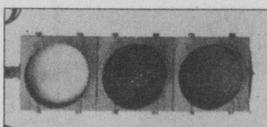




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Scholarships to increase as tuition rates rise

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

The university will increase academic scholarships at the same percentage rate as tuition next year, the director of scholarships and financial aid said. Tuition will increase 8.4 percent to \$26,900, and each academic scholarship will increase 8.4 percent also, said Mike

Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid.

Previously, full-tuition Chancellor's Scholarships were the only academic scholarships that increased with tuition from year to year, but next year all academic scholarships will increase with tuition, Scott said.

This scholarship percentage

increase will apply to all academic scholarship recipients, both current and incoming students, Scott said.

Upperclassmen's scholarship percentage increase will be based on next year's tuition increase rather than the percent of tuition increase since they started at TCU, Scott said.

Scott said the university has

not set the exact amount for each type of academic scholarship for incoming freshmen yet.

Next year's scholarship increase for current students will cost the university about \$1 million, Scott said.

The undergraduate financial aid budget usually received the same percentage increase

as the tuition increase, but it will receive about a 25 percent increase for the 2008-2009 school year, Scott said.

The total financial aid budget will increase 18 percent next year, and the money will come from reallocations in the budget, Scott said.

This year, TCU spent about \$16 million on academic schol-

arships and next year, it will spend about \$17.5 million, Scott said.

The reason the university decided to increase scholarships proportionately with tuition was that it wanted to reward students who were doing well academically, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

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THIS JUST IN



Broadcast journalism majors Michelle Euperio and Leslie Dyer anchor for TCU News Now on Wednesday. The newscast, now daily, became a CNN affiliate and its relationship with the national network allows the student operation to air broadcast content from CNN and its affiliate stations.

Student-run news program now airs daily

By KRISTIN BUTLER
Staff Reporter

TCU News Now is a daily newscast this semester with the help of new professional equipment, technology and a CNN news feed, said a News Now staff member.

Rebekah Hood, junior broadcast journalism major and executive pro-

ducer of News Now, said News Now is now a CNN affiliate, enabling them to receive raw footage and news packages from CNN and use it on News Now.

Tommy Thomason, director of the Schiefel School of Journalism, said the technology,

called Pathfire, cost about \$20,000. A satellite on the roof of the Moudy Building connects with CNN's satellite and downloads newscasts to the News Now server, he said.

Thomason said after deciding which news feed to use, he purchased the equipment directly

through CNN. The new technology See NEWS, page 2

FOR YOUR INFO TCU News Now

Tuesday to Friday
On-campus channel 52
Online at DailySkiff.com

Kenyan orphan to receive support from student group

By BIBEK BHANDARI
Staff Reporter

A student organization is celebrating African culture and raising support for an HIV-affected Kenyan girl today.

The African Heritage Organization is sponsoring the girl in association with Teenage Mothers and Girls Association of Kenya.

Safari to Africa: A Journey from the Nile to Zambesi, is a fundraising event giving guests and students a taste of Africa, said Maria Muya, a senior nursing major and coordinator of the event.

"The reason we're sponsoring the girl is to empower her," Muya said. "As an orphan she is struggling, and AHO believes highly in educating the girl child."

Safari to Africa is a display of different delicacies of the continent like dolma, mandazi, fried plantains and more. The event is also a display of traditional and contemporary clothes from across Africa, Muya said.

"We've taken traditional elements of African fashion and put it together with Western fashion," said Eseri Lwanga, a senior French and fashion merchandising major who is displaying one of her designs in the show.

Tara De Fonseka, a sophomore accounting major from Sri Lanka and a model for the fashion show, said having lived in Ghana makes her feel close to African culture.

Songs and dance make up most of the show, Muya said. The highlights include a U.S.-

TCU Black History Month Calendar of Events

Friday, Feb. 1
AHO Safari to Africa
Student Center Ballroom
7 p.m.
\$15 per person; \$20 per couple

Thursday, Feb. 7
NAACP Presents "More than Words"
Student Center Lounge
7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8
Sixth Night at the Apollo
Ed Landreth Auditorium
7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9
Black Alumni Alliance/ Hispanic Alumni Association Mixer with students
Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center
12 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
NAACP Presents "Presidential Information"
Student Center 203
8 p.m.

based contemporary Kenyan rap group, Black Chamber, the Gumbboot dance from South Africa and local singers performing traditional African songs.

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Communication honor society to merge with national chapter

By CHARLES RICE
Staff Reporter

The communication studies honor society is getting ready to undergo a face-lift of sorts as the chapter prepares to join a national organization.

Sigma Pi Chi is in the process of merging with the National Communication Association honor society Lambda Pi Eta, said Jennifer Salim, a senior communication studies major and SPX president.

When TCU started the Sig-

ma Pi Chi chapter, there wasn't a national organization with which TCU was able to associate itself, faculty sponsor Paul King said. In many ways, TCU is behind the time, he said.

"It's definitely not common practice to have an honor society that isn't recognized on a national scale, but the communication studies department and major has really grown in the last few years," Salim said. "I think that everything, the size, the faculty available and

the clubs, they're all trying to catch up."

Sigma Pi Chi is unique to TCU and gives members a way to network inside the Department of Communication Studies as well as attend lectures from guest speakers who talk about the best ways to use communication studies degrees, Salim said.

Salim said the problem some members have is that because SPX is unique to TCU, it lacks the legitimacy

of a national chapter on members' resumes.

Lora Chamberlain, the organization's secretary, was one of the main members involved with the process of getting TCU to join the national chapter, Salim said.

"It was one of the big reasons I ran for a board position," Chamberlain said. "I have a real reason to add something to the department."

TCU is choosing to go with

NCA because it is the largest and oldest society for studying mass communication, King said.

"That would give them a connection with a national organization and an opportunity for career planning in communications," said Art Bochner, NCA national president.

Sigma Pi Chi will remain at TCU until juniors and seniors in the group graduate, because they make up the majority of

the chapter, Salim said.

Although the goals of the chapter will remain intact, GPA requirements will be raised, Salim said. Members will now be required to have an overall GPA of 3.25 and at least a 3.5 in their major. Currently, members are required to have a 3.25 in their major.

"There will be a dual membership for a little while because not all members will automatically qualify for the organization," Salim said.

WEATHER
TODAY: Partly cloudy/windy, 46/28
TOMORROW: Sunny, 59/41
SATURDAY: Sunny, 64/51

PECULIAR FACT
AUSTIN — A volunteer at a radio station set it on fire because he was upset that his playlist for an overnight Internet broadcast was changed, police said.
— Associated Press

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AID

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"One of the main complaints I got about tuition was from students receiving academic scholarships, because the need-based scholarships had increased, but their scholarships had not gone up with tuition," Boschini said.

TCU will also increase the number of academic and need-based scholarships next year but has not set that number yet, Boschini said.

Currently, about 2,000 students are

receiving academic scholarships, Scott said. Most of those students received one of four types of freshman academic scholarships, Scott said.

Ryan Dalrymple, a freshman engineering major and academic scholarship recipient, said he thinks TCU's increasing the number of academic scholarships is a smart decision.

"There's a lot of individuals who may not get to come if they don't get scholarships," Dalrymple said.

However, Andrew Hammond, a freshman neuroscience major and academic scholarship recipient, said

he thinks the scholarship percentage increase is better.

"The number of scholarships is one thing, but the amount is where it really gets you," Hammond said.

Scott said TCU has tried to increase scholarships with tuition for several years, but this year is the first year it was financially feasible.

"Anytime you make a change, there's going to be a significant cost," Scott said. "Specifically with financial aid, the only way you get funding is to take money from something else or raise tuition even more."

TCU has about a \$1.2 billion endowment, but the Board of Trustees only allows TCU to spend about 5 percent of that endowment, Scott said.

Scott said the university is exploring the possibility of providing students with a four-year fixed tuition rate. TCU would have to project the cost of tuition increases for four years and set a mean price that would remain fixed for four years, Scott said.

Scott said he does not know when and if a fixed tuition rate will become a reality, because it is still in the research stages.

BY THE NUMBERS

2007-2008 Freshmen Scholarship Amounts

Before Increase	
Chancellor's Scholarship	\$24,820
Dean's Scholarship	\$10,000
Faculty Scholarship	\$8,500
TCU Scholarship	\$6,000

After Increase	
Chancellor's Scholarship	\$26,900
Dean's Scholarship	\$10,840
Faculty Scholarship	\$9,214
TCU Scholarship	\$6,504

NEWS

From page 1

allows News Now to broadcast footage not directly linked to TCU, such as celebrity news and coverage of the elections, said Susan Gilmartin, a senior broadcast journalism major.

Michelle Buckalew, a journalism instructor and News Now's adviser, said in an e-mail the equipment will give broadcast students a

more realistic newsroom experience and better prepare them for a career in broadcast news.

"It is the same equipment that is utilized in hundreds of newsrooms across the country," she wrote. "A video news source is an important tool to any broadcast news organization."

Buckalew said the information in the shows will not just come from CNN, but will also include student-based

enterprise stories, information gathered in collaboration with the Daily Skiff and other news sources.

Last year, News Now consisted of a 20-minute show that featured the same packages on rotation all week, Hood said.

Kelly Ferguson, senior broadcast journalism major and News Now news director, said with the new technology the show will now broadcast new stories every

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, making Friday the day to showcase the students' individual packages.

"The biggest difference is that we get more production time," Ferguson said. "The show is new four days a week, it's not the same thing 24/7 anymore."

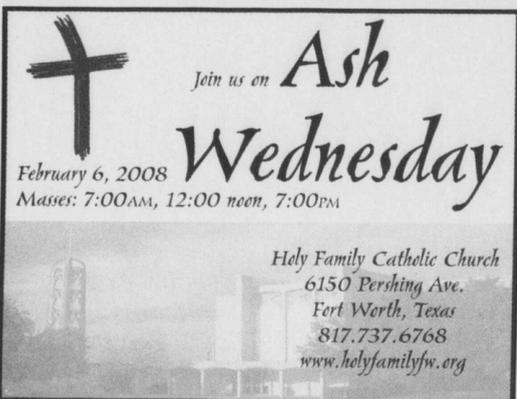
This year the team has more access to everything found in a professional newsroom such as switch-

"It is the same equipment that is utilized in hundreds of newsrooms across the county."

Michelle Buckalew
News Now adviser

The 12 members of the staff are individually assigned a certain subject on campus to report on at all times, Hood said. News Now also rotates the roles of producer, anchor, editor and studio manager each week, she said.

"It gives everyone a chance to learn something new," Gilmartin said. "We also don't have to blindly think about what to show on News Now."



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SAFARI

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Crafts from Africa will be on sale to raise money to sponsor the girl's education, and one of the AHO members will give a presentation about HIV in Africa, Muya said.

Sylvia Ipaye, a freshman kinesiology major and one of the participants, took pride in being involved with the event.

"Just being a part of it is a contribution," she said.

Nyembezi Moyo, a senior biology major and vice president of

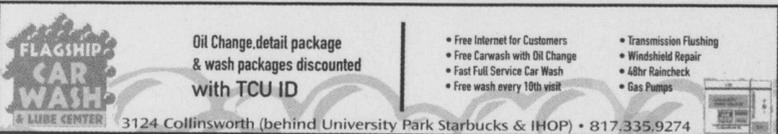
AHO, said the group wants the TCU community to experience elements of Africa.

"We feel proud because this is one of the biggest events of AHO," Muya said. "We're looking forward for TCU community to come and support our cause."

Safari to Africa is the first in a series of events commemorating Black History Month.

CLARIFICATION

A Wednesday article about a teach-in on global warming did not address when and where the event will take place. The teach-in will take place at noon today in the atrium of the Sid Richardson Building.



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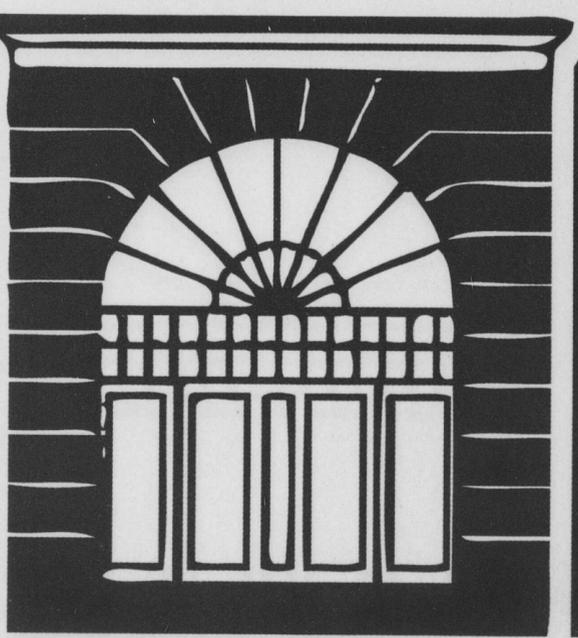
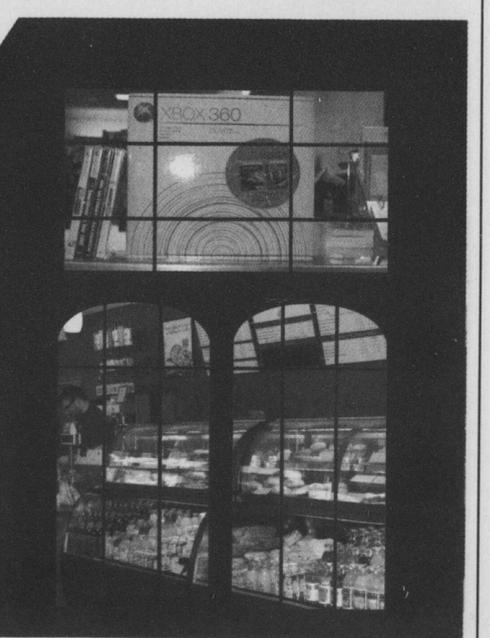
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Opinion

TCU Daily Skiff

Thursday, January 31, 2008



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The more passions and desires one has, the more ways one has of being happy."

—Charlotte-Catherine

THE SKIFF VIEW

Scholarship hike aids students

During the past few years the university has increased tuition at a rate of 8.4 percent while the academic scholarships remained static after being initially rewarded.

For most students who are on need-based scholarships, it can be hard to find the extra cash to pay for the difference between the increased price and the old amount.

However, this year's tuition will increase once again, but this time each academic scholarship will increase at 8.4 percent, mirroring the current rise. The total number of scholarships given will increase, too.

This effort is not a shallow one because it actually helps the students who are currently here. Instead of only trying to focus on the next best incoming freshman class, this shows more depth and care for TCU as a whole.

Rewarding students shows that campus

officials are still paying attention and caring for each students' financial situation, whatever it may be. Students should and will be pleased about the good news.

As for the students who are trying to apply to TCU, this will help them tremendously. There are a lot of students that are more than qualified to be a Horned Frog but cannot because they can't get the scholarships they need.

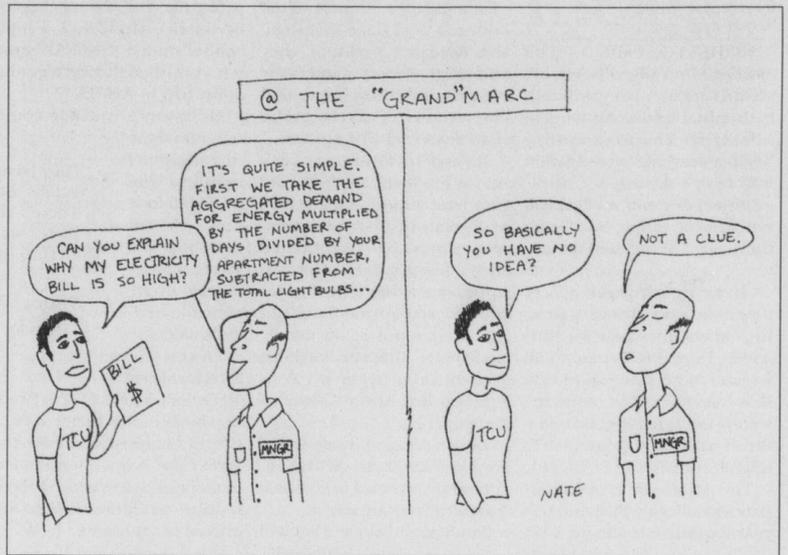
Luckily, since the number of first-year academic and need-based scholarships will receive about a 25 percent increase, it will give a lot more students a chance to experience TCU.

Hands down, this is one of the best things the university has given its students.

While the bookstore and new facilities are great assets to the campus, rewarding students for their academic achievement surpasses the shiny new lily pads and meal plan.

Features editor Jordan Haygood for the editorial board.

BY NATE ARNOLD



Nate Arnold is a junior marketing and e-business major from Edmond, Okla.

Increased red light cameras promote safety, prevent wrecks

During the last few months, red light cameras have been installed all around my home turf.

I see technicians out there regularly, adjusting the complicated equip-

ment and wonder if anyone other than me is getting into the habit of looking up to see if there are cameras before deciding to slide through a yellow light?



Victoria Barth

commentary

I must mention, I have never gotten a ticket for running a red light, but I have lots of questions about the new camera system.

Who pays if someone borrows a car and runs a red light? What if the cameras and red lights get out of sync?

A simple fraction of a second could cost plenty.

I'm in my car a lot. I sometimes sit at red lights frustrated because there is not a soul in sight and I could get on down the road if I could just bring myself to run that red light.

I'm generally a rule follower, but I can tell you right now, I have been tempted to run lights.

Until the installation of all these red light cameras.

One might question whether it is the income from issuing tickets that motivates cities to install these pesky cameras at key intersections.

But everything I've read has led me to understand that a hefty percentage of traffic accidents — more than 20 percent — are caused by people running red lights, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So, red light cameras are all about safety, safety, safety.

Hundreds of people across the country die in collisions that result from this violation. The Federal Highway Admin-

istration says 178,000 people were injured and 920 people died in 2002. As we run around getting busier all the time, red light running is on the rise, up 10 percent nationwide over the last 20 years.

I did discover that it varies state by state as to whether the owner of a car or the driver is issued the ticket. There are 20 states operating red light cameras. In Texas, the owner of the car gets the ticket, but it doesn't go on his or her record.

The City of Fort Worth started handing out tickets Jan. 1. According to Darla Miles, Channel 8 news reporter, 2,042 tickets were issued in the first 15 days of the year.

Don't worry, the \$155,000 raised from these tickets will go right back into the red light enforcement program. In fact, most cities fund the entire program with funds from red light runners.

I saw some crafty nerds on the Discovery Channel's "MythBusters" trying to beat radar guns and red light cameras by applying different products to shield their license plates, and none of the methods worked. Personally, I have decided to simply work on my patience during the red light process, or I'll just diligently stop at the lights and put on polish or mascara.

I never get through that process without the light turning green.

Victoria Barth is a liberal arts graduate student from Fort Worth.

Professors should notify class if required texts aren't needed

When my roommate and I aren't out being venture capitalists trying to give back to the community, we like to light up a couple stogies, stand around in my bathroom and flush \$5 bills down the toilet until the fire alarm in our apartment building goes off.

This is a basic parallel to the common practice of professors not informing their students which required texts are not necessarily "required" for their course.

It's an easily-solved problem to an all-too-regular situation. Yet no professor I've encountered feels it necessary to forewarn his or her students about the possibility of wasting of money.

How could I keep the fire alarms from going off in my apartment building?

Easy. Dismantle them.

Saving money is one of my top priorities, as it is to most of my classmates, so I make sure to buy my books in advance. Many students, like myself, don't use the bookstore on campus for all of their required text needs. I use half.com and amazon.com along with the marketplace application on Facebook.

I arrived at my sociology course on the first day only

to find out an \$80 book that the bookstore told me I needed was not in fact needed.

I felt a sense of loss for the good time my roommate and I could've had flushing \$80 worth of Lincolns.

I know it was supposed to be a nice gesture on the professor's part. I'm all about nice gestures. I blow kisses to people instead of flipping them off. I call bad drivers "Cupcake."

I like nice gestures, gestures that mean something, gestures that follow through.

If a professor isn't going to require some of the texts, it would be best if the professor would post a notice. Students in the class automatically have the chance to see this information far in

advance, and it allows them to save money. There isn't a drawback, other than a professor having to use some of his or her "office hours" (during which hardly any students show up).

Students, demand this of your professors, not necessarily in a threatening or ominous manner since it wouldn't do any good. Rather, tell them how nice it was for them to cut some of the required texts out, but also tell them how much more it would've helped you if they had posted it in advance! You don't get slapped if you don't ask.

With my leftover cash from knowing in advance which books to buy, I'll go out and grab some cookie dough. I may bake some professors cookies — that is, if they can keep me out of this swivet.

Ross Stewart's column appeared in the University (of Kansas) Daily Kansan.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coach commendation undeserved because of losing records

I seriously have to disagree with a house editorial published Jan. 24, about head basketball coach Neil Dougherty's actions to get more fans at games.

Dougherty is not "going above the call of duty to gain student support."

He wants support now that the team is winning games, but he never tried to do that when it was in the process



DOUGHERTY

of winning 21 games in the past two seasons.

Just because we are doing well now, does that mean he can

really try to get fans? He should really try to be more like head football coach Gary Paterson because if the football

season is sub-par or not, Paterson always wants fans to come out.

What crowning achievements has Dougherty led our men to? One trip to the National Invitation Tournament back in 2005. You cannot really say that since we changed from Conference USA to the Mountain West in 2005 that this is the reason why our guys

haven't done well.

Well, the football team adjusted nicely by winning the conference. The women adjusted by placing third in the Mountain West while still getting to the second round of the NCAA tournament, so what is the guys' excuse for winning a total of eight times that year? There is none.

I personally feel like TCU should go coach hunting for

a new head coach. Since he has been head coach he has amassed a 72-92 record in five years. That equals about 12 wins a season. Do you really think that this possible good season is a reason to keep him around?

Is that the productivity you would expect from a Division I basketball team? Definitely not.

I am all for supporting all sports here around campus but I feel you have to give credit where credit is due. And from where I see it, Dougherty is on the very bottom of my credit list.

Michael R. Stewart II is a junior studio art major from San Antonio.

Editor's note: Since he has been at TCU, coach Dougherty has advocated for students to come to the games.

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Chandra Levy's mother aids student investigation

By EMILIE RAGUSO
McClatchy Newspapers

MODESTO, Calif. — The mother of unsolved homicide victim Chandra Levy will talk to criminal justice students in Atlanta on Thursday as they begin a yearlong investigation into Levy's death.

Susan Levy said she'll speak not from a script, but "from the heart" about her daughter.

"It brings it back every time," she said. "It's very painful, especially when we start having the rains. Because you wonder how your child felt, how long they were out in the woods for. It never gets easier. But it may be therapeutic to talk about it."

The students at Atlanta's Bauder College will spend this year digging into Levy's 2001

disappearance. As part of the college's Cold Case Investigative Research Institute, they will weigh evidence, interview experts and, they hope, find connections missed by police detectives and FBI agents.

Raised in Modesto, Levy was a graduate student who just had completed a federal Bureau of Prisons internship in Washington, D.C. Her disappearance became fodder for widespread media coverage after reports, ultimately undisputed, that she had been romantically involved with married Rep. Gary Condit of Ceres, Calif.

Levy's remains were found in May 2002 in Washington's Rock Creek Park. Police haven't made an arrest.

Students this year also will

probe the 2005 disappearance of Natalee Holloway, a high school student from Alabama who vanished during a graduation trip in Aruba.

Holloway's mother could not attend the investigation's opening. She provided footage of her daughter and wrote a letter for the event, school officials said.

Institute director Sheryl McCollum, a professor at Bauder who also runs the Cold Case Crime Analysis Squad for the Pine Lake Police Department in Georgia, said visits from the families of crime victims are crucial for students.

"They have to see these victims as real people. There's absolutely no better way to do that than through somebody's mama," she said. "Everybody knows what Natalee Holloway looks like. Everybody remembers Chandra Levy, but not as real people. When a mother is sitting four feet in front of you, students know they're answering to a

real person."

Family members also can flesh out the victimology of each case, McCollum said, giving students a better understanding of the victims' lifestyles and how they might

have become victims.

Mothers of victims from other Bauder investigations also will attend Thursday's session. The teenage son of Sirlena Cobb of Stone Mountain, Ga., went missing in 1979. Last year, when students looked at the case of Wayne Williams, who police said was the key suspect in his death, Cobb spoke to students.

"It used to be really hard to talk about," she said. "Sometimes, it still is. You have your down days. This is the month, in 1980, when they found him and buried him. It's a tough month for me. But I'll be there. I just want to be supportive, tell them how I felt all these years, how I survived. And just give them a hug, because sometime you need that."

Susan Levy said Tuesday that she is looking forward to that support.

"It's good to meet with other parents, but you still have the same pain. You just know you're not alone in it," she said.

After the yearlong investigation, students will turn over their conclusions about the cases to prosecutors or police. But, for families of crime victims, the investigation is about more than that recommendation, McCollum said.

"Mothers can come back here. These mothers are connected to these students from now on," McCollum said. "Whether or not this case gets some big resolve, that's not the most important piece. It's that somebody still gives a damn."

"They have to see these victims as real people. There's absolutely no better way to do that than through somebody's mama."

Sheryl McCollum
Bauder professor

MIT student tries to bring back the mustache in contest

By JEFF GUO
The (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) Tech

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — It's difficult to think of anything that has twisted in the winds of pop culture quite like the great American mustache. Commonly praised and parodied, what was once the crown jewel of the 1970s and the favored scion of Tom Selleck and Burt Reynolds is today a kitschy-creepy accessory that may or may not be making a comeback.

To Brian J. Pepper, a senior at MIT, it seemed to be an ideal independent activities period project.

Pepper, who is sponsoring

a monthlong mustache-growing competition that culminates in a public judging this Sunday, said he was especially inspired by pictures he saw on the World Beard and Mustache Championship Web site: men with tentacle-like sideburns and tapestry-like beards.

"People spend years growing these outrageous beards," Pepper said. "But it's slightly more ambitious than what we're aiming for."

What, exactly, the participants in MITstache are aiming for is hard to say, partly because there are several different judging categories (including one for women)

and partly because nobody takes facial hair seriously.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, an appropriately scruffy gang of about 13 men and women drawn mostly from the East Campus undergraduate dormitory met to check-in and trash talk.

"You know, your beard isn't looking too healthy now," senior Matt N. Faulkner said to Pepper, who is trying for a Hulk Hogan beard-stache.

"My beard is growing great, actually — whereas I can't even see that you have one from over here," Pepper said.

"Uh oh, you guys have to

have a manbeard fight now," someone said. "Just rub your beards together!"

Erik D. Fogg was lamenting his genetic endowment (blond and Danish). "It's not just that it's slow growing, but it's also sparse," he complained. "All I've noticed is that no one's noticed."

Fogg says that because of the thinness of his beard, he's trying for the "creepiest mustache" category — or "pedi-stache" — to which end he has downloaded pictures of pedophiles for reference.

"I'm not, like, looking for pedophiles so I can be molested," he said to general

cackling. "I'm just trying to look like one."

The final pageant, to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in East Campus's Talbot Lounge, will feature "celebrity judges" including admissions officer and former Undergraduate Association President Matthew L. McGann. But the MITstache Web site emphasizes that self-esteem — not competition — is the goal. "Really we're all winners," it says.

Though MITstache is the first event of its kind to occur on campus in recent memory, it follows in a quasi-tradition of collegiate beard cultivation; Vanderbilt,

Tufts, Stanford and Georgetown Universities have all held their own mustache and beard competitions in the past few years. The New York City Beard and Mustache Championships, held in 2006, attracted hundreds of spectators.

For Aaron Perlut, director of the American Mustache Institute, a mustache advocacy group, the popularity of mustache competitions — often for charity — prefigures a return to glory for the maligned face ornament. "We now have a generation that is very self-expressive. It's creating a new movement," Perlut said.

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'Helicopter parents' baffle university administrators

By ERICA PEREZ
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — One insisted on sitting in on his college student's job interview. Another demanded that her graduate student be given a different housing assignment.

They're called "helicopter parents." University administrators often bemoan the crippling effect they can have when they intervene on students' behalf. But a recent national survey suggests that while college officials may see many parents' behavior as overzealous, students are largely satisfied with a little helicopter-like hovering, at least in their first year.

According to the survey released last week by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, a large majority of nearly 300,000 college freshmen reported that they were happy with their parents' involvement in their college careers.

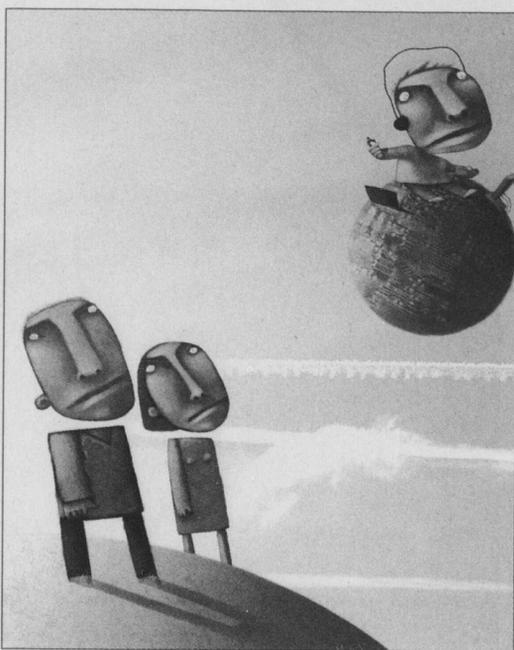
More than three-quarters said their parents were involved the right amount in their dealings with college officials. About 73 percent said they were fine with the role their parents played in choosing their classes.

"We've talked about helicopter parents being overly involved," said Mark McCarthy, assistant vice president for student affairs at Marquette University. "What often isn't talked about is the desire of students to have their parents involved ... many students are very much wanting to have contact with their parents in their decision-making in their daily lives."

The study also found that students of color thought their parents were not involved enough in some aspects of college life. Some 43 percent of Latino students, for example, wanted more parental involvement in choosing their college courses, compared with 18 percent of white students.

College administrators suggested that the lower level of parental involvement has a lot to do with the fact that students of color are more likely to be the first in their families to attend college.

"They may have better coping skills and problem-solving skills than students who have relied on their parents to do everything



for them," McCarthy said. But, he said, "A first-generation student doesn't have the knowledge base or the resources base available to them ... I think there is a disadvantage at some level."

Financial aid applications can be particularly challenging for students whose parents don't speak English, said Annette Cleary, director of college counseling at Marquette University High School.

"This is what college is about, to pick up skills, because this transfers into the job after college."

Scott Peak
University of Wisconsin-Madison director of housing

"They usually have the documents, but to try to translate it onto the (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), especially without speaking English, I can't imagine how daunting that would be," Cleary said.

Evelyn Sanchez, a Marquette University sophomore who is the first in her family to attend college, said she feels her parents are involved the right amount in her college life. But she acknowledged that the transition into college has been tough nonetheless.

"I guess it was a little bit of a challenge coming into college," Sanchez said. "It

was completely different, and I would have liked an older brother or sister to tell me what to expect."

By contrast, Linzi Saigh, a senior at Marquette, had a good idea of what to expect from college in part because her dad attended Marquette.

She said that while her parents would probably never go so far as to choose her classes for her or dial up a college professor to complain about a grade, she talks to her mom or dad nearly every day and turns to them for advice.

"If I get upset, I call and I vent, usually to my dad, and he usually gives me directions on how to act. ... Mostly he has me deal with it myself," Saigh said.

That's about the level of involvement McCarthy recommends to parents during summer preview programs and orientations.

"We talk a lot about ... the parental role switching from being the person who makes all the decisions and choices to being a consultant," McCarthy said.

Lori Berquam, dean of students at University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the school began a parent program last year with a Web site, newsletter and frequently asked questions to help parents stay connected.

"We have to challenge ourselves to think of them as partners," Berquam said. "They're consumers, just as their students are."

Teens, using YouTube, create stir in Chicago

By VIKKI ORTIZ
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Huddled around a cell phone in a West Chicago school, the five boys immediately caught a teacher's eye because the use of such devices is banned there. But when officials looked more closely, they discovered a new disciplinary issue. The 8th graders were using the camera phone to watch video of a fake fight they staged in a bathroom at Benjamin Middle School. They had filmed multiple rounds of a shoving match — no more than a couple of minutes long — and planned to post it on YouTube.

"I'd read about instances like that," said Philip Ehrhardt, superintendent of Benjamin School District 25. "We weren't aware of it being done here."

The students involved were suspended from one to four days for engaging in potentially dangerous behavior. School districts throughout the Chicago area have discovered, often painfully, that video-recorded fights have become an Internet rage for teens and young adults.

Confronted with legions of Web-savvy students willing to push the envelope, educators increasingly are caught in a bind as they try to make sure bones aren't broken while not stifling creativity, experts say. Administrators at Benjamin are considering offering classes on blogging and video techniques into productive learning.

Learning the Ropes

Since 2006, nearly 1,000 security personnel in Chicago public schools have received special training on MySpace, Facebook, Xanga and other popular sites to help maintain safety, a spokesman said.

A student who sneaks into a bathroom for a YouTube shoot could slip and hit his or her head on a sink and be seriously hurt, officials say. Fake fights also can quickly escalate into real fights.

"Who ever heard of YouTube five years ago?" asked Steven Klein, director of student affairs at Elgin, Ill.-based Unit School District 46. "The Internet opens up all kinds of possibilities."

In surveys, a majority of 12- to 17-year-olds who use the Internet say they watch videos on sites such as YouTube and Google Video. Surveys also have found that 14 percent of

Internet-using teens say they have uploaded a video, said Mary Madden, senior research specialist for the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

Amateur fights — between cheerleaders, between nerds, on the bus, in the cafeteria and in myriad other settings — have emerged as especially appealing to teens and young adults.

Cause for Fight

"The boys think (filming fights) would make people think they're tough, they must be popular," said Morgan Wisted, an 8th grader at Benjamin, where news of her classmates' suspensions spread quickly. "A lot of people are just kind of laughing at it."

"Kids have always been imitating (wrestling), but they've been doing it in their bedrooms. But for the first time, they have the technology to record it and make it public."

Susannah Stern
associate professor of communication studies

But Alicia Wisted, Morgan's mother, said she and other parents take the students' infractions more seriously. Wisted, who keeps the family computer in the kitchen and doesn't allow her daughter to have a MySpace page, said she applauds school administrators for trying to keep up with the technology students are mastering.

"They're seeing a lot of things that they wouldn't be allowed to watch normally. Everything has to be sensationalized these days," Wisted said. "Parents have no idea what's going on."

Five years ago, user-generated videos on the Internet were still novel because the technology needed to produce, upload and share video wasn't as accessible to mainstream audiences. YouTube launched in 2005, becoming the first widely adopted video-sharing site that offered free hosting of video content that could be viewed easily from around the world. Other video-sharing Web sites soon followed. Young Internet users have caught on quickly.

Educators and Internet experts say the fights themselves aren't different from the trouble kids have always

engaged in. They mirror images young people are exposed to in pop culture — from action movies to the professional wrestling. The difference today, they say, is that teens and young adults have the tools to broadcast their sometimes-shocking behavior to wide audiences.

"Kids have always been imitating (wrestling), but they've been doing it in their bedrooms," said Susannah Stern, associate professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego. "But for the first time, they have the technology to record it and make it public."

And that's where educators say they have to start paying close attention.

Because the student code at Benjamin didn't address YouTube or fake fights, the students were disciplined under an existing rule that bans fighting on school property, officials said.

The students' parents were called in for a discussion and each of the boys — the two actors, two video shooters and a bystander — were given suspensions that matched their involvement, Ehrhardt said.

Stopping the Trend

For other school districts, the issues have been equally difficult. Last summer in Elgin, a parent complained to school administrators about a punching match between two girls that was posted on a MySpace page. Administrators viewed the fight but decided that because it happened off school grounds during the summer, there was nothing they could do about it, Klein said. In St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 and other districts, police liaison officers have made checking popular Internet sites an everyday part of the job.

After the Dec. 20 incident at Benjamin, officials said they planned to re-examine existing rules. A school committee is working on a long-range technology plan, and officials are looking for ways to teach students how to use their skills in positive ways, such as blogging or shooting video for the school newsletter.

Administrators also may ask the school board to reword school codes to fit today's tech-savvy students, Ehrhardt said.

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with Grantham as defensive line coach for the Houston Texans, the defense went seven games without allowing a rushing touchdown.

Cowboys defensive coordinator Brian Stewart worked with Grantham in Houston.

"We had a good relationship," Grantham said. "I respect him, and he did a good job here last year. And just being around Wade, I was very comfortable, felt like it was a good situation that I wanted to be a part of."

Under Capers, Miami's defense was 23rd in the NFL last season after finishing fourth in 2006. He was one of the highest-paid assistant coaches in the league, earning \$2.6 million per season.

Capers has a strong history of success with defenses. In 1991, as the defensive coordinator, New Orleans finished second in the NFL in pass defense. As the defensive coordinator in Pittsburgh, Capers' defense finished No. 1 against the run in 1994.

Now, the Cowboys could be close to hiring Capers, who also spent head-coaching stints at Carolina and Houston.

"The process we're going through — we're talking to several people, but we're interested in him," Phillips said.

AZTECS

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battling on the glass," Fisher said. "He's big and strong and he used that strength to move people and get the ball."

But Amoroso wasn't the only one registering double-digit point and rebound totals. Freshman forward Billy White finished with 18 points and 10 boards for his first-career double-double while Wade's 17 points and 10 rebounds gave him his second in three games.

"Billy is growing as an offensive player," Fisher said. "He's turning into more than just an offensive rebound and putback guy."

Although a win is a win, the close victory comes against a team that has really struggled. The Rams (6-14, 0-6) have lost seven straight, including an overtime loss to Division III Oklahoma Panhandle State. But Fisher still knows anything can happen on any given day in this conference.

"That's what this league's about; there's not a whole lot separating any of us," he said. "We need to get better as a basketball team, but it sure will feel a whole lot better getting on that plane with a one-point victory rather than a one-point defeat."

FOOTBALL

BUILDING UP



CALLIE COX / Staff Photographer

The Dutch Meyer Athletics Complex and Abe Martin Academic Enhancement Center started construction last semester and are on schedule for completion July 1. Concrete units that will support seats are being installed at Amon Carter Stadium.

Stadium additions make progress

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

Construction behind the south end zone of Amon Carter Stadium is on schedule and is planned to be completed by July 1, an associate athletics director said.

The Dutch Meyer Athletics Complex and Abe Martin Academic Enhancement Center have been under construction since the beginning of the 2007 football season.

Ross Bailey, associate director of athletics, said all construction is going as planned and no problems are expected.

Bailey said the construction crew is currently doing masonry work, building the interior wall layout and putting up roof-level decking.

Demolition of some of the existing structures for the

addition of new buildings is also underway, Bailey said.

The facility will include six suites, 250 club seats, a larger academic area for student-athletes and a team meeting room and hospital-ity area.

Patrick Mucker, the project manager, said no problems or delays are expected that might possibly throw off the tentative completion date.

Mucker said the crew is continuing to finish the steel support structures and the lecture room is going as planned.

Electrical and plumbing work should start in the next few weeks, Mucker said.

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said the stadium will definitely be completed before the beginning of the fall semester.

"When I look out of my window, it's different every

day," Cohen said. "You could leave for a couple of days and it would look completely different when you get back."

One of the final additions to the facilities will be the seats, Mucker said.

"They're hanging precast concrete units that will support the seats and those will go in near the end," Mucker said.

The Dutch Meyer Athletics Complex and Abe Martin Academic Enhancement Center are the second half of TCU's projects to enhance the university's football program.

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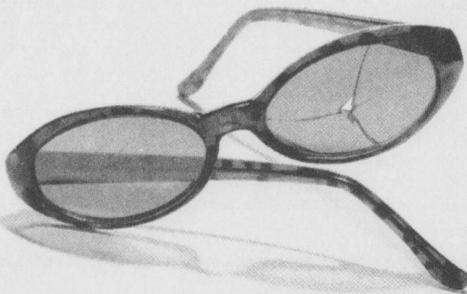


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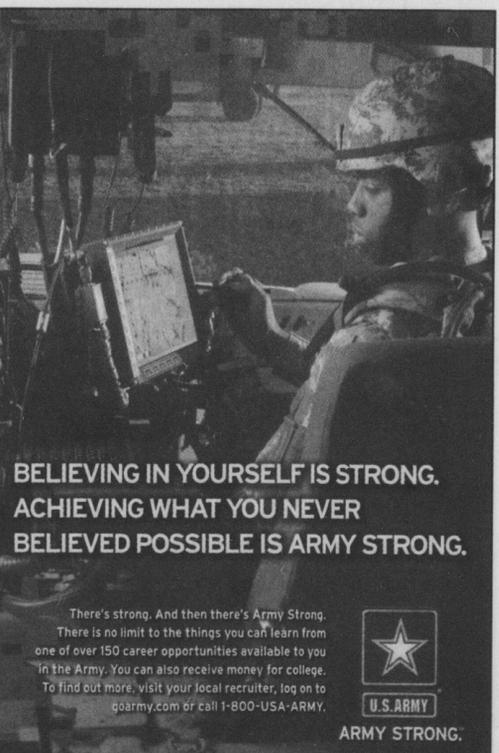
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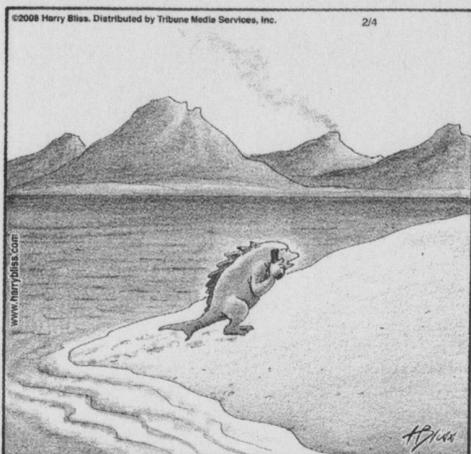
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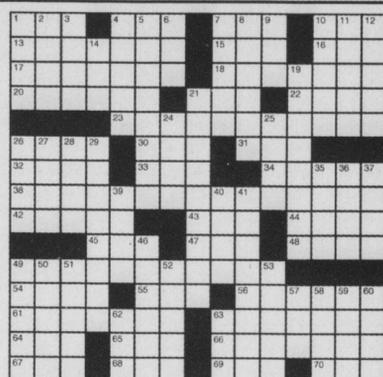
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The first men's basketball home game since coaches and players asked Greek members to start showing up to games featured strong support from fraternities and sororities.

During the past two weeks, head coach Neil Dougherty, his assistant coaches and players attended fraternity and sorority meetings explaining how poor home-game attendance has been lately.

Fraternities and sororities listened and showed up in groups to support the Frogs as they played UNLV, which is tied for first in the Mountain West Conference. Game attendance was 300 more than the last home game.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon president Pete Chapman said having the players and coaches talk at the meeting really pumped up the chapter.

The SAE's did not make the game mandatory, but Chapman said the fraternity has done a good job supporting the basketball team all season.

Mary Lyddon, the chapter social chair for Kappa Alpha Theta, said her sorority had as many members attend as possible.

"We just really want to start supporting them,"

Lyddon said.

The Thetas usually have a weekly sisterhood activity on Thursday, but they moved it forward one day so the sorority could go to the game, chapter President Courtney Casey said.

To showcase that it was in fact Theta support, the sorority members at the game wore their TCU Theta shirts, Lyddon said.

They also made posters to cheer on the basketball players and the Showgirls, two of which are Thetas.

Dougherty's plea for fans has resonated among the students.

Chapman said he knows of many students who now plan on going to more home games.

"I've heard talk on campus of people getting psyched for the games," Chapman said.

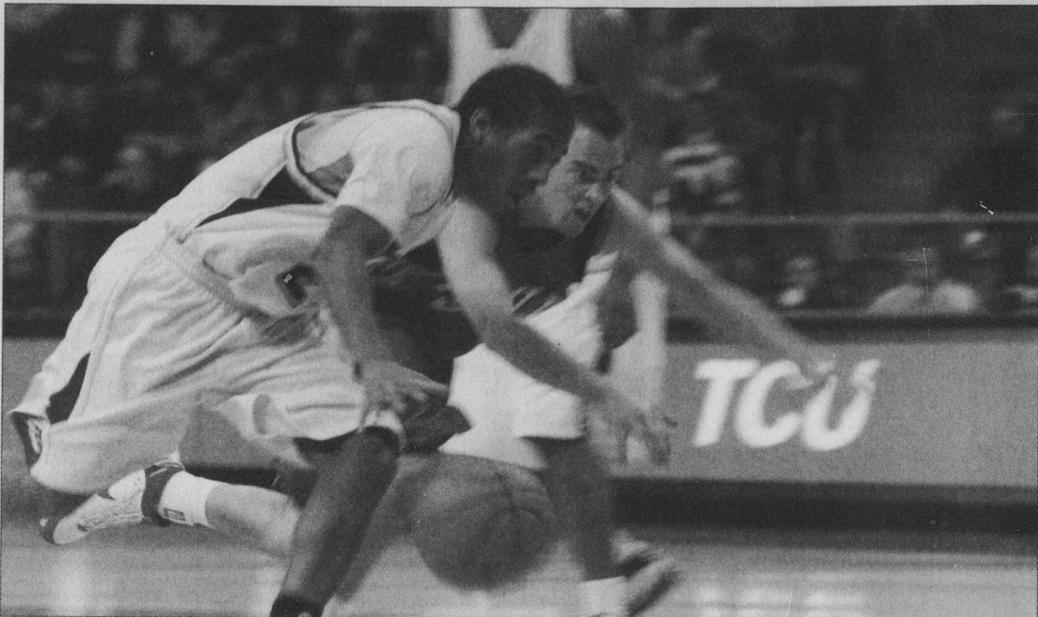
Eric Campolo, Sigma Phi Epsilon vice president of brotherhood, said during the last chapter meeting Sunday that all members were encouraged to go to the game.

"We have a fraternity brother on the team, and the coach came to urge us to go," Campolo said.

The Frogs lost the game to the Rebels, the team's second home loss of the season, but at least people came.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RUN OVER



Keion Mitchem dribbles down the court trying to beat an opponent during the first half of the game against the UNLV Runnin' Rebels on Wednesday. TCU was defeated 70-58, its second consecutive loss and only its second loss in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this season. With the loss the Frogs fall to 3-3 in the Mountain West Conference.

Horned Frogs' home streak comes to close

By MEGHAN MOWERY
Staff Writer

The Horned Frogs' streak of six consecutive home wins ended Wednesday night after its leading scorer went down with a leg injury in the first half of the game.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which is tied with Brigham Young University for the Mountain West Conference lead, beat TCU 70-58 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs had not dropped a game at home since it played the University of Oklahoma on Dec. 2.

The Frogs entered the game with a 10-1 record at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and a chance to tie the conference lead with a win and a BYU loss.

Junior Henry Salter, who was averaging 14.9 points a game, failed to score against the Runnin' Rebels, leaving the game within the first two minutes after landing on another player and hurting his leg.

The game started off slowly with only two points scored in the first three minutes.

The score stayed close in the beginning with the Rebels holding a slight lead.

It wasn't until late in the first quarter that TCU lost its momentum and was unable to recapture it for the remainder of the game.

Getting Salter out of the locker room and having the fewer team turnovers would have helped TCU's performance, said head coach

Neil Dougherty.

"Early on in the game we were moving the ball just too quickly," Dougherty said.

Despite the turnovers, it was senior Brent Hackett and junior Kevin Langford who shined offensively. Hackett led the Frogs with 19 points followed by Langford who had 17.

"I really haven't done well against UNLV through my career, so I just wanted to play good against them," Hackett said.

Both teams were perfect from the free throw line, something Dougherty said he has never coached before.

TCU was 15-15 from the line while UNLV was 7-7.

The score was tied five times during the game,

while the lead only changed once when junior Wink Adams of UNLV put the Frogs away.

Adams contributed 25 of the Rebels 70 points, 18 of which were earned in the second half.

Adams was 5 of 10 from the 3-point line and shot 8 of 17 for field goals.

"Wink did a really good job," Dougherty said. "Every time we got within striking distance he made a big shot. That's what he's always done for them forever. He's always made big, big shots," Dougherty said.

"We've just got to figure some things out in order to win these kinds of games, like how to win with or without a key player," Dougherty said.



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Sororities and fraternities answer the basketball team's call for support, cheering the players on and waving signs.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Recent San Diego State victory tightens race for MWC title

By ERIC SHANNON
The (San Diego State University) Daily Aztec

SAN DIEGO — For the time being, the Aztecs are back in a position to make a run at the top of the Mountain West Conference.

However, the San Diego State men's basketball team must be feeling like a broken record after another close contest.

The team keeps getting stuck in the same spot: a tough conference game, the chance to win it at the end and the inevitable missed 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Fortunately for the Aztecs, they got back on track at just the right time.

Finally singing the sweet song of success, SDSU squeaked out an 83-82 victory over Colorado State on Tuesday night at Moby Arena in Fort Collins, Colo.

For the third consecutive game, the Aztecs held the ball with the chance to win or tie on their final possession. The previous two games resulted in three-point losses

to BYU and UNLV. But against CSU, junior forward Lorenzo Wade hit a 3-pointer with 20 seconds to play to win the game.

"He's so relaxed, like he's done that before," junior forward Ryan Amoroso said to XTRA 1360's Ted Leitner.

"They did a good job to create opportunities for 3s, and to their credit, they made them."

Steve Fisher
Aztecs head coach

While SDSU hung on for the victory, the team almost got burned from behind the arc for the second straight game. Despite coming in shooting 34 percent from 3-point range, the Rams knocked down 14 of 25 shots from downtown. Just three days earlier, UNLV, who is last in the Mountain West Conference at shooting 3-pointers, made 10 of 21 against the Aztecs.

"On a couple of (CSU's 3-pointers) we did not have very good defense, but on

the bulk of them I thought we were there," head coach Steve Fisher said to Leitner. "They did a good job to create opportunities for 3s, and to their credit, they made them."

CSU guard Marcus Walker could not be stopped from the outside. With a team-high 26 points, Walker connected on five of seven shots from behind the arc.

SDSU, meanwhile, hit just four of 16 3-pointers. The Aztecs (15-6, 5-2 in MWC play) did plenty of scoring in the post, however. They dominated in the middle, scoring 46 points in the paint while outrebounding the Rams 46-26. SDSU also grabbed 16 offensive rebounds that led to 16 second-chance points.

Amoroso, who seems to be looking more and more comfortable on the offensive end, did the most damage inside. He led the Aztecs with 23 points and 11 rebounds, his first double-double with SDSU.

"Ryan did a great job of

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PRO FOOTBALL

Pair of new coaches fill empty spots for Cowboys

By CALVIN WATKINS
The Dallas Morning News

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys had three vacancies to fill on their defensive staff. Two have been filled by coaches with a history of success but who left their previous jobs amid criticism.

On Tuesday, the Cowboys named Dave Campo secondary coach.

And just before Campo's news conference at Valley Ranch, Dom Capers walked in with Cowboys coach Wade Phillips after a morning of interviews for an unspecified defensive coaching position.

If Dallas hires Capers as linebackers coach, which is the last vacancy, he will arrive with a successful past as a defensive coach. But Capers is available because he was fired as the Miami Dolphins' defensive coordinator.

Last week, the Cowboys named Todd Grantham defensive line coach after he was fired as the

Cleveland Browns' defensive coordinator.

"I'm telling you, these guys are really good coaches, and they are at the top echelon in coaching in the league as far as I'm concerned," Phillips said. "That's what I look at, and I think most people in football would say the same thing with football knowledge."

Campo, 60, a Cowboys head coach from 2000 to 2002, coached the defensive backs in Jacksonville the last three seasons, where his unit finished 15th in the NFL against the pass in 2007.

Dallas made two attempts to get permission to speak with Campo before he was allowed out of his contract.

"We viewed these openings as an opportunity to bring in the very best coaches available with a strong emphasis on NFL coaching experience," owner and general manager Jerry Jones

said. "Dave Campo certainly fits those qualifications."

The Cowboys also believe Grantham is a solid choice.

Grantham's unit in Cleveland finished 30th against the run in 2007, 27th in 2006 and 16th in 2005.

The Cleveland Plain-Dealer reported that Grantham had communication problems with coach Romeo Crennel and several players.

"We were able to take an organization and win 10 games, which hadn't been done in something like 20 years," Grantham said. "I wish those guys the best. We were able to get it turned in the right direction."

Grantham is considered an excellent coach. In 2005, Cleveland finished first in defense inside the opponents' 20 in the AFC and fourth in the NFL against the pass. In 2004,

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