-owned firearms promote crime and kill kids.

One pro-gun argument is that privately owned firearms are an effective means of self-defense and a crime deterrent, and that they are not a significant cause of child death.

Although it is true that guns play a part in accidental deaths of children, and in past years have played a role in school yard massacres, the National Safety Council reported that in 2000 more children under age 15 died by accidental drowning (800) than by accidental discharge of a firearm (80).

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1999, 358 people died a violent death at school. Again, more children die in one year by drowning than in seven years from all school violence, not just shootings. Accidental firearm-related deaths of children and school yard murders, though recipients of national attention, are extremely rare and not account for a significant number of deaths.

Furthermore, guns do not turn children into murderers. A 1994 Justice Department study titled "Urban Delinquency and Substance Abuse" found that children who were given a firearm by a parent were less likely to be involved in street crime, gun crime and drug use than children who did not have a gun or had acquired one illegally.

Guns are not just a crime deterrent, but also an effective means of self-defense. According to the 1995 study "Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense with a Gun," each year guns are used between 2 and 2.5 million times to fend off an aggressor, often without the gun having been fired.

By contrast, the National Crime Victimization Survey found guns were used in 847,652 violent crime incidents in 1992, the highest crime rate prior to the 1995 survey. Plainly, guns do more good than bad.

In our daily lives, firearms are not a significant cause of death among children. More kids die by drowning than by accidental misuse of firearms, and comparing that statistic with the number of times each year a gun is used to defend oneself and the number of lives saved by the possession and use of a firearm more than justifies the handful of lives lost in accidents.

By owning firearms we decrease our likelihood of being a victim and grant ourselves the means to defend our families.

Jesse Loewen is a columnist for the Kansas State Collegian at Kansas State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

BOSCHINI

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which examined university-wide issues and developed a plan for building TCU's academic distinction and reputation in the fall of 2000.

The planning committee will assess the commission's work and draft a plan to move the university forward in the next three to five years, Boschini said.

Boschini said the commission made its recommendations in a different economic situation, and now the committee needs to examine how TCU can narrow its focus to best achieve the university's objectives.

"The commission's recommendations were made in an environment very different from today's — a pre-Sept. 11 world, where the dot-com bubble had yet to burst and the future seemed limitless," Boschini said. "That reality has changed."

Nowell Donovan, chairman of the geology department, will chair the planning committee, and Leo Munson, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, will serve as vice chairman, Boschini said.

Boschini recognized Germán Gutiérrez, professor of music, with the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity. He also awarded Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program, with

the Wassenich Award for Mentoring.

Boschini said despite harsh economic times, \$100 million has been raised in the first phase of a quiet fund-raising campaign that began in June 2000 and was directed toward contributors closest to the university.

"Last year was our second best in fund-raising history, with \$26.5 million in gifts and a 30 percent participation rate in alumni giving," Boschini said.

Boschini said a committee, including himself, vice chancellors and other campus representatives, will now coordinate the second round of fund raising.

The committee will review university priorities, determine fund-raising goals and set a date for announcing the fund-raising campaign to the public, Boschini said.

Funds will be used toward projects such as a new School of Education building, the renovation of the University Theatre and a new academic complex for Brite Divinity School, Boschini said.

Boschini said TCU must narrow its focus, because while the university's resources are limited, its ambitions are not.

"I am confident that TCU's future will be even greater than its distinguished past," Boschini said.

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City counsel determines definition of pig as pet

WINK — A town of almost 30 people, many of which are students in a high school government class, attended a Wink City Council meeting concerning a local family's fight to keep its pet pig, "Bacon."

"If other residents of Wink are allowed to have horses, goats and anything else, why can't Wendy and Bud Medina have a pig?" Wink High School government teacher Betty Lee Drake asked the Council during its meeting on Monday. City Attorney Tim Mason said it's because of the way the ordinance is written. He added that he would explain the situation to Wendy if she would call him during the week. The 30-year-old mother of three, however, wants the officials to see Bacon not as a simple farm animal, but a family pet.

One of the greatest problems this country faces is the detachment so many people feel because it seems like our opinions do not matter.

As a result of their insistence, the Medinas have received four tickets charging them with violation of the town's swine ordinance. If the tickets aren't paid, they will face possible arrest. They say they were told.

The City Council took no action on Monday, and Mayor

Betty Lou Dodd said the Municipal Court, not the City Council, will ultimately decide the matter.

Man electrocuted while working on Ferris wheel

LONGVIEW — A 20-year-old man whose name is yet to be known, working on a Ferris wheel for the Gregg County Fair, was electrocuted while working on the ride's lights about 40 feet above ground.

"It looked like he put his knee on top of the power source," Pat Crabtree of Crabtree Amusements, who runs the carnival, said of the Monday evening death. "It had nothing to do with the ride itself," he added.

"Longview Firefighters tried to use the department's five-story ladder to save the man, but the ladder couldn't get close enough," Capt. Russell Galloway said.

The death was not expected to delay the 54-year-old fair, but the 60-foot wheel will be closed pending an inspection by the city fire marshal's office and federal regulators.

Crabtree said the death was the first in his 26-year-old company. He said his 25-worker crew is scheduled for Eldorado, Ark., after the Longview fair ends Saturday.

State Roundup

Houston principals being held accountable

HOUSTON — School principals in Houston are being asked to give more detailed explanations for why when students drop out.

School trustees say principals aren't giving the information that the Texas Education Agency wants on why students leave school — whether for a job, because of pregnancy or other reasons. Current policy, however, gives each principal the discretion of including the documentation.

The item is on the agenda for Thursday's school board meeting. HISD board president, Kevin Hoffman, said the issue is so hot that he will have to ask the board to bypass additional readings of a policy change, and approve it on the first reading.

The TEA investigated the district's dropout numbers at several schools, including Sharpstown High School where officials reported no drop outs.

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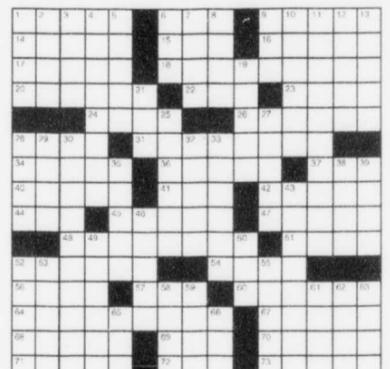


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 - Actress Moore
 - Open-minded
 - Above it all
 - Wild thing
 - Beer vessel
 - Reed or Mills
 - Summer hrs. in Boston
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 - Make a lap
 - Ravine
 - Spatchkes
 - Some artists
 - On the apex of
 - Backs of boats
 - Salton and Sargasso
 - Swiss marksman
 - Cassowary cousin
 - Shrivel
 - Positioning correctly
 - Personal record
 - Dunne or Cara
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 - Computing sums
 - Ogles
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 - Rabbit colony
 - Mixed bag
 - Butler of fiction
 - Lets up
 - Anjou and Bartlett
 - Make lace
 - General E. Lee
 - Substructure for plaster
 - June honoree
 - People of 'The Time Machine'
 - Vermont's capital
 - Cliff sneef
 - Diner customers
 - Dickens' character
 - Disassemble
 - Breathe in sharply
 - More frothy
 - Beginning
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 - Stitch together
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TCU to play Kansas

BY MATT POTTER
Staff Reporter

This year's men's basketball schedule will bring some of the nation's elite teams to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Two of the Horned Frogs' opponents this season, Kansas and Marquette, reached last year's Final Four. Kansas, one of college basketball's most prominent and respected programs, comes to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Dec. 1 in a game that will be nationally televised on ESPN.

The Jayhawks were the runner-up in last year's NCAA tournament. The Frogs will travel to Milwaukee to play Marquette Feb. 3.

"Playing a team like Kansas with the reputation that they have will be good for our program," head coach Neil Dougherty said. "It will be a big game from the fans' standpoint as well as for our team."

The game against Kansas will be Dougherty's first against his former program. He was an assistant coach at

Dougherty will face former team at home in December

Kansas for seven years before taking over the head coaching position at TCU last year.

"The Kansas game should bring in a lot of fans," junior forward Marcus Sloan said. "It should be a game that will show us how we compare to one of the nation's top teams."

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— Neil Dougherty
head coach

The Frogs have another high profile game Dec. 10 when they travel to Lubbock to take on Bobby Knight and the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The Frogs will try to avenge last year's 84-66 loss to the Raiders.

The Frogs play two exhibition games before starting the regular season Nov. 22. Ten of the Frogs' 12 nonconference games are at home this year, as opposed to only six last season. Twenty of the Frogs' 31 games are at home this season.

Starting Nov. 7, the Frogs start a seven game home-stand beginning with Interhoop, a non-collegiate all-star team, and ending with McMurray State Dec. 3.

The Conference USA schedule starts Jan. 10 at home against Tulane. Beginning this year C-USA schools will compete in one, 14-team division instead of the two, seven-team divisions in which it competed in during previous years. This will allow TCU to face every opponent in the conference at least once.

TCU takes on conference rival Memphis once at home and once on the road. Also coming to town are the Louisville Cardinals, who are coached by former Kentucky and Boston Celtics coach Rick Pitino. The Cardinals made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament last year.

The Frogs finish the regular season March 6 at Alabama-Birmingham. If the Frogs earn one of the top 12 spots in the conference, they will travel to Cincinnati to play in the C-USA tournament March 10 to 13 at U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati.

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Men's basketball schedule

Friday	Nov. 7	Interhoop (Exh.)	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 14	EA Sports All-Stars (Exh.)	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 22	Texas-Arlington	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 25	SMU	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 29	Tulsa	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 1	Kansas	Fort Worth, Texas	ESPN 10 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 3	Murray State	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 6	Washington State	Pullman, Wash.	7 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 8	Stephen F. Austin	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 10	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 13	North Texas	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 22	Arkansas State	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 29	Grambling	Fort Worth, Texas	8:05 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 3	Vanderbilt	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday	Jan. 7	Saint Louis*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 10	Tulane*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan. 13	Houston*	Houston, Texas	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 17	Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
Tuesday	Jan. 20	DePaul*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 31	Memphis*	Fort Worth, Texas	ESPN+ 2 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 3	Marquette*	Milwaukee, Wis.	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 7	Southern Miss*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Monday	Feb. 9	USF*	Tampa, Fla.	6 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 14	Tulane*	New Orleans, La.	TBA
Wednesday	Feb. 18	Louisville*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 21	East Carolina*	Greenville, N.C.	TBA
Wednesday	Feb. 25	Charlotte*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 28	Houston*	Fort Worth, Texas	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday	March 3	Memphis*	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA
Saturday	March 6	UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	ESPN+ 12 p.m.
Wednesday	March 10	C-USA Tournament	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA

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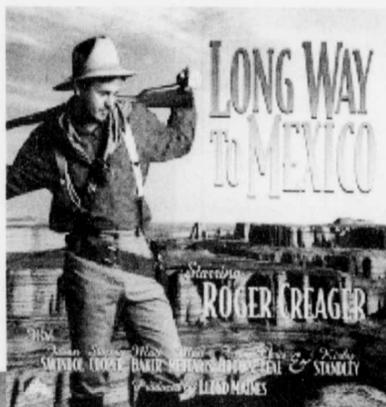
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