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Historic cartography collection comes to North Texas museums

By DAVID SPENCER
Staff Reporter

Beginning Nov. 3, people across the state will have the opportunity to experience more than 400 years of Texas history through maps, as a result of TCU's partnership with the Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

The exhibit, titled "Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps," consists of 64 historic maps from the Yana and Marty Davis map collection dating from 1548 to 2006.

Marty Davis and his wife, Yana Davis, donated the maps to the Museum of the Big Bend, said Liz Jackson,

the assistant to the director at the Museum of the Big Bend. She said Marty Davis' close friendship with TCU political science professor Mary Volcansek is to be credited for TCU's collaboration with Sul Ross State University about 18 months ago.

The Center for Texas Stud-

ies at TCU published a book based on the exhibit, titled "Going to Texas," and assisted in the funding of the exhibit, Jackson said.

"The maps are part of a 1,000-piece map collection condensed to 64 pieces for the traveling show," said Matt Wal-

ter, a historian at the Museum

of the Big Bend. Marty Davis is the foremost map collector in the state of Texas who is passionate about history, Walter said.

For at least the past 25 years, Marty Davis has been collecting the maps of Texas, said Sam Childers, communication manager of Old Red

Museum in Dallas.

"Basically, through these maps, you will see Texas transforming from before it was a state, to when it was part of Mexico, when it was the republic of Texas, the mapping following U.S. and Mexico conflict and its pro-

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NOT JUST PURPLE



A woman watches from the field of Amon Carter Stadium during a balloon release at halftime of last year's Pink Out game. The woman was one of about 600 people to participate in the halftime events.

178,480

women in the United States will be found to have invasive breast cancer in 2007.

40,460

women will die from the disease this year.

2.5 million

breast cancer survivors in the United States right now.

1 in 8

the chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time during her life.

1 in 100

the chance of a man getting breast cancer each year.

1 in 35

the chance of dying from breast cancer

SOURCE: American Cancer Society

Pink Out honors survivors, victims of cancer

The month of October has come to an end, but the fight against breast cancer continues.

One thousand balloons will paint the sky pink Saturday as they float above Amon Carter Stadium, representing awareness, the rise of hope and the release of hardship.

Three women who help to organize the annual events of the Pink Out game share their personal stories about their connections to the ailment that has affected millions.

Two women have survived a bout with cancer, and one has lost a loved one to it, but all three say they have come out a little bit stronger because of it.

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Dance showcase to be dedicated to alumna

By CALLIE COX
Staff Reporter

The School for Classical and Contemporary Dance is presenting its fall concert Friday through Sunday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Elizabeth Gillaspay, associate professor of ballet, said the dance department plans a fully produced concert every semester that is cho-

reographed by faculty and guest artists.

"It is a concert of five different works," Gillaspay said. "They are all very different and present a wide range of dance styles and techniques."

Ellen Shelton, chairwoman and associate professor of modern dance, said this

performance will be dedicated to Linda Kaye, who died from cancer in October.

Shelton said Kaye took pictures for the dance department for years and some of those pictures will be on display in the lobby of Ed Landreth Auditorium this weekend.

Senior modern dance

major Melinda Castro said the concert will consist of three modern and two ballet pieces.

"This is the weekend we look forward to all semester," Castro said. "It is a rare opportunity that people can come to one concert and get

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Former athlete's court date set in assault trial

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

A court date has been set for a former TCU athlete indicted on a charge of aggravated sexual assault by threat, according to the Tarrant County District Clerk's Office.

Shannon Monroe Behling, 20, is set to appear in court Nov. 19 at 9 a.m. Behling, a former basketball player, was indicted Tuesday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault by threat, according to the Tarrant County District Attorney's office.

Behling, along with two other athletes, Lorenzo L. Jones, 21, a former football player, and Virgil Allen Taylor, 20, a former basketball player, was arrested Oct. 20, 2006, in connection with the assault of an 18-year-old freshman student, according to police.

Jones and Taylor have not been indicted and all three men are currently out on bail, according to the Tarrant County District Clerk's office.

The victim told police she was lured into the room Oct. 13, 2006, under the pretext that Taylor would repay \$8 he

owed her. While in Taylor's room on the third floor of Moncrief Hall, she was offered a sports drink that caused her to pass out between 8 p.m. that night until 7 a.m. of the following day, the woman told police.

The victim told police she later went to the Health Center and said she had been sexually assaulted, according to court records. Police said the victim led them to Taylor and then Taylor helped police identify Jones and Behling as suspects during the investigation, according to court records.

According to a police report, the police recovered \$100 and a bra after searching the room, items the victim had reported stolen.

Jones and Taylor were removed from their teams before the arrest for reasons unrelated to the assault and Behling was removed after the arrest.

The three men were separated from the university after the incident, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Jones had a misdemeanor assault charge before he was admitted to TCU.

Facebook utilized by job recruiters

By LIZ DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Facebook can be a blessing or a curse when embarking on a job search.

Purdue University with the National Association of Colleges and Employers offered a survey to campus recruiters and 64 companies.

When recruiters were asked five questions about whether online resources affected their decisions in hiring, 78 percent said it did have an affect, according to the survey.

"Facebook is the best thing to ever happen to job recruitment," said Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of the Neeley School of Business.

"I am all for Facebook," he said. "I just hope students realize that what they put up, people see and can have negative consequences."

Facebook was founded in February 2004 and is a social utility that helps people communicate across the country and the world, according to

Facebook.com.

Facebook is visited by millions of people and more than half of them return to the site daily. According to Facebook.com, there are about 13,000 members on TCU's network — almost 9,000 are students.

As the numbers increase on Facebook, the number of recruiters using it as a tool will also increase, Moncrief said.

There are more than 50 million active users on Facebook, according to its statistics. Every day since January 2007, there have been 200,000 new users — an increase of 3 percent each week. It is the sixth most trafficked Web site with more than half of its members out of college.

"Facebook has free information that an employer wouldn't get otherwise," said Kimshi Hickman, interim director of Alcon Career Services. "They want to know as much as possible about a candidate."

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WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly sunny 73/52
TOMORROW: Mostly sunny 73/52
SUNDAY: Mostly sunny 80/59

PECULIAR FACT

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A 22-year-old woman who doesn't want her breast milk to go to waste has taken out a newspaper ad in hopes of selling it.
— Associated Press

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FACEBOOK

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Hickman said to consider a Facebook profile as a reference. Employers can learn more about candidates by checking their profiles on Facebook in 15 minutes than they can in a one-hour interview, Hickman said.

Moncrief said he goes to every Foundations in Business class, required for all sophomores, to talk about Facebook.

"The best thing a student can do is to audit their profile," Hickman said. "Look at your site and pretend you are an employer. Ask yourself if it would impress. Audit yourself."

Sometimes a student's profile fails to impress and uphold the standards of TCU, Moncrief said.

"On occasion, Facebook content has affected students' chances at the business school," Moncrief said. "If it embarrasses the Neeley Business School they will meet with me and the content will be removed."

"There are things put on Facebook that are just not acceptable," Moncrief said. "There will be consequences when you are representing a university, or company, or program. Understand that it is not just you; you are representing others."

Moncrief said Facebook will not just have negative effects on people now but content can come back to hurt them again.

"What students put on Facebook can be pulled off the Internet and saved, it could come back and haunt them later in their life," Moncrief said. "And that's not just for future politicians."

According to the report from NACE, employers are able to find candidates who fit with their company because of groups, pictures and other personal information that is found on their Web sites.

Hickman said one way to impress recruiters is to have quotes and information about yourself that reflect what you truly want people to know about you. After you audit yourself recreate your profile to better reflect your true self, Hickman said.

"Recruiters are using Facebook to get a feel for your personality, to see if you are a good fit for their company," Hickman said. "If they look through your pictures or your Wall and see inappropriate comments and pictures they may decide that you are not a good fit for them."

DON'T SAY THE NAME



Provest Nowell Donovan plays the title character in Macbeth with Frohenge as the stage Wednesday. The circular formation of the rocks mimics Shakespeare's Globe Theater allowing actors to play to everyone in the audience, according to organizers.

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gression from a rural to an urban state," Walter said.

The exhibit will also offer more than just geography, Childers said. He said the exhibit will cover a wide range of topics as the museum works in conjunction with the Dallas Historical Society.

Economically, the exhibit will have maps that deal with railroads, shipping and trading posts, Childers said. He said the maps will also show agricultural range from the 16th-century exploration to the development of airlines.

Dallas is one of the 10 stops that the exhibit will

take around Texas during its two-year tour. The exhibit will begin in Dallas at the Old Red Museum on Saturday and end in January 2010 at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

"The exhibit will be in our public gallery, so it is free to the public," Childers said. "The last day to see the exhibit (in Dallas) will be Feb. 23."

FOR YOUR INFO

Texas maps

For more information Visit texasstudies.org or call the Center for Texas Studies at 817-257-6295

DANCE

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exposed to so many different styles of dance."

Tess Bernard, a senior ballet and physics major, said they have been preparing for this performance all semester.

"As a senior, this concert feels like a culmination of all I've learned, and it gives me an opportunity to show that to my peers," Bernard said.

Bernard said the concert will be entertaining and enjoyable to watch.

"A lot of people don't know what they are missing when it comes to modern dance and ballet," Bernard said. "It will open their minds up to a wider cul-

ture and a larger sense of what is out there."

Gillaspy said everyone is very excited and ready to perform these pieces.

"This is where their hearts lie," Gillaspay said. "These students have poured their hearts and souls into this performance."

FOR YOUR INFO

Dance showcase

When: November 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. November 3 & 4 at 2 p.m.

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium

Cost: General Admission \$10 Non TCU students with ID \$5

TCU Students, faculty, and staff FREE with ID Call (817) 257-7615 for more information

Go Frogs



Pink out
for breast cancer

Support TCU Football this Saturday, Nov. 3 against New Mexico. Come to the Bookstore and get your pink out shirt for the game.



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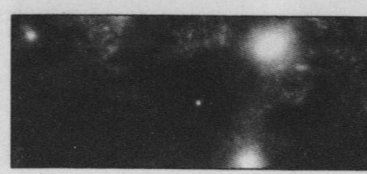
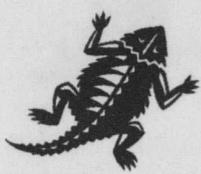


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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are 10¹¹ stars in the galaxy. That used to be a huge number. But it's only a hundred billion. It's less than the national deficit! We used to call them astronomical numbers. Now we should call them economical numbers."
— Richard Feynman

THE SKIFF VIEW

Program battles low numbers

The pulse of the nursing population is fading, and the Harris College of Health and Human Sciences is trying to revive it.

The College of Health and Human Sciences is taking a proactive stance to combat the predicted nursing shortages by 2020.

The college has been successful with a retention rate of 85 to 100 percent, said Donna Tilley, associate professor and director of the Harris College of Nursing. But the College of Health and Human Sciences is continuing to raise the bar, and other colleges should take notice.

Kudos to the college for implementing the ACE program, Academic Excellence, to help nursing students excel with tutoring, test prep and study strategies.

The college's greatest feat is its accelerated baccalaureate nursing program. It gives people with degrees in another field the opportunity to enter the program and earn a nursing degree in 15 months.

Not only will the program give graduates

the chance to delve into another field, but also it will help guard against a dwindling career field.

As the baby boomers enter their senior citizen years, the need for geriatric nurses will climb as older nurses retire, Tilley said. By creating an accelerated program, the college is making a career in nursing a feasible option for any student while giving them the necessary training and experience to be successful.

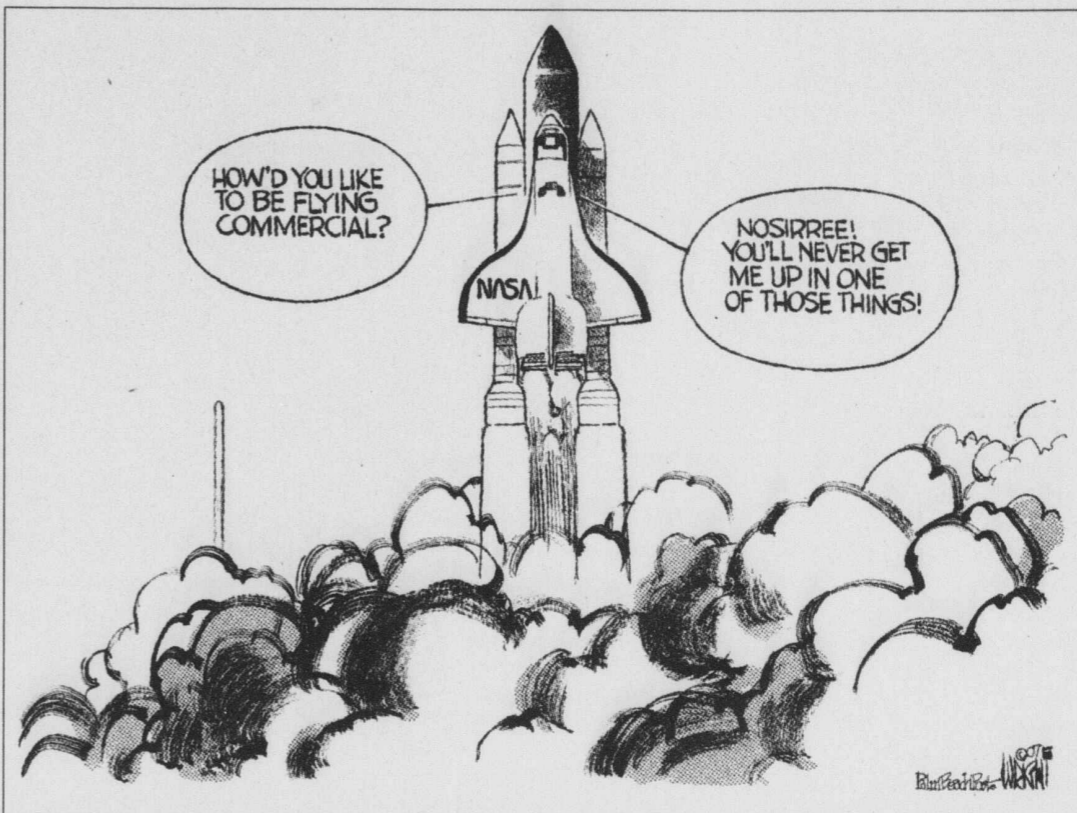
The downside is that the college must turn away about 40 transfer students each semester because each class can only hold 60 students.

Tilley said the college is growing, squeezing out some faculty and putting them in offices in the Tucker Technology Center.

Nevertheless, the College of Health and Human Sciences has the right idea: Bridging the gap between non-nursing majors and the field of medicine is the key to ensuring the nursing population does not go code blue.

News editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.

BY DON WRIGHT



Coming to grips with hard times makes living more worthwhile

I used to think life would always turn out for the best.

I used to think the straight and narrow path to success was going to be easy once I found it.

COMMENTARY



Marissa Warmis

I used to think I would end up like the fairy tale princess on the big screen — perfect hair,

perfect friends, perfect life.

I thought wrong.

First, life is full of curveballs that even a major league baseball player couldn't hit.

Just when you think you have some breathing room, another wave of reality knocks you flat on your face. Am I wrong?

Second, the narrow path to success has suddenly become narrower since I started college.

Suddenly internships and jobs are harder to come by and are more competitive.

I'm nothing more than the average student. So how am I going to get a job that will lead me to the future I've dreamed of?

Perfect hair, perfect friends and perfect lives are non-existent. Nothing in this world is perfect and I'm coming to realize that the older I get,

Notions I used to have about retiring a millionaire at 30 are practically gone. So now what should I do?

Life can get all of us down. Most of us experience something daily that just makes us want to throw up our hands and yell, "I quit!"

The truth is, that might be how it is supposed to be. That is the way the world prepares us for that future that is, in fact, waiting for us.

Sometimes it feels impossible to even dream after so many of those dreams have been crushed.

You may have had dreams of starting in the NFL, replacing Tony Romo, only to have that dream stripped from you when you shattered your throwing arm in your last season of college football.

You may have had dreams of being the CEO of a Fortune 500 company only to realize the business school degree plan wasn't exactly what you expected and your real passion lies in social work.

Or maybe, just maybe, you've been called to a type of seminary where your dreams of a wife and a family have been thrown so far out of the picture that it feels as though you never had it in the first place.

What exactly is life trying to tell us? What exact-

ly are we supposed to do when we are stripped of things we once felt sure would happen?

I'll tell you what you need to do.

Make new dreams and create new goals. We all go through changes in life and when our former goals and dreams don't work out we have to assume there are new ones out there waiting to be discovered.

So instead of sitting alone in our rooms feeling scared and intimidated by life, we need to realize that just as life changes and we change, so should our dreams. I've said it before, change is inevitable, so we must embrace it with everything we have before we let life pass us by.

Troy Aikman once said, "losing doesn't eat at me the way it used to. I just get ready for the next play, the next game, the next season."

I think we all need to spend a little less time worrying about the dreams we've lost and a little more time preparing for the dreams that will come. The next season of your life is just around the corner. Are you still worrying about last season, or have you come prepared for the new one?

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Mutual respect inside classroom should be displayed not implied

There are no stupid questions.

Professors have been telling their students this for ages.

COMMENTARY



Amanda Shimko

But to some, it seems this is a lie they feel the need to repeat every semester for appearances sake.

Granted there are some stupid questions.

There are always students who as they raise their hands the entire class and professor join in a collective sigh.

It is inevitable. In general, people do tend to have legitimate questions, especially in upper-level courses, but lately I am noticing a trend in the Q&A sessions among students and faculty and staff.

It seems some professors take a little delight in making the curious student look like a fool.

Everyone knows what I'm talking about.

Just in case, let me set the scene:

Student raises his or her hand.

Professor hears the student's inquiry.

Then, with a smirk and a blank stare, the professor looks away.

"Even though someone may have 'Dr.' in front of his or her name, it doesn't mean that person suddenly knows all the delicate intricacies of the universe."

Amanda Shimko

The professor looks completely dumbfounded that someone wouldn't already know the answer.

And to make sure the student realizes how ridiculous he or she is, the professor begins a response with a humorous, "welllll."

Trust me, I get it.

You have more schooling than me.

I get it.

You have more life experience than me.

But isn't that the point of being a student?

Isn't that why people become teachers?

To help mold those young, curious minds and teach them about the world.

How else are students supposed to learn?

How else are students supposed to gain life experience?

Instead of belittling those "peons" the university classifies as students, please realize that it is hard enough to

ask a question.

Getting an answer that involves a smirk and a quiet laugh doesn't help.

Even though someone may have "Dr." in front of his or her name, it doesn't mean that person suddenly knows all the delicate intricacies of the universe.

Please do not misunderstand.

I am not trying to downplay the time and effort that goes into attaining a doctorate degree, but a Ph.D. is not a free pass to talk down to others because they are not at the same level.

Respect is a two-way street and it has to be earned.

Students are expected to respect their professors, but the reverse should be true as well.

Administrators don't need to baby students in an attempt to not hurt their feelings, but they shouldn't be vicious either.

If someone feels they are constantly being asked stupid questions, then maybe that person should re-evaluate what he or she is saying.

Are they making any sense in the first place?

Belittling anyone, especially those looking for guidance in a place that is set up for such, only creates an uncomfortable environment.

Amanda Shimko is a senior international communication/news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.

Obnoxious forwards, surveys dilute MySpace content

My space is being invaded! Calling a Web site MySpace seems like an indication that users have control over what appears. This is far from the truth.

COMMENTARY



Mike Best

I may sound like a grumpy Gus, but if I get one more friend request on MySpace from some

cyber woman named Candy, I will personally track down Tom, drag him into the street and give him the beating he deserves.

I'm sure any MySpace user knows what I'm talking about: the endless amount

of spam that clogs up your once-stylish profile, making it an eyesore.

Music is my main passion in life, and if MySpace didn't happen to be one of the best places to find out about independent bands, I would have deleted my account years ago.

Every time I sign on, I see new friend requests.

There is a slight glimmer of hope that the person who desires to be my virtual friend is indeed someone I met at some late hazy hour, but upon further examination, I realize it's some Internet scam trying to get me to lay down \$19.99 a month to watch a private Web cam

nudie party.

I'm not buying.

Also, it seems every horrible band in existence wants to be my MySpace friend.

I frequently receive friend requests from bands whose sound would only improve if they dropped the instruments and recorded the sounds of a dying opossum.

Not only do I receive a constant stream of cyber scams, but it seems even my friends are out to drive me crazy.

Those who believe the whole world wants to know what color shirt they're wearing or how many people they've kissed.

I'll call them the surveyors.

These people post four or five bulletins a day answering mind-numbing questions about their personal lives.

If I wrote a survey, I'd ask only one question: WHO CARES?

I'll admit, in middle school I enjoyed filling out these surveys, but as a 22-year-old college senior, I believe these surveys are juvenile and not worthy of my precious time.

To illustrate, I'll list a few questions my survey-or friends actually deemed worthy of asking with my responses:

Are your underwear and socks folded in your drawers or just thrown in?

No, they're thrown in a heap on the floor.

Can you see a phone right now?

No.

Bored enough?

Most definitely.

And what's the deal with people sending me these advertisements about free Louis Vuitton bags or Macy's gift certificates? Do I seem like the sort of person who needs a designer purse?

Could I be the type of person who likes to shop?

The answer to both of these questions: a resounding no.

I don't even want to know what looks I would get walking to class in my T-shirt, ratty jeans, sandals, baseball cap, scraggly beard and fabulous new Prada bag.

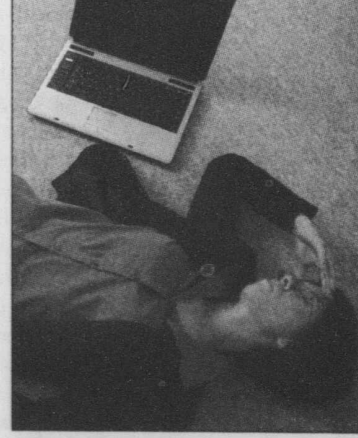
Perhaps I should just take a chill pill and refuse to let these things bother me.

I just want a way to find out about new music and my friends current happenings

without digging through piles of worthless junk.

To Internet solicitors and surveyor friends alike: My space on MySpace is valuable. Please leave me out.

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To raise awareness and funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, TCU will don pink for its 3rd annual Pink Out game at 4:30 p.m. Saturday against the University of New Mexico Lobos. According to the foundation's Tarrant County chapter Web site, proceeds from ticket and T-shirt sales will go toward helping breast cancer patients. During halftime, McGuirk said, a number of survivors and other speakers will share their experiences and close with a release of 1,000 pink balloons.

Hope Floats

Breast cancer leaves mark in women's memories

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

Although this is the season of pumpkins and colored leaves, the color for October is pink.

It's the color of ribbons pinned on backpacks; it's the color of 1,000 balloons released into the heavens. For some, it's the color of hope.

TCU's Pink Out football game is not just about turning the stadium pink for one evening, but it is also a time to remember breast cancer patients and celebrate survivors.

Three women, who have each been affected by breast cancer in different ways, come together each October to help organize the event and spread awareness to the TCU community using their own personal stories.

Facing the Fight

Denise Bennett said she never saw it coming. During the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping with friends, Bennett, academic program specialist for TCU's pre-health program, received the call. She had cancer.

Bennett had a mastectomy, the removal of the entire breast, and thought the cancer was gone. But, her doctor found HER2-nu, an aggressive protein that perpetuates the growth of cancer. For the next

four months, she endured chemotherapy, allergic reactions and hair loss.

"Losing your hair is just devastating," she said. "By the 13th day, my hair was coming out by the handful. It was the hardest thing to deal with."

On top of that, she said she felt miserable — so miserable she couldn't go to work. Despite

feeling weak and sick from the chemotherapy, Bennett refused to abandon her job and "her kids" in the pre-health program.

"I want to have the doors open for students," she said. "I have a job. I have to go."

Bennett said now she is cancer-free and wants to put the past behind her and appreciate what's important in life.

Enduring the Fight

Despite losing her mother to breast cancer her freshman year at TCU, Robin Forner, a senior international communications and Spanish and

Latin American studies major, said she's staying positive. Her mother, Diane Forner, was diagnosed with cancer when Robin Forner was 14, and her father died from a genetic disease two years later.

"When you're young, you don't think about losing a parent — it was life-changing," Robin Forner said. "It's one of the most maturing things."

Robin Forner said her mother was strong and never complained or showed fear. She said her mom endured a mastectomy, radiation and chemotherapy by herself for nearly six years. Robin Forner said one of the greatest memories with her mother was visiting colleges in Texas and California.

"It was a trip I will never forget," she said. "We became friends. I'm glad we got to have that — a lot of people don't get that with their parents."

Robin Forner has volunteered for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure and worked with TCU's Pink Out committee, she said. Robin Forner shared her experience during halftime at last year's Pink Out game. She said her mom is the reason

why she's involved with raising breast cancer awareness.

"My mom, she lost the fight, but that doesn't mean I have to," Robin Forner said.

Surviving the Fight

After dealing with breast cancer about a year ago, TCU alumna Dana McGuirk, who also works on the Pink Out committee, said the experience opened many doors for her.



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
Dana McGuirk

vital to the immune system and filter out bad cells.

"The biggest fear out of it all was telling my kids," she said. "I felt I had to be strong for them. Of course, we were scared. Things like this bring you to your knees."

McGuirk's son, Matthew, a junior communication studies major and baseball player at TCU, will share his perspective at the Pink Out game on Saturday.

To raise awareness and funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, TCU will don pink for its third annual Pink Out game at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, against the New Mexico Lobos. According to the foundation's Tarrant County chapter Web site, proceeds from ticket and T-shirt sales will go toward helping breast cancer patients. During halftime, McGuirk said, a number of survivors and other speakers will share their experiences and close with a release of 1,000 pink balloons.

McGuirk, a registered nurse in surgical recovery at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, said she talks with breast cancer patients at the hospital and tries to be a good role model for them.

McGuirk said she had a double mastectomy but no chemotherapy because the cancer hadn't spread to her lymph nodes, which are

Things to remember

- Have clinical exams at least every two to three years by age 20.
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SOURCE: Johnnie Ireland, women's health nurse practitioner at the Health Center, and Karen Bell, assistant dean for health promotion.

Two S.C. schools mourn friends

By TRAVIS FRAYARD
The (University of South Carolina) Daily Gamecock

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The members of Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon solemnly filed into the Russell House Ballroom on Monday night, followed by the families of the six USC students who died Sunday.

The families sat in the front row for the service, while Tri-Delt sisters filled in behind them, taking up nearly a quarter of the ballroom as they sat together in their sorority shirts.

To their right, SAE brothers filled the seats on the other side of the hall. All were dressed in coat and tie; all were moved by the loss of their friends.

"This is not just a garnet and black tragedy, but also a purple and orange tragedy," said President Andrew Sorensen, as he spoke during the service.

Six USC students and one Clemson student died Sunday after a fire burned a North Carolina beach house.

As Sorensen spoke, stifled sobs could be heard around the ballroom as students in mourning tried to remain quiet.

Sorensen told students that this tragedy does not simply affect the Gamecock nation, but the Clemson nation, and other universities around the country.

Jay Laura, SAE president, said what happened was a "unique and unfortunate" event that brought out the best in the Greek community and the student body as a whole.

Lauren Hodge, Tri-Delt president, said before each



The burned remains of a home are seen Monday in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. Seven were found dead after the fire, which officials say may have started on an outdoor deck.

sorority meeting, the sisters gather around and, among other things, promise to love one another.

Together, they told those who had come to pay their respects about how the students who died in the accident would be remembered in thoughts and prayers, and would be sorely missed by those they left behind.

Gena Runnion, director of Greek Life, was also there to remind students that chaplains and grief counselors would be available for any students who wished to discuss the events of the weekend.

At the service, students were told that as they grieve, the nation grieves with them. The school has been flooded with con-

dolences from across the country, including two university presidents who oversaw tragedies at their schools.

After the service was completed, students, faculty, families and friends walked outside for a candlelit vigil.

They grasped small white candles and gathered in a huddle around the gamecock painted on Greene Street, where six wreaths stood, somber reminders of the students who were not there.

The street, normally bustling, was silent.

Frank Anderson, pastor of the Lutheran Ministry on campus, led a prayer, reading the 42nd Psalm as hundreds bowed their heads.

"How can something this terrible happen to our friends?" he asked. "How can we survive this loss?"

Anderson prayed to "bring peace to the Carolina Gamecock community, and in time (bring) healing and wholeness."

A moment of silence followed, the only sounds audible were the sniffles of those who couldn't hold back their tears.

Laura and Hodge laid bouquets of flowers at the foot of the wreaths and led their groups back to their fraternity and sorority houses in the Greek Village, but other students stayed, silent, still and reflective.

The Daily Gamecock News Editor Jess Davis contributed to this story.

Video sharing site may rival YouTube

By BRENDA PAIZ
The (West Virginia University) Daily Athenaeum

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — A new beta has been launched by NBC Universal and Fox for online video viewing and sharing, and it is set to directly compete with other video-sharing Web sites such as YouTube.

Hulu.com was officially launched Monday and is expected to gain a large audience because of video content and viewing quality, according to the Web site.

Unlike YouTube, which has had to remove numerous videos due to copyright infringement laws with various broadcasting corporations, Hulu will feature legal videos that have been approved by NBC and FOX for online sharing, according to the Web site.

"Consumers are clearly interested in easily accessing a broad spectrum of programming," said Peter Chernin, president and chief operating officer of News Corporation, in a press release. "Hulu helps consumers quickly and easily find and enjoy the premium content they are looking for."

Legal viewing of films and television shows on Hulu is a result of the online beta signing licensing deals with MGM and Sony Pictures.

Also, Hulu has partnered with a number of video and content providers such as Bravo, CNET, E! Entertainment Television, Fox Reality, FX Networks, G4, Golf Channel, IGN, National Geographic, Oxygen, Sundance Channel, Sci Fi Network, The Style Network, X17 Online, USA Network and others, according to a press release.

The Web site is running as a private beta and cannot be accessed by all Internet users. Video content for the public is limited.

However, a public beta will be available in upcoming months, according to the Web site.

In the meantime, content-watchers can find clips and films on distribution Web sites like MySpace, AOL, MSN and Yahoo!

Like YouTube, Hulu will feature clips from shows in addition to full-length films and primetime television series.

File sharing and video embedding are also features that are available on Hulu.

"[Hulu] sounds like a win-win situation," said Mike Curry, a West Virginia University accounting major. "Free videos and movies are cool, but the fact that they are legal is going to make the quality a lot better, too."

Curry also said it is a great way to catch up on primetime shows, as well.

An elegant interface, centralized content and innovative features are designed to enhance the experience of online video viewing and sharing, according to a press release.

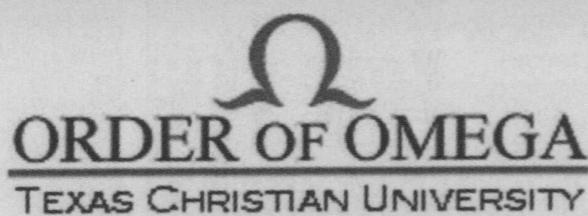
Hulu seems to be more appealing in several ways, said Anne Fisher, 19, of Morgantown, W.Va.

"It looks nicely put together, and there seems to be less advertisements," Fisher said. "I think because of this, it will appeal to a different audience than YouTube."

Registration for Hulu is free but is required for most video sharing, and a complete list of available shows and films can be found on the Hulu Web site at www.hulu.com.

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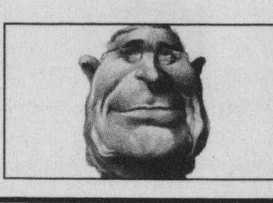
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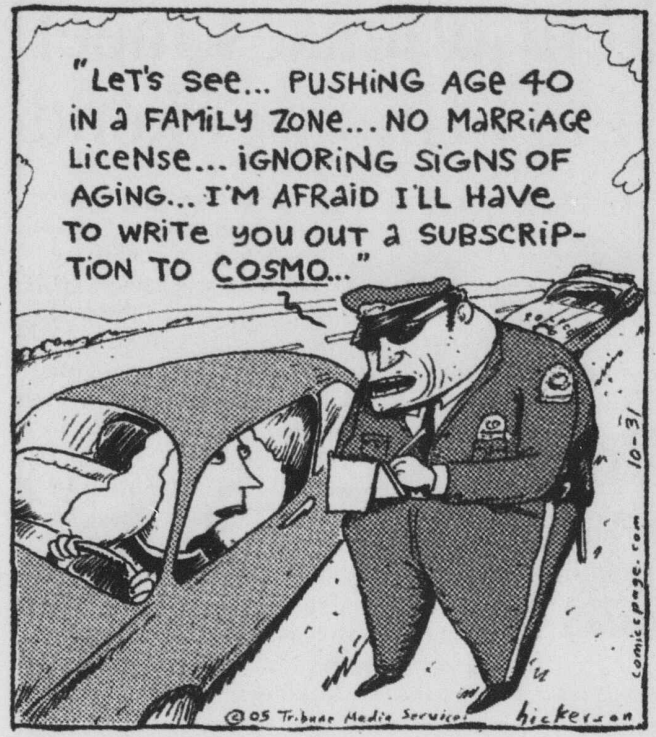
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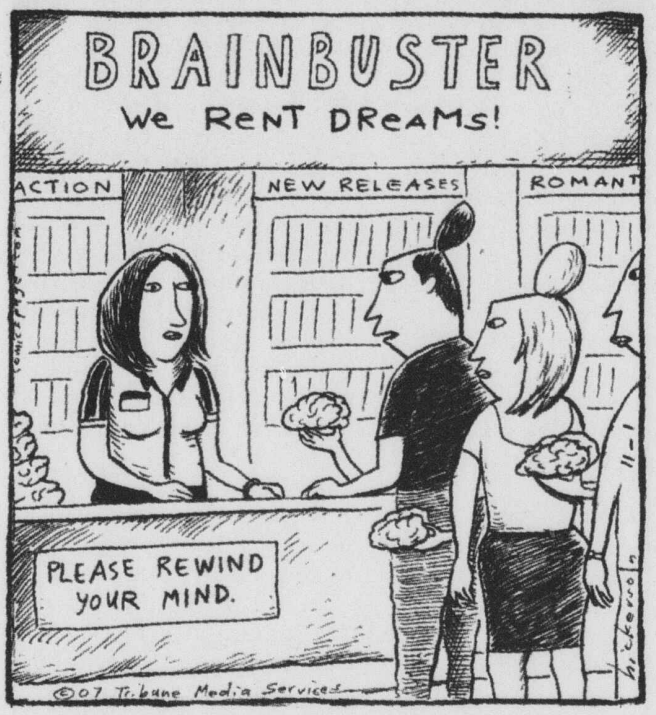
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30 Actress Lupino
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34 Of the moon
37 Dieter's road sign?
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70 One who wails

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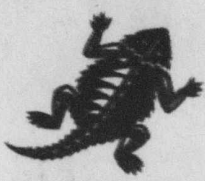
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs win exhibition in rout

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

The opponent's team name may have been the All-Stars, but for the Lady Frogs, one player rose above the rest to be their all-star.

Behind the 23-point, 12-rebound performance by senior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford, the Lady Frogs ran away with Thursday night's exhibition game against the All-Stars, cruising to a 78-47 win. The All-Stars are comprised of players from around the WNBA.

Butler-Rayford shot 8 for 15 from the field, chipped in four steals and finished as the only TCU player with double-digit points.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said the Inglewood, Calif., native improved during the offseason. He said her flexibility on the offensive end is only a plus for the Lady Frogs.

"The ability for us to move her around will benefit her," Mittie said.

The performance even took

Butler-Rayford by surprise, she said, as she did not know how many points she has racked up until she exited the game for the final time.

She said there was no added pressure on her to do anything else, other than play her style of game.

The scoring in the first half and second half was nearly identical, with the Lady Frogs outscoring the All-Stars 39-24 in the first half and followed up by going 39-23 in the second half.

Despite the 31-point win, Mittie said he was a "little disappointed" in how his team came to play Thursday. He said the team was a step slow getting to the ball on offense — something he hopes to remedy before the team's regular-season opener against Radford next Friday.

"We're not as confident in (the offense) as we need to be," Mittie said.

In a game marred by poor shooting percentages for both

teams, the Lady Frogs capitalized from beyond the arc and at the free throw line to storm out to a 15-point lead at halftime. The team would go 4 for 12 from downtown and 11 for 15 on free throws compared to 0 for 8 and 6 for 10, respectively, for the All-Stars.

Even with 39 first-half points, most of the damage was done without big offensive numbers from last season's leading scorer.

Senior guard Adrienne Ross was held off the scoreboard for the first 18 1/2 minutes of the game, before finishing the half with four points. She would finish with nine points in 25 minutes.



Senior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford goes for the rebound against All-Stars guard Marquetta Dinkens on Thursday. The Lady Frogs won the exhibition, 78-47.

It was also a night of new faces for TCU. Freshman forward Helena Sverrisdottir not only made her way into the starting lineup, but also dropped nine points and hauled in nine rebounds.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Potent offenses meet in Indy this weekend

By ERICK MOEN
Staff Writer

What is overweight, gray and has a great memory?

If you answered Bill Belichick (or Beli-cheat), then you'd be close. But

think more about the elephant in the room if this column, much to my chagrin, doesn't cover the greatest matchup of undefeated teams in the history and future of the NFL.

First of all, I'm glad the Colts vs. Patriots game will be played in the RCA Dome because it will now at least be fair. Marvin Harrison should be back this week and with him, the Indianapolis Colts' offense will shred an overrated New England defense. Indianapolis' defense is quick, has two great safeties and is playing at a much higher level this year. Will it be enough to take on the "greatest offense ever dreamed of?" Tony Dungy's famous "bend-but-don't-break" Tampa 2 defense will give up points but comes up big when it needs to.

For all the attention given to the matchup of the two greatest offenses in the game, Indianapolis safety Bob Sanders will be the guy to decide this tilt. He is playing like a man on a mission this year.

As for the fantasy football outlook of this, I'm not going to bother rehashing this below because everyone already knows all the offensive weapons will be big this week — just remember to leave the defenses on the bench.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. Brett Favre's bombs to James Jones and Greg Jennings were a thing of beauty to behold Monday night. It was vintage Favre and classic football. Beating Champ Bailey and Dre' Bly, respectively, only made the effort that much more remarkable to watch.

2. Does anyone else think it's odd the Washington Redskins did not have communication from the coordinator's box for nearly the entire first half when they played the Cheaters in New England? Under league rule, Beli-cheat and the rest of his coaching staff should have taken off their communication equipment while the Redskins did without. As one has come to expect, they didn't and had an unnecessary, unfair advantage against a weaker team.

And now the main event, this week's top three waiver wire adds and the matchups to keep an eye on.

Waiver Wire Adds:

Ryan Grant (RB-GB): Not the first Green Bay running back to be listed as an add

See **FANTASY**, page 6

FOOTBALL

Team returns to field after long break

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff Reporter

Coming off of a 16-day hiatus, the football team will try to stop New Mexico's four-game winning streak Saturday in Fort Worth.

The Lobos (6-2, 3-1 MWC) are coming off of a 34-31 overtime victory against Air

Force, and currently sit second in the Mountain West Conference behind BYU.

The Horned Frogs will try to contain New Mexico running back Rodney Ferguson, who is coming off of a career-high 146-yard effort against Air Force. His 41 carries were the second-most in

a game in conference history, and earned him MWC Player of the Week honors.

"Forty-one carries is a bunch of carries. Probably the best thing was that we played on Thursday night because I'm sure he was really sore on Friday," said Rocky Long, New Mexico

head coach. "If he carries it 41 times this week, it means we're probably right in the ball game and have a chance to win."

Long said because of injuries, it is tough to gauge TCU's talent level.

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Coach wants to increase team aggressiveness, open offense

By ERICK MOEN
Staff Writer

He looked up from the table where the trainer hovered, preparing the players for practice.

"Yeah, I have lots of goals," sophomore guard Jason Ebie said as a smile crawled across his face. "I have goals of us winning more than 25 games."

Health and depth are commodities the men's basketball team might have been lacking at the guard position, but now that he has both, head coach Neil Dougherty said he intends to use it to the fullest.

Dougherty said he wants to open up the offense and be more aggressive on both sides of the ball.

"Everything is going to be much more up-tempo," Dougherty said. "We are going to push the ball hard offensively and pressure defensively."

This will be a departure from the containment style of defense the Horned Frog guards played as of late, he said.

Dougherty said it will mean coming after people on defense, getting in the passing lanes and bringing a quicker pace on offense with more of a transitional style of play.

Ebie said this style of play is a natural fit for the guards on the team.

"Using this scheme will open up opportunities for other players all over the court," Ebie said.

The aggressive system has every guard on the team fired up, but senior Brent Hackett, last year's leading scorer at guard, said he is really looking forward to it.

"It's a guard's dream," Hackett said. "Most college coaches will try to limit their players to a certain extent. But Coach D has kind of given me the green light with a caution: You have to know the difference between a good shot and a bad shot."

Dougherty said he is looking for leadership and toughness from Hackett, a starter for the past three seasons.

Leading by example, Hackett said he makes sure he is at all the workouts, is around the team and shows dedication to making himself a better player.

Hackett is glad to have the spotlight on him and to be a leader on this team, but he said he knows it won't mean anything if he doesn't come through for the team.

"I still have to deliver and hold up to my name," Hackett said. Dougherty wants Hackett to be aggressive with the basketball on both sides of the floor but said his top priority remains at putting points on

the scoreboard.

In order to accomplish these goals, the team has worked hard on conditioning and decision-making.

"I've been working on my mind, trying to grow mentally as a player," Hackett said.

To prepare for the new scheme, Ebie said, he is utilizing the coach's and past players' knowledge to help him be successful.

Giving the group a new dimension will be junior transfer student Henry Salter, who, at 6 feet 4 inches and 215 pounds, is bigger than any guard on the roster.

"We haven't had a big physical guard," Dougherty said. "He rebounds on both ends, he's long and he's a good defender."

Helping man the point this season will be sophomore Martiese Morones and senior Ryan Wall. Wall was among the team leaders in free-throw shooting and fourth in points scored last season coming off the bench, while Morones saw floor time in 17 games last year.

Senior Neiman Owens will be playing at guard again this year and was a regular starter during the last campaign. The three-time letterman notched a double-double against Colorado State tallying 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Sophomore shooting guard Keion Mitchem saw playing time in half of the games as a freshman yet still was fourth in three-pointers for the Horned Frogs in 2006-07.

Team hopes to make eighth NCAA tournament showing

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff Reporter

Highlighted by 2007 Mountain West Conference co-player of the year Adrienne Ross, the women's basketball team will utilize a core group of senior guards to try for an eighth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said Ross has always had a great ability to get to rim, no matter whom she is up against.

"When you look up at the end, I think Adrienne Ross is going to be a player that we're going to go to at the end of games," Mittie said. "She's a player that's going to have the ball in her hands."

Senior Moneka Knight said Ross will draw the focus of opposing defenses to create opportunities for others.

"She will be able to kick it to us, and we will get able to get a little more involved this year," said Knight, last season's TCU defensive player of the year. "But we all know she's a great player. She's a great scorer and she can finish whenever she gets to the goal."

Ross, the conference's leading scorer from a year ago, said every guard on the team has improved her three-point shooting. She said she thinks last year's conference-leading offense will be even better this time around — even without graduated all-conference performer Ashley Davis.

"As good as Ashley was, I think we will be better this year because you aren't keying on one shooter," Ross said. "We'll be able to penetrate, and when



Senior guard Adrienne Ross shoots over a BYU defender last season. Ross, who was the team's leading scorer last season, is expected to be the Horned Frogs' go-to offensive threat toward the end of games.

we do, we have more than one person to shoot."

Though Ross is his team's most potent offensive weapon, Mittie said his offense is built around spreading the floor and utilizing different options to score.

"You'd really like to have three scoring options out there that you feel like you can go for double figures at any time, and a fourth that goes sometimes," Mittie said.

Ross said one thing she noticed during last year's first-round tournament loss to Ole Miss was that although her team had just as much talent as Ole Miss, the Rebels were in shape and strong. The team has worked on building its strength and conditioning with new strength coach Brandon John-

son during the offseason, which she said will be a major factor to the team's success.

"I think he will get us to that level so we can compete with (teams like) Ole Miss," Ross said.

Senior point guard Helen Roden enters her second year running point for the Horned Frogs. Ross said the Melbourne, Australia, native will be much more comfortable now that she's used to having the ball in her hand.

Roden, along with Ross, Knight and newcomer Helena Sverrisdotir give Mittie a deep frontcourt to turn to during the season.

"Helen at the end of the year was playing her best basketball, and I think she'll pick up where she left off," Mittie said.

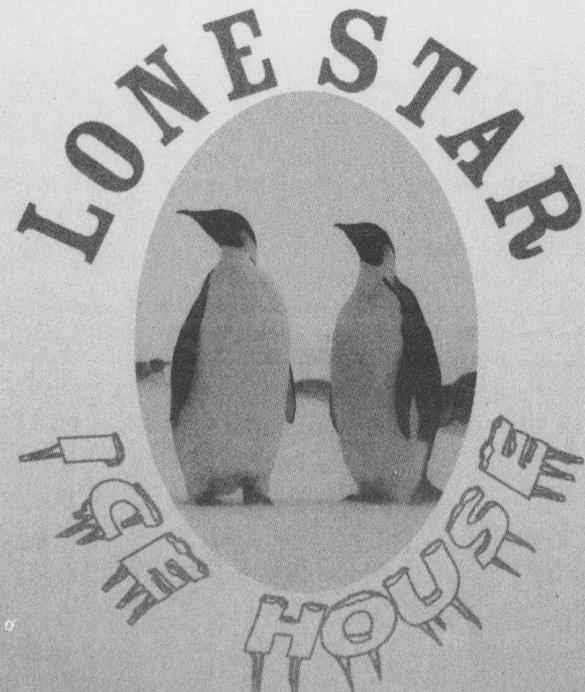


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MEN'S FORWARDS AND CENTERS

Returning lettermen provide power under rim

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

A year ago, little was known of what was to be expected from two 6-foot-8-inch transfers.

After a season that saw them combine for 22 points, nearly 12 rebounds and close to four blocks a contest, head coach Neil Dougherty cannot help getting excited when talking about what junior Kevin Langford and senior Alvaro Parker could do this season.

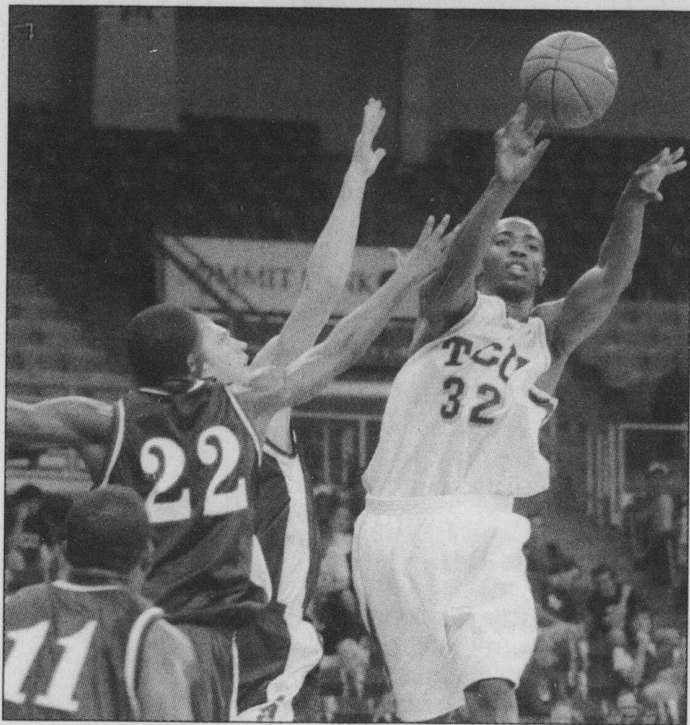
Langford, who sat out the 2005-2006 season after transferring from California, led the team in scoring his first year with more than 13 points a game. He would raise his game during conference play with four games of 21 points or more — not including the 23-point performance in the team's last game of the season, a 77-64 loss to BYU in the quarterfinals of Mountain West Conference tournament.

Dougherty said Langford has added on more strength in the offseason — a sign that could potentially lead to a big year for the Fort Worth native.

"He's so much stronger and much more assertive and is seeing things so much easier," Dougherty said. "He's preparing himself for a great year. I think he can be really fun to watch."

With the increased role in the team's plans, Langford said he understands what he needs to do in order to take the Horned Frogs to the next level. From running more or adding on extra muscle to being more vocal in team drills and being there every morning for team workouts, Langford said, he wants to set a good example for his teammates.

"No one's spot is secure," Langford said. "Whoever puts heart into it will be on the court."



Forward Kevin Langford swings the ball away from Kyle Jacobs and the rest of the Stephen F. Austin basketball team while orchestrating the TCU offense.

Langford is not the only one whose role is expected to increase this season, as Parker has come a long way since transferring from Frank Phillips Junior College in Boeger, Dougherty said.

"What a difference a year makes," Dougherty said. "His understanding of what we're asking him to do is much better."

Parker, who averaged three blocks a game last season, said this season's team has the potential to do special things this year if they continue to do what they have been doing in the offseason thus far.

"We've just got to go out and prove it," Parker said.

Langford and Parker will be joined down low by redshirt freshman Luke Tauscher and junior transfer John Ortiz.

Tauscher, a highly-touted, 6-foot-11-inch center coming out of Southwest High School in Fort Worth, had his first year wiped out thanks to a lower back

injury that required surgery.

Dougherty said though Tauscher has yet to play a minute of college basketball, he expects him to be a big part of the team's plans.

"I look for him to play a great deal more than what I was thinking let's say a month or two ago," Dougherty said. "He's proven that."

Ortiz, a transfer from Colby Community College in Colby, Kan., led his team in blocks and steals last season and is expected to be in this season's big-man rotation.

Parker said Ortiz's familiarity with the system has increased since coming into the fold.

"With John (Ortiz), once he's gone through (the plays) a couple times, he really picks it up," Parker said.

WOMEN'S FORWARDS AND CENTERS

Depth in middle sustained by new recruits, veterans

By MICHELLE NICOU
Staff Reporter

The post positions for the 2007-08 women's basketball team are loaded with experience heading into this season, the head coach said.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said veterans and freshmen will help at both positions.

Mittie said he has found a group of four players — senior Jenna Lohse, juniors Micaela Younger and Lauren Roberts and freshman Micah Garoutte to play center. Garoutte and Roberts are new additions to the squad for this season's campaign.

He said senior Lorie Butler-Rayford will likely anchor the forward position, but Garoutte and freshman Helena Sverrisdottir will play the position as well. Sverrisdottir averaged 19.3 points, 11 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game with the Iceland women's national team last season.

Mittie said the team is still working to find the right place for everyone.

"I think right now, we're at a spot where we're trying to find where our depth fits in," Mittie said. "We've got a good core group, and I feel like we're going to get along with that."

Stronger games from returning players will add even more depth, Mittie said.

"We've got a lot of returning players that have improved their games," he said. "Now, whether we're better remains to be seen. Hanna Biernacka and Ashley Davis had very good senior years, so this group has a lot to live up to."

Younger said her body is her biggest asset at center as it enables her to handle players of all sizes.

"I'm faster than the bigger players and stronger than the smaller players," Younger said.

Butler-Rayford said her versa-



Micaela Younger picks apart the San Diego State defense during a home game in January. Younger finished the season with 2.4 rebounds per game.

tility will aid the team offensively. She said versatility is a trademark for this year's roster.

Butler-Rayford led the team with 7.1 rebounds per game last season.

Moving from high school to college basketball has not been easy for Garoutte, Mittie said, but she will be a solid contributor.

"Right now, she's got a lot of information going through her head," Mittie said. "I think she's picked up things well, but there's a big learning curve for a freshman."

Lohse said it's important for the seniors to act as leaders with freshmen coming in at forward and center.

"With me and Lorie (Butler-Rayford) being seniors at the same post position, we have to be role models for every younger player," Lohse said. "We have to come in with a positive attitude even if we're having a bad day."

The new Horned Frog centers are anxious to get out on the court, Younger said. Younger ranked second on the team with

15 blocks last season.

"They really want to get out there and play," Younger said. "We're really trying to get to a point where they can get in the game and help us out."

Another new addition to the team is Roberts, who sat out last season after transferring from Northwestern. Mittie said he wants the centers to shoot better free throws. Roberts, an 84.6-percent foul shooter with the Wildcats, will help with this, he said.

"Lauren is an excellent free-throw shooter," Mittie said. "She's got good touch from around that elbow and free throw line."

Roberts needs to improve her physical presence on the court, Mittie said, but that can be difficult after a season layoff.

"Having the year off, that's a big change, because you've got to get back into the day-to-day contact that you see in college basketball," Mittie said. "Going up against Younger, Jenna and Micah, those are physical players. I think she's improved, but it's an area she's got to continue to get better in."

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4. New Mexico
5. Utah
6. UNLV
7. San Diego State
8. Colorado State
9. Air Force

All-Conference Team

Guard: Adrienne Ross, Senior, TCU
Guard: Morgan Warburton, Junior, Utah
Guard: Mallery Gillespie-Carling, Senior, BYU
Forward: Dionne Marsh, Senior, New Mexico
Forward: Hanna Zavec, Senior, Wyoming

Top Returning Player

Adrienne Ross, Senior, TCU

Top Newcomer

Leilani Mitchell, Senior, Utah

Top Freshman

Paris Johnson, San Diego State

Men's Basketball

Media Poll

1. BYU
2. UNLV
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4. New Mexico (tie)
4. San Diego State (tie)
6. Wyoming
7. TCU
8. Air Force
9. Colorado State

All-Conference Team

Guard: Brandon Ewing, Junior, Wyoming
Guard: J.R. Giddens, Senior, New Mexico
Guard: Wink Adams, Junior, UNLV
Forward/Center: Trent Plaisted, Junior, BYU
Forward/Center: Luke Nevill, Junior, Utah

Top Returning Player

Brandon Ewing, Junior, Wyoming

Top Newcomer

Ryan Amoroso, Junior, San Diego State

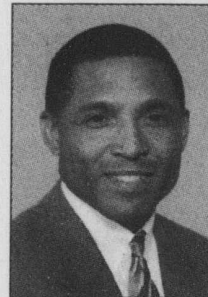
Top Freshman

Jimmer Fredette, BYU

Coach's Take:

On the team's experience

"We have probably the most experience returning that we've had. That's the positive, it's a comfort zone in terms of we've got a lot of guys that have played a lot of minutes playing again."



On the Mountain West Conference

"Our league is one of those wide-open leagues where you have to play to find out how it's going to come out."

On perception

"I don't think it's worthwhile to worry about what other people think we are, and they haven't seen us practice one day."

On losing

"I'm tired of losing. I don't feel any pressure from anyone except from me."

On his outlook for this season

"We're ready to win and that's what I want us to do."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Returning seniors to lead Tech Red Raiders

By ADAM COLEMAN
Daily Toreador (Texas Tech)

LUBBOCK, Texas - With the loss of its leading scorer, the Texas Tech men's basketball team will look to senior guard Martin Zeno to take on a leadership role in the 2007-08 season.

The Red Raiders enter the season without Jarrius Jackson, who led the team in scoring last season with 19.9 points per game. Tech will look for the leadership not present in the 2006-07 season from the four returning seniors — including Zeno.

"We had very, very poor leadership last year," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "You have to have it from seniors, or those that have played the most, but when it isn't there, you've got to get it elsewhere. And when you don't get it elsewhere, then we're not sure that isn't a problem this year. We're just trying to see where we're going to be with that phase of everything this year."

Zeno scored 16.6 per game in 2006-07 and played the second most minutes with 35.6 minutes per game, behind Jackson's 38. Zeno enters the season 17th on the Red Raiders' all-time scoring list; Jackson finished his Tech career second on the list with 2,221 points.

Zeno has been named a Preseason All-Big 12 honorable mention selection — the only Red Raider named to an All-Big 12 preseason list — while Texas guard D.J. Augustin and



DAVID T. FOSTER III / Charlotte Observer / MCT
Texas Tech's Martin Zeno drives in past Boston College's Tyrelle Blair in the second half of their NCAA East regional first round game March 15. Boston College defeated Texas Tech, 84-75.

Texas A&M forward Joseph Jones make the Preseason All-Big 12 first team.

Zeno said his role as a leader is needed on a Red Raider squad planning to face some chal-

lenges during the upcoming season.

"Teams with leadership usually prevail when things get going," he said. "So I feel that's what I have to do."

Practice has been key for demonstrating leadership as Zeno continues to help younger players new to Knight's system while providing an example for his teammates.

This is some of the criteria Tech forward Michael Prince said is necessary for filling the role of a leader.

"I think everybody's pretty much on the same page; Zeno's a pretty good leader," Prince said. "I think we're going to be a lot closer as a team than last year. He's doing good right now. If he wants people to play defense, then he's going to have to step up and have his defense up there. If someone messes up or makes a mistake, he needs to correct it."

While the Red Raiders are looking for another berth in the NCAA Tournament, Knight said Zeno realizes the importance of filling a role that was never present in 2006-07.

"He has to be a leader," Knight said. "He's what I was talking about last year, when we don't have any leadership from seniors last year, then Martin has to step into it. That's not an easy thing to do. Now, I think Zeno understood our lack of leadership to the extent that we didn't have it. But he didn't understand that this is something he should be working at, something he should be doing last year."

2007-08 Schedules

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DECEMBER
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 Wed. 5, @ SMU, 7 p.m.
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 Thurs. 27, Jackson State, 7 p.m.
 Sat. 29, @ Rice, 7 p.m.

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 Sat. 12, Wyoming, 9 p.m.
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

International living shaped new director

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

A new face is turning heads around the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Basketball Complex during men's basketball practices.

Kornelija Kairyte's resume and experience in both overseas and professional basketball were able to secure her a job as the director of basketball operations for the men's program.

The position became available after Sean Woods, then the director of basketball operations, filled a vacant assistant coach position left by Chris Crutchfield's July departure to Oral Roberts University.

While Kairyte is still adjusting to TCU, getting acclimated to new situations and environments is nothing new for her. In 1994, Kairyte left her native country, Lithuania, for the United States at the age of 16 to pursue her education and basketball aspirations.

The move left her feeling homesick on a daily basis, she said. Even with the early struggles, Kairyte started to adjust to American culture and being around the English language daily.

"It's a culture shock ... the first year was probably the most difficult in all aspects," Kairyte said. "All the international kids adjust pretty well because, if you're surrounded by English-speaking people, then you learn pretty quick."

Once she graduated from Patten University in Oakland, Calif., Kairyte moved on to Liberty University from 2000 to 2002, where she served as the director of basketball operations for the women's program. Since

leaving Liberty, Kairyte has worked in the NBA with the Seattle SuperSonics and the Dallas Mavericks in the marketing and promotions and community relations departments, respectively.

"Her resume and just the list of people she knows will open some doors for us in the recruiting market internationally."

Neil Dougherty
men's head coach

One of the people who interviewed Kairyte during the hiring process was Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal relations. Hesselbrock said while Kairyte has no coaching aspirations, her role in keeping the players and coaches organized and on track is pivotal to a Division I athletics program.

"In today's Division I programs, it is so critical to have a person with those talents," Hesselbrock said.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said Kairyte's value in areas such as time management, organization and academics will help bring stability to the position. While Dougherty said the position does not specifically entail the coaching or recruiting ends of the program, he said her overseas background will be a good tool when recruiting international players.

"Having someone who understands the climate internationally is going to be an asset for us," Dougherty said. "Her resume and just the list of people she knows will open some doors for us in the recruiting market internationally."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

N.C. schools bring back rivalries

By KEN TYSIAC
McClatchy Newspapers

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Long hailed as a college basketball mecca, the Research Triangle area in North Carolina appears headed for one of its most interesting seasons ever.

If the media voters know what they're talking about, the Atlantic Coast Conference's basketball power base is located squarely within a 25-mile radius that includes Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh.

For the first time since 1990 and the third time in 38 years, the Triangle schools occupy the top three spots in the ACC media poll.

In 1979, the Triangle teams also were ranked 1-2-3.

"The Triangle rivalry is back," said N.C. State center Ben McCauley. "You've got three teams that I feel are going to be at the top of the ACC."

North Carolina advanced deeper than any other ACC team in last season's NCAA tournament before losing to Georgetown in the East Regional final. Led by preseason ACC player of the year Tyler Hansbrough, the Tar Heels were the unanimous selection as the ACC's top team.

"I really feel like this team is going to have the desire to win every ball game more than any other club," said North Carolina guard Marcus Ginyard.

Duke is attempting to bounce back from a first-round NCAA tournament upset at the hands of Virginia Commonwealth. But the Blue Devils have the ACC's most highly regarded freshman class with forwards Kyle Singler and Taylor King and guard Nolan Smith.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski said the Blue Devils plan to play a more uptempo style because they have depth, experience and talent.

"We should be a better basketball team," Krzyzewski said.

In coach Sidney Lowe's first season, N.C. State failed to reach the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2001. But the Wolfpack finished strong with a trip to the ACC tournament final, and might have the conference's most formidable frontcourt with McCauley and Brandon Costner.

N.C. State returns a starter at every position except point guard, a crucial position because Lowe likes to call a lot of half-court sets from the bench. Transfers Farnold Degand from



North Carolina head coach Roy Williams and Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski talk during a March showdown. Williams and Krzyzewski, along with North Carolina State's Sidney Lowe, have their teams in the top 25.

Iowa State and Marques Johnson from Tennessee join freshman Javier Gonzalez in the competition to take over for Engin Atsur at point guard.

"I told our point guards I'm going to be tougher on them than anyone else on the team," Lowe said, "because I expect a lot of things out of that position."

ANALYSIS

Several forces to be reckoned with this season

By KEN TYSIAC
McClatchy Newspapers

5 TEAMS TO WATCH

North Carolina: If point guard Tywon Lawson improves his half-court decision-making, the Tar Heels could win their second NCAA title in four years.

Memphis: John Calipari's loaded roster includes seven guys who played in high school or prep school in North Carolina.

UCLA: Highly-touted freshman center Kevin Love joins the roster as the Bru-

ins seek a third consecutive Final Four trip.

Georgetown: Coach John Thompson III proves you can win big with a version of the Princeton offense.

Kansas: Junior guard Brandon Rush's return from a knee injury is a key.

5 PLAYERS TO WATCH

Tyler Hansbrough — Jr. C., North Carolina: Nation's most physical post player returns for another year of bumping and grinding.

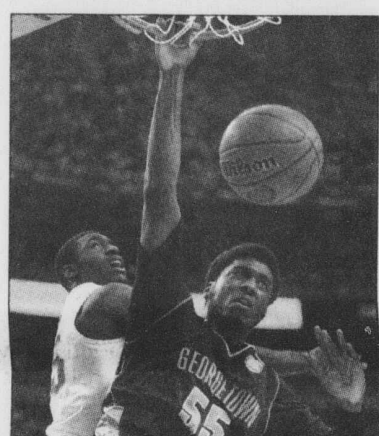
Roy Hibbert — Sr. C., Georgetown: Withdrew

from NBA draft and will be a huge factor at 7-foot-2 as the Hoyas try to return to Final Four.

Chris Lofton — Sr. G, Tennessee: Perhaps the nation's best shooter, he has 313 career 3-pointers.

Drew Neitzel — Sr. G, Michigan State: Clever left-handed little guy can score and distribute the ball.

Dominic James — Jr. G, Marquette: High-energy point guard is most effective in a full-court game.



Georgetown's Roy Hibbert dunks in front of an Ohio State player during the NCAA Final Four.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Former star player returns in new role

By BRETT LARSON
Staff Reporter

The niece of a former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver finished her college basketball career at TCU as the career leader in eight different categories.

Sandora Irvin, daughter of Michael Irvin, is the NCAA's all-time leader in blocked shots and was the No. 3 overall selection in the 2005 WNBA Draft by the Phoenix Mercury.

After leaving TCU as arguably the greatest women's basketball player in school history, Sandora Irvin has returned to the team.

Three seasons after graduation, Irvin has returned to the Lady Frogs basketball team, filling the team's vacant director of operations position in August.

"I jumped on it," Irvin said. "I'd been going nonstop and I decided, 'Hey let me try something new, learn the other side of basketball.'"

Head coach Jeff Mittie said he watched Irvin in training camp in May and started thinking about changing the

role of the director of operations position and how Irvin might fit that change.

"I thought (about) what would happen if it might work," Mittie said, "and I called her to say 'Are you serious about possibly wanting to do this?'"

Her new position consists of a little bit of everything, Irvin said.

"My responsibilities so far have been travel," Irvin said. "All the events concerning the Fast Break Club, getting out and talking, just mingling with everybody, which of course, I'm used to from playing."

Irvin said her responsibilities regarding team play and practice are limited, but she is always there for the players to talk to.

"My office is always open for them, and any questions they have," Irvin said.

Having someone like Irvin, who has experience in the WNBA and overseas, is a real advantage for the players, Mittie said.

"You've got somebody right here who you can uti-

lize as a resource to talk about those things," Mittie said. "She can be a mentor off the court."

The age gap between Irvin and the Lady Frogs is only a few years, and she said she's probably the most popular member of the staff because of it.

"I can relate to them," Irvin said. "I understand where they're coming from on a lot of things, but I know them as well, so I know when they're trying to scheme. I tell them, 'Hey don't think I'm your favorite because if I need to run you I will.'"

Irvin's return to TCU does not mean the end of her pro career, as she said she plans to continue in the WNBA for the San Antonio Silver Stars as soon as the new season starts in April.

The WNBA season runs from April through August or October, Irvin said.

"It's excellent timing, so I'm still playing, and I'm going back to San Antonio in April," Irvin said.

Mittie said he knew Irvin would still be playing pro-

"She still has her basketball career going. She's getting to see the administrative side of that, and I could see her doing both."

Jeff Mittie
women's head coach

fessionally when he hired her, but had no problems with it.

"We knew what we were getting going in," Mittie said. "We knew this was going to be a seven to eight month position, and then she would go off to the WNBA in the summer. We would just make adjustments with those things as a staff."

Playing basketball professionally has been a great experience, Irvin said.

Meeting basketball heroes, traveling the world and being able to always do what she loves are a few things that make the WNBA so great, Irvin said.

"I met Sheryl Swoopes,"

Irvin said. "I've been to Turkey and Greece, and traveling all over the country for free."

Irvin has not only returned as director of operations, but also as a student. Irvin is currently working on a Master of Liberal Arts.

Irvin graduated with a business operations and marketing degree, which she said has really helped prepare her for the responsibilities that accompany the director of operations position.

"It's time to book flights, and hotels, and set up appearances, and marketing situations," Irvin said. "I have that experience from courses I took at TCU."

With a first person look at the other side of the basketball world, Irvin said coaching is something that is growing into more of a possibility for her.

"Before I came here, I never wanted to coach," Irvin said. "I said, 'I'm not dealing with myself.' After being here and seeing coach Mittie and dealing with the girls, it's not bad at all."

Coaching is working its

way into Irvin's future plans, who said she is planning on changing her Master of Liberal Arts degree to education, with the hopes of eventually leading a high school team.

Mittie said he can see Irvin eventually becoming a basketball coach.

"She still has her basketball career going," Mittie said. "She's getting to see the administrative side of that, and I could see her doing both."

Irvin said her college accolades and records are still something she is in awe of.

"Those were some big accomplishments and things I set out to do, and to accomplish them is still an overwhelming feeling," Irvin said.

As for the rest of the Lady Frogs, they all want a piece of the Irvin records.

"They had questions that they had to say, and for almost every question I was the answer," Irvin said. "They were giving me a hard time like, 'Dang, let somebody else get a record.'"

COMMENTARY

Conference rival expected to rebound with new head coach

By CODY BRUNNER
Daily (University of Utah) Utah Chronicle

SALT LAKE CITY — I covered Utah basketball throughout that horrendous season a year ago. I went to practice every day and saw the lackadaisical effort by the team and the sub-par motivational techniques of Ray Giacoletti. I was there when season-ticket holders were justly asking for a rebate.

But that was then, this is now. New head coach Jim Boylen has been whipping the Runnin' Utes into shape with an intense offseason and there is no doubt in my mind that it will translate into success on the court.

They will win the Mountain West Conference title this season — that much I am sure of. It doesn't matter that BYU has their pretty boy Trent Plaisted back or that Wyoming has one of the best guard tandems in the country. The Utes are going to take it.

If you don't agree with or believe me, just go to one of the Utah basketball practices. After watching Boylen scream at his players, demanding almost more than they can give, you will see why I'm so convinced.

The guy lives on the defensive end of the court. He preaches fundamentals and challenging shots because he knows that is where the Utes need the most work.

Even more importantly, Boylen has taught Utah players to take owner-

ship of the team and the program. He has taken the individuality out of Utah basketball and instilled a selfless attitude. When coupled with Boylen's

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Cody Brunner
Daily Utah Chronicle

basketball profundity, that attitude will pay huge dividends for the Utes.

The first-year head coach inherits a roster that overflows with size and talent. Four starters and a number of other experienced players return from a year ago to bolster the Utes' game.

At the top of that list is the subject of many opponents' frustrations a year ago — center Luke Nevill. The Aussie stood head and shoulders above the competition (literally and figuratively) last season and can only improve under Boylen's tutelage.

Also returning for the Utes are sharpshooting power forward Shaun Green, point guard Johnnie Bryant and defensive wunderkind Lawrence Borha. I'm also told that the oft-injured Kim Tillie is going to stay healthy and

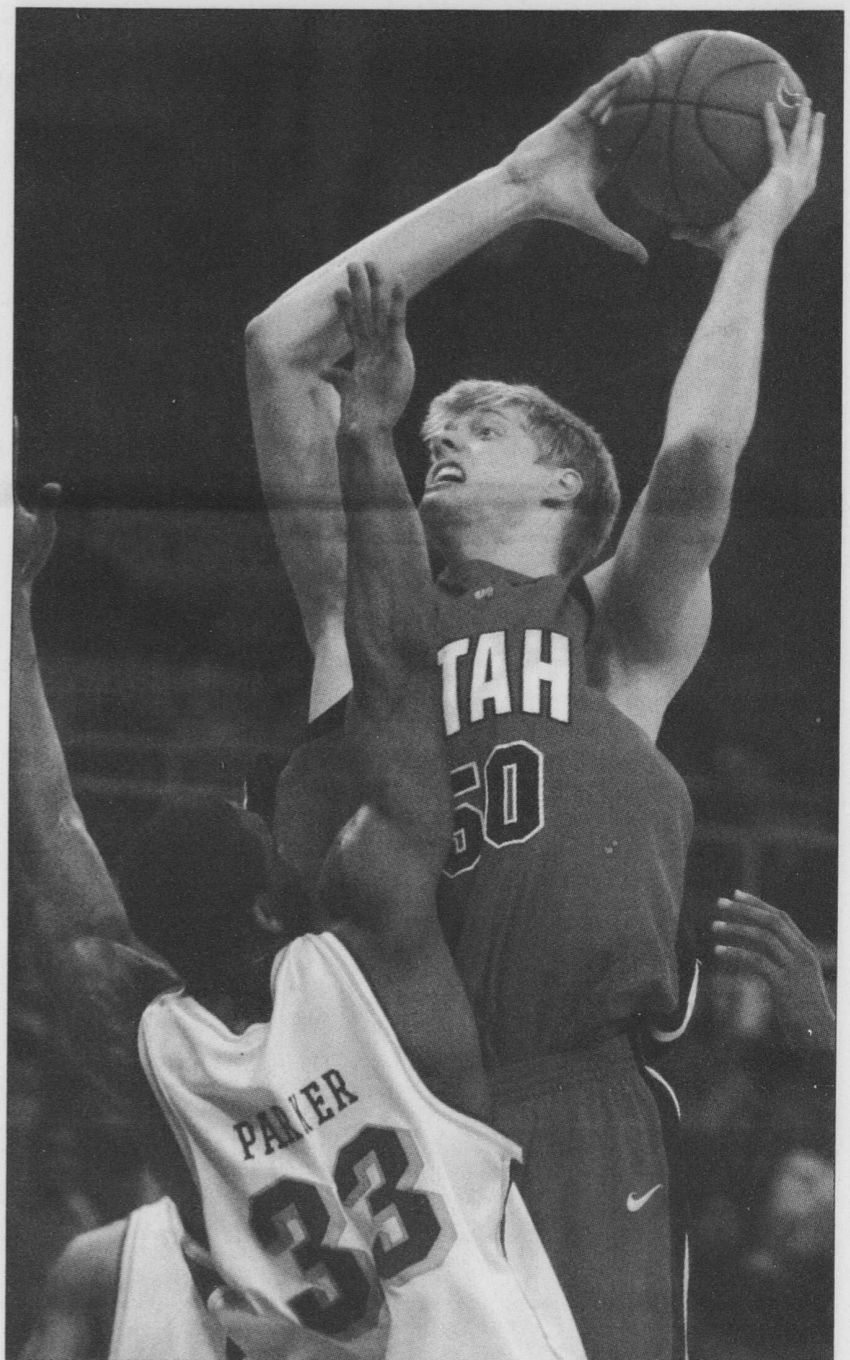
grab 1,000 rebounds and newcomer Tyler Kepkay is going to win every three-point contest he enters.

There really isn't a better combination of athletic ability and coaching prowess anywhere in the Mountain West Conference. Wyoming has Brad Jones and Brandon Ewing, but absolutely nothing in terms of a low-post game. San Diego State is dealing with the loss of its two best players. Air Force is dealing with the loss of its entire roster. TCU has some of the best athletes, but can't seem to find much of anything else. Colorado State lost center Jason Smith, who was the only center comparable to Nevill. UNLV returns one starter and his name is Wink.

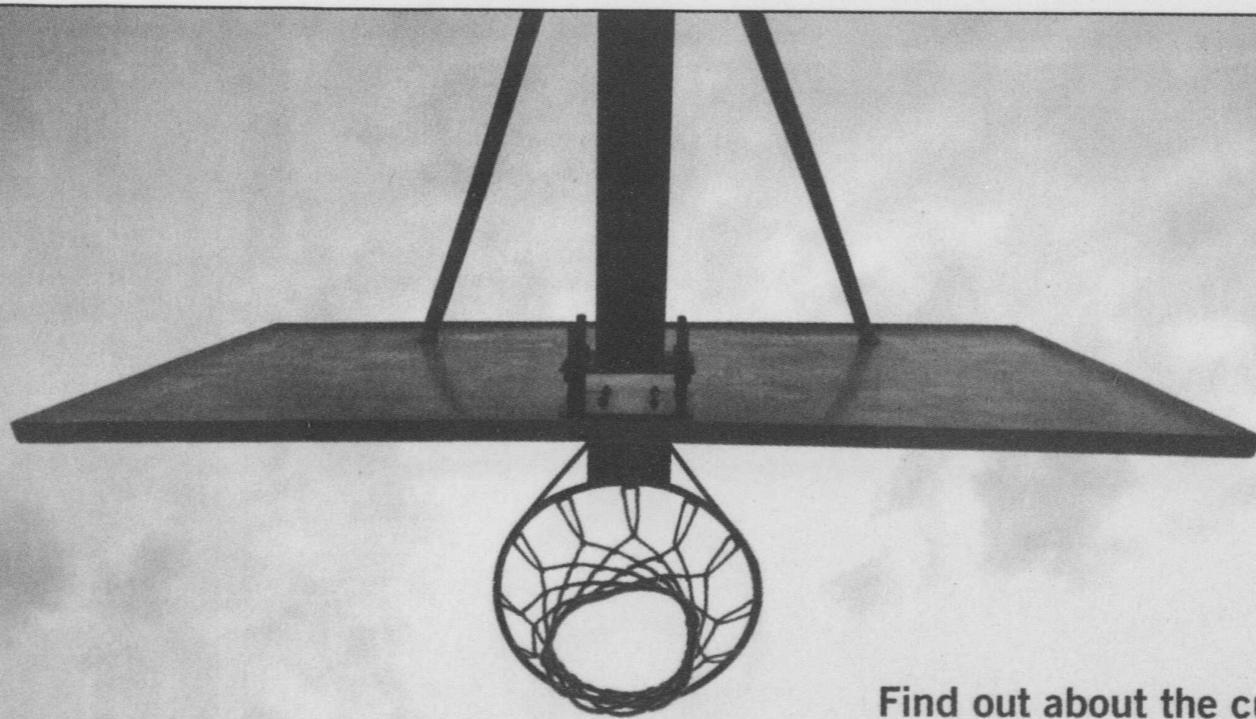
The two teams that will compete with the Utes this year are New Mexico and BYU, but even they won't be able to outwork Boylen's team. Plaisted's gross hookshot will get swatted into the 17th row of the Huntsman Center and New Mexico's J.R. Giddens and his high-flying theatrics will be grounded by the Utes' stringent defense.

Naysayers can spout what they will. Yes, the Utes finished last season with an abysmal 11-19 record. Yes, Shaun Green was a soft four man. Yes, Jason Peterson is a tool. And yes, Trent Plaisted's perfectly coifed hair can alter time when he slicks it just right.

But that was last year. Well, except the part about Jason — that'll be the same.



Utah's Luke Nevill goes up for a shot over TCU's Alvarado Parker. Utah defeated TCU, 70-65, at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Feb. 2.



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