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## Student group proposes ideas to Trustees committee

By JOE ZIGTEMA  
Staff Reporter

Students need 24-hour library access, lower tuition, better student security and an easier way to access university Web sites, student leaders told the Board of Trustees Student Relations Committee and school administrators Wednesday.

Intercom members, who are all campus organization leaders, meet with the student relations committee

once per semester shortly before the entire board meets. The board will discuss the students' proposals at its meeting Friday.

Thomas Pressly, student body vice president, said students have been asking for 24-hour library access for some time and keeping it open would be a great help to students.

"I've sat in the library at 12:45 when the first buzzer goes off and counted

the people leaving, and it's over 100 students just about every night," Pressly said.

The library's dean, June Koelker, has submitted a proposal to Provost Nowell Donovan, Pressly said. Pressly called for the board to ensure funding for the project and for a trial run to begin in the spring, before taking effect next fall.

Nick Giachino, a member of the committee from Chicago, said the proposal for

the library was practical. "I'd like to think we can come up with a solution for the library while maintaining cost control and making sure everything is secure," Giachino said.

Student Foundation President Ryan Huey said even though TCU's tuition fits right between schools such as Southern Methodist University and Baylor University, TCU students are actually paying more than

those two schools when aid is factored in. This issue, he said, is one of the chief concerns students face.

"At the end of the day, when we turn to the student body and say, 'What are students really going to talk about?' they're going to talk about tuition," Huey said.

Addressing off-campus safety concerns, Panhellenic Council President Hanna Munsch said she has been working with a neighbor-

hood Fort Worth police officer to provide better lighting around the area just south of Berry Street, where many off-campus crimes occur.

Also, Intercom members unanimously agreed at the presentation that students needed a better way to access everything they need on the Internet, including Web sites such as my.tcu.edu, eCollege and TCU e-mail. The members proposed that student

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## PIONEER



Khaled Badr El Din, a freshman entrepreneurial management major, saddles up his horse Wednesday before practice at the Brushy Creek Polo Ranch in Burleson, TX.

## Freshman part of first Jordanian ski team

By ALLIE BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Someone once said skiing is a dance and the mountain always leads. Not for Khaled Badr-El-Din.

After competing in the sixth Asian Winter Games, he has strutted his stuff on an international stage under his own leadership.

Between playing polo, flying planes, skiing, traveling, volunteering, leading and studying, freshman Khaled Badr-El-Din-Badr-El-Din has already achieved more than the average 30-year-old. The difference?

He is only a freshman in college. The eldest of four children, Khaled Badr-El-Din said he was given many opportunities as a child to challenge himself.

"When I look back at the journeys I have

undertaken, it is clear I have been blessed with a great upbringing," Khaled Badr-El-Din said.

Khaled Badr-El-Din, an entrepreneurial management major, said he was born in Jordan but didn't spend much time there before his family hit the road to begin a cross-continental lifestyle.

Khaled Badr-El-Din's father, Amin Badr-El-Din, said his son has never been a show-off because he is the type of person who sits and watches for hours before jumping in.

"He has always been a very flexible, easy-go-lucky boy," Amin Badr-El-Din said of his son.

Amin Badr-El-Din said because he lives in Jordan, being so far away from his son

is difficult, but he knew it was part of life.

"He used to go away for months at a time for various competitions, so he's an international child," Khaled Badr-El-Din said.

Khaled Badr-El-Din said it was those international relations that helped him find TCU.

"I lived in New Mexico for four years, and I have friends who go here that are seniors now," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "I had the opportunity to visit and it just felt right."

Khaled Badr-El-Din said it was also his upbringing that pushed him to ski in the Asian Olympics.

"We knew the Asian Olympics were

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## Executive: Oil issues stem from dependency

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD  
Staff Reporter

The Shell Oil Co. executive president of supply and distribution said the economy should be twice as efficient as it is now.

Mark Williams spoke to students in Sid Richardson Hall on Wednesday night about the issues facing oil in his speech titled, "The Future of Oil: Hard Truths about the Choices."

Throughout his career, Williams has explored and sold oil. Currently, Williams is in charge of the global oil supply for Shell Oil Co.

In his lecture, Williams said the issues that come from oil arise because people are overly dependent on oil and because some countries are politically unstable.

Williams said energy use and development are strongly linked to the emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas produced by fossil fuels that pollute the air. If less developed countries increase population growth and development, carbon dioxide rates will significantly increase, Williams said.

In order to decrease the amount of carbon dioxide in the air, Williams said, people must start acting now to make a change.

"We need to make substantial changes in the way we produce and use energy."

**Mark Williams**  
Shell Oil Co. executive

"We need to make substantial changes in the way we produce and use energy," Williams said. "We need to start now to achieve this."

Williams said change must start now because the rate of technological change is related to a lifetime of change in equipment.

"Technology moves very slow," Williams said. "If you were to try to improve a vehicle now, even with reasonable amounts of change, it will still be a long road, and it probably won't be completed until 2050."

By using natural gas, nuclear power and renewable bioproducts, Williams said, a difference could be made. He said the major problem is the amount of energy people waste every day.

"We have to make all of these things happen simultaneously," Williams said. "That's the test of political will that the globe faces."

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## Academics debate reliability of site

By ANDREW CHAVEZ  
Editor-in-Chief

Brad Stone logged on, only to see his work had once again been deleted.

It wasn't good enough for one of Wikipedia's other editors and was flagged as biased, undoing his modifications to an entry in the online encyclopedia.

Stone, an EMT from Cambridge, Mass., was in an "edit war."

Such edit wars happen every day on Wikipedia, the online, user-generated encyclopedia Stone helps to edit along with about 100,000 others. The encyclopedia's first 7.2 million entries were crafted through more than 282 million edits, according to a Hewlett-Packard Labs report.

The online resource has grown to more than 8 million entries in 250 languages since its inception in 2001.

The digital knowledge base would span 666 volumes if it were printed in 10-inch-tall-by-2-inch-thick books, but

whether those volumes of information would be considered acceptable for academic research is a debated topic.

Many point to the daily "edit wars" as a safeguard that ensures the site's information is accurate and up-to-date.

Critics, however, such as the publishers of Encyclopedia Britannica, point to the grassroots editing as a sign of instability and say only experts should contribute to true reference materials.

As a result, the Web site's usage in academic research has been limited recently by some university faculty across the country. Some have opted to ban the site as a citable source; others don't even want the tool on the research radar.

The site's popularity has grown significantly over the years. Once below the 10,000 mark in Internet traffic rankings, Wikipedia is now the eighth most visited site on the World Wide Web, according to

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## Chinese exile to discuss life, research

By LIZ DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

A woman who was born in China and later exiled in the 1960s for her father's supposed treason is speaking on campus today.

Qui Jin, an associate professor and director of the Institute of Asian Studies at Old Dominion University, will speak about her research and personal life during the communist reign in China.

Qui grew up in China close to the Communist Party of China's

Chairman, Mao Zedong, and experienced the Cultural Revolution on a personal basis, said Peter Worthing, associate professor of history and a friend of Qui.

Mao was the Communist leader of China for many years and inspired the Cultural Revolution, Worthing said.

Carrie Liu Currier, director of Asian Studies, said she thought Qui would be an appropriate speaker for students interested in Asian studies because of her

personal experience with a critical time in China's history.

Worthing said there are not enough students in the Asian studies minor and the director of Asian studies is looking for ways to attract students.

"The Asian studies minor has decided to start bringing in speakers hoping to raise interest in the minor," Worthing said.

Qui said in an e-mail, "I would like to share with the colleagues at TCU my experiences as the director of the

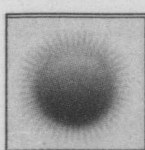
Institute of Asian Studies at Old Dominion University. I hope to learn something from my colleagues there about the development of Asian studies programs."

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**OIL**

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Though Williams said oil has its issues, he would not apologize for it because of its many benefits.

"Oil is one of the greatest gifts to humanity," Williams said. "It has propelled the global economy for the last 50 years. It's provided us with an unprecedented amount of freedom, movement and economical development."

Byron Henderson, a senior environmental science major, said he found Williams' lecture compelling and informative.

"It's amazing how much something hits you when all of the facts are thrown out to you," Henderson said. "Pollution is a major issue facing us today, and hopefully people will step up to take care of our future."

Drew Mayer, a junior criminal justice major, said he attended the lecture because he believed oil was something everyone should know more about.

"I'm not an expert on the subject, but now it's clear that oil does a lot more than just fuel my car," Mayer said. "It's amazing how much it runs our world."

**SKIING**

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coming up and we knew people on the Jordanian Committee," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "They don't have winter sports in Jordan so we wanted to get something started."

According to the Olympic Council of Asia, 26 nations participated in the 2007 Asian Games. The Seventh Asian Games will take place in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in 2011.

Amin Badr-El-Din said his son was skiing before he could walk.

"I would strap skis to his legs and carry him so he thought he was skiing," Amin Badr-El-Din said. "Gradually, I started putting more weight on the skis."

Khaled Badr-El-Din said he and his sister decided to set up the Jordanian ski team as a trial run for winter sports in Jordan. He said they had to set up an Olympic committee and qualify before competing.

"We found out in December that we got accepted," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "We started training right after that."

After training in France,

Khaled Badr-El-Din competed February in China, where he placed in the 30s out of about 50 competitors.

Amin Badr-El-Din said he never imagined his son would compete at an Olympic level.

"It's kind of hard living in the Middle East so the thought never really crossed my mind," Amin Badr-El-Din said.

Khaled Badr-El-Din said he competed in the great slalom where he and his sister were the youngest competitors in their group.

"The prime age for men is 25 and most people are 20 to 30," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "So that's cool because I'm just getting into the right age group."

Khaled Badr-El-Din said the experience was great and the opportunity to meet people made it all the more exciting.

As far as his future goes, Khaled Badr-El-Din said he is just focusing on college now, but will continue to ski for fun.

"I don't know," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "I'm in college now, I have to get my priorities straight."

In case he changes his mind, USA Ski team coach Scott Kennet said he would be happy to coach Khaled Badr-El-Din all the

way to the Olympics.

"I am willing to make a full commitment to seeing this dream come true," Kennet said.

In the meantime, Khaled Badr-El-Din said he joined TCU's polo club and is looking forward to a year of having fun.

"I love polo," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "If I had to choose between polo and skiing, I would choose polo."

Khaled Badr-El-Din was also one of 39 freshman accepted into the Frog Aides program.

Amin Badr-El-Din said he has faith that his son will do amazing things at TCU.

"It's a great school and I think his experience living around the world and traveling so much will add to his experience," Khaled Badr-El-Din said. "I'm sure he'll help out a lot just because of everywhere he has been. My hope is that he not only pushes himself academically but he relaxes and understands the culture, as well."

Khaled Badr-El-Din said between the polo club, Frog Aides and school, one thing is for sure, he will never have a lack of excitement in his life.

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Web sites be rolled into one site students can access easily in a format similar to Facebook.

Additionally, by having a Facebook-style format, graduates can easily find their fellow alumni on a university-sponsored Web site.

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Qui said she believes using her personal experiences will help students become more interested in Asian studies.

Currier said Qui will talk about her experiences during the Cultural Revolution and her book on the Lin Biao incident.

Worthing said the Lin Biao incident is significant because it led to the persecution of thousands of people by the youth of China during the Cultural Revolution.

"The Cultural Revolution was launched in 1966 to cleanse the Communist Party of the bad elements, or capitalism," Worthing said.

Lin Biao, a general in Mao's army and his chosen successor, was accused of treason and during his flight to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to flee persecution his plane crashed, Worthing said.

After Biao's death, Mao began arresting military

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Intercom members spend a tremendous amount of effort putting together their proposals and representing the TCU student body.

"The students on Intercom really reflect the entire campus through the organizations that they represent," Mills said. "They really are getting a good cross-section of TCU."

generals, accusing them of a plot to overthrow him, Worthing said. Qui's father was one of the generals, Worthing said.

Qui said her mother and older brother were put under house arrest while she was banished to a farm to do hard labor because of her father.

"Personally, I never believed the official charges against him and the official explanation of the Lin Biao Incident," Qui said. "That's why I came to the United States to study Chinese history."

Worthing said this is a rare opportunity for TCU and Texans in general to learn something they would not normally hear about first hand.

"While discussing the Lin Biao incident and the Cultural Revolution, I will also tell about my own experiences and other stories of the victims of the Lin Biao incident," Qui said. "I hope the students can gain more understanding of the nature of the Chinese politics under Mao."

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"Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane."  
— Philip K. Dick

### THE SKIFF VIEW

## College's advising needs improvement

Graduating seniors have ranked the Schieffer School of Journalism the lowest in quality of academic advising out of all the schools on campus.

The advising problem at the Schieffer School, said Tommy Thomason, director of the school, stems from the high number of adjunct faculty members. Adjuncts do not participate in advising, so the weight of advising lies on the shoulders of the 13 full-time faculty members, Thomason said.

The College of Communication has almost 600 students and 13 advising faculty members. The Neeley School of Business — which is ranked highest in quality of advising — has more than 1,700 students and only four advisers.

The difference? The Neeley School has a central advising center.

Its center employs four full-time professional advisers, all of whom are trained in either higher education or counseling services, said Lynn Cole, assistant dean of the Neeley School.

William Slater, dean of the College of Communication, which houses the Schieffer School,

has proposed a similar advising center for the College of Communication. Slater said he proposed the center five years ago, and it was denied. He proposed it yet again six weeks ago, and the proposal is awaiting approval from the provost.

A College of Communication advising center would be the ideal solution to the advising problem. Having a trained professional whose entire job is to be knowledgeable about the curriculum and degree plan requirements would have undeniable benefits.

The center would take pressure off faculty members who have previously been forced to balance teaching full-time and advising 50 to 60 students each.

It would also ensure that each student is getting the individual attention he or she needs, and that the advice is of the highest quality.

The university should offer the best advising possible. Since advising centers have proven successful at other schools on campus, there is no reason the proposal shouldn't pass this time around.

*Managing editor: Aly Fleet for the editorial board.*

BY WAYNE STAYSKALL

### REALITY SHOWS ON TAP IF TV WRITERS GO ON STRIKE



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## Fossil fuel addiction problematic in society facing global change

There was a headline the other day that bothered me: "Algae-Powered Cars."

Yes, it's true! Now you can power your car with the same stuff floating in your uncle's crappy swimming pool that hasn't been touched in years — but you probably won't.

I'll go out on a limb: No one reading this, including me, will ever power a car with sewage, hemp, animal fat, vegetable oil, corn, sugar, electricity, air, water or sunlight either.

We have plenty of alternatives to fossil fuel. What we do not have is an antidote for society's addiction to it. Fossil fuels were once a positive force in society providing the means for innovation and improving the quality of life, but things have changed.

Petroleum is now causing more problems than it's solving. It has changed from a cure into an infection at the root of the world's most debilitating ills.

There is the potential harm to the environment resulting from the abuse of fossil fuels, but perhaps more troubling is the sociopolitical mess that non-renewable energy has created.

Unfortunately, a huge portion of the world's decomposed plants and animals has turned into precious black slime that exists under oppressive, authoritarian regimes that rely on it to preserve their

"Petroleum is now causing more problems than it's solving. It has changed from a cure into an infection at the root of the world's most debilitating ills."

Alex Zobel

power. According to the Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, 66 percent of global oil reserves are controlled by Middle Eastern regimes.

By being dependent on foreign oil the U.S. is supporting these regimes, inadvertently contributing to the political instability in the Middle East.

The only way we can improve this situation is to change the way we live.

Fossil fuels are so interwoven in American culture that breaking our addiction to them will undoubtedly be a long and difficult process. They have contributed to the comfortable, numbing lifestyle that we are all guilty of enjoying, so it's easy to just ignore the problem.

Fortunately though, it's just as easy to be part of the solution. Ride your bike or walk somewhere every once in a while.

Be conscious of your household energy consumption. Next time you're thinking about buying that new Hummer — don't.

Everyday we wake up in our peaceful neighborhoods and go to class on this beautiful campus where we don't have to think about people being oppressed by dictators that our government supports because we love our oil so much.

And I'm not telling you to drop this paper right now and go modify your car to run on algae — I'm urging you to think a little more about how the little things we take for granted in our lives have an effect on this world.

*Alex Zobel is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M.*

## Volunteer soldiers, Vietnam vets differ

The Vietnam War changed the culture of a nation and gave it a vocabulary with special words and phrases: peacenik, tie-dye, Woodstock and draft dodger.

But that hasn't happened in the war in Iraq.

Is it because there is no draft?

The cultural advancements made in the 1960s were outstanding.

The decade was marked by the civil rights movement, led by the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. Among others, King, led protests and demonstrations on behalf of civil rights.

Perhaps the widespread protests that developed over

Vietnam were just an extension of that cultural movement by people who, by then, were veteran activists.

Although the U.S. had maintained a peacetime military draft for decades, it

grew to be widely unpopular during the Vietnam War. But Iraq is being fought by volunteers, not draftees.

With so many men in the service, the Vietnam War affected a much wider range of people than Iraq has. People at home were more likely to know somebody in the service and that made the war in Vietnam hit closer to home than the one in Iraq.

"There won't be as many people protesting if only a relatively few people are personally affected."

Nathan Bass

There won't be as many people protesting if only a relatively few people are personally affected.

And Americans do not feel the war economically. There is no wartime economy where resources are diverted for military goods through restrictions or rationing.

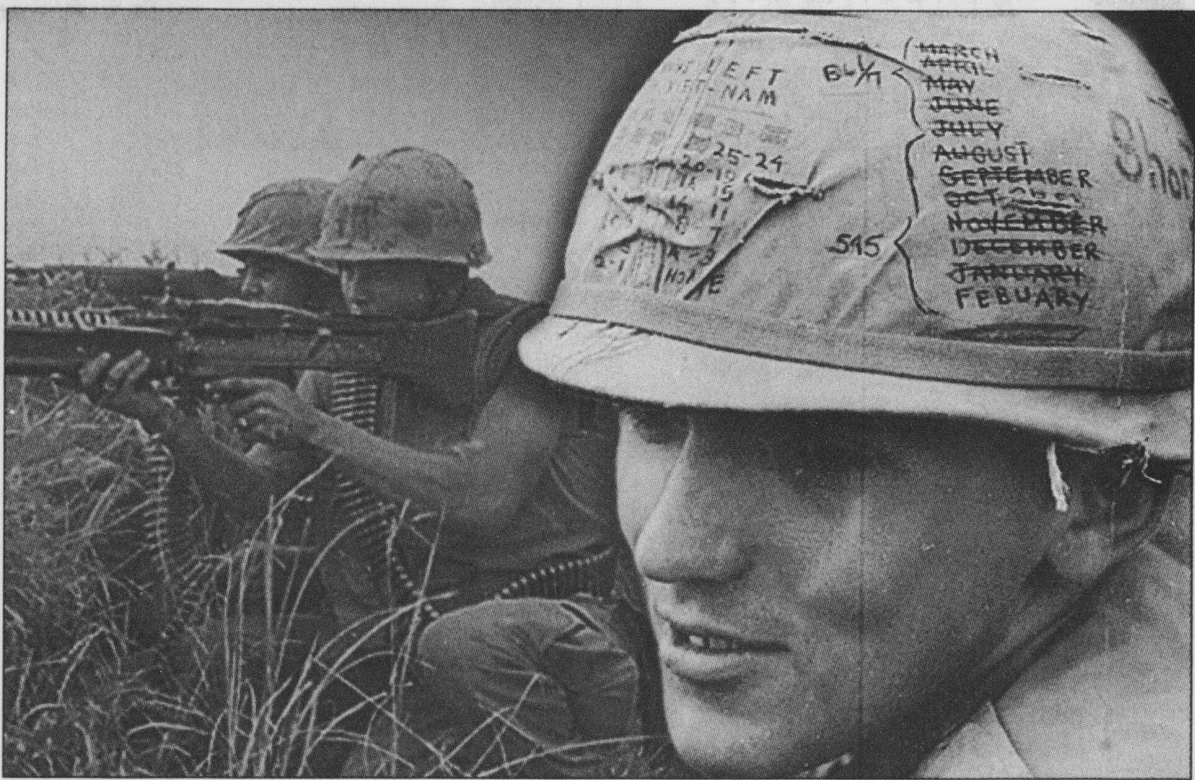
So what would compel people to protest at the levels of Vietnam?

We may never know until the war touches more people and their families. And that's unlikely to happen with an all-volunteer military.

*Nathan Bass is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Tomball.*



Alex Zobel



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## Happiness, contentment both factors separating men, women

New research backs up what many women may have thought for years — men are generally happier.

A recent survey conducted by a team of researchers, including Princeton economist Alan Krueger, confirms that men find happiness much more easily than women.

A happiness gender gap? The survey asked people about daily activities and how they felt while they were involved in the activity. Men and women had similar likes and dis-

likes, such as spending time with friends and paying the bills, respectively, but there were some pronounced differences on other questions.

Men said they enjoyed spending time with their parents. Women said they would rather do laundry.

Some reasons for the differences seem obvious.

First is something we all know — men and women approach life differently.

Krueger hypothesized that the men's ideas of

spending time with their parents is perhaps more social — watching football on the couch. Women are more likely to be in the kitchen or helping with chores around the house.

Beyond that, the reasons might not be so simple.

Many women seem driven to have it all — a successful career, kids, a husband.

But unless you are Superwoman, it's impossible to be home with the kids while working full time, traveling and also having a strong marriage.

But that's what many women appear to be try-

ing to do. They're simply under too much pressure. And it may be significantly contributing to the happiness gap.

Many women strive for perfection and strive to meet all those expectations, and it's exhausting. Men, on the other hand, seem to have the amazing ability to be still and be content, and the survey results reflect that.

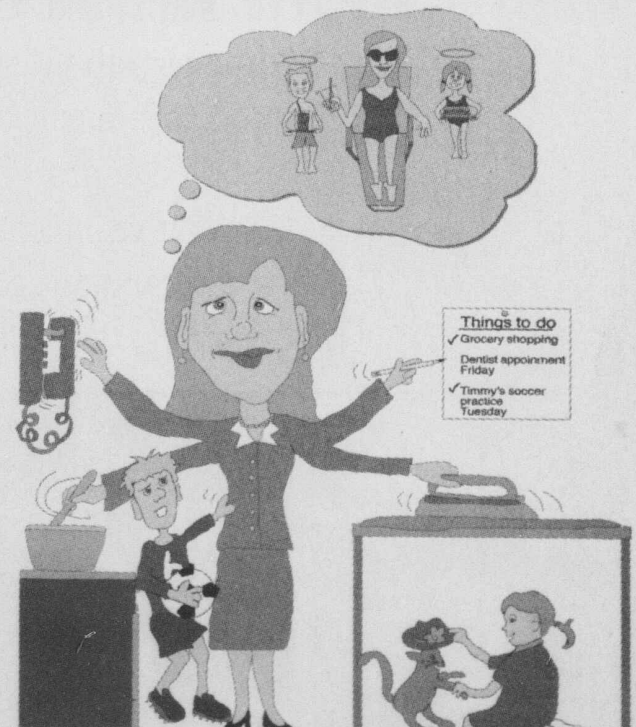
Maybe women should start taking a few lessons from the men in their lives.

Then everyone could reap the benefits, and happiness could be had by all.

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## College-age voters growing active as election day about a year away

By JOHN MCCORMICK and CHRISTI PARSONS  
Chicago Tribune

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The epicenter of political activism in Iowa's largest college town is the retail level of a four-story brick apartment building at the corner of Gilbert and College streets.

Tenants include the local presidential campaign offices for Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., Republican Rudolph Giuliani, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Gov. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.

"When there was a tornado warning this summer and everyone had to go down to the parking ramp for shelter, people joked there was going to be a remake of 'West Side Story,'" said Tia Upchurch-Freelove, 19, a leader of Students for Obama at the University of Iowa.

For now, however, the street fighting for the college vote is only starting to simmer, as the campaigns seek to harness voters whose activism often stops short of actual voting.

With the first balloting just more than two months away, the Democratic campaigns in particular are intensifying their courtship, offering everything from training on how to participate in the Iowa caucuses to free housing in January when many dorms will be closed for winter break.

In trying to tap the campus vote across the state, the campaigns are going after a niche audience, just as they are with Latinos, veterans and farmers, all in an effort to build a winning coalition of voters.

With as few as 50,000 votes potentially yielding a win in Iowa, the state's tens of thousands of college students present a tantalizing target. Some will caucus near their schools, while others, at home on break, could have even



DAVID LIENEMANN / Chicago Tribune via MCT  
Cody Eliff and Jessie Appleby stand outside neighboring campaign offices at the University of Iowa. Both intern for presidential campaigns in the Iowa City area.

greater influence by participating in small towns.

"Nobody is going to make this the cornerstone of their strategy, but when three or four thousand people can make a big difference, it is something you have to treat seriously," said one Democratic campaign operative.

In trying to attract young voters, the Democratic candidates frequently talk about their opposition to the war in Iraq, America's role in the world and the environment, top issues for many students.

Interviews with more than a dozen student activists and young potential voters show varied reasons for why they back one candidate over another. The conversations also show widespread confusion over the process of registering for and attending Iowa's idiosyncratic presidential caucuses.

Daniel Cunny, for example, said he is backing Richardson because of his varied resume of dealing with state, national and international matters.

"He's going to step into all issues with a lot of background, which is different from some of the candidates," said Cunny, 22, the leader of the Richardson group on campus. "He's done so many different things."

The students said they are less likely to get their information from traditional news programs, although they do watch campaign ads on the Internet and attend candidate appearances on campus.

Campaign leaflets appear at football games and during homecoming parades. There are also attempts to organize subgroups, such as fraternities and sororities.

Young voters already may be more politically engaged. In 2004, more voters ages 18 to 29 went to the polls in the presidential election than had in 2000. Youth turnout also was higher in last year's mid term elections.

One recent study even suggested that half of those under 30 call themselves "enthusiastic" about a candidate.

## WIKIPEDIA

From page 1

Alexa, an Internet traffic ranking service.

### Professors React

Mark Bloom, an instructor in the Department of Biology, said students likely gravitate to the site because it's easy to use.

"It's becoming this cult thing now, and people are using it like crazy," Bloom said. "They think everything on the Internet is true, and they don't go to the (original) source."

Many professors aren't as fond, though.

Bloom said the site can provide a quick fix of information but doesn't always elaborate on the nuance of an issue or can misrepresent a complicated issue.

"You get two paragraphs of something that gives you the nuts and bolts of something so it's easy to get the big points of something that way," Bloom said.

Jeff Coffey, chair of the Department of Chemistry, agreed.

"The issues are so complex, it's easy to get a narrower view or just a snapshot of what's going on," Coffey said. "So, I think one has to be careful. I think that's the downside to the information age."

That's why, he said, even if Wikipedia was acceptable as a springboard for student research, it's definitely unacceptable for higher-level academic research.

"I certainly wouldn't use it for detailed scholarly activities," Coffey said.

The online source can be especially problematic in the sciences, said Gary Evans, professor of electrical engineering at Southern Methodist University and president of SMU's faculty senate.

"I've seen textbooks that have major conceptual errors, too, so it's not just Wikipedia," Evans said. "Maybe it's just the fact that humans are doing it, and there are always errors and biases when humans are involved."

Ralph Carter, chair of the Department of Political Science, said for some areas of research, bias can creep into an entry. That's why, he said, he won't immediately discard research that includes Wikipedia, but said it sends up a red flag to see Wikipedia in a bibliography.

"Any online source is less subjected to the peer review process than any print source," Carter said. "They shouldn't fail to use (Internet sources) if they're an appropriate source, but they need to know what those appropriate sources are."

Don Coerver, associate dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, agreed.

"You can put a spin on it, and

that's worse than being wrong," said Coerver, who teaches history of Latin America and U.S. business. "You can point to most of the facts as being correct but that doesn't mean it wouldn't be better to find another source."

That's why peer-reviewed sources, such as academic journals, are superior to Wikipedia, said Richard Enos, a professor in the English Department who used to edit *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*, a research publication from the American Society for the History of Rhetoric.

"The most important feature of journals that are peer-reviewed is that they really adjudicate the (research) process," Enos said. "The researcher has to present the research and make a good argument to people who are judges in the field."

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**Mark Bloom**  
biology instructor

That process, Enos said, is absent from the Wikipedia editing process.

"When you get things that aren't adjudicated, you don't get that opposition for evaluation," Enos said.

He said the discussion that goes on before an article is published in a peer-reviewed environment is essential, even on subjects that may seem more straightforward.

"Even science is a rhetorical activity in that you have to persuade your audience of the saliency of not just your observations, but how you argue them," Enos said.

### Reliability

Some studies, however, have refuted the allegations against the site.

A 2005 study by *Nature*, a weekly scientific journal, found Wikipedia's collaborative content to be almost as accurate as that of *Encyclopedia Britannica*, which is also free online.

For the study, the magazine clipped 42 corresponding entries from each publication and put them up for review by what *Nature* deemed relevant experts.

The entries cumulatively had eight egregious errors in the texts — four in Wikipedia, four in *Britannica*.

*Britannica* has disputed the study, however.

"Almost everything about the journal's investigation, from the criteria for identifying inaccuracies to the discrepancy between the article text and its headline,

was wrong and misleading," according to a report from *Britannica* refuting the study.

Wikipedia stands by its ability, however, to aggregate factual information into an encyclopedia-type text.

"Wikipedia articles are living drafts that are continually being updated and improved upon," according to a statement from the Wikimedia Foundation, which owns Wikipedia.

And as traditional encyclopedia authors rely on a handful of writers and researchers, Wikipedia continues to open its content for revision — a problem to critics, but the organization's self-proclaimed strong suit.

A 2007 study by the Information Dynamics Laboratory at Hewlett-Packard Labs found the Wikipedia mentality to be an effective approach, at least in the online realm.

"The high-quality articles are distinguished by a marked increase in number of edits, number of editors and intensity of cooperative behavior, as compared to other articles of similar visibility and age," according to the lab's report, *Assessing the Value of Cooperation and Quality in Wikipedia*.

### Still Not Good Enough

Despite *Nature's* or the Information Dynamics Laboratory's findings, even some Wikipedia editors, like Stone, doubt the site's utility as an academic research tool.

"I think Wikipedia works, and it's a fantastic idea, and its going to improve our ability to get access to modern, updated information," Stone said. "But, the problem is because there are so many people editing it, the possibility of running into some small piece of information that's incorrect embedded in the article is very high."

Stone said the larger concepts within articles are almost always accurate, as the *Britannica* study found, because everything on the site must be attributed to credible sources.

While that gets articles to the point of being factually accurate and rounds out the larger points, Stone said, it often could omit nuance or result in bias.

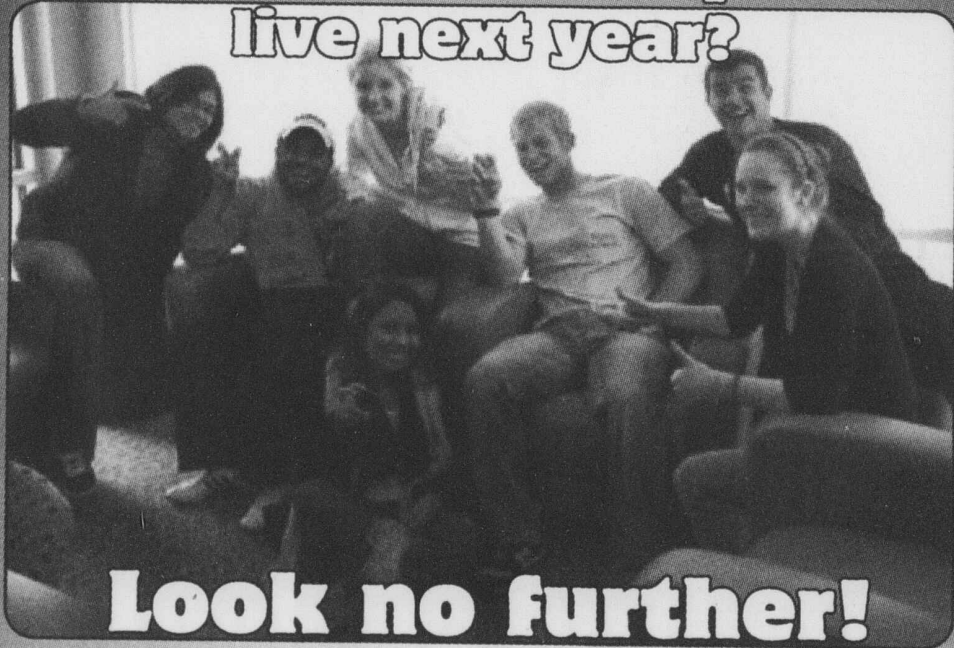
Jeff Bond, a science librarian at the Mary Coats Burnett Library, said that's why he often uses Wikipedia as a springboard for his research.

"Some of the articles do have a reference list at the end, and those references can be a good spring point toward other research," Bond said.

He said the site just can't match other Internet resources, most of which are easily accessible to students, when it comes to undergraduate research.

"At that level of research every source you'd want to use would have to be some type of scholarly peer-reviewed type of material," Bond said.

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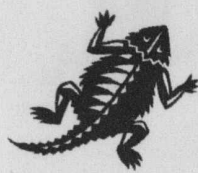
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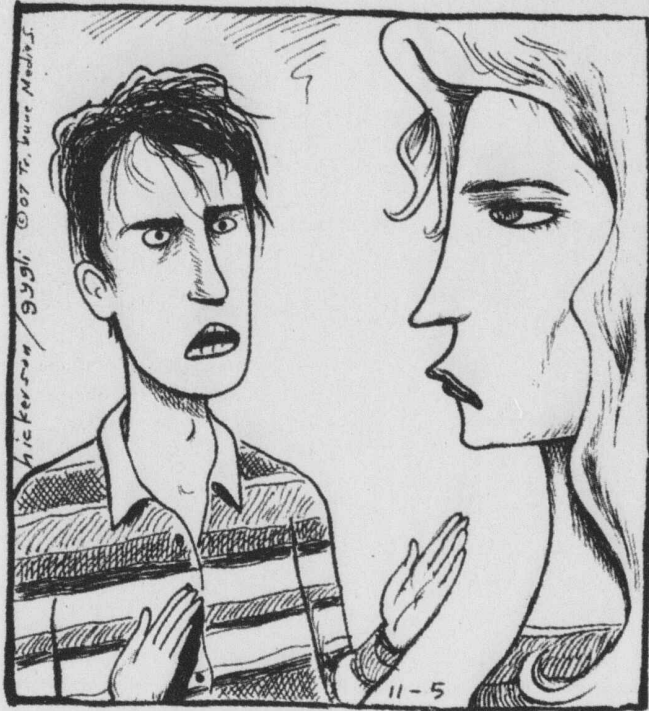
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Q: Why did the man put his money in the freezer?

A: He wanted cold hard cash.

**The Quigmans**

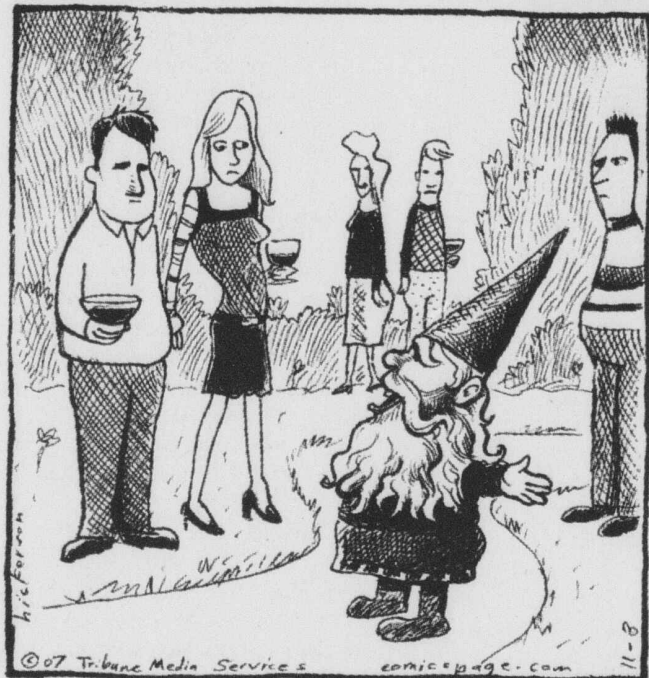
by Buddy Hickerson



"OK, you know what? There's no sense in arguing with you if you're just going to be right."

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**Wednesday's Solutions**

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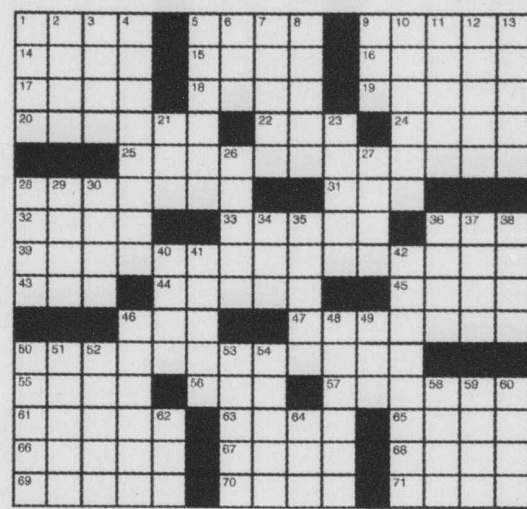
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24 Calendar units  
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33 Kind of acid  
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39 Part 2 of quip  
43 Born as  
44 Break rival  
45 Yemen's capital  
46 Gam  
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56 HST's successor  
57 Racket sport  
61 Poker move  
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69 Fireplace  
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71 Transmitted



By Alan P. Olschawg  
Huntington Beach, CA  
11/8/07

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**FOOTBALL**

# GAME TIME



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief

Redshirt quarterback Andy Dalton fires a pass during Saturday's 37-0 win against New Mexico at Amon Carter Stadium. Dalton will lead the Frogs into Provo, Utah, at 8 p.m. to take on the Brigham Young Cougars. In the two meetings since TCU joined the Mountain West Conference, the teams have split, with each winning on the other's home field. The game kicks off at 8 p.m. on Versus and will be available on KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice."

**VOLLEYBALL**

## Record season hinges on road matches in San Diego

By MICHELLE NICOU  
Staff Reporter

Coming off the team's second Mountain West Conference sweep, the volleyball team wraps up its season on the road.

At 20-10, the team will take on San Diego State on Friday and head to Las Vegas on Saturday to face UNLV.

Head coach Prentice Lewis said the team needs to play with more consistency, especially on the road. The team's road record stands at 7-6 heading into this weekend's West Coast swing.

"If we play consistent, we can battle with a lot of things," Lewis said. "That's our goal, but we have to be consistent to do so."

Consistency involves communication between teammates and reacting to the opponent's strategy, junior setter Nirelle Hampton said.

"It's a lot of the mental aspect of the game," Hampton said. "Not letting ourselves lose our focus is really important."

Hampton said these matches will be tougher because teams are aware of their opponents' strengths and weaknesses.

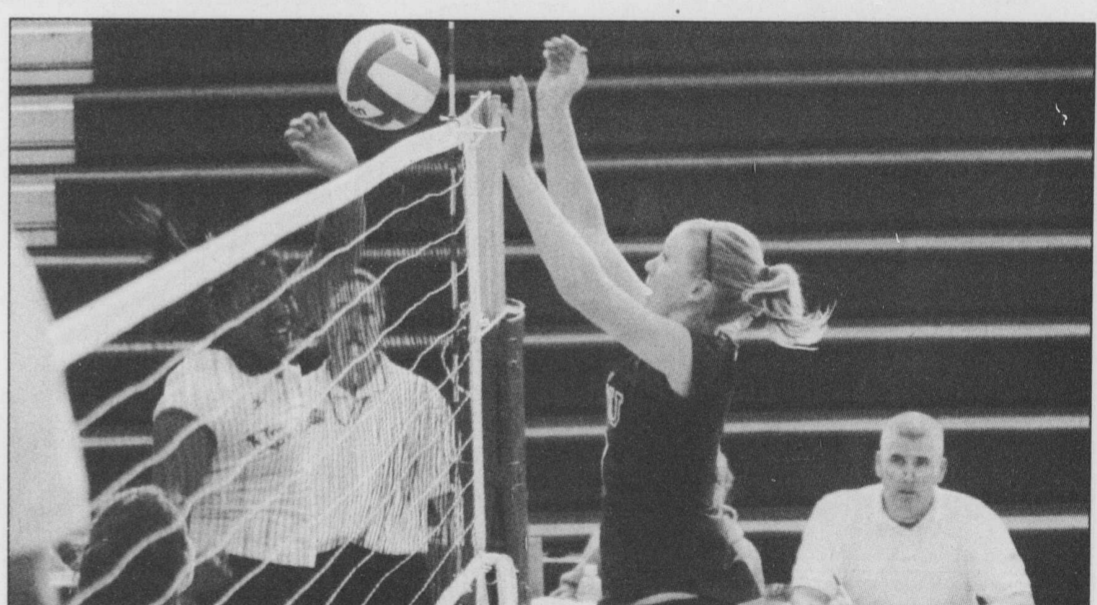
"Just knowing who these teams are is going to help us a lot," Hampton said. "We'll be comfortable seeing a team that we've already played before. That kind of gives us confidence playing

against them."

In a 3-0 home loss to conference frontrunners UNLV on Oct. 12, TCU was out-killed, 59-48. The next night, the Horned Frogs won in five games against the Aztecs thanks to nine kills and no errors in the final game of the match.

Sophomore outside hitter Lauren Otto said the team has a chance to rewrite the record books with a solid end to the season. The team is three wins away from tying the single-season win mark set by the 2004 team at 23 wins.

"If we win our last three matches, we tie that," Otto said. "If we win at the conference tournament, we can beat it."



Freshman middle blocker Christy Hudson attacks the net against New Orleans on Sept. 7. The volleyball team hits the road to take on two conference foes this weekend.

**RIFFLE**

## Horned Frogs take aim at Black Knights

By MICHELLE NICOU  
Staff Reporter

The rifle team awaits a challenge from a top-three team in the nation this weekend, the head coach said.

Head coach Karen Monez's team heads to West Point, N.Y., to face Army on Saturday in the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center. Army finished third in the nation last year.

Monez said the Horned Frogs want four solid individual scores that will lead to a high aggregate total, but that doesn't have to result in a victory.

"What's important is that we don't necessarily go in there with the attitude that we're looking for a win," Monez said, "but what we're looking for is a good performance, (and) a good score that will take us one step closer to making the NCAA championships."

"...what we are looking for is a good performance, a good score that will take us one step closer to making the NCAA championships"

**Karen Monez**  
head coach

Army has been consistent with its scores all season, Monez said.

"The scores they've shot this year have been some of the best," Monez said. "They probably have the highest average among all the NCAA teams this year."

Saturday will mark the team's first match in more than two weeks, the longest layoff so far this season.

Sophomore Lauren Sullivan said she felt the team needed the break.

"I think, actually, the break was

nice because we've been getting a little run down," Sullivan said.

Last year, the Horned Frogs finished second in a three-team match with the Black Knights in West Point by an aggregate score of 4,642-4,621. Only three points separated the teams in the air rifle competition.

Sullivan said she has even higher expectations for the team in Saturday's match-up.

"I think this year, it will be even better because we know the range, and we know the conditions," Sullivan said.

Sophomore Emily Paper said the fact that the Army squad is all male did not affect the team's preparation for the match.

"We shoot (against) one or two teams that are all female," Paper said. "Normally, it's a mixed team or an all-boys team, so that's nothing new."

**SOCCER**

## Campaign closed by Cougars following 2-0 playoff shutout

By TIM BELLA  
Sports Editor

The long and winding road known as the 2007 season has come to an end for the soccer team.

A 2-0 loss to the Brigham Young Cougars in the first round of the Mountain West Conference Tournament on Wednesday closed out the 2007 campaign for the soccer team. The loss brought the team to 8-11 on the season and served as the swan song for four seniors.

Freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Walters would match BYU's Erika Woodbury save for save and kept the match scoreless until BYU's leading scorer broke the tie in the 65th minute. A goal off the head of junior forward Katie Larkin gave the Cougars a one-goal lead almost midway through the second half.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said the slow and deliberate styles of play for both teams affected how TCU wanted the game to play out. The Horned Frog's play on offense was unable to take any pressure off its defense, he said.

"Offensively, we were not quite as sharp as we needed to be," he said.

The Cougars proved to be too much for Abdalla's team Tuesday, being outshot, 28-9, while TCU would commit nearly twice as many fouls at a 17-9 clip during the course of the 90-minute match.

Though he was happy with how the team responded coming out of the locker room in the second half, Abdalla said, the lack of scoring punch was the result of the team failing to convert



Senior forward Lesley Parkinson attacks the net against Utah on Oct. 26. The season ended for Parkinson and the Horned Frogs on Wednesday, falling to Brigham Young, 2-0, in the opening round of the Mountain West Conference Tournament.

possible scoring chances. "We didn't take advantage of the opportunities we had," he said.

Woodbury would complete the shutout for BYU, stopping four TCU shots on goal in the process.

Any attempt at a last-minute gasp by the Horned Frogs, who only suited up 18 players for Wednesday's match, was thwarted by a goal off the foot of senior midfielder Carolyn Swenson in the 88th minute — effectively ending the 2007 season.

Despite an opening-round exit from the conference tournament and the team's season coming to a close, Abdalla said the team finished the season very well, accomplishing benchmark achievements such as qualifying for the conference tournament and defeating a top-25 opponent in Utah on Oct. 26.

He said though the team needs to raise its confidence level as well as sharpen its play on the offensive side of the ball, Abdalla said he is ecstatic about his club for next season and beyond.

"We are excited about the future and the direction of the program," he said.

**FOR YOUR INFO**

**Final season stats**

**GOALS**

- 1. Jackie Torda (F, Fr.) — 9
- 2. Lizzy Karoly (F, So.) — 5
- 3. Michelle Nguyen (MF, So.) — 5

**ASSISTS**

- 1. Michelle Nguyen (MF, So.) — 6
- 2. Jackie Torda (F, Fr.) — 3
- 3. Lizzy Karoly (F, So.) — 2

**POINTS**

- 1. Jackie Torda (F, Fr.) — 21
- 2. Michelle Nguyen (MF, So.) — 16
- 3. Lizzy Karoly (F, So.) — 12

**SHOTS**

- 1. Lizzy Karoly (F, So.) — 64
- 2. Jackie Torda (F, Fr.) — 60
- 3. Michelle Nguyen (MF, So.) — 49

**SHOTS ON GOAL**

- 1. Jackie Torda (F, Fr.) — 30
- 2. Lizzy Karoly (F, So.) — 29
- 3. Michelle Nguyen (MF, So.) — 24

**CROSS COUNTRY**

## Runners' last chance for nationals depends on upcoming performance

By CALLIE COX  
Staff Reporter

Coming off a disappointing finish at the Mountain West Conference Championships, a senior runner said he hopes to make good this weekend on what did not happen at the conference championship meet.

Senior Matt Manly and sophomore Festus Kigen will vie for a chance to run in the NCAA National Championship on Saturday when they compete in the NCAA South Central Regional Championship.

Head coach Shawn Winget said the top four individuals not from the winning two teams get an invitation to Nationals.

At the Mountain West Conference Cross Country Championships on Oct. 27, the men's team finished sixth out of six teams and the women's team finished eighth out of nine teams. Kigen finished 15th overall in the meet.

"The last minute change in location for conference from San Diego to Albuquerque, N.M., resulted in a drastic change

of altitude that really hurt us," Manly said. "Conference did not turn out as we planned, so we are hoping for a much better showing this weekend."

The meet will take place in Fayetteville, Ark., on a course the team has run before.

"We ran this course just a few weeks ago at the Chile Pepper Festival, so it is familiar to us and thankfully, at sea level," Manly said.

Kigen said this weekend and this course provides an opportunity for him to run really well.

"This is a course I have run before, so it is familiar and I know these runners that I will be running against," Kigen said.

Winget said he wants to get these two guys to the championship.

"These two runners have given this team so much this season," Winget said. "It would be a great way to end the season — to see them get to go compete in the National Championship."

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