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University scores low in sustainability evaluation

By JAMES BROWN
Staff Reporter
TCU scored a D in a 2007 evaluation of its sustainability practices — its ability to meet the needs of the present without impairing future generations. Sustainability in relation to endowment investment was the focus of the College Sustainability Report Card,

which assigned letter grades to 100 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada possessing higher education's largest endowments. Schools featured in the report were graded in seven individual categories: administration, food and recycling, green building, climate change and energy,

shareholder engagement, investment priorities and endowment transparency. "It's certainly not where I want to be," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "So yeah, it gets my attention." Beyond getting TCU's attention, Mark Orłowski, executive director of the Sustainable Endowment Institute, said he wants the

120-page report to initiate progress in schools' sustainability policies. "What the report aims to do is to provide a single source of information where you can quickly reference what other institutions are doing (in the area of sustainability)," Orłowski said. "We're hoping that this report will lead to honest

and frank discussion about the role of sustainability on campus." ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said, "How we respond to the environment, we meaning institution, is going to

FOR YOUR INFO
OTHER TEXAS SCHOOLS ON THE COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT CARD:
• Baylor: D+
• SMU: C
• Texas A&M: C
• Trinity: D-
• Texas: D+
source: endowmentinstitute.org

Dorm halls to compete by recycling

By SAEROM YOO
Staff Reporter
A student environmental organization is coordinating a recycling competition between residence halls to promote participation in a nationwide recycling race, the group's vice president said.

AV, an on-campus environmental organization, is coordinating TCU's participation in RecycleMania in conjunction with Residential Services. RecycleMania, a 10-week recycling competition, began Sunday and will end April 7, AV Vice President Kimberly Banzhaf said.

TCU is one of 201 colleges and universities around the country competing in the race.

Other participating area schools include Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Austin, according to the RecycleMania Web site.

All students need to do, AV member Sarah Warner said, is to "please recycle."

To enhance participation, AV is conducting a recycling competition among the residence halls, said Banzhaf, a junior environmental science major.

Housekeepers at residence halls will keep a count of how many recycling bags they take out, and AV will report TCU's progress by the pound each week to RecycleMania, Banzhaf said.

Although Residential Services has been providing recycle bins and information on recycling for all residence halls, the effort has been falling on the wayside, said John Hernandez, manager of residential housekeeping.

"I'm glad someone is taking initiative," Hernandez said.

Caity Christensen, a sophomore secondary education major, said she thinks RecycleMania is a good idea. Her residence hall has nicknamed its trash room "save-the-earth" room, she said.

AV President Bethanne Edwards, a senior environmental science major, said recycling is a gateway to other environmental issues because it is a program that has been around long enough to have numbers that show how individuals can make a difference.

"A lot of people don't think recycling is a big deal," Edwards said. "But it is."

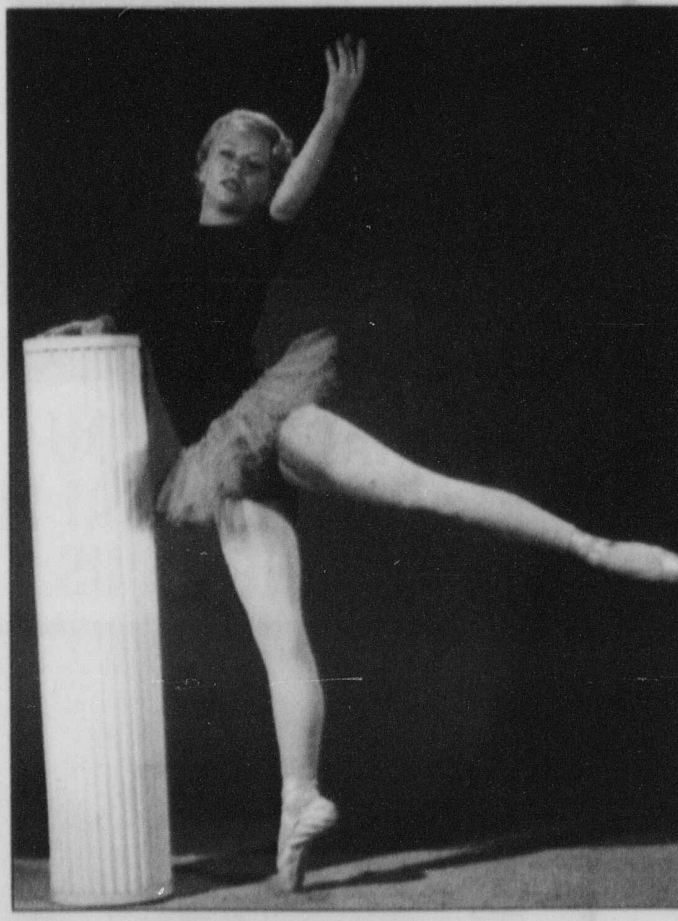
AV's goal in entering RecycleMania is beyond winning, members said.

Banzhaf said AV has not set a target besides keeping RecycleMania an annual program for TCU.

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IN MEMORY OF...

New scholarship for ballet majors created by alumnus in wife's name



Jim Perner, alumnus, (shown in bottom right) created the Adrienne Miller Perner Memorial Scholarship in the memory of his wife, Adrienne. Adrienne died in a car accident last year at the age of 67. The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded annually, beginning next year, to a ballet major.

By MICHELLE EUPERIO
Staff Reporter
Adrienne Perner's life will be remembered because of her passion to help people, her love for ballet and the first endowed scholarship made in her name in the ballet and modern dance department. The Adrienne Miller Perner Memorial Scholarship was established by her husband, alumnus Jim Perner, in memory of Adrienne, who died at 67 in a car accident last year.

"Honoring Adrienne with

this scholarship at the university I graduated from is a proud and loving moment in my life," said Perner, who graduated in 1960 with a marketing degree.

Ellen Shelton, chairwoman of the dance department, said the \$5,000 annual scholarship, which begins next year, is only for female ballet majors.

Male candidates may be considered if female candidates do not meet the eligibility criteria, Shelton said.

The scholarship is mostly talent-based, though the recipient must also show exceptional interest in helping others through community and volunteer activities, Perner said.

The recipient must be from a military family, Perner said, because Adrienne had family members who attended the U.S. Military Academy.

"She was a free spirit, a butterfly that loved dance," said John Perner, Jim and Adrienne Perner's son. "I want

whoever receives this scholarship to have a military connection and passion for dance so her spirit of dance and ballet will continue."

Adrienne Perner attended the Washington School of Ballet in Washington, D.C., and performed in New York, Pittsburgh and Europe.

"She was absolutely wonderful when she danced," Jim Perner said. "She was gorgeous and incredibly good."

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ACHIEVE program to teach non-majors basic business sense

By KAILEY DELINGER
Staff Reporter
For its directors, the ACHIEVE Summer Business Institute at TCU can be boiled down to one concept: business exposure.

ACHIEVE, a summer program run by the Tandy Center for Executive Leadership, is a crash course in business for non-majors and, as ACHIEVE Program Director Deb Baker said, a vital knowledge base for anyone entering the workforce.

"Business skills are essential for any major," Baker said. "This is a really good way to give students the skills they need before or after graduation."

The program, which will run May 14 to June 8, is geared toward non-business majors completing their junior or senior years, or recent college graduates.

Weekday classes include guest speakers, field trips to area businesses or lectures on any of ACHIEVE's three focus areas: leadership, essential business concepts and career development skills.

As for why non-business students should participate, the directors cited numerous reasons.

For one, Baker said, as competition to get in to the business school stiffens, many students are being forced to declare other majors.

For those who retain their interest in business but "just can't hack it in accounting," she said, "this at least gets them some exposure. It also helps a lot of our participants determine whether or not they want to go to graduate school for their MBA."

Beyond those reasons, ACHIEVE Academic Director Laura Meade said, lies one that is more industry-driven.

"Employers will get a bright mathematics or economics major and say 'oh if they just understood some fundamentals of business' ... and now they can," Meade said.

But the program's directors are not the only ones who will attest to the practicality of a certification from the program.

Erica Flukinger, a 2006 TCU graduate and ACHIEVE alumna, re-affirmed the program's value in spite of her pre-enrollment skepticism.

Flukinger said she wasn't

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PECULIAR FACT
JUNEAU, Alaska — About 10,000 Juneau residents briefly lost power Sunday after a bald eagle lugging a deer head crashed into transmission lines.
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"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."
— Victor Hugo

THE SKIFF VIEW

Parking woes continue; get over it

Parking at TCU is always a good way to start a conversation on campus with a complete stranger. Most people would agree: parking here sucks. It's no secret. But it's time for the complaining community as a whole to get over it; nothing is going to change anytime soon. The administration is too caught up in its revising of Main Campus to seriously consider what to do about where people can put their cars. Students frequently toss around the idea of a parking garage as a possible way to ease their woes, but it's doubtful the administration, with all the current construction, is going to invest several million dollars in an unsightly five-story mass of concrete and steel. For the moment, students, faculty and staff must act quickly if they plan on parking here. Show no emotion and never be polite because it's a war out there. The entire TCU community is in it

together though, unless a person has a reserved spot; however, even those are quickly disappearing. In a Skiff article published Jan. 24, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said many faculty members are choosing to park farther from campus instead of paying more for reserved spots. TCU Police Chief Steve McGee also said there has been no loss of parking since construction began. That may be true, but the fact that it's still a headache to find a spot remains. But just because people can't immediately find spots or even find spots within three blocks of their classes shouldn't warrant a diatribe against the TCU administration. It won't kill to walk a little bit. For the moment, keep a sharp eye and tough it out.

Managing editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.

BY RICKY ANDERSON

Democratic Face Off



Chapel Hill admissions error unfair to Tar Heel hopefuls

Last week, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill heartily congratulated 2,703 freshman applicants on their accep-

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tance to one of America's foremost learning institutions. Tears, cheers and spasms of joy erupted in living

rooms across the country as the long-awaited e-mails from the admissions department rolled in. Looks like little Jimmy is a Tar Heel.

Oops. Guess again. In possibly the biggest case of broken promises since George H.W. Bush and his "no new taxes" fiasco, two employees at the UNC system's flagship school sent the congratulatory notifications to the wrong batch of students.

The e-mails in question were intended to request mid-year grade reports from students who had already been accepted to Chapel Hill, beginning, "Congratulations again on your admission to the University."

Instead, they were sent to hopeful applicants nationwide. The university has since notified the freshman applicants and apologized for the mistake. Sure the e-mails contained the phrase "Congratulations again," and some might argue the recipients should have smelled something fishy from the start. Some probably did, but I guarantee that more than a considerable number didn't suspect a thing. When someone sees the words "congratulations" and "on your admission" in the same sentence, para-

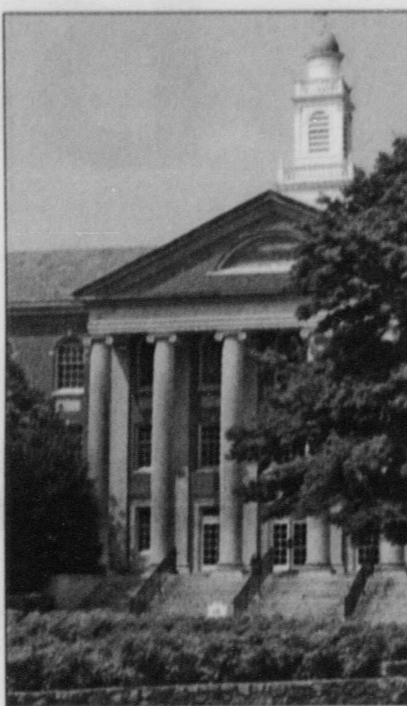
noia and human error are the furthest thing from their minds. Plus, many of these students have never received an acceptance letter before. How are they supposed to know what a real one looks like? Nothing the office of undergraduate admissions can say will ever soothe the situation. They screwed up.

How could this have happened? How can two people whose very clicks of the mouse determines the fate of nearly 20,000 yearly applicants make such a careless error?

Maybe they were in a hurry to get down to Applebee's for Margarita Madness. Maybe they were tired after a long night of "Grey's Anatomy" reruns. Maybe they just don't care about others. Sound selfish? It should. There's no excuse for such a grievous error. If there's any time during your day to be focusing on the welfare of others and not zoning out, it would be the five seconds when you send out a bulk e-mail entailing admission to roughly 3,000 people.

This isn't a waitress dropping a tray full of food at a restaurant. It's not a salesman failing to close the deal of the year. The consequences of this poor performance affect thousands of futures from coast to coast.

While we're on the subject of compromising futures, what do you think would have happened if these employees had worked the Vietnam draft lottery? "Sorry Mr. Smith, your draft number was originally 215, but



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due to employee error, it turned out to be three. Have fun in Da Nang!" Different situations, same basic principle: radically altering the lives of thousands through the incompetence of one.

The people responsible for this grievous error should be fired immediately. It doesn't matter how or why it happened. All that matters are the crushed dreams of 2,700 people, about 80 percent of whom won't get into the hyper-competitive school when the real acceptance letters begin rolling in. This will leave one of America's top public universities with a black eye for years to come and put a degree of doubt into all future applicants. But the best Chapel Hill can do is issue a mere apology for the actions of said employees. It's time to up the ante.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears on Wednesdays.

'Sister' university's paper faces unjustified closure

Student journalists in Mexico have taken a hard hit as a university's unjust act of censorship violated a constitutional

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right: freedom of speech. La Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico, is TCU's sister university. And its student newspaper, La Catarina, was gagged by university administrators and campus police Jan. 16 in possible retaliation for a series of controversial cartoons of Chancellor Pedro Palou. Staff members were abruptly evicted, snatching personal belongings as they were ordered to leave.

Student reporter Astrid Viveros said staff members were even restricted from returning to the newsroom to back up computer files. "The administration went to the extent of cutting off the electricity in our office to prevent us from doing so," she said. Now, the administration intends to call the shots and supervise La Catarina's content, calling it a "service project." Thus, the very institution that aims to educate its students is robbing them of the opportunity to learn in an independent environment, which is meant to teach students to be responsible and learn from their mistakes. Also, the university is stripping away the voice of the newspaper, which consequently will stifle the voice of the student body. It would suffice to say that UDLA is taking a

giant step backward. While the Mexican Constitution differs from the U.S. Constitution, freedom of the press remains unwavering. According to Article 7 of the Constitution of Mexico, "Freedom of writing and publishing writings on any subject is inviolable. No law

or authority may establish censorship, require bonds from authors or printers, or restrict the freedom of printing, which shall be limited only by the respect due to private life, morals and public peace."

It's doubtful that a couple of cartoons in a student newspaper qualify as disturbing the public peace. This vicious event is nothing more than an attempt to protect the reputation of an image-conscious chancellor. The administration should realize that a student-run newspaper is just that. And the purpose of an editorial cartoon is to express the view of the cartoonist, not the university. Unfortunately, the idea of censoring the media

hits closer to home than our sister university in Mexico. Skiff staff members combat similar obstacles when attempting to complete their journalistic duties. Some university officials at TCU try to dictate the interview process or withhold information that should be public knowledge.

Informing readers of information that is rightfully theirs can be near to impossible when sources on campus are more concerned with their reputations than offering truth to the TCU community. In actuality, character is measured by honesty. And only the sources who are honest with students, faculty and staff are worthy of admiration. The TCU community should look to university officials who remain the models of honest educators, aiding student journalists in their pursuit of the truth.

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Lindsey Bever
Opinion editor

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It's imperative for UDLA and TCU to realize that student journalists have the right to print the news to inform their college communities on current events from basketball scores to philanthropies to controversial scandals. The intent of a newspaper is not to present libelous content but to educate its readership. It's referred to as freedom of the press.

Sadly, UDLA may never see freedom of the press on its campus again. A student newspaper under the authority of university administration is only a step away from journalistic communism.

Opinion editor Lindsey Bever is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I wish to call the university's attention to an issue that should be of great importance to all students, faculty and staff: campus safety and security. As a tour guide at TCU, I often field questions from parents about whether TCU is a safe place for their child. My answer to that question typically involves

outlining the safety precautions TCU uses, including Froggie Five-O, emergency poles and most importantly, the nightly TCU TRAC shuttle, which provides comfortable, worry-free transportation every evening from the Smith Building on East Campus and the Visitor Lot on Main Campus to the parking lot. I generally applaud TCU's

efforts to guarantee student safety, but even one worrisome trip is unacceptable. Last week, I got out of my night class an hour early and patiently waited at the East Campus shuttle stop for the shuttle that would take me back to the overflow parking lot. As I watched the previous shuttle speed off, I fully expected another shuttle to come quickly. Shuttles

run every 15 minutes during the day (before 6 p.m.) and every 30 minutes during the evening (after 6 p.m.). It was 5:30 p.m., which meant my wait should have been 15 minutes at the most. A short wait quickly became a not so short wait in the below-freezing temperatures. After a call to the police station, the shuttle finally arrived after I had waited

more than an hour. The wait itself was frustrating, but what made me upset was that TCU had left one bus driver to cover two routes that included Worth Hills, Main Campus and East Campus. Although TCU usually has two buses running in the evening, no student should have to wait even 30 minutes for a shuttle at night.

With the abundance of night classes and meetings held on campus, TCU should invest money in ensuring students can return to their vehicles in a timely manner. The safety of TCU's 7,171 undergraduates merits the hiring of one or two more shuttle drivers. Sincerely,
Tiffany Wang, senior communication studies major

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Does "Smokin' Aces" sizzle the big screen? **FRIDAY**



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What Would Bauer Do?

Fox criticized for stereotyping Muslims as terrorists in hit show '24'

By TIM BELLA
Staff Reporter

Beep. Beep. Beep. Beep.
To fans of the Fox hit drama "24," the sound of a ticking clock could only mean one thing: It's going to be a long day for Jack Bauer—the character considered to be "the" action hero of the post-Sept. 11 society, played by Kiefer Sutherland.

As the sixth season of "24" commenced with a special two-night premiere event, viewers found Bauer and the rest of his counterterrorism unit cohorts fighting a familiar enemy: an Islamic terrorist group.

It's the third time in the show's six-year history Muslims have been the perpetrators of terrorist attacks against America, or as "24" fans refer to it, they're the ones "getting on Jack's bad side." All jokes aside, the show's sixth season has come under scrutiny from special interest groups such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations, who have protested the show's negative portrayal of Muslims in previous seasons.

In a Jan. 19 CNN article, CAIR spokeswoman Rabiah Ahmed said the day after the sixth season's premiere concluded with an Islamic terrorist group successfully detonating a nuclear bomb in a Los Ange-

les suburb, she was "afraid to go to the grocery store" in fear of a person not being able to "differentiate between fiction and reality."

This being said, one must ask whether "24" has contributed to people's association of Muslims with the war on terror.

Cecile Van de Voorde, an assistant professor in criminal justice, said she believes the show has been detrimental to the public's perception and understanding of terrorism.

Van de Voorde said she disapproves of the show because it extends misconceptions in part because "reality is conveniently forgotten" when watching "24."

"There is enough drama unfolding every day around the world," Van de Voorde said. "I think it would behoove media outlets (especially Fox Corp.) to first portray terrorism adequately and objectively in its news departments before they invest millions in the production of 'thrilling' fictional shows that provide more propaganda than entertainment."

In the midst of recent criticism, Fox network executives issued a statement Jan. 17 stating that "24" has made a concentrated effort to portray groups as being multidimensional.

Whether this is the case, Manochehr Dorraj, a political science professor, said he thinks the press and media demonize each other during wars to mobilize public opinion for a war effort.

"It would be much easier to think of the other side (your 'enemy') as fully human, as noble and as virtuous as yourself," Dorraj said.

But Dorraj said the media sometimes changes this view. "Instead, it's easier to kill them than promote them as humans with hopes, dreams and virtues," he said.

Professors aren't the only ones sounding off on the issue. Danielle Richter, a senior entrepreneurial management major, said the show's negative depiction of Muslims plays on the feeling that the majority of the American public does not come in regular contact with Muslims.

Richter, who is the president of the Muslim Student Association, said she thinks the media and the government have generated and continue to feed the stereotype of Muslims being strange and out of touch with American beliefs.

"It's very easy to see something on television, and believe it to be true," Richter said. "If you have no basis of comparison, and if you are being encouraged to believe that

from everyone else."

While some people might be up in arms over "24" and its recent story lines, rabid "24" fans such as junior Kyle Williams said he thinks the show's portrayal of Islamic terrorists is pivotal because it accurately depicts the current global situation.

In response to a Jan. 15 ABC News article that suggested former al-Qaida camps watched American entertainment such as "24" to get ideas for potential terrorist acts, Williams, a political science and English major, said America needs to look other places than "24" if they want to cut off resources available to terrorist organizations.

"On Sept. 11, terrorists used our own planes as weapons against us. I think that if we want to stop providing America's enemies with supplies, there are more important places to start than network programming," he said.

Van de Voorde had a different opinion.

She said she thinks news and entertainment media has allowed terrorist groups to capitalize on the emotions expressed by the public after being exposed to terrorist attacks.

"Since the main objective of the jihadist networks that are targeting U.S. and Western interests is to wage a psychological warfare," Van de Voorde said she thinks, "we have in effect allowed them to remain in the spotlight much longer than necessary and done them a favor."

Whether or not people agree with "24" and its storylines, Sutherland signed an extension to do the show for three more seasons as well as to adapt it into a feature film, according to an April 10 MTV News article.

As the debate to whether "24" has negatively depicted people of Islamic faith continues on, one thing is for certain: Sutherland's character, as archetypal as it may be, will continue to save America against terrorists of all races, ethnic backgrounds and religious beliefs for the perceivable future.

If Jack Bauer isn't going to do it, who else will?

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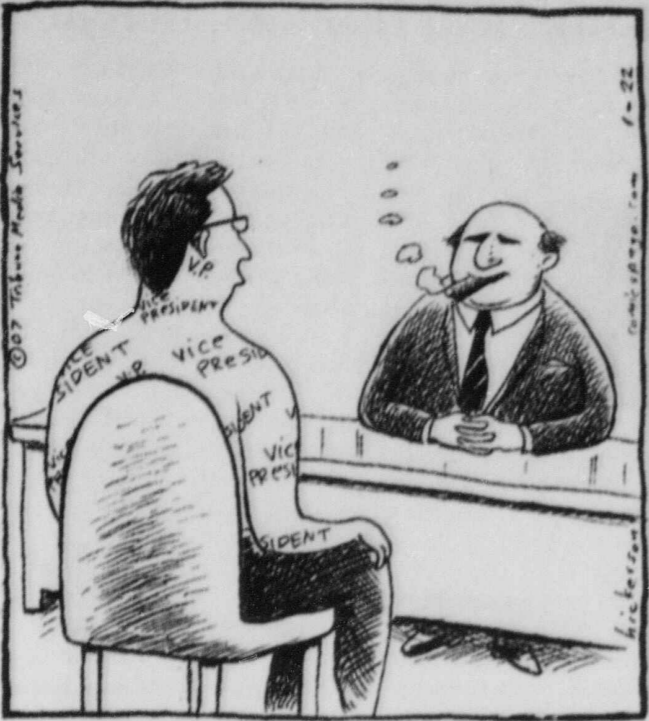
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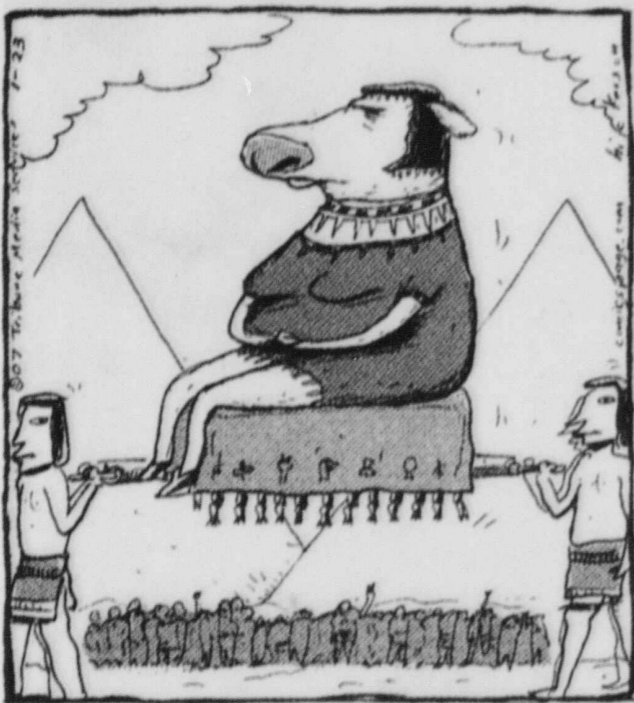
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The Quigmans

by Buddy Hickerson



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See Thursday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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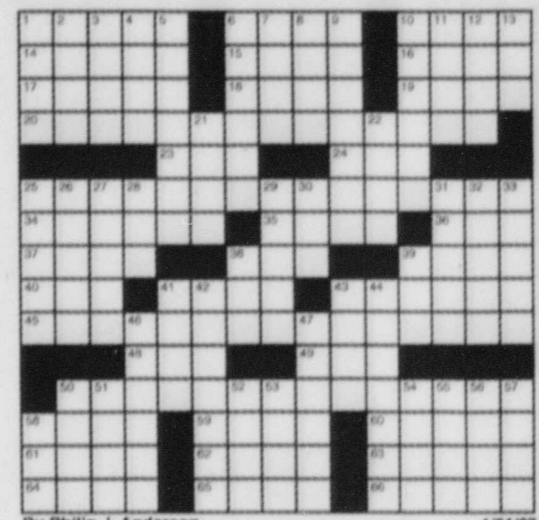
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Portland, OR

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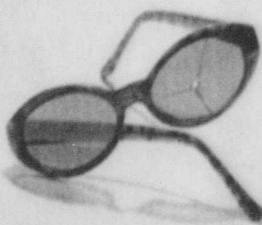
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SHOOT AND SCORE

Find out how the men's basketball team rounded out the first half of conference play.
TOMORROW

Horned Frog basketball looks to rebound record

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**
Sports Editor

The Frogs (10-9, 2-5 conference) will try to erase their five-game Mountain West Conference losing streak tonight against the San Diego State Aztecs (14-7, 3-4 conference).

The losing streak has been impacted by an ongoing struggle on offense as the Frogs continue to have woes making their shots, sophomore forward Kevin Langford said.

"We have been struggling on offense but playing good defense," Langford said. "But good defense can only last so long."

The Aztecs were projected to be at the top of the conference this season, but three losses have them playing wounded, said head coach Neil Dougherty.



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer
Ryan Wall, junior guard, brings the ball up the court in the game versus Colorado State earlier this season.

"They are the most athletic in the conference and they have the returning Mountain West Conference player of the year," Dougherty said.

Adjustments have been made by the Frogs, Langford said.

"We have been working at trying to get better movement with and without the ball," Langford said. "We are trying to knock down shots, but we have been in a shooting slump."

During this five game slide, the Frogs have had their share of woes while shooting from the field. The poor shooting has led to a less than stellar 35.76 field goal percentage. Dougherty said the players can remedy these struggles if they get more relaxed while on the court.

"You play hard, but you play harder when you're scoring," Dougherty said. "If we get more relaxed we can make positive plays on the offensive side of the ball."

Some of the problems have been blamed on an unhealthy team with some players not at 100 percent, Dougherty said.

"If we get some people healthy and fine tune some things then maybe we can open up for better shots," Dougherty said.

Last weekend while on the road the Frogs let go of a half-time lead against the Wyoming Cowboys which led to a 71-56 loss.

Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The game will be the first of a two game home stand and will mark the end of the first half of conference play.

No. 16 women's tennis team chases national indoor title

By **ALEX ZOBEL**
Staff Reporter

Two women's tennis players will begin the spring season by traveling to Madison, Wis., on Thursday to compete in the National Team Indoor Championship.

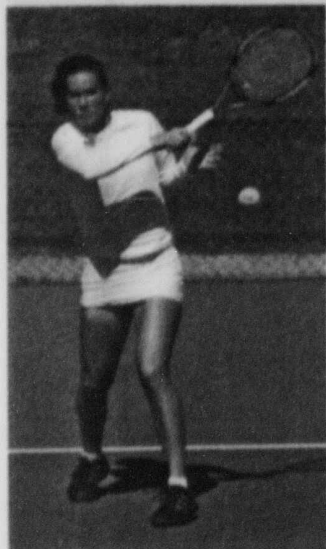
Senior Ana Cetnik and sophomore Ana Sydorska earned an automatic bid in the tournament when they reached the final match of the 2006 ITA National Indoor Collegiate Championships in November, making them TCU's first female tennis players to reach the final match in a doubles national championship event.

The pair was also the second TCU doubles team in school history to win the ITA Southwest Regional Tournament.

After finishing the fall season with a record of 11-2 as a doubles team, Cetnik and Sydorska begin the spring season ranked No. 9 in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, a climb of 15 places from last season.

The team is ranked No. 16 in the country by the ITA, making it the third consecutive year the TCU women have been ranked in the top 20.

Interim coach Jefferson Hammond said the team's goals for the spring are to be ranked No. 10 in the country and to reach the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.



Ana Cetnik, senior, and the No. 16 Horned Frogs will compete in the Women's Tennis Indoor National Championships beginning Thursday.

COMMENTARY

Loss of friend, fan exceeds playing-field fallouts, defeats

Losses happen in sports. It is part of the essence of what competition must bring so there is a clear winner and loser.

The loss of a friend through what the glory of competition brings is often one of the moments in sports that lets anybody, fan or competitor, understand there is more than winning or losing.

My first teardrop for a sports icon came when Mickey Mantle passed away in 1995. Since then I have paid my respect for athletes ranging from Darryl Kyle to Pat Tillman. Never once did I imagine one of my very own colleagues in the Schieffer School of Journalism joining those of names.

Doug Clarke, a former adjunct professor in the journalism department as well as former North Texas State University football player in the 1950s and '60s, was never shy about giving his two cents on what college athletics meant to him. For that matter, any subject from sports to history to politics to criminal interrogations seemed fall in his realm of expertise.

I remember Clarke would wander into our newsroom and sit and chat about the weather that day and listen to what all of us fledgling writers had to say. The grandfather character in the Skiff family has passed away.

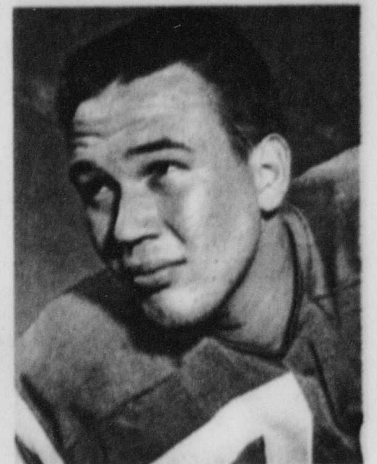
As I sat in the pew at his funeral, I recalled when he told me about when he caught a pass from TCU and NFL great Sammy Baugh at a football practice. I have shaken the hand of the man who made that reception.

More than that, the handshake was a sign that he became a friend. Doug Clarke will be missed as both a friend and competitor.

—Sports editor Marcus Murphree



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Doug Clarke: 1939 - 2007

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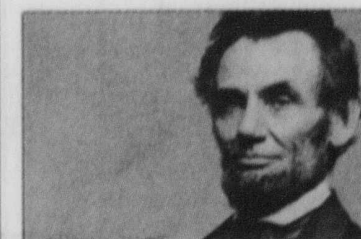
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