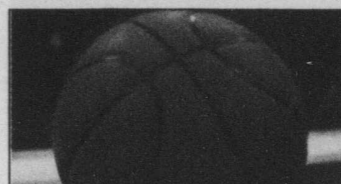




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UDLA students protest loss of scholarships

Mexican school's administration to review student cases

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO
Staff Reporter

More than 300 students at Universidad de Las Americas - Puebla rallied Thursday to protest the cancellation of 571 scholarships.

Maria Lopez Aguilar, sub-

director of communication at UDLA, said 571 scholarships had been canceled and said the university would review each case individually starting Monday in response to the demonstration.

TCU has a dual degree program with UDLA. William Slater, dean of the College of Communication, said earlier this month that the program

is currently on hold.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said late Thursday he would not comment on the recent events until he had time to research the situation further.

According to local newspaper El Milenio, the university announced Sunday the "restructuring" of its scholarship program by suspending

institutional scholarships.

The announcement sparked a protest that gathered about 200 students outside the UDLA rector's office at 1 p.m. Thursday, said a freshman visual information design major who was at the protest but asked to remain anonymous for fear of losing her scholarship.

The student said the protest-
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CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's Skiff about natural gas drilling incorrectly cited a news release from the TCU Energy Institute. The institute did not issue such a release and it does not have anything to do with the location of the drilling rig.

A release from the Office of Communications on the university's Web site reported the drilling would take place sometime between January and July of 2008 through 2010. The

story also incorrectly stated the drilling would begin by the end of January 2008.

The university's position in the story; Chesapeake Energy is the drilling operator.

Also, Tracy Syler-Jones, vice chancellor for marketing and communication, said neighborhood concerns have not — as was reported — prevented drilling operations from moving forward.

VINE DINING



Andres Ruiz, Tatiana Bienati and Maria Jose Azpiri gather around a table at Spiral Diner & Bakery. The restaurant is one of few that serves strictly vegan fare.

Vegan restaurants scarce in Cowtown

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Writer

In the middle of October, Jonathan Combs, a senior graphic design major, vowed to go a month without eating any product that came from an animal.

He agreed to be a vegan for a month as a part of a documentary film by TCU's radio-TV-film students.

Combs and many other vegans around Fort Worth said maintaining a vegan lifestyle in Cowtown is more difficult than it should be.

"It's probably harder than most other cities," Combs said. "But for the most part you can find places that are willing to accommodate you even if they don't know why."

In Texas, population 23,507,783, there are seven exclusively vegan restaurants, according to Janice Blue, host of a vegan radio show for KPFT-Houston.

There is one in Fort Worth, Spiral Diner and Bakery, recently named the restaurant of the year by VegNews Magazine, and two are in Dallas.

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Campus to host political rally

By SHALEY SANDERS
Staff Reporter

Several Tarrant County Democratic Party candidates will speak on campus Saturday at a political rally, a member of the TCU Democrats said.

James Russell, a sophomore religion and anthropology major, said 30 Democratic candidates are slated to attend Saturday's rally, seven are scheduled to speak at the event.

The keynote speaker is current state Rep. Rick Noriega, who is also a U.S. senatorial candidate.

Other speakers include Tracey Smith, who is running for the 12th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, Wendy Davis, for the state senate's 10th District seat and Chris Turner for the 96th District seat in the Texas House of Representatives.

Two other candidates for the position of chair of the Tarrant County Democratic Party, local attorneys Steve Maxwell and Rod Tanner, are on the bill for the event.

State Rep. Marc Veasey from District 95 will serve as master of ceremonies, said Doreen Geiger, founder of the New Democrats of Southwest Tarrant County. Attendees will be able to meet Democratic candidates from Tarrant County and will receive help with voting registration if needed.

"This is a great way to get to know these candidates so people can make informed decisions when they go vote," Geiger said. "Voters should use the convenience of hearing candidates and meeting them all in the same place to their advantage."

The primary election for the various Tarrant County districts is set for March 4, according to the Texas Secretary of State Web site.

Texas House District 97, which covers Southwest Tarrant County and includes TCU, has been in Republican control for the last 30 years, Geiger said.

Anna Mowery, a Republican representative of District 97 for 19 years, resigned with one year left on her term in August leaving a vacancy in the Texas House, according to the governor's office.

Gov. Rick Perry called a special election Dec. 18, in which Dan Barrett, a Democrat from Fort Worth,

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RAs' compensation package to change

By MEGAN CURTIS
Staff Reporter

The compensation package for resident assistants will be modified beginning fall 2008, the director of Residential Services said.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said RAs currently receive a free room and a paycheck that covers about 15 hours a week at minimum wage.

Minimum wage in Texas is \$5.85, so RAs can earn between \$1,490 and \$1,755 per semester. All RAs are currently required to purchase a meal plan that can range from \$1,000 to \$1,200, the cost of which depends on the RAs

classification, Allen said.

Next semester, however, RAs will receive a meal plan worth about \$2,000 per semester to cover all on-campus dining expenses, Allen said.

"While the RAs will not get a paycheck like the one they do now, they won't be required to purchase a meal plan," Allen said. "So in regards to compensation, it's about the same."

Tunti Pereira, former head RA of Brachman hall, said change will help offset the rising cost of the meal plan.

"I think it's actually a good idea," Pereira said. "Since meal plans are

increasing, a lot of RAs will benefit. However, some RAs who look forward to a paycheck to pay their bills or extra expenses might not feel the same way."

Allen said RAs will also be paid \$75 to \$150 for two required training sessions.

"In the past, compensation for the training sessions have not been separate paychecks," Allen said. "RAs can also work up to 10 to 12 hours a week in the office of their residence halls and get paid for that."

RAs have the option to work extra office shifts for pay in addition to the
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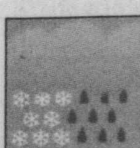
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THURSDAY: For TCU neighbors, a daylong celebration with children's hours and a special afternoon event.

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ANDY SPRINGS, Ga. — A bank robbery suspect was arrested at a bus stop while waiting to make her getaway.

— Associated Press

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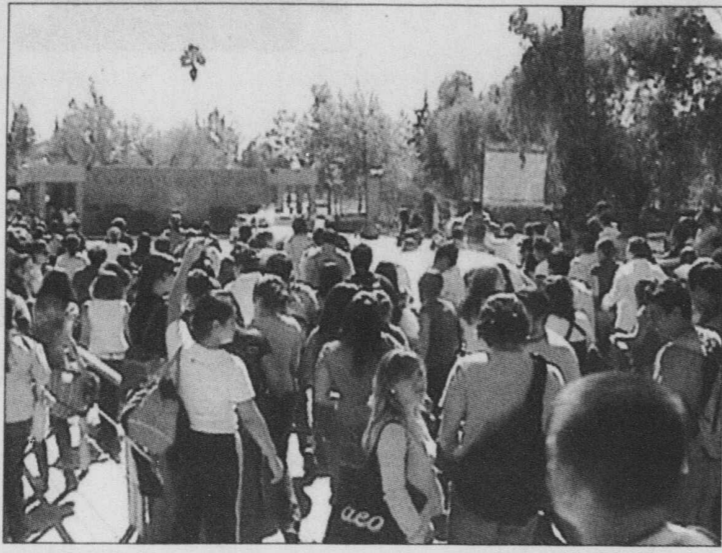
ers demanded to speak with the university's interim leader, Arturo Langdon Lagarrigue. Langdon, who is the liaison between UDLA's governing board - the Patronato - and the administration.

The university's rector, Pedro Angel Palou, resigned in November and has not been replaced.

The student said Langdon did not come out to speak with the protesters, who then moved to the front gate of the university in hopes of getting the attention of local media that had gathered there.

About 300 protesters then headed to the water fountain at the center of the university sometime between 2 and 2:30 p.m., the student said.

"One of the leaders pointed out that this was a completely pacific movement, that there wasn't going to be any vio-



Courtesy of EL BLOG DE LA UDLA
Students at la Universidad de las Americas-Puebla protest near the university's main gate Thursday. The demonstration was set off by changes to the university's scholarship program.

lence, and that all they wanted was to clarify the scholarship issue," she said.

The student said the protest leaders asked students to rally once again in front of the rector's office at 4 p.m. She said she then left the university and doesn't know what happened

next. "Many of my classmates were affected," she said. "Many brilliant people lost their financial support in one day."

Lopez said the protest was nonviolent and had dissolved by the time she left her office at 10:30 p.m. Thursday.

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captured a surprising victory when he replaced Mowery, Geiger said.

Up for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives, Barrett will be speaking at the political rally.

The suggested donation for the event, which will include a light meal with a vegetarian option, is \$15 per person and \$5 for TCU students, payable at the door.

QUICK NEWS

Wintry weather to clear by weekend

As an Arctic front approaches, basic precautions are being taken in Tarrant County.

"Be prepared for possible trouble on overpasses with freezing," said Ron Trumbula, National Weather Service media contact for the southern region.

Some weather conditions in the area include possible freezing rain and temperatures below 32 degrees. The weather is expected to clear up closer to the evening and be mostly sunny with higher temperatures throughout the weekend, according to the National Weather Service Web site.

Trumbula said the Web site is updated hourly and they are keeping a close watch on the situation.

Staff reporter Charles Rice

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two to four hours a week they are currently required to work, the compensation of which is included in their paycheck, Allen said.

The RA compensation package is changing, but the value of the compensation is not, Allen said.

"The more important benefits for RAs are not really a part of any com-

ensation package," Allen said. "The focus of the job is to build community relationships and gain leadership experience."

Pereira said RAs aren't in it for the money.

"The motives for RAs are not to get a free room and a paycheck," Pereira said. "All of us loved our job position."

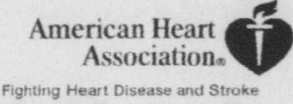
The new compensation package is similar to the one already in place for RAs at SMU, which includes

a single room and a meal plan, according to the university's Web site.

At Baylor, "community leaders" receive a single room, 11 meals a week and \$400 to \$1,200 a year, depending on the length of their position, according to Baylor's Web site.

According to the University of Texas at Austin's Web site, RAs are provided a shared double room and are paid about \$118 per month.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The only real prison is fear, and the only real freedom is freedom from fear."

— Aung San Suu Kyi

THE SKIFF VIEW

Involvement in politics good action

A Democratic Party rally scheduled to take place at Smith Hall on Saturday presents a great opportunity for students to express political interest and get involved.

James Russell, a sophomore religion and anthropology major, said students will have the chance to meet 30 Tarrant County Democratic candidates. This will be an easy way to get to know the candidates' policies before primary voting for the Texas House takes place March 4.

Seven of the 30 candidates are scheduled to speak.

Students have often been said to be apathetic. This is the time to prove the naysayers wrong.

As an institution of higher education, public debate and exchange of opinions should have more of a presence at the university, and the TCU Democrats have taken a great step forward to establish such an environment.

"This is a great way to get to know these can-

didates so people can make informed decisions when they go vote," said Doreen Geiger, founder of the New Democrats of Southwest Tarrant County. "Voters should use the convenience of hearing candidates and meeting them all in the same place to their advantage."

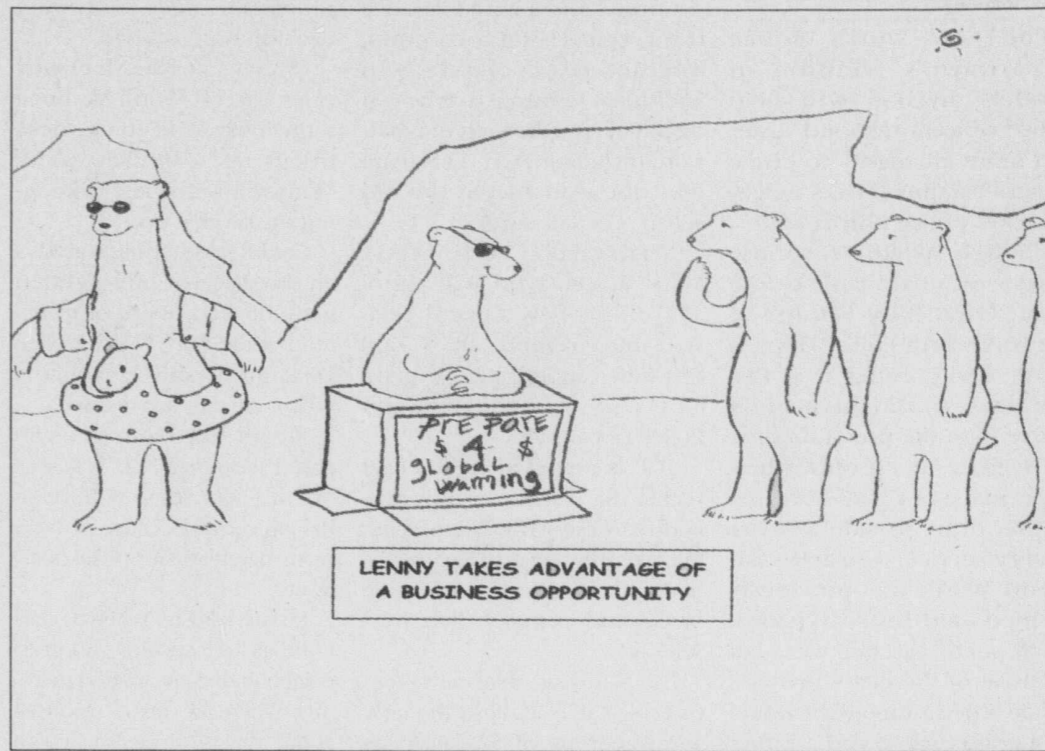
In addition, Tracey Smith, who is running for a seat in the U.S. Congress, will also attend the rally. This is a chance to get to know someone who might influence individuals' lives on a national level.

Students should take advantage of their place in a democratic society by voting, and \$5 is a small price to pay to become informed and educated on the policies they may potentially support.

In the end, these policies may potentially impact students on a personal level. Utilize the opportunity to meet the individuals who very well could control the outcome of Tarrant County politics.

News editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

BY JACOB BRAHCE



LENNY TAKES ADVANTAGE OF A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Jacob Brahce is a freshman criminal justice and political science major from Cedar Park.

Exonerations, executions muddy search for justice

Earlier this month, Charles Chatman, a man convicted in Dallas County of rape and sentenced to 99 years in prison, was exonerated and released based on DNA evidence. Chatman served more than 26 years behind bars.

The judge who granted his release took Chatman out for a steak dinner — a small

COMMENTARY



Kara Peterson

gesture, but a signal of growing interest among some Texans in providing justice, not just convictions.

In spite of its reputation as a tough-on-crime state, Texas is leading the way in exonerations. Since 2001, 30 Texas inmates have been exonerated and released based on DNA evidence, the most of any state, according to the Innocence Project, a nationwide legal advocacy group.

The Innocence Project of Texas, the state branch of the advocacy group, provided the lead attorney in Chatman's case. IPOT is a volunteer group of attorneys and students from five Texas law schools.

IPOT helps provide justice for Texas inmates, usually in cases when DNA evidence wasn't available at trial. The group has teamed with Dal-

las County District Attorney Craig Watkins to review more than 400 claims of actual innocence in which DNA evidence could reverse a conviction, according to IPOT.

Watkins was nominated as a 2007 Texan of the Year in large part because of his efforts in securing release for innocent inmates. His office boasts a 98.5 percent conviction rate, but he says his approach is, "smart on crime," rather than tough. To prevent the wrongly convicted from suffering years of injustice, Watkins established a conviction integrity unit to establish cases in which DNA evidence could exonerate inmates, according to IPOT.

The number of exonerations in Texas, the highest in the country, is significant and points to the state's interest in seeking justice — belated though it may be. This interest is a change from the hang 'em high outlook of the past. Or is it?

Texas claims the most DNA-based exonerations, but not without a tinge of irony. The state also executes the most inmates — 26 just last year, or 60 percent of the nation's total, according to The New York

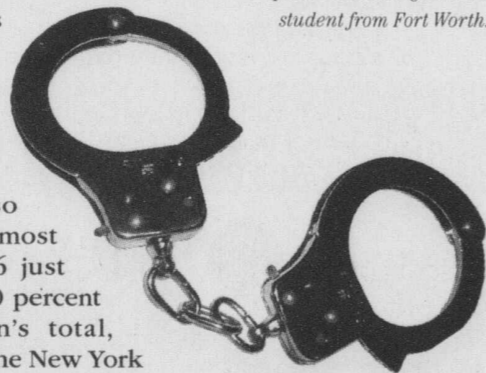
Times. It is the state's penchant for executions that makes the cause of Watkins and IPOT even more critical. According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Web site, Texas houses 371 inmates on death row. Imagine if even one death row inmate was able to prove innocence with the help of Watkins' integrity unit or with IPOT.

With the aid of IPOT, wrongly convicted Texas inmates have an opportunity to prove innocence. The state's willingness to admit DNA evidence in cases of convicted inmates is commendable, and the work of IPOT even more so.

But, unless Texas prosecutors take a cue from Watkins and begin to pursue justice over convictions, the state's large number of exonerations is moot.

Just ask Charles Chat-

Kara Peterson is an advertising/public relations graduate student from Fort Worth.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parking on nearby streets aggravates local residents

I live two blocks from the TCU campus. Our houses have single-car driveways.

Many of us park one car in the driveway and one on the street to keep from shuffling cars around all the time. We are further hampered by having parking on only one side of the street on weekdays.

The parking problem is made worse by students who chew up the available parking. This would not be so bad if they parked in the morning and removed their cars at the end of the day. Many times, though, they come in the evenings, park and leave their cars for three to seven days at a time.

Two showed up last night — one in

front of my house and one in front of my next-door neighbor's.

At 3:50 a.m. this morning, my neighbor was outside shouting at someone to stop. That someone broke out the window of the truck parked in front and was attempting to steal property from within. Unfortunately, they sped away in another vehicle.

It would be appreciated if TCU's student population would park on campus or at least not leave their vehicles for extended stays. It seems like it might even help prevent some of the burglaries that are reported each month, especially if campus parking is monitored by camera.

Anthony Karnavas lives two blocks from campus.

Poor sustainability grade should be frowned upon

If TCU were my child, I would ground him or her for a good, solid year.

That's what my parents would have done to me if I got two F's on my report card.

The 2008 College Sustainability Report Card, a study conducted by the Sustainable

COMMENTARY



Alex Zobel

Endowments Institute that grades 100 colleges on campus greening practices and endowment policies, gave the university F's in two of eight categories, both of which had to do with TCU's investment practices.

These failing marks were well-deserved.

Like many private institutions, TCU has a strict non-disclosure policy, meaning specifics about endowment investments are only available to the investment staff and the board of trustees.

A handful of middle-aged businessmen are the only ones who have any way of knowing or deciding how the endowment is being invested.

The endowment is \$1.2 billion, according to the sustainability report. How can TCU not even let us know the names of the firms and companies in which the money is being invested.

What if the majority of TCU's endowment were being invested in tobacco companies or in some other ethically questionable way? Even though it's far-fetched to think the board of trustees would let that happen, it's possible.

The truth is we have no idea what kind of university we're a part of. We're in the dark.

If there was such a thing as a grade lower than an F, I would send an angry letter to Mark Orlowski, executive director of SEI, urging him to give TCU the lowest grade possible.

Fortunately for the TCU administration, two F's is all they got and I didn't have to send any letters to Orlowski.

I did call him though.

I asked Orlowski why TCU and so many other schools keep these non-disclosure policies and how the situation could be remedied.

He said a lot of private schools choose to keep their investment practices a secret because it gives them a "strategic advantage." He said a lot of schools solve this problem by having a delayed-disclosure system where information regarding the endowment is released once it becomes out of date.

"There are quite a few schools that do make this information available," Orlowski said. "It's not a common or widespread practice by any means but there is a growing number of schools that are making this information available with no concern over a detriment in performance or otherwise hindering the ability of the endowment to perform at the highest level possible."

Jim Hille, TCU's chief investment officer, said certain investments that TCU makes are only possible because they don't disclose certain information. "We keep investments private because very often they are simply not ready for the

scrutiny of public markets," Hille said. "Early price discovery would be damaging to the competitiveness of these firms."

Orlowski said with a system of delayed-disclosure, TCU could increase endowment transparency while maintaining the same strategic advantage.

"There's a point when certain information can be released without consequence," Orlowski said.

"The whole concern about competitive advantage or the loss of strategic investments is, to me, a non-issue because it wouldn't be very smart to trade information that's six months or a year out of date."

TCU should release information about its investments to the university community but do it on a delayed basis to eliminate a strategic disadvantage."

It would reassure us that the endowment is being invested responsibly and would encourage a healthy dialogue about ethical investment strategies.

Until that happens and the university brings its grades up, TCU will stay grounded in my book.

Alex Zobel is an alumnus from Albuquerque, N.M.



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Police: rezoning to improve service

By KYLE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

The Fort Worth Police Department's addition of another division will help police officers respond faster and more efficiently to crime around campus, TCU's neighborhood police officer said.

Though specific response times were unavailable before print, Capt. Billy Cordell of the Fort Worth Police Department, who presides over this new division, said this setup is better than the previous one.

"It gives me an opportunity to manage a smaller area so that I can provide a better quality service," Cordell said.

Fort Worth was previously divided into four divisions: north, south, east and west, but because of the city's growth, police officials thought it would be a good time to add another

division, Cordell said.

Cordell said a zero tolerance team, comprising a corporal, sergeant and ten officers, is an additional resource that he can dispatch anywhere in the division, including TCU. This team was not available in the old setup, Cordell said.

Neighborhood Police Officer Mark Russel, who will patrol TCU in the new Central Division implemented Jan. 5, said this new configuration is good for TCU and the entire Fort Worth Police Department.

TCU is located in the B12 beat within this division, which runs north to Vickery Boulevard, south to Berry Street, east to Eighth Avenue and west to the west side of Colonial Country Club, Russel said.

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of police at TCU, said the new arrangement of boundaries

will work well, but the only problem he sees is keeping each division staffed.

"This is a problem for many cities, but Fort Worth has done a great job at keeping these things up," Williams said. "This will be the key in keeping the service up."

Cordell said staffing is always an issue because officers often get promoted, retire or transfer, but the Fort Worth Police Department actively monitors where officers are needed.

Russel said the area he will patrol, including TCU, is larger, but this new setup will make his job easier because of help from neighborhood associations.

Russel said he receives daily blogs and attends monthly neighborhood association meetings where he hears updates about what is happening in the neighborhoods he patrols.

More officers in the area will provide a safer environment for TCU students around campus, Russel said.

SMU

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The 24th-ranked SMU is a quality opponent, and TCU is looking forward to seeing how its team does against a nationally ranked team.

"It's good to race a team that has as much depth and talent as SMU," Berrettini said. "Their lineup is good from top to bottom."

Beyond the normal intensity that comes with a meet against rival schools, the Horned Frog/Mustang matchup also marks senior night for the Frogs.

The men's swimming and diving team has two seniors, breaststroke and individual medley swimmer Cameron Allred and Berrettini.

The meet is today in the Rickel Pool at 6 p.m.

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style set plays. You have to defend against several different types of set plays," Dougherty said. "In order to beat them you have to be really good at fundamental defense."

Last season the Horned Frogs beat Utah 71-68 in their first matchup but lost in their second game 65-70.

San Diego State's loss against BYU on Wednesday puts the Horned Frogs one half-game behind the Aztecs for the conference lead.

A win against Utah would tie TCU and SDSU for first in the conference with matching 4-1 records.

DIVER

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anything for SMU.

Chester said they will make a few changes for SMU and also for the MWC Championship on Feb. 27.

"We lowered the degree of difficulty for the dives he'll be doing against SMU and at the conference meet," Chester said. "We're doing this because he can dive the less difficult dives better, and hopefully, that will look better on the judges' scorecard."

Hesselberg said he thinks he has a chance of taking first place on the one-meter and three-meter boards against SMU.

"That would be some good momentum going into conference," Hesselberg said.

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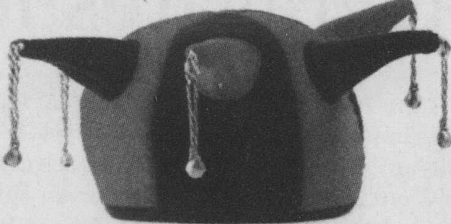
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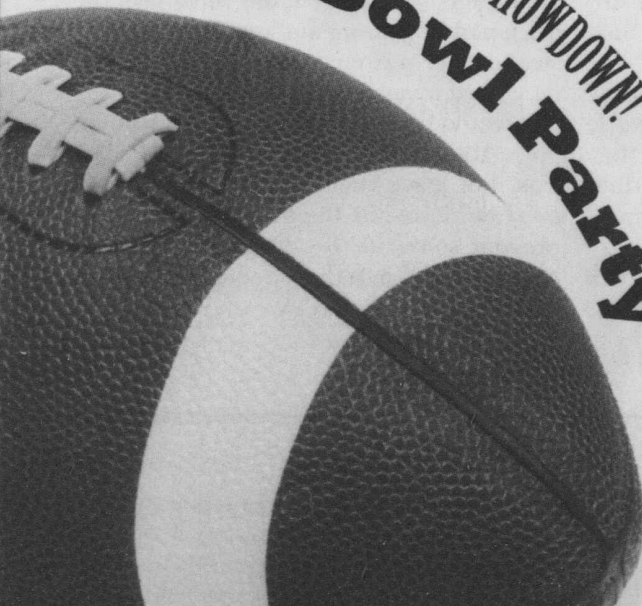

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NCAA survey evaluates student-athlete priorities

By ALLIE GRASGREEN
(University of Oregon
Daily Emerald)

EUGENE, Ore. — When deciding whether to devote more time and energy to sports or academics, Division I male baseball, basketball and football players chose the former. Female players chose the latter.

In an NCAA survey released this month, football players reported spending the most amount of time on their sport: 44.8 hours per week — the equivalent of a full-time job and five hours more than they reported dedicating to academic activities. The hours include all activities related to the athlete's sport, such as travel, training and injury treatment.

Moreover, the majority of all Division I student-athletes, male and female, said they consider themselves athletes first and students second, according to the survey. And more than half of all Division I student-athletes reported athletics as their primary reason for attending their current college. The survey included both males and females in all intercollegiate sports from Divisions I, II and III.

The data add to the long-standing question of whether student-athletes think of school as a place to obtain a degree or as a stepping stone toward professional sports.

Jennie Leander, associ-

ate director of the University of Oregon's Services for Student Athletes, said striking a balance between athletics and academics can be difficult for students, and while some are natural time-managers, others

"Those who participate in our athletics events are students, and students first. They undertake athletics training and competition in support of their education."

Myles Brand
NCAA president

need help laying out their weekly schedules and finding time for both commitments.

"Most student-athletes are here trying to achieve a balance," Leander said. "On the whole most student-athletes are here to be both students and athletes, and they know ultimately that the student is the most important part because ... they're going to have to have something to fall back on after they graduate from the university."

SSA is an on-campus resource for student-athletes who need help with school. One of its primary charges is to make sure student-athletes understand and keep up with NCAA eligibility requirements.

While the ultimate goal for most students at a college or university is to

obtain a degree, the athletic department expects student-athletes to fully commit to their sport.

"It's hard for them to balance their time because we're requiring a lot from them," said Karen Nelson, assistant director of student services at the athletic department. "But I think time management and what they're doing on a daily basis ... rewards them in the end for their employment."

Nelson said the athletic department wants athletes to have fun, but as their tuition is being paid for them, "we feel like they do have a responsibility." She also noted most students feel the time they commit to athletics is necessary.

Indeed, Division I male student-athletes reported if they had more time during the day, they would devote it to their sport rather than schoolwork. Females reported the opposite.

In his annual State of the Association speech, NCAA President Myles Brand, a former University of Oregon president, addressed the issue by stressing to universities the importance of prioritizing education over athletics.

"Those who participate in our athletics events are students, and students first," Brand said. "They undertake athletics training and competition in support of their education."

VEGAN

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"This experience could have been a lot harder," Combs said. "Thanks to Spiral Diner I was able to keep from starving and eat some really good food."

Spiral Diner owner Amy McNutt said the Dallas/Fort Worth area is one of the worst places for a vegan.

"In pretty much every other major city it would be a lot easier to be a vegan than it is here," McNutt said. "Typically you don't find too many vegans out here so there are less vegan options."

Combs said the hardest part about being a vegan is the planning that goes into every meal. "Going from putting whatever in your mouth tastes good to having to actually think what and why you are eating — it is quite a difficult transition," Combs said. "I definitely think that habit has stuck with me — thinking about the food that goes into me and where it comes from."

According to a national study conducted by the Vegetarian Resource Group, the demand for a meatless product in the U.S. is significantly higher than the supply for it.

McNutt, who has been a vegan for eight years, said she sees evidence of the Dallas/Fort Worth area becoming more accommodating for vegetarians and vegans.

"More Whole Foods are opening, and restaurants are opening that have full vegetarian sections on their menu," McNutt said.

Colleges and universities are leading the way in becoming more accommodating for non-meat eaters, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group study.

According to the study, in some colleges more than 20 percent of students are eating vegetarian foods and, according to a

nationwide survey by Aramark, a food service company, nearly 24 percent of college students said finding vegan meals on campus was important to them.

Stephanie Dickerson, the nutrition counselor for TCU Dining Services, said there is always a vegetarian entree available at the main but not necessarily a vegan one.

She said it has been "several years" since Dining Services has conducted a survey or poll to find out how many vegans and vegetarians are on campus.

Dickerson provides nutrition counseling to TCU students and said she has been dealing with vegan students ever since she became the nutrition counselor. "In the cases I've seen, a lot of students have seen videos about the slaughtering of animals, and after they watch it, they won't eat meat or they become a vegan," Dickerson said. "A lot of people also do it for their health."

According to a report published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N., livestock use 30 percent of the earth's entire land surface and 33 percent of the global arable land is used to produce feed for livestock.

The report found that 70 percent of former forests in the Amazon have been turned over to grazing.

"I initially went vegan for animal cruelty issues but then I started learning about how the factory farming industry worked," McNutt said. "I had no idea it was so terrible. I learned there are a lot of major environmental benefits (in being a vegan)."

The report also says the livestock industry produces 18 percent more greenhouse gas emissions than all methods of transportation combined.

Senior ranch management major Kyle McCord said he has never had the desire to abstain

from animal products.

"I understand the reasons why people do it but personally I could never do it — I'd just be unhealthy," McCord said. "I think one of the reasons God put animals on earth were for us to feed people."

Gina Hill, assistant professor of nutrition and director of the didactic program in dietetics, said that without proper planning, vegetarians and vegans run the risk of developing "serious nutritional deficiencies."

"The only way we get vitamin B12 naturally is through animals," Hill said. "It's also very difficult to get adequate iron and protein without consuming animal products."

Vitamin B12 is required to make red blood cells, which carry oxygen through the body. Vegans especially run the risk of developing a vitamin B12 deficiency, as well as an iron deficiency, both of which can lead to anemia causing one to feel weak and tired, according to WebMD.com.

Hill said that because of the difficulty of getting an adequate amount of iron when abstaining from animal products, being a vegan can be especially unhealthy for pregnant women and teenagers.

"If you have good planning and discipline in your diet you'll be just fine," Hill said. "I think vegans tend to be more morally driven than heath driven whereas vegetarians usually do it to be healthy."

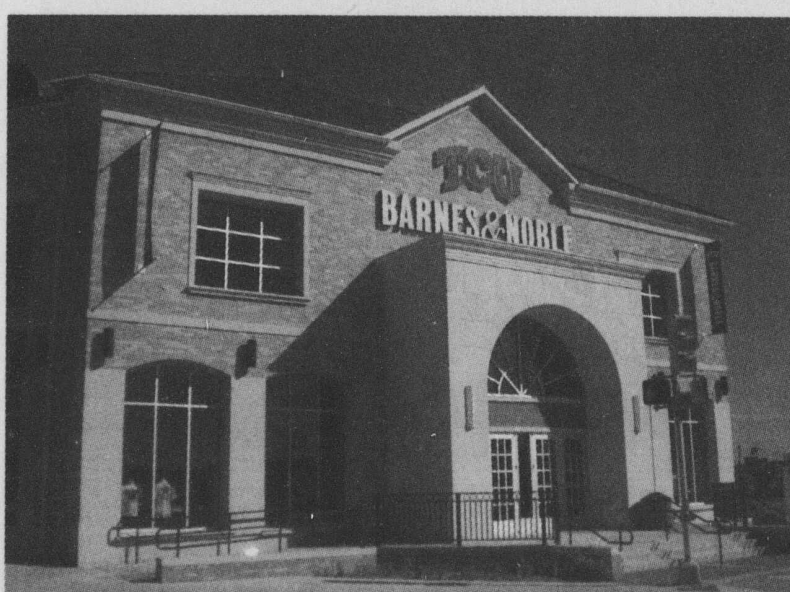
Combs said he tried to prolong his veganism after the month was over but was unsuccessful.

"It was a fun experiment and it definitely changed my perspective on the food I eat, but I have no desire to give up Oreos and milk," Combs said. "It's definitely made me understand that it's not a cake walk and the people who do it have to be extremely committed to their cause."

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

AIRBORNE

Junior diver breaks conference record

By ROB CRABTREE
Staff Reporter

The Mountain West Conference record for being named diver of the week the most times now belongs to a TCU diver.

R.J. Hesselberg broke the previous single season record of six last week when he was named MWC Men's Diver of the Week for the seventh time.

"I'm a lot more focused this season," said Hesselberg, a junior communication studies major. "Last year, it was just about completing the dive. This year, I'm focusing on specific details."

Last season, Hesselberg won MWC Men's Diver of the Week three times. He placed third in platform diving at the MWC Conference Championship last year and placed 23rd overall on the platform at the NCAA Championship.

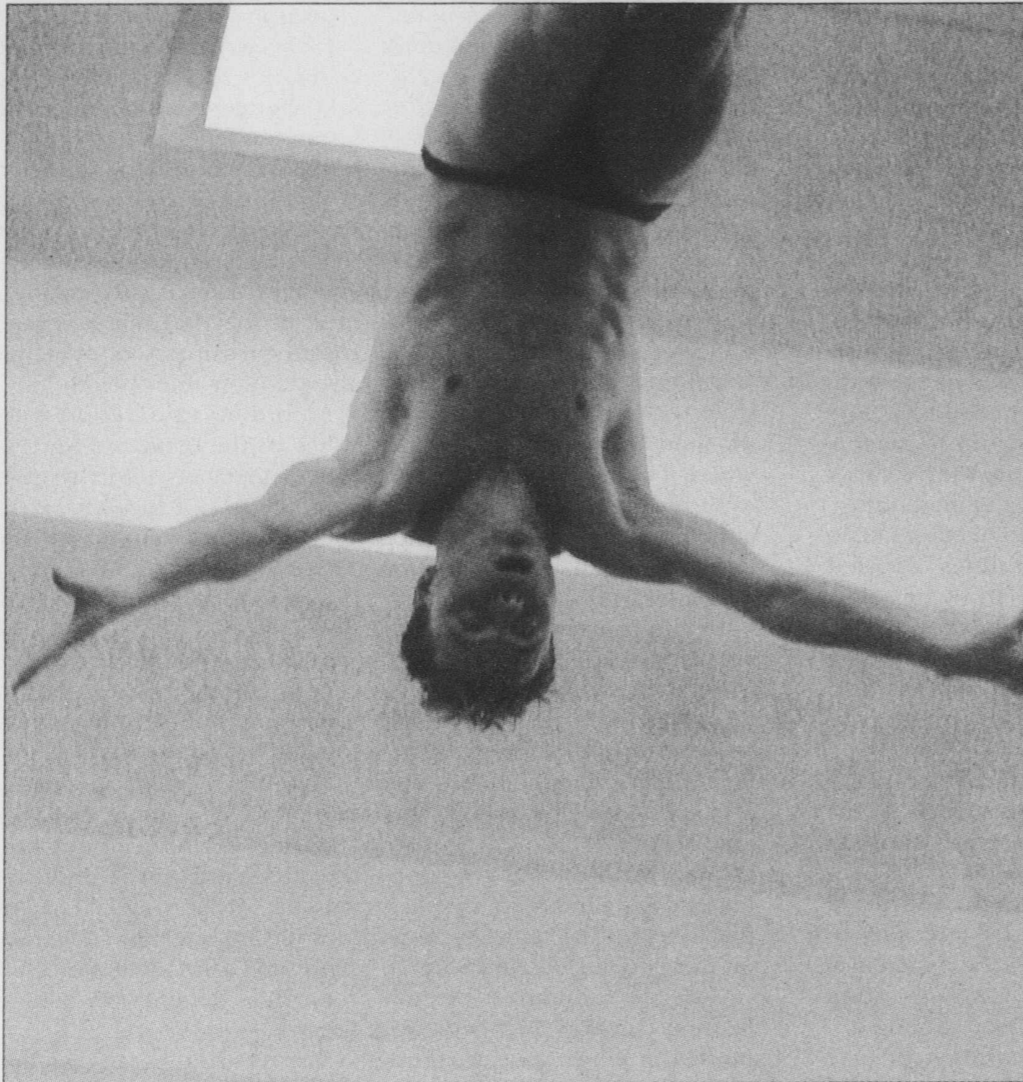
TCU diving coach Wayne Chester said Hesselberg's success is the result of his work ethic.

"He's got more determination than he does skill," Chester said. "He's a talented diver, but he has to work for his results."

Chester said Hesselberg does a lot more work outside the pool this season to achieve better results in the pool.

Teammate Kyle Callens, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said Hesselberg's success motivates him.

"We push each other in practice," Callens said. "His success, especially with his seven diver of the week awards, is definitely a motivating factor for me."



Junior diver R.J. Hesselberg glides toward the pool after a jump from the platform in the TCU natatorium Wednesday.

MARCUS MURPHREE / Multimedia Editor

Hesselberg said he made a few changes to his technique. He said his shoulders are back and his arms are lower this season, and he is walking faster down the board to help create some more momentum.

The TCU men's swimming and diving teams will take on SMU at 6 p.m. in the University Recreation Center.

Hesselberg said mentally he's not going to change

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FOR YOUR INFO

Mountain West Conference Divers of the Week

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Utah road game to test win streak

By MICHELLE ANDERSON
Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team will hit the road this weekend in search of a victory against the Utah Utes in Salt Lake City.

With three consecutive conference wins under their belts, the team is confident it can come out on top Saturday.

"We have a lot of work to get prepared for this weekend, but I think our team is good enough to get this win," senior guard Brent Hackett said.

The Horned Frogs are 3-1, which places them second in the Mountain West Conference behind San Diego State University — their only conference loss of the season.

As the season moves into full swing, the men's basketball team is starting to mesh.

"Our team has been playing really well together and have been hitting on all cylinders," senior guard Ryan Wall said.

Although the team is off to a good start, it's still early in the season, and the purple and white have many more games left on the schedule.

"I don't know that there is one particular reason for our success. We have been fortunate to win three games in a row, but it is awful early," head coach Neil Dougherty said. "At this point someone has got to be second, and because we have won three in a row, we are right there."

For now, the team is focusing on Saturday's game. Dougherty and the players say Utah will be a tough team offensively.

"They run a ton of NBA-See **SATURDAY**, page 2

FOR YOUR INFO

TCU vs Utah

WHERE: Salt Lake City
WHEN: Saturday 1 p.m.
ON: The Mtn.
WHY: With a win, TCU ties SDSU for the lead in the Mountain West Conference

- QUICK STATS:**
- TCU ranks fifth in the nation in steals with 10.2 a game.
 - TCU is riding a three game winning streak.
 - TCU is 1-5 on the road this season.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Men's team to face ranked opposition

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The TCU men's swimming and diving team has won its past two meets, but a nationally ranked rival stands in its path to keep the streak alive.

TCU takes on the SMU Mustangs today, a team ranked 24th in the College Swim Coaches Association of America Poll, in its last men's home meet of the season.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said the team isn't going to make any specific changes for the meet, but the race format is different.

Instead of the usual 100-meter and 200-meter events, the meet will have 50-meter and 150-meter events.

Sybesma said this meet is going to be more sprint oriented but will also feature a 1650-meter race instead of the normal 1000-meter event.

"We changed the format to help us prepare for conference," Sybesma said.

The Mustangs recently finished second in the Classic at SMU and has already defeated Mountain West Conference teams Wyoming and Air Force.

Senior backstroke and freestyle swimmer Jonathon Bertolini said the matchup against

FOR YOUR INFO

Men's Swimming and Diving TCU vs. SMU

WHERE: Rickel Pool
WHEN: 6 p.m. today
WHY: Rivalry meet

- QUICK FACTS:**
- SMU's mens team is ranked 24th in the nation.
 - R.J. Hesselberg has the season conference records for the one and three-meter dives
 - Last home meet for the men's team this season
 - Senior night for the Frogs

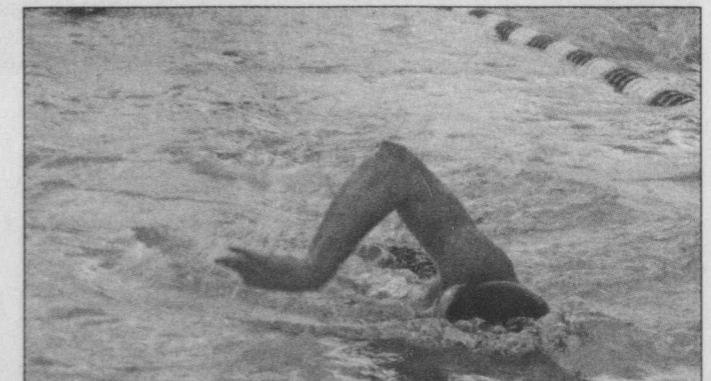
SMU should help the team get ready for its upcoming conference meets.

"It will be a good meet to assess ourselves and to help us get mentally prepared for the faster races in conference," Bertolini said.

The rivalry between TCU and SMU makes this match even more meaningful, Sybesma said.

"We're talking up SMU to our guys from a purely mental aspect because they are our natural cross-town rivals," Sybesma said.

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Freshman Edgar Peyro works out during a Wednesday afternoon practice for the H2O Frogs. He took second place in the 200-yard butterfly last weekend behind teammate Jason Hauck.

MARCUS MURPHREE / Multimedia Editor

MEN'S SOCCER

Administrator: Title IX rule not to blame

By PATTY ESPINOSA
Staff Reporter

Six years ago, TCU saw the last of the men's soccer team. Now, several students plan to put forth the effort to have a team reinstated.

In 2000, the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium opened, and two competitive soccer teams were ready to play. Only one continues to play on the TCU soccer field today.

By the end of 2001, the athletics department made the decision to drop the men's soccer team, said Marcy Girton, senior women's administrator in the athletic department.

Zach Walters, a junior business major, along with about 10 other student supporters, said they will try to restore the men's soccer team.

"A lot of guys that I know came to TCU thinking they were going to be able to play (soccer)," Walters said. "Now they can't because it was removed."

Walters and the club team plan on working together to create a Web site, fliers and an online petition for this year.

Walters said he wants to do whatever it is he can to bring men's soccer back to TCU.

At the time of its removal, the team was a non-scholarship program, unlike every other TCU athletics program. That was never an issue until TCU made the switch from the



Head coach Dave Rubinson, far left, and team were the last men's soccer team to play at TCU. The university was forced to cut the program for financial reasons.

Courtesy of TCU ATHLETICS

Western Athletic Conference to Conference USA in 2001.

Girton said the team struggled to compete, scholarship money was lacking and the little money that one man — whose name was unidentified — donated to the men's soccer team barely completed one full scholarship.

The team needed \$10 million to endow a scholarship program, Girton said.

"We didn't have a funding source for soccer," Girton said. "We tried to generate some funding, but it just wasn't successful."

Financial issues hovered over the athletics department.

For nearly six years, many students and club soccer team

members have said Title IX was the reason why the team was removed. Rumors of the infamous Title IX amendment took the blame for the team's removal.

"Title IX has nothing to do with it," Girton said.

Title IX is an educational amendment created more than 30 years ago in order to protect people from discrimination based on gender in education programs or activities that receive federal financing, according to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association Web site states that on June 23, 1972, Title IX was enacted, making no references to athletic pro-

grams. It wasn't until 1975 that Title IX was revised with specifications for athletic programs with a three-part test.

Girton said TCU complies with Title IX under prong two: program expansion. TCU's athletics programs must continually provide new opportunities through scholarships for women.

The women's soccer team provided scholarship opportunities for women since day one, and continues to comply with prong two today; therefore Title IX has no involvement with the removal of the men's team.

"We have over 14 players on scholarship," said Dan Abdalla, women's soccer team head coach.



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Thursday's Solutions

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TUESDAY

RAGING BULL



Living for laughs, fighting for lives

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Multimedia Editor

They have names like Twister, Speed Trap and Rebel Yell.

These bulls show no mercy to the men like Pumpkintown Frank and Jeremy Choate.

Lucky for bull riders like Choate, Frankie "Pumpkintown" Smith and his crew of rodeo clowns are on the arena dirt keeping the bull riders safe ... better yet, alive.

HARD KNOCK CLOWNS

Andy Burelle, a 9-year rodeo clown veteran, is one of the three members of the bullfighting team in the 112th Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. However, the term "clown" is used loosely for Burelle and his counterparts, Smith and Blue Jeanes. The men prefer the term "bullfighter," as they are the ones who look eye-to-eye with a ground-stamping, dust-snorting steer.

"There's no time to be afraid in the ring," Burelle said. "You just have to go on instincts."

Even though fear is not a direct element, there are moments of shock for these entertainers.

"I blew my knee out about five years ago, so I wear this brace," Burelle said. Last week he took a trip to the emergency room after getting stepped on by a 1,900-pound bull.

In the arena, bull riders have the option to wear a helmet and a protective vest while gripping a bucking bull, but for the trio in brightly-colored clothing, there is a thin plastic chest protector and guts keeping them secure.

During last Saturday's matinee rodeo performance, Burelle had his pants stripped from his body by the horns of a bull named Ultimate Warrior. However, that close call was not nearly what Burelle has experienced in this year's first go-rounds.

"I have already been knocked down four or five times this rodeo," he said.

BEHIND THE COSTUME

Smith takes on the roll as the ringleader for his team of bullfighters in the Will Rogers Coliseum. His 12 years of experience have given him the honor of being the main entertainer of the group and also one of the lead daredevils.

When the bull riding event comes to a close, Smith, a native of Pumpkintown, S.C., has his moment in the spotlight. In a fashion similar to a Niagara Falls jumper, Smith climbs inside a red barrel and takes punishing hits from the rodeo's hard stock.

"It's like being in a Volkswagen and getting run over by a freight train," the Smith, 43, said. "You hope you've got a good guy behind you when you're in (the barrel)."

Before he took center stage in the dirt oval with flashy face paint and an oversized foam cowboy hat, Smith was a bareback rider in South Carolina.

"I had more desire than talent in riding," Smith said. "My friends used to laugh at my form, and I just went from that to clowning."

The mission for these bullfighters is simple: protect the cowboy.

But when rodeo Production Manager

Neal Gay's legendary bucking bulls come out of the chute, there is no real way to figure out how the animal will react to clowns and a rider spurring its back.

"You never know what the bull will do, and they are animals so they all act differently," Burelle said.

Through teamwork and trust, the clowns manage to protect each other, as well as the riders on the floor.

"I'm here to keep the riders safe," Burelle, a first-generation bullfighter, said. "It's better than a real job and you have got to love it."

While safety is paramount, the secondary goals of these men is to entertain. This is where Smith shines in the spotlight of the arena.

Not only does Smith go toe-to-toe with bucking stock, he also clog dances to the tune of the rodeo's big band, all for the sake of a few laughs from the audience.

"When I walk in, I see there's folks that ain't laughed or smiled in years, and a good laugh helps them," Smith said.

Getting laughs and taking his lumps is all part and parcel for the career that Smith began when he earned \$600 for one weekend of work.

TWO FOR THE MONEY

Some rodeos require up to a \$500 entry fee for bull riders to get a chance to saddle up on a bucking bull. Unfortunately for the riders, payout only comes to the top finishers after the final go-round.

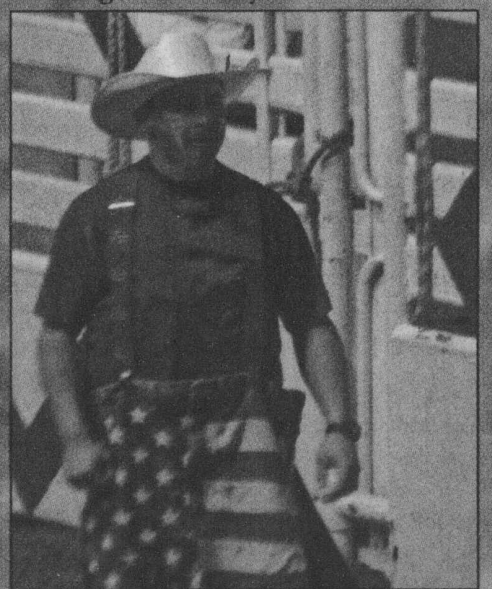
"Some of these guys are riding to make money to help take care of a family," Burelle said.

As a clown, the rodeo is means of work every week and a constant salary, even when public address announcer Bob Tallman refers to Smith's career as "everything your parents never wanted you to do."

Smith remembers his first weekend as a clown and the man who hired him saying there was still hope for a future in the field.

"He told me keep going and you'll make it," Smith said.

Though Smith and Burelle have only been working together since the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show began Jan. 11, the two manage to put on a performance every night with a flare and style that looks like the two have been clowning around for years.



CALLIE COX / Staff Photographer
"Blue" Jeanes from Winnie takes his post by the bull's gate.

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Frankie "Pumpkintown" Smith sits inside a barrel while joking with fans in the coliseum.

Everybody's working for the weekend

Fort Worth watering holes where you can pretend to be a cowboy

Friday

112th Southwestern Exposition and Live Stock Show (Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum)

For 112 years, Fort Worth has lived up to its motto as "Where the West Begins" during the annual rodeo and stock show. Cowboys and cowgirls from countries as far as Wales and Australia compete for rodeo stardom in Fort Worth. Groups ranging from the Junior League of Fort Worth to the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. work together to make this an experience all ages can enjoy. Barbecue and cold beer abound in this western way of life. Nacho Stand #6 has some of the more dynamite refreshments the rodeo has to offer.

Saturday

Showdown Saloon: 4907 Camp Bowie Blvd (Next to Kincaid's)

The doors may not swing open and Billy the Kid will not be polishing his revolver, but this is one bar in Fort Worth where strangers are always welcome. And unlike some pubs throughout the city, purple and white dominates the walls rather than the out-of-town colors of the University of Texas and Texas A&M. Grab a beer, talk to some of the regulars. Some of the barflies have made sure to extend a friendly arm to a newcomer in the ranks. Wednesdays are TCU Alumni nights, so bring some of the old guard out for a round. 21-and-up only.

Sunday

6th Street Live: 2736 W. Sixth St.

By the time Sunday rolls around, all that most people want is a chance to unwind. In the case of 6th Street Live, some ambient light and jazz music lend a remedy for a case of the Monday blues. Sit back and enjoy the show. These entertainers play for tips and there is never any cover. Don't get too drunk—some of the house musicians can be found professing here at TCU during the week. 18-and-up welcome.

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