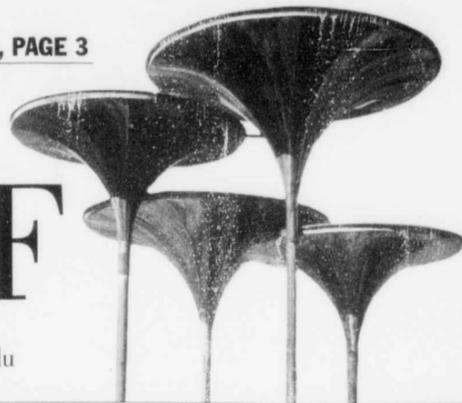


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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

**HOUSTON** — Four men were held Wednesday on charges of alien smuggling and hostage-taking after an illegal immigrant in California told police they the men were holding his wife against her will.

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**WACO** — Carlton Dotson's much-anticipated trip from Maryland to Texas, where he is charged in the shooting death of a former Baylor University basketball teammate, was uneventful, authorities said.

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## OnCampus

### Movie industry targets students who download

**MANHATTAN, Kan.** — While the recording industry has recently been prosecuting music file sharers, the Motion Picture Association of America has begun to follow suit.

Adam Moss, a Kansas State University freshman in management information systems, downloaded movies for years while participating in Internet Relay Chat. Fifty-two of his 68 movies had been illegally obtained by downloading from other users.

"I hardly ever watched any of the movies I had," he said. "The more movies you have, the more credit you get in the channel and the more power they give you. I didn't make any money off of it. Having movies was a plus because I could watch movies that hadn't come out yet."

MPAA officials found out that Moss was downloading and sharing the movies and contacted K-State, who shares liability for its Internet users' actions.

"One of the reasons I think I got caught is because I was redistributing them. Someone from the MPAA actually got into my server and saw I had this," Moss said. "They got all my information and told K-State about it. K-State is the provider of Internet, and K-State has liability, too. They were told what they had to do to get themselves absolved."

— Kansas State Collegian

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## The Weather

### TODAY

High: 83; Low: 65; Partly Cloudy

### TOMORROW

High: 87; Low: 65; Partly Cloudy

### THE NEXT DAY

High: 81; Low: 65; Partly Cloudy

## LookingBack

**1811** — Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility" is published anonymously. A small circle of people, including the Price Regent, learned Austen's identity, but most of the British public knew only that the popular book had been written "by a Lady."

**1963** — The Lamborghini 350GTV debuts at the Turin auto show.

## Big East meeting could affect C-USA roster

BY MATT POTTER  
Staff Reporter

Conference USA could finally be taking shape after the Big East conference presidents meet Nov. 4 in New York.

C-USA Commissioner Britton Banowksy said in all likelihood, C-USA is going to lose some schools in the north after the presidents' meeting. According to published reports, those schools are Marquette University, University of

Cincinnati, DePaul University and University of Louisville.

TCU Athletics director Eric Hyman said there are strong odds that those schools may join the Big East, but he cautioned that the university can't believe every rumor.

The Big East's Associate Commissioner for Communications John Paquette said the conference in New York will include discussions about conference

business and membership issues. Paquette also said after the conference, Big East officials will hold a press conference at 2 p.m. EST to cover information discussed in the meeting.

"We have to increase membership," Paquette said. "Football has to add at least three teams by 2005."

Paquette said no specific schools have been discussed, but Big East officials have been in regular contact with Banowksy,

and everyone is on the same page.

C-USA has already extended offers to Rice University and University of Tulsa, and Banowksy said C-USA is prepared to offer Marshall University membership soon. C-USA officials and Southern Methodist University have also been working on an agreement where SMU would join C-USA, according to a statement from SMU.

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## DESIGNING WOMEN



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Sophomore interior design majors Carole Ann Bowles, left, Brittany Rebstock, center, and Marie Stanton work on the redesigning of a dilapidated dance studio south of downtown Fort Worth for instructor Julie Ballantyne's design concepts class.

## Students envision design for studio

BY ROBYN KRIEL  
Staff Reporter

The tenant of a dilapidated building in the south side of Fort Worth is drawing inspiration from TCU students to design his dance studio, although most of the students are designing anything but.

Interior design students from adjunct professor Julie Ballantyne's design concepts class became involved in this project when Ballantyne learned that Todd Edson was looking for fresh ideas to design his studio.

The building, located on Park Place Avenue in the Fairmount district, is being revitalized by Edson, a former principal dancer for the Fort Worth Dallas Ballet.

Ballantyne said that as one of the four major assignments for the class, the students had to go to the building, measure

the rooms, draw the blueprints and then just let their imaginations take them wherever they wanted to go.

"The only stipulation is that the area has to be designed for a place of work and study," she said.

The students have to create an imaginary client and design the space on Park Place Avenue to meet the client's needs, she said.

Ballantyne said one group of students is designing the space to be used as a spa, and another group is designing it as a film studio.

Ashley Visser, a junior interior design major, said her group envisioned the space as a fitness studio on the Gold Coast of Australia.

"We are designing it as a

Mediterranean-style building," Visser said.

Edson is a faculty member of the Bruce Wood Dance Company and will be teaching various dance and fitness classes, Ballantyne said.

"There is a definite art to interior design, and we as artists are always delighted to help out another artist in need," she said.

Ballantyne said her class was a conceptual class and that the student's work could be totally free and as imaginative as possible.

"This is one of the last opportunities

*"It is great being able to work with a real space. It makes it a lot easier to imagine."*

—Liz Levy

sophomore interior design major

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## Portion of new core to be considered

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER  
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate will vote today on what students' experiences will be with the Heritage, Mission, Vision and Values portion of the new curriculum, said Edward McNertney, Core Implementation Committee chairman.

This portion of the curriculum will include classes in religious, historical and literary traditions, as well as cultural and global awareness, citizenship and social values.

The new curriculum was designed to incorporate the cultural and global awareness, citizenship and social values from TCU's mission statement into the course requirements, said Robert Vigeland, committee member. The committee used this idea when making ways for students to practice what they are learning, he said.

The new core curriculum is scheduled to be implemented in fall 2005, McNertney said.

The implementation committee, which was created in September, has drafted ideas of what it wants students to learn from those core courses and the processes students will go through to meet the goals of the courses, McNertney said.

For example, in literary courses, students should understand literature and how it affects society and individuals. To gain understanding, students will read and analyze fiction, drama, poetry and other literature to determine what affect it has had. To prove they are learning the material, students will do formal presentations, group discussions and research essays.

Tools to evaluate what students have learned have yet to be drafted, McNertney said.

The proposal must be approved by the Faculty Senate before the committee will move on to discuss whether what students are learning is actually meeting expectations, said Vigeland, an accounting professor.

"We have to plan for assessment

(more on CORE, page 2)

## Exchange students find obtaining visas to be extremely difficult

MONIQUE BHIMANI  
Staff Reporter

As a U.S. citizen, a student can apply for a passport at more than 5,000 locations nationwide, including state courts, post offices and some libraries and municipal offices.

But for a student wanting to come to the United States from another country, often the only place to apply for a visa in the country is the U.S. embassy.

Nelson Kwambai, a freshman business major, said it took him about six months to get his student visa to come to the United States from Kenya. The process was delayed because he was denied a visa the first time he applied, Kwambai said.

"So many people want to come here, yet so many people are poor," Kwambai said. "It's expensive too; it costs \$100 to get an appointment (at the embassy)."

John Singleton, the director of International

Student Services, said difficulties obtaining student visas are not uncommon, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks. In April 2002, a policy passed through Congress making it more difficult for international students, especially males from the Middle East, to obtain visas to the United States.

"(The process) can't get any harder," Singleton said. "Any harder and there would be no visas given out."

Singleton said the new security measures have come about because of a certain mindset of the Bush administration.

"The government says that if (the students) are not terrorists, they should have nothing to hide," Singleton said.

Faith Makka, a freshman nursing major from Nigeria, said the day she went to get her visa, she

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## Remembrance



Lauren Johnson/Staff Photographer

Karla O'Donald, professor of Spanish and Latin American studies, prepares a display for the Mexican holiday, El Dia De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. The display will be on the second floor of Reed Hall through Nov. 1.

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■ **Center for Writing** will offer a workshop to help journalism majors prepare for the GSP Test at 3:30 p.m. today in the University Recreation Center, Room 245. Call (817) 257-7221 for more information.

■ **M.J. Neeley School of Business** will present an ethics information session all day today in the lobby of the Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurial Hall as part of Neeleyweek. Call (817) 257-6772 for more information.

■ **Radio-TV-film** presents "Night of the Hunter," a part of the Thursday Night Movies series, at 7 p.m. tonight in Moudy Building South, Room 164. Call (817) 257-7630 for more information.

■ **Creative Writing Contests** have begun. Submissions for 25 different contests are due Nov. 17. Contact Charlotte Hogg at c.hogg@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6257.

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■ **Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs** are now enrolling in Sadler Hall, room 16. Those wishing to enroll need to come by Sadler Hall to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu for more information.

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## VISAS

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was one among about 300 students waiting outside the embassy at 5:30 a.m. She said she remembers the chaotic morning vividly.

"It could be likened to a stampede. Grown men jumped chains that kept us across the road and jumped the railings to secure their spot in the line," Makka said. "Folders went flying in the air, letting loose financial documents, bank statements, I-20 forms, tran-

scripts and passports. I don't know how I made it (to the line), but I did, with just a few bruises."

Makka said she finally got her interview at 6:30 p.m. that day, but not before she saw countless applicants refused for visas. That day, she said, less than 50 visas were given out.

The official told Makka that her name and information did not show up on the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, an online system to track international students. Since being on the list is a requirement for students who want to receive a visa to

study in the United States, the official simply told her to return to the embassy when she knows her name would be listed on SEVIS, Makka said. Two weeks later she was approved for a visa, after her name appeared on the system.

Kwambai, who had a similar experience obtaining a visa, said it was a long, hard process.

"Applying for a visa is like climbing a mountain," Kwambai said. "If you are lucky, you get to come over here."

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## DESIGN

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the students have to let their imaginations run wild," she said. "In the real world, one always has to work within certain boundaries."

Liz Levy, a sophomore interior design major, said she has really been enjoying the assignment.

"We are pretending that the space is in New York," Levy said. "We have decided to make it a children's art studio."

Levy said she is planning on making an actual model from the blueprints, and her group has visited stores to pick out different wood samples and paint colors.

"It is great being able to work with a real space," Levy said. "It makes it a lot easier to imagine."

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## CORE

From page 1

now and evaluate ways for courses to meet their objectives," Vigeland said.

Assessment is used to check students' progress during their learning experiences and to evaluate the educational program that is set by the accredi-

ting body, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Director of Assessment Melissa Canady said.

"Well-designed assessments can also inform placement decisions, allowing students to be placed in courses most appropriate to their skill levels," she said.

Core courses will be assessed throughout the semester to assure the faculty that

their students understand the material and to give faculty members time to adjust their teaching. At the end of courses, student progress will also be evaluated, Canady said.

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## The Skiff View C-USA

It could be time to abandon ship

And then there were 12.

If the schools that are rumored to be leaving Conference USA for the greener pastures of the Big East do part ways, and C-USA ensures its survival by maintaining a 12-team conference that includes Rice, Tulsa, Southern Methodist and Marshall, there will be many advantages.

But at what price?

Fans will enjoy the luxury of short commutes to road games in Dallas, Houston and Tulsa that will help salvage some of the conference's football legitimacy, which will be left in doubt by the expected departure of Louisville and Cincinnati. But would fans really rather watch the Frogs face the lowly Rice Owls who have won just one game this year, in person, or watch on TV as the Frogs battle it out with constant conference contenders Louisville and Cincinnati?

If the move doesn't help the Frogs football team, maybe it will be helpful for the basketball team. After all, the Frogs have not fared so well against the likes of Marquette, Louisville and Cincinnati. By replacing those schools with Rice, SMU, Tulsa and Marshall, not only will C-USA be disregarded as a football conference, it will lose all respect as a basketball conference, leaving Daniel-Meyer Coliseum even more void of student support than it currently has.

While conference re-alignment is inevitable, it does not appear as though TCU is making the most of its opportunities. Maybe it's time to join the trend and abandon sinking C-USA.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Senate disregards women's health issues

This past Thursday, the U.S. Senate passed a bill by a margin of 64 to 34 to ban the procedure known as late-term abortions. The bill, which President Bush is almost certain to sign into law, represents a disturbing step limiting a woman's reproductive rights and marks the first move toward the complete destruction of women's access to legal and safe abortions. An alternative version of the bill, which endorsed the landmark U.S. Supreme Court opinion Roe v. Wade, was rejected by the House for that very position.

Known as the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, the bill outlaws a procedure that is often medically necessary and is widely accepted as such within the medical profession. It prohibits a potentially life-saving operation by not containing an exemption for the health of the mother.

Imagine the consequences. Imagine if a pregnant woman was in her second trimester when a sonogram image reveals a potential complication in the pregnancy. Perhaps a test reveals that a blood vessel in

the mother's stomach had ruptured, causing massive internal bleeding. If the doctor chooses to help, he faces a stiff jail sentence.

The Supreme Court has ruled similar legislation unconstitutional in the past because it did not include an exception for the health of the mother. Hopefully, the court will do the same in this case, assuming this bill becomes a law.

It was therefore irresponsible for the Senate not to include an exemption for the health of the mother. This is not an ideal, absolute world. Laws should not be written in absolutist wording. Even murder, for instance — which nearly every society looks down upon — is legal if committed as an act of self-defense.

The president should veto this legislation not only because of its ignorance toward women's rights, but more importantly, because of its disregard for women's health. Putting an ideological agenda ahead of sound science, women's health and safety is not true political leadership.

*This is a staff editorial from the Michigan Daily at the University of Michigan. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.*

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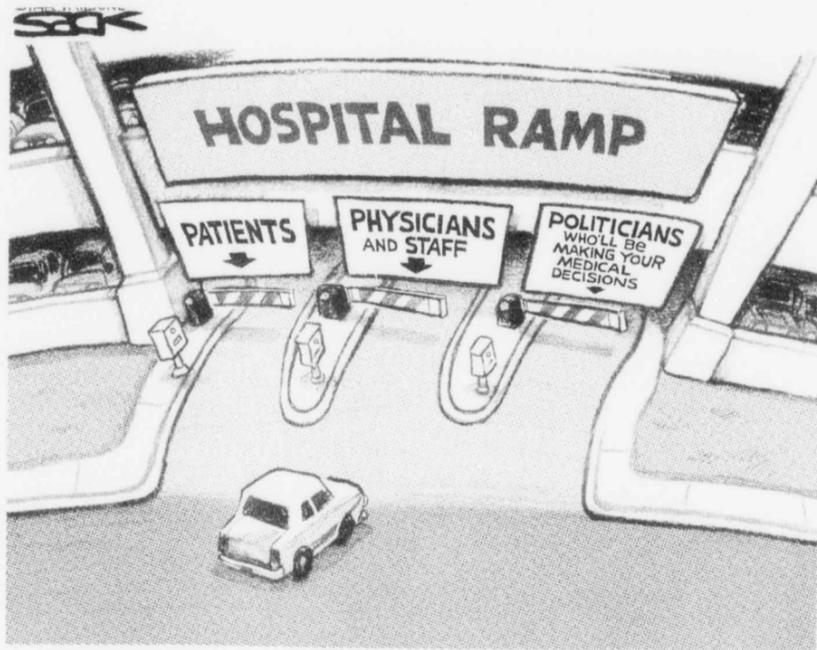
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## Graduating seniors will look like grapes

Purple: Once the color of royalty, now it's the color of Barney, the obnoxious TV dinosaur. Soon it will also be the color of TCU graduation caps and gowns.

Chancellor Victor Boschini agreed Tuesday to change the color of caps and gowns from black to purple in response to results of a survey sent to seniors. Of the 40 percent of seniors who responded to the survey, 70 percent wanted a color change.

And now, as a friend pointed out, TCU's commencement will look like a giant bruise.

TCU went about the change in the right way by sending out the survey. After all, it is our graduation. They also did the right thing by catering to what the majority wanted. The chancellor is to be commended for this.

But I can't say I'm thrilled about having to graduate from a respected university wearing a color more suited for wizard costumes.

The good Lord willing, I'm graduating this December. For some reason, the last four years of hard work don't seem so special when I have to accept my diploma dressed like a carnival act. There is a reason caps and gowns are black. Black is a distinguished color. It is classy and professional. Changing them to purple is an example of TCU faking a tradition. And that attempt at a new tradition is established by stripping graduates of a bigger tradition — the nearly universal tradition of wearing black at graduation.

Complaining about the color of a cap and

gown may seem silly compared to the rest of the world's problems. But I was looking forward to donning the black cap and gown that symbolizes academic achievement to accept my diploma. I have been dreaming about it since at least the second grade when my class had a student teacher who was a recent college graduate. Now I can't wear black, and I feel cheated.

Then there is a matter of money. The new cap and gown will cost an extra \$5.50, which will be added to the current \$50 graduation fee. Now \$5.50 doesn't sound like much, but for a person like me, who works two jobs and is hardly getting by, \$5.50 is a lot of money.

I'm moving to a new city a few days after graduating. That \$5.50 could buy half of a tank of gas, a lot of moving boxes or a meal on the road. That seemingly insignificant amount of money I have to spend to look like a bruise could be put to a much more practical use.

The added fee pays for a different fabric and for the cap graduates are now allowed to keep. What in Sam Hill am I going to do with a mortarboard? I had to buy the cap and gown in high school, and I donated both for someone else to use. At least give me the gown so I can donate the whole set.

Regardless of what color the caps and gowns are, the important part of graduating will still remain. But that experience will be cheapened when I have to accept my diploma dressed like a grape.

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#### COMMENTARY



Emily Baker

## It's time to vote for SGA

I'm a part of TCU's student government. I've been with Programming Council and the House of Student Representatives for more than a

year now. Student government sucks. He's an idiot, you might say. After all, if it sucks so much, why does he stay in it?

Well, you see, what sucks about student government is not really the organization itself. It's the kind of job we do. Every year, about a hundred people get together trying to figure out what other students want and how to make that happen. Both of these are hard, time consuming and sometimes hopeless. Here's an example: parking. Virtually everybody hates parking at TCU. Virtually everybody complains about it. In a recent survey of TCU student opinion, about 80 percent of the complaints were about parking. So, all right, parking sucks. But what are we going to do about it? Parking garages

are expensive. Buses aren't really an alternative (too many). When you build fancy academic buildings, you might be able to win over some donors. But who wants his name attached to a parking garage? Student government has been brainstorming for years for ideas to solve the parking issue in a somewhat feasible manner. Now it looks like the university administration is tackling the problem head-on with the planned parking/shopping/apartment complex around Perrotti's Pizza at Berry Street.

But student government sucks for another reason too. You see, there's two somewhat distinct parts to SGA: the House and Programming Council. The House deals (or tries to, at least) with parking and other issues. The job of Programming Council is to somehow mix education and entertainment and produce events students want to go to. The only problem: We don't know what you want. Sure, there's the same stuff we do every year. Howdy Week. Family Weekend. Homecoming. But beyond that, what should we do?

Every spring, we ask you about the kind of events you want, and then we try to create something that works. The "Dating Game" in February worked out well. Some other things, not so well.

What you can do? Go vote. Seriously, it's that easy. And this year, you get an extra treat. Not only do you get to decide who's trying to solve your problems with TCU, but you also get to choose what bands we should have here. Some names on the ballot might be familiar: Michelle Branch, Maroon 5 or The Counting Crows. Some others might not. But regardless, tell us what you want. It's really that easy.

Oh yeah, where to vote? It's all online: [vote.tcu.edu](http://vote.tcu.edu). Four years ago, the Goo Goo Dolls performed in the coliseum. This spring, if you let us know, maybe Jason Mraz will come to TCU.

So go vote Nov. 11. Choose your next officers. And choose the next bands that will play. We want to know.

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## Limit intake of junk food

Hello. My name is Jessica. And I have an eating problem. Yesterday, I ate a breakfast bar, half of a donut, leftover Chinese food, a bowling-alley childog

and potato chips. I didn't eat a huge amount of food, but what I did eat didn't do my body much good. The scariest thing is that my diet is pretty typical for a college student.

College is a great time to be free and make your own decisions, which is probably why so many of us survive on Ramen noodles and Twinkies. When there is no one to tell you to eat your veggies, it becomes convenient to forget all those healthy eating habits your parents worked so hard to instill in you. Suddenly ice cream becomes a suitable breakfast food and pizza at midnight serves as dinner. And we wonder where the "freshman 15" comes from.

According to a Cornell University study, unhealthy snacking, eating out and the consumption of junk food all contribute to weight gain among college students.

Even those of us who somehow avoid weight gain are still at risk for other health problems. It probably seems obvious that poor nutrition leads to poor health, but according to the Mayo Clinic Web site, conditions as serious as diabetes, cancer and obesity can result from eating junk long-term.

It's true that junk food is irresistibly convenient. Many times, healthy food is just as accessible but not as visible. Candy and chips on display in Frogbytes, wrapped in flashy packages practically call your name and can make it easy to overlook the fruit by the cash register. Cheesecake spins alluringly in the dessert display at the Main, making the frozen yogurt in the next room a distant memory.

Turns out that sometimes the food Americans eat is not particularly unhealthy, but the portion sizes are so large that we take in much more food than we need. A serving of meat, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is about the size of a deck of cards. I don't know about you, but most hamburgers I've seen are a little larger than the USDA's idea of a serving.

Don't worry. You don't have to give up that big juicy burger and eat rice and tofu. Try to cook for yourself more often. If you just need food fast, try heating up some soup or even macaroni and cheese instead of going through a drive-thru. It takes about the same amount of time and effort and saves you some money too.

When eating out, try opting for a smaller burger instead of the deluxe triple meat patty special. Again, it's cheaper and healthier.

Instead of stocking up on a variety of chips and sodas as your snack supply, add some produce to the list.

Eating healthier isn't an out-of-reach goal. It just involves a little adjustment. Start now, before your eating problem requires a 12-step program.

#### COMMENTARY



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# NEWS DIGEST

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## C-USA

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"We're reorganizing the conference to make it stronger," Banowsky said. "The conference is going to be more concentrated geographically which will have many different benefits."

Banowsky said the benefits include less travel time for teams and fans. Also, promotions will be more concentrated and less expensive. Travel costs will go down for the universities, and the student athletes will spend less time out of class.

This information follows Friday's decision by Marshall's board of governors to pursue C-USA membership. The board passed a unanimous vote authorizing President Dan Angel to accept any invitation that C-USA may offer.

Marshall's Athletics director Bob Marcum said a move to C-USA would allow Marshall to showcase its athletic programs on a larger scale.

"It would leave a larger footprint than what we're involved with right now," Marcum said. "We're trying to establish rivalries, and moving to C-USA would be ideal for TCU as far

as rivalries are concerned."

Marshall wants to begin play in C-USA in 2005, but Marcum said if scheduling could be worked out sooner, then it would be considered.

"The acquisition of Marshall really strengthens C-USA, especially in football," Banowsky said. "Marshall is a university on the rise."

Banowsky said C-USA is positioned to split the conference into two divisions. The divisions will help with scheduling and will provide the option for a conference championship game at the end of the year, he said.

"The two-division model is the best model for any conference out there," Banowsky said. "It looks like we are going to be in the right position to do that."

Hyman said a championship game would mean more exposure on a national scale, and it could be beneficial financially.

"It's a chance to create that brand identity for TCU," Hyman said. "Financially, there's an incentive to have a championship game also."

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## Men face charges of smuggling, had hostages

HOUSTON (AP) — Four men were held Wednesday on charges of alien smuggling and hostage-taking after an illegal immigrant in California told police the men were holding his wife against her will.

Law officers said Sylvia Panteleon of Guatemala had been held in a north Houston house for 10 days while the group tried to extort \$4,000 from her family.

Smugglers charged Panteleon one price to help her enter the country but demanded more money once she arrived, FBI spokesman Bob Doguim said.

Houston FBI agents arranged a sting, convincing the suspects they would be meeting someone who would pay the money. After making the arrests, the FBI said its agents searched the house where Panteleon was being held and found two more people being held. No one was physically injured.

The FBI identified those charged as Alfredo Rivera-Benito, 25; Servando Nunez, 41;

and Fernando Herrera, 24, all of Mexico, and Edwin Rodriguez, 24, of El Salvador. Since all four are in the country illegally, Doguim said, they will likely be deported even if found innocent of charges.

## Basketball player arrives in Waco to be arraigned

WACO (AP) — Carlton Dotson's much-anticipated trip from Maryland to Texas, where he is charged in the shooting death of a former Baylor University basketball teammate, was uneventful, authorities said.

Dotson, 21, napped or politely answered questions during the flights on commercial airlines from Baltimore to Dallas and then on to Austin, McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch said Tuesday.

"Everything we asked him to do, he did," Lynch said. "There was very little conversation."

Dotson sat in the back seat of an unmarked police cruiser on the last leg of the trip from Austin to Waco. Dressed in a white shirt and blue pants, he looked toward the floor when reporters clus-

tered around the car as it arrived at the McLennan County jail.

## Lubbock man rams SUV into house, kills parents

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former psychiatrist says a South Plains man suspected of fatally shooting his parents after he rammed his sport utility vehicle into their home suffered from mental illness that required his hospitalization two years ago.

Bradley Evan Calverley was diagnosed by Dr. Mark Unterberg of Dallas with schizoaffective disorder and major depression, according to an April 2002 deposition obtained by Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for Wednesday's editions.

The victims were identified as Harry Calverley, 73, and Darlene Calverley, 63. They died Monday.

Sheriff's deputies saw Bradley Calverley, 42, drive away in the damaged SUV and started to chase him, said Lubbock County Chief Deputy Paul Scarborough.

He said Calverley's mother Darlene called 911 about 2:45 a.m. Monday to report someone was trying to break into her Ransom Canyon house. Moments later, the emergency dispatcher heard a loud crash and two gunshots.

Authorities have not determined what prompted the murders.

The victims' friends told the newspaper Monday that the couple was worried about their son, who worked as a teacher's aide at Evan's Junior High School.

## Former CIA officer's conviction thrown out

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas conviction of a former CIA officer imprisoned for two decades for selling high explosives to Libya was thrown out by a federal judge who ruled that the government knowingly used false evidence against him after continuing to enlist him for intelligence gathering — even while it began investigating the career operative.



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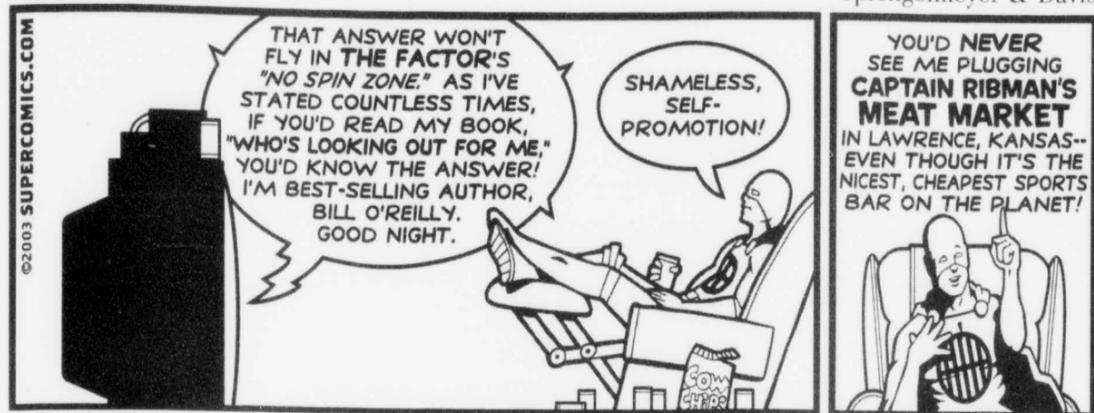


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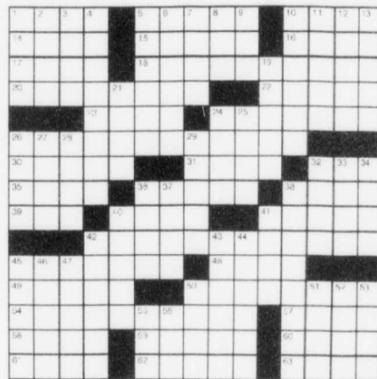
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## The Sideline

### Senior and sophomore swimmers receive awards

Senior swimmer Erin Irons and sophomore Kelly Seely both earned Conference USA performer of the week awards for the week of Oct. 28, the conference office announced earlier this week. Irons has been honored with Swimmer of the Week four times over the course of her career; this is Seely's first Diver of the Week crown.

In her first meet of the season, Irons placed first in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 23.75 against Florida this past weekend. She also helped the Horned Frogs claim the 200 freestyle relay (1:36.73) with a split time of 24.38. The senior from Midland owns seven school records, including the 50 free (23.25).

Seely best represented TCU diving this weekend, posting a 234.15 for fifth place on the one-meter at the SMU Classic last Saturday, which showcased national talent from SMU, Florida, South Carolina, Washington and Indiana. She collected another 10 points for the Frogs with a score of 239.35 on the three-meter board for another fifth-place finish. In the dual meet against Florida, the sophomore from Friendswood topped the competition with a 262.50 score in the three-meter and placed second in the one-meter with a 253.05 placing.

TCU men's and women's swimming and diving travels to Virginia this weekend to take on George Mason at 6 p.m. Thursday and James Madison at 2 p.m. Friday. The women's team is 1-1 in dual meets this season.

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## BCS system could see potential changes

BY MATT POTTER

Staff Reporter

TCU Athletics director Eric Hyman said Wednesday he hopes the government will not be forced to intervene with the Bowl Championship Series, but said that the current system brings up fairness issues and needs to be more inclusive.

"I've heard some of the senators are very critical of the BCS because of its exclusiveness," Hyman said.

The Bowl Championship Series shuts out too many schools in its goal of crowning a college football champion and needs to be repaired, senators told representatives of the bowl system Wednesday.

Created in 1998 by the six most powerful college conferences, the

BCS guarantees that the champions of those conferences will play in one of the four most lucrative postseason bowl games, leaving only two at-large berths.

This year, TCU is 8-0 but was only 12th in the latest BCS standings and could be shut out of a lucrative bowl.

"I don't know what's going to happen yet," Hyman said. "We still have four games left, so we're not there yet."

The projected revenue for the four 2004 BCS games is \$118 million, but only about \$6 million will go to the non-BCS schools unless one of them qualifies for a major bowl game.

"I think the BCS is capitalism at its finest, and when the Big 10 takes the money to the Big 10 from the BCS, then its socialism at its

finest," Hyman said. "I think it's going to be more inclusive than exclusive in the future."

Division I-A football is the only college sport not to have a playoff system.

In the 20 years before the BCS started, only one school other than Notre Dame that is not currently in the Big East, ACC, Big Ten, SEC, Big 12 or Pac-10 played in one of the series' four bowls.

"I don't know if you guys know how it looks to fans of teams that aren't part of this system," said Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. "It looks un-American. It really does. It looks unfair. It looks like a rigged deal."

NCAA President Myles Brand said he is open to a system that would be more inclusive, but does not believe that there is a need for

radical changes or adoption of a playoff system.

Harvey Perlman, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, said the current system is the fairest way to determine a national champion and provides adequate opportunity for schools outside the BCS to play their way into contention.

A team that finishes in the top 12 of the BCS standings is eligible for consideration, and a team in the top six automatically gets a spot.

Keith Tribble, chairman of the Football Bowl Association and chief executive officer of the Orange Bowl Committee, said the bowl games are attracting more fans, benefiting their host communities and generating more money than ever, paying out \$800 million in the last five years.

"For the past 90 years, bowl

games have been the heart and soul of college football. It has never been healthier," Tribble said.

Tulane President Scott Cowen disagrees. In 1998, the Green Wave went through the season undefeated but were shut out of the top-tier games. A year later, the same thing happened to Marshall.

Cowen's group is scheduled to meet with the presidents of the conferences in the BCS system on Nov. 16 to discuss potential changes to the BCS.

"If they are allowed to continue that kind of monopoly, they will suffer the same fate of any other monopoly in the country. They will become bloated, inefficient ... and eventually kill the golden goose," said Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## Fort Worth Bowl to feature C-USA, Big 12 teams

BY KYLE WITTENBRAKER

Staff Reporter

The teams competing in the inaugural PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl could be announced by early December, said Tom Starr, the bowl's executive director.

Starr said the possible candidates, which come from the Big 12 and Conference USA, will be narrowed down to three or four finalists by the end of November.

The Fort Worth Bowl will be Dec. 23.

He said the Mazda Tangerine Bowl, the EV1.net Houston Bowl and the Fort Worth Bowl will each get a Big 12 team based on what makes the most sense geographically.

He said the top four Big 12 teams not

selected to a Bowl Championship Series game will be invited to the SBC Cotton Bowl Classic, the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl, the MasterCard Alamo Bowl and the Mainstay Independence Bowl, respectively.

"Some schools that haven't been to a bowl for a while would be ecstatic playing a Big 12 school. I think it would be great."

—Eric Hyman  
athletics director

Joining the Big 12 team in the Fort Worth Bowl will be a C-USA school. Starr said the conference champion receives an invitation to the AXA Liberty Bowl and the second place team goes to

the GMAC Bowl. He said the next team will go to either the Fort Worth Bowl, the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl or the New Orleans Bowl.

"I think we're doing good and progressing well," Starr said. "We had a short track to run on this year."

Starr said the Fort Worth Bowl will pay \$750,000 to both representatives. He said the PlainsCapital Corporation, the bowl's title sponsor, and ESPN own the bowl.

TCU Athletics director Eric Hyman said the bowl will benefit Fort Worth because it is an opportunity to bring people into town during a time when tourism is traditionally slow.

Hyman said although he would prefer the Frogs to play in the championship

game every year, he thinks the chance to play a Big 12 school in the Fort Worth Bowl would benefit TCU.

"Some schools that haven't been to a bowl for a while would be ecstatic playing a Big 12 school," he said. "I think it would be great."

Starr said his job is to oversee all operational aspects of the bowl. He said this is the fourth bowl he has worked on in 25 years and has been executive director of three bowls. His goal is for the Fort Worth Bowl to have the best hospitality committee in the country.

"It behooves both TCU and ESPN to have a very successful bowl," Starr said.

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