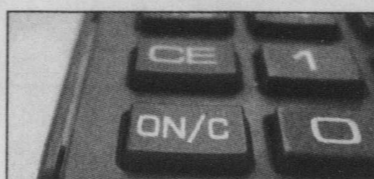


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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New Union has SGA dipping into savings for \$100k

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association is calling for extra money to be removed from its savings for the first time in at least three or four years, the organization's treasurer said.

SGA Treasurer Jacob Barnes said the extra \$100,000 called for in the 2008-2009 budget comes from a savings account in which SGA puts leftover funds every year.

Barnes said the account contains more than \$200,000.

The \$100,000 is listed under residual spending in the budget.

Barnes said both the move to and festivities surrounding the opening of the new Brown-Lupton University Union led the Executive Cabinet to deem the spending

necessary.

"All things under residual spending are one-time costs," Barnes said. "It's not a typical thing or something we want to do regularly."

The extra money includes \$75,000 devoted to bringing a popular musical artist to

campus to help celebrate the opening of the new University Union.

SGA President Thomas Pressly said there's no definite artist scheduled yet.

"It's hard to have these kinds of things nailed down until you have a contract,"

Pressly said. "We're going to keep it close to our chests until we're sure."

SGA is also allotting \$20,000 of residual spending for SGA office improvements in the new university union, including new computers, See **SGA**, page 2

SING IT



Alumna Laurana Rice Mitchelmore, left, and opera singer Frederica von Stade perform a duet for the first time Tuesday in Ed Landreth Auditorium. After the concert Mitchelmore, a '61 graduate, was honored with the creation of an endowed fund in her name.

Graduate honored with endowed scholarship

By SHALEY SANDERS
Staff Reporter

The university had a surprise for an alumna Tuesday evening after her performance with a world-renowned opera singer in Ed Landreth.

Chandler Smith, director of development, said it was a collaborative effort to create the Laurana Rice Mitchelmore Master Series Endowed Fund, after receiving several requests to honor Mitchelmore, a '61 graduate.

The endowed fund will pay for a concert and a master class that focuses on accompaniment for collaborative music, Smith said. In a master class set to take place today, Mitchelmore will critique performances for several TCU pianists and vocalists.

"The idea is to teach students the art

of accompaniment by bringing these musicians here for a concert and then following it the next day with the master class," Smith said.

The proceeds from Tuesday's benefit concert and outside donations totaled more than \$65,000, Smith said.

At the end of the concert, Richard Gipson, director of the School of Music, presented Mitchelmore with the news that this concert was the first of a series paid for by an endowed fund in her honor.

Mitchelmore said she was surprised and stunned upon receiving the award.

"It is great to be back here," Mitchelmore said. "Ed Landreth is where I spent a lot of my time, and the halls are not so changed."

The concert was the first time the mezzo-soprano opera singer Frederica "Flicka" von Stade and Mitchelmore played a duet together in Texas.

"One of the things that is so evident with Laurana is her amazing devotion to music," von Stade said. "She is always just so happy, and it is evident in her music."

The Mitchelmore family has connections in the world of music that will be tapped into to bring world-class musicians and accompanists to campus, Smith said.

Mitchelmore has toured with von Stade throughout the U.S., France, Spain, Ireland and Monaco. Tuesday's performance was her second at the university. Her first was in 1973.

Associate dean to fill vacant spot

By KRISTIN BUTLER
Staff Reporter

The search for the new dean of the College of Communication ended Tuesday.

David Whillock, associate dean of the college, said he

has been chosen to serve as the new dean starting June 1, taking over for William Slater, who is stepping down to go on a yearlong sabbatical.

John Tisdale, chairman of the dean-search committee and associate professor of journalism, said the

committee had three strong candidates with distinct personalities that could each bring something different to the college. Whillock was chosen over finalists Howard Sypher, head of the communication department at Purdue University, and Judy VanSlyke Turk, director of the School of Mass Communications at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Tisdale said the committee met with the provost Tuesday morning to discuss all the information they had gathered about the candidates since January.

"The decision was made quickly, but not hastily," he See **DEAN**, page 2

Administrator: Revamped minor won't hurt students

By KATIE WINTER
Staff Reporter

The requirements for the general business minor at the Neeley School of Business have been restructured, but the senior associate dean of the Neeley School said students will be hurt in no way, shape or form.

The currently required six classes for the business minor have been revamped into six new classes that will combine the basics of the courses to make them more appropriate for non-business majors.

Current business minors have had to seek department permission to register for some of the old minor requirements.

With enrollment for non-business majors up to 600, the business school wanted to have courses that would be helpful to the non-business majors and not so specific in content, said Bill Moncrief, the senior associate dean of

the business school. What the business school is trying to do is phase into the new business minor and phase out of old, he said. There is always a year or a year and a half of students who get caught in the middle of the change, but no one will be hurt by the changes, Moncrief said.

The current business minor puts students in courses for business majors, and the restructured minor will have courses specifically for business minors.

Heather Bing, a sophomore interior design major and business minor, said the restructured minor will be more beneficial because only the basics of the classes will be covered, which is what she wanted from a business minor.

"The new classes will help business minors get a glance into the business world without having to be an expert See **BUSINESS**, page 2

Panel to discuss AIDS awareness at town hall meeting

By VALERIE HANNON
Staff Reporter

Joe Brown contracted HIV from his partner, who was the first-known person to die of AIDS in Tarrant County. Brown said he was unaware at the time that his partner had been unfaithful.

Brown, a professor of theater at Texas Wesleyan University, has talked with

many of his students about living with HIV for the last 24 years.

Brown said awareness of the disease is crucial to college-age people.

"I just want young people to know that the disease is on the rise again, especially among young straight people, and young African Americans and Latinas," Brown said. An estimated

10,000 people in Tarrant County are living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and half of new infections are among 15- to 24-year-olds, said Bob Ray Sanders, who will moderate a town hall meeting event about the subject today.

The town hall meeting will be held at the Kelly Alumni Center to encourage people to talk about the dis-

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ease and raise awareness, said Sanders, an adjunct faculty member in the Schief- See **PANEL**, page 2

CORRECTION

Frederica "Flicka" von Stade was the featured performer at the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. A Tuesday article inaccurately stated the performer was alumna Laurana Rice Mitchelmore. Also, a quote by von Stade about how singing makes people happy was misattributed.



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phones and furnishings, as well as the cost of setting up a new conference room that will be available to all student organizations.

SGA Vice President Brett Major said the conference room will be like a larger version of the Frog Pods in the Mary Coats Burnett

Library, where groups will be able to work on presentations with a computer and large monitor.

The remaining \$5,000 will go toward the Mountain West Conference Leadership Summit, which will be hosted by TCU.

Pressly said that the conference will be used as an opportunity for student leaders within the Moun-

tain West to share ideas.

"Most of the conferences we go to are speaker-centered," Pressly said. "This is student-centered. We want to bring those topics and solutions from other campuses to all of the Mountain West schools."

The extra spending brings the proposed 2008-2009 budget to a total of \$435,000 compared to \$325,000 for

the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

SGA's fiscal year begins June 1.

He said he estimates SGA to be slightly under budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, but exact numbers won't be known until June.

The budget is set to be debated at the House of Student Representatives meeting next Tuesday.

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School of Journalism. He said it will be one of many events over the next few months raising HIV/AIDS awareness.

The Center For Civic Literacy is sponsoring the event, said Karen Anisman, associate director of the center, along with More Life, which project manager Jan Titsworth called a collaboration of three AIDS service organizations — Samaritan House, AIDS Outreach Center and Tarrant County AIDS Interfaith Network — and the Fort Worth Opera.

"One of the ideas behind having it on our campus is one of the groups that has the highest incidence of new HIV infections is young women between the ages of 18 and 24," Anisman said.

Brown will be on the panel along with two medical experts: Dr. Elvin Adams, medical director for the Tarrant County Public Health Department, and Dr. Kathryn Cardarelli, assistant professor of epidemiology at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

Each panelist will present a 10-minute introduction, and then the audience will be able to ask questions, Titsworth said.

Titsworth said many college-age students are ignorant of the risk of contracting HIV.

"Young people feel that this is not something that affects them, especially if they feel they are in a heterosexual relationship," Tits-

worth said.

Titsworth said HIV can be spread in ways that young people may not think about, like receiving tattoos and piercings from non-licensed places, and athletes who use steroids and share needles.

Sanders said people who attend should feel comfortable asking anything they want to know about HIV and AIDS.

"There are no stupid questions," Sanders said.

Sanders said cases of HIV have particularly been on the rise in black and Latino communities, with these communities accounting for about 65 percent of new cases.

He said part of the reason for this is that there is still a stigma in these communities talking about AIDS, where it is still mostly associated with drug use and homosexuality.

Titsworth said she hopes students will learn that prevention is key to stopping the spread of the virus. She said a college campus is a good place to have this discussion.

"Students at universities are naturally inquisitive and are leaders who want to make the world a better place," Titsworth said.

Titsworth said today's event will be one of 60 events, performances and exhibits in the Fort Worth area going on through June to increase HIV/AIDS awareness in the community. The School for Classical and Contemporary Dance at TCU will theme its senior dance recital to be held April 23 to 26 around More Life.

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said. "This decision is a byproduct of a lot of time and work by people who have TCU's best interest in mind."

Because Whillock has been interim and associate dean, he understands the mechanics of the college, Tisdale said.

"He was able to articulate a vision for the school

that I believe impressed the committee," he said.

As the process of finding a dean evolved, it became apparent to most of the committee that Whillock could become a successful dean, Tisdale said.

"The committee almost overwhelmingly recommended Dr. Whillock," he said.

Whillock said he has seen the evolution of the college and has a good understand-

ing of what needs to be addressed to help the college grow. He said he wants to have a meeting with faculty and staff right away to discuss goals and desires for the college.

"I am excited about the possibilities. The news is still sinking in," Whillock said.

Some of the first issues he hopes to address are enrollment management, hiring more faculty, space

issues and finding a new associate dean, Whillock said.

Whillock received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in 1986 and came to TCU in 1991 as a radio-TV-film professor. He was department chair from 1995 to 1999 and was promoted to interim dean of the College of Communication in 1999 before he was hired as the current associate dean in 2002.

BUSINESS

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in the field," Bing said.

Moncrief said the new classes will be structured differently than current classes and will cover more of an overview of the content.

The current accounting classes, Principles of Financial Accounting and Principles of Managerial Accounting, are being replaced by one class, Introduction to Accounting.

"Students will now just have one accounting class

instead of two, which is something everyone is happy about," Moncrief said.

Kaitlyn Nobel, a sophomore advertising and public relations major and business minor, said she felt like she wasted her time taking two accounting classes when now only one will be required.

"I had a hard time in one of my accounting classes,

and it would have been a lot easier being in a class that was an overview of

accounting, instead of in-depth. The new business minors have it a lot easier," Nobel said.

Nobel also said she knew of a lot of students who didn't understand the new requirements and how the old classes would transfer. Moncrief said students

are just nervous about a change, but that the change will not cost anyone for the negative.

"If students started on the old business minor, all those classes will count and replace what is a new minor requirement. No one will lose any credit for classes previously taken," Moncrief said.

The business school will work with students individually to help with the confusion and getting permits into the correct classes, Moncrief said.

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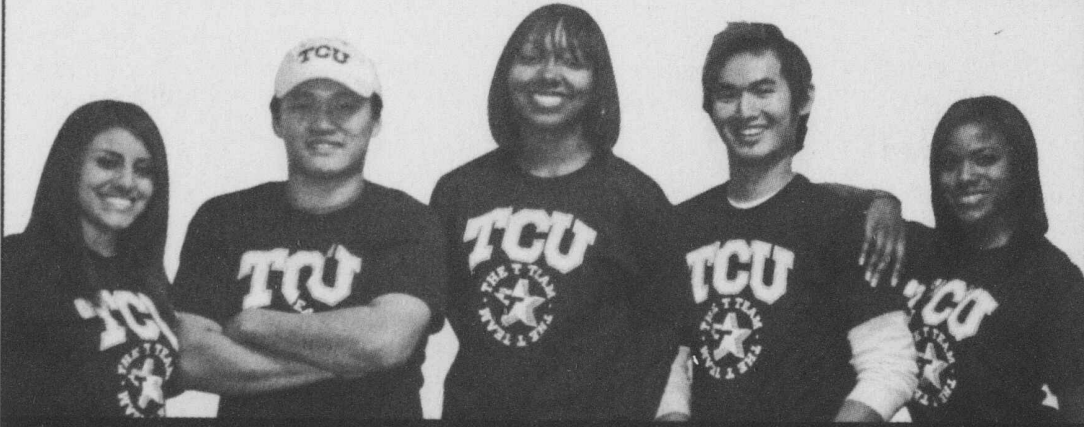
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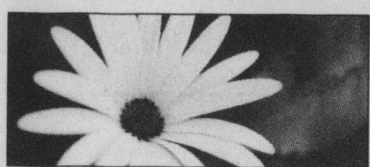
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

THE SKIFF VIEW

AIDS education important

About 10,000 people in the university's own county are living with HIV, and half of the newly infected are 15- to 24-year-olds, said Bob Ray Sanders, who will moderate a discussion on the issue today.

A panel of experts in the issue of HIV/AIDS in Tarrant County are coming to speak today about the realities of the deadly disease in the local context.

This is a good chance for college-age students who seem to be one of the targets of this disease to realize AIDS is not as far away of an issue as many may think.

There are many misconceptions and stigmas that are paired with HIV/AIDS, and for the sake of their health, students should clear those clouded judgments by taking the opportunity to ask questions at the panel.

The risks of infection are in many activities that young people engage in, but they may not necessarily think those are risky

activities, said Jan Titsworth, the project manager of More Life, a cosponsoring group of the event.

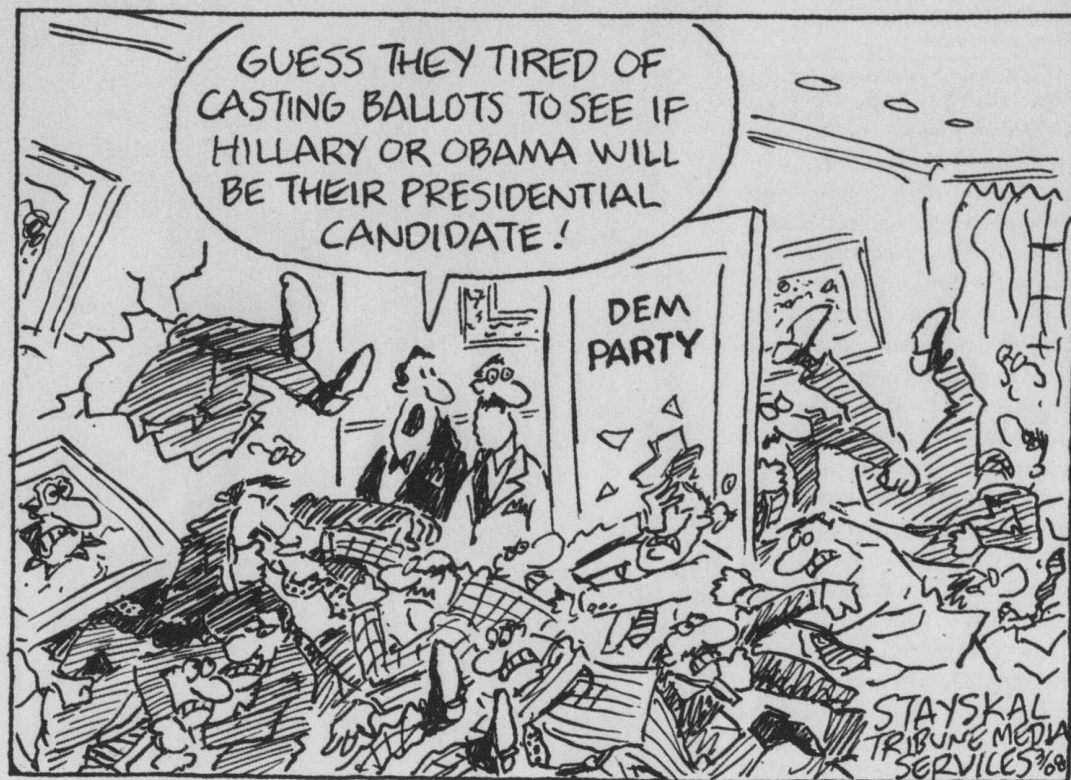
Receiving tattoos and piercings from non-licensed parlors and, for athletes who use steroids, sharing needles are a few of those risks.

Sanders, an adjunct journalism professor and Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist, said a reason for the rise in black and Latino communities in HIV infections, accounting for 65 percent of new cases, is the fact that these communities still perceive a stigma with the issues, contributing to the lack of dialogue and awareness about the issue.

Don't let the same happen with the college-age demographic. An open, honest discussion about the issue is necessary to combat it, and today's event presents a perfect opportunity to become informed about a risk that anyone anywhere can face.

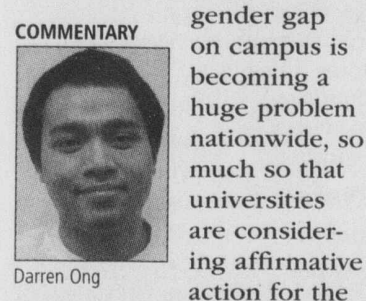
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More math emphasis would help close college gender gap

According to a recent story in Time Magazine, 58 percent of undergraduates across the nation are women. The



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gender gap on campus is becoming a huge problem nationwide, so much so that universities are considering affirmative action for the oppressed minority: the men.

I may have stumbled across a solution.

You see, women typically make up 20 percent of my classes. Thus, either my presence repels women, or this disparity has something to do with the fact that I'm a math major minoring in computer science. Either possibility will present a solution to TCU's gender gap problem — but for the purpose of this column I would like to assume that women are not repulsed by me.

It then becomes clear that the best way to address the gender imbalance on campus is to emphasize the quantitative sciences — math, physics, computer science and engineering.

While the exact gender ratio in these majors is hard to pin down, "Choice of Major: The Changing (Unchanging) Gender Gap," in the Industrial and Labor Relations Review, suggests that the male to female ratio in the quantitative science majors is roughly 2:1 and growing.

I've just returned from a math conference where the ratio was as bad as 15:1. My experience is that unless the organizers apply heavy-hand-

ed affirmative action policies, these ratios are typical for most math-related events and activities.

I won't speculate on the reasons behind this gap in the quantitative sciences. Let me just say that I believe this is a problem of interest rather than ability — I don't think it's true that women are wired to be bad at math. But I believe the quantitative sciences are worse off as a result of this gender imbalance.

However, regardless of the reason, it is clear that this imbalance exists, and will continue to exist in the near future. TCU should use the quantitative sciences to correct the skewed male to female ratio on campus.

Generally, campuses that place more emphasis on the quantitative sciences have less of a problem with high male to female ratios. For instance, according to the Iowa State Daily, Iowa State has managed to buck the national trend and maintain an enrollment that is 57 percent male. This may

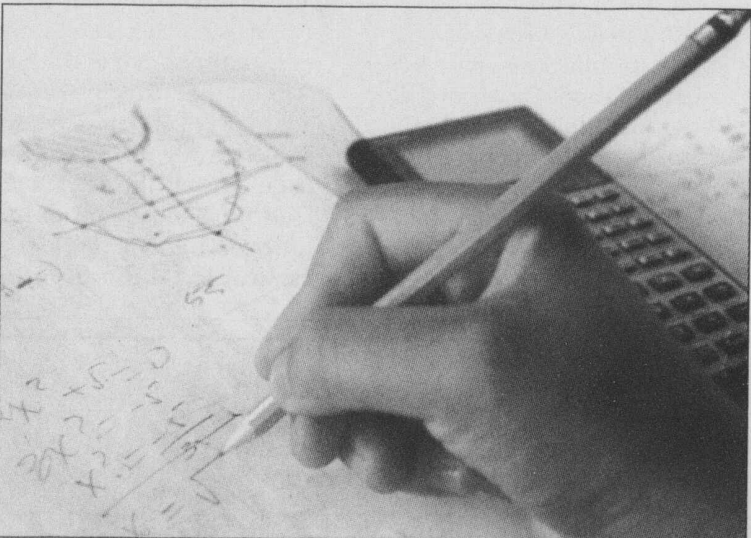
have something to do with the fact that their full name is the "Iowa State University of Science and Technology."

Hence, to attract male students, admissions should assign more weight to the math SAT and AP classes in computer science, calculus and physics. We should increase the pay of professors in math, engineering, physics and computer science and hire more of them to attract prospective quantitative science majors.

TCU should also let the math department have the M.S. and Ph.D. programs we've been asking for. These actions will result in either a more balanced gender ratio at TCU, or more women in the quantitative sciences, both of which are good things.

I believe that we can solve the gender imbalance problem the same way prudent universities solve all their problems: by giving the math department more money.

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Philosophy revival makes students more imaginative

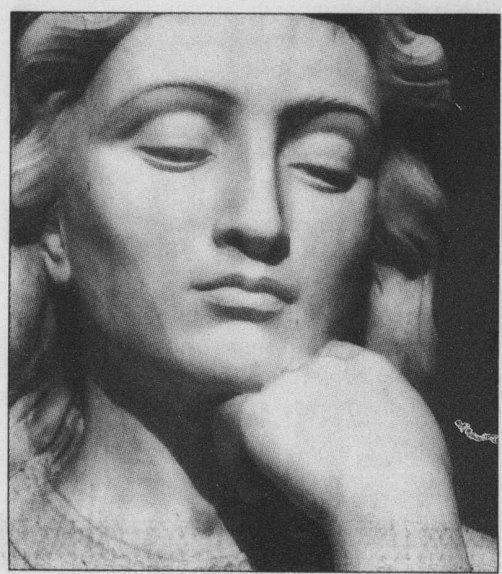
John Stuart Mill once said, "Among the facts of the universe to be accounted for, it may be said, is mind," and according to a recent article published by the New York Times, more college students are finding this to be the case.

I was recently looking through a number of articles online when I came across a three-page article on the New York Times Web site that explored a renewed interest in philosophy as an undergraduate degree among students. At first I thought it strange that the newspaper would devote three whole pages to the movement, but as I read the article, the reasons began to make more sense to me.

The article cited Rutgers as one of many universities where the tract in philosophy is growing more popular among undergraduate students. More colleges are offering philosophy to undergraduates nationwide than a decade ago, and some schools with already-established departments are seeing twice as many philosophy students than in the 1990s. One professor at the University of Delaware said the department at his school was actually turning students away because the demand was too large.

Students from all different walks of life are devoting themselves to philosophy, many opting to graduate a year late rather than pursue their previous degrees. This makes sense to me, especially when you consider how specialized our secondary educational system has become these days.

It seems as the world becomes increasingly complex because of advances in science and technology, the job market is becoming more specialized. As a result, many of the students interviewed in the article seemed to express an interest in getting back to the basics. One student at Rutgers switched from a major in pharmacy medicine to philosophy. The chancellor of the City University of New York said in the New York Times article that if he were to do it all over again, he would major in philosophy rather than mathematics and statistics.



"I think that the subject is really at the core of everything we do," he said in the article. "If you study humanities or political systems or sciences in general, philosophy is really the mother ship from which all of these disciplines grow."

It makes sense that students are drifting back to the basics, rather than specializing in some degree that they may never actually use in their career because the working world is becoming more and more diversified.

According to Careers in Transition, the average American will have three to five different careers in his or her lifetime. I think students are also trying to find a way to define their lives as thinkers and not just as machines used to crunch numbers and sell merchandise.

I know that my own experience here at TCU has shown that many students find their current majors boring and unimaginative compared to what the world seems to be offering in terms of careers. The working world simply isn't the same today as it was even a decade ago. As Heraclitus would say, "You could not step twice into the same river; for other waters are ever flowing on to you."

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Bush should be proactive in addressing China-Tibet situation

Although I sympathize with the Tibetans here who have protested President George Bush's plans to attend the Olympics' opening ceremony in Beijing this August, the options for world leaders go well beyond the two extremes of gleeful participation in an angry avoidance of the games.

In an attempt to justify his decision, Bush has turned to the seemingly noble goal

of keeping politics out of the international sporting event. Truth be told, the two are never far apart. In fact, I would argue the opposite: Politics and the Olympics are inextricably linked.

Thus, why not attend and make dual use of the opportunity to underscore discontent for China's brutal suppression of demonstrations in Tibet?

President Nicolas Sarkozy of France has chosen to

announce his desires in advance and make them conditions for his participation. According to Rama Yade, France's human-rights minister, for Sarkozy to attend the opening ceremony, there must be an end to the violence against the population, the release of political prisoners, an investigation of the events in Tibet and the opening of a dialogue with the Dalai Lama. In addition, Yade insists that the

proposed talks be directed toward recognizing Tibetan autonomy, as well as the people's spiritual, religious and cultural identity.

Well, rest assured that absolutely nothing encouraging will come of the Tibet situation without other countries' high-level insistence on change. Here is what I would do as America's president:

Keep a steady spotlight on the Tibet issue, stating unequivocally that Beijing's

heavy-handedness there must end.

Push for and offer to facilitate a discussion between China's leaders and the Dalai Lama.

Coordinate a strategy with like-minded heads of state considering travel to the Olympics to focus on the Tibet issue.

Ensure sufficient time during the period of the opening ceremony to discuss Tibet seriously with China's Presi-

dent Hu Jintao.

Visit Lhasa, Tibet's capital, and speak about the importance of human rights.

By extending his hands to engage China in a proactive manner on Tibet, Bush would send a much stronger signal than he would by sitting at home, arms crossed, in an Olympic boycott.

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Newest Pope blazing his own path

By MARGARET RAMIREZ and
CHRISTINE SPOLAR
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Most Americans awaiting Pope Benedict XVI's first visit to the U.S. this month likely know little about him beyond his fluffy white hair, his taste for red Prada shoes and his reputation as a hard-nosed church enforcer.

But since the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elevated to pontiff three years ago, the exacting professor with the authoritarian image has shown his pastoral side. His predecessor's magnetism captivated crowds, but Benedict's own low-key charisma has drawn record numbers to his appearances at the Vatican.

"Becoming pope, he's moving out of a very bureaucratic post into what is a pastoral role," said the Rev. Donald Senior, a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Biblical Commission. "With Benedict, you feel like he is really fixing his gaze on you. There's a very earnest connection, and I think that's projected even to the large crowds. It's not the rock star. It's more intimate."

At heart, the German pope remains a religious intellectual devoted to guarding church doctrine and bringing Catholics back to the core message of the faith.

In his first years as pope, Benedict has issued a document upholding a ban on gay priests, approved a text asserting Catholicism as the "true church," stressed God's role in evolution, revived the pre-Vatican II Latin mass and displayed a preference for traditional vestments and altar



After celebrating mass during his Ceremony of Investiture, Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd in St. Peter's Square.

decorations. Apparently, many Americans still do not know the pope. A recent survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found that 32 percent of Americans say they do not know enough about him to offer an opinion.

As leader of 1 billion Catholics, Benedict's great concern has been restoring a strong sense of Catholic identity, which he believes the secularized modern world has eroded over the last 40 years.

A central theme of Benedict's papacy has been his argument that reason without faith leads to materialism and selfishness, while faith without reason

leads to fundamentalism.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, who will accompany the pope on a six-day visit to Washington and New York beginning April 15, said he believes the pope's childhood experience under the Nazi reign shaped his view of religion's role in society. The Bavarian-born Ratzinger enrolled in the Hitler Youth program like other young Germans and was drafted into the army in the last months of World War II, though he deserted in the war's final days. The pope has said the horrors of the period deepened his devotion to God and ultimately moved him to become a priest.

"He is probably, because of the experience of Nazis, a man with a sense of history and the way in which history can be betrayed by secular utopians," George explained.

"Nazism is supposed to be, after all, a scientific philosophy of national socialism based upon racist philosophy that resulted in the murder of millions and millions of people. Therefore he has wariness, a critical distance from ... any kind of social teaching that divorces itself from the critique of faith."

Ramirez reported from Chicago and Spolar from Rome. Chicago Tribune reporter Manjia A. Brachear contributed to this report.

Internet politics incite real change

By JOSH HAFENBRACK
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Will Anderson's first foray into politics didn't come via a letter to the editor or a campus flier. Instead, the 21-year-old started a group on the social-networking Web site Facebook opposing changes to a Florida scholarship program.

In 11 days, Anderson's online supporters swelled to almost 20,000, and he got a phone call from state Sen. Jeremy Ring, announcing that he had decided to drop the bill seeking the scholarship change.

"You can't ignore 20,000 people," Ring, a Democrat, said later.

This is politics in the new media age, where social-networking portals, the video-sharing site YouTube and sharp-tongued bloggers are playing an increasing role in shaping policy and opinion, from the presidential campaign trail to county and city halls and state capitals.

"It's a viral medium," Ring, a former Yahoo! executive, said of the Internet. "It's really difficult to hide. Elected officials, anyone in the public eye, have to recognize that you're a camera phone away from having your name and face put out there across the world."

Politicians, too, are beginning to recognize the Internet's

power when it comes to marketing themselves and courting voters. Florida's Republican and Democratic parties are currently dueling over which can collect more friends on their Facebook pages. Candidates are using online networking to woo younger audiences.

"The power of Facebook, the power of the new media, is most evident when bills affect young people. They aren't able to make financial contributions, but they can galvanize lots of support through the new media," said Florida state Sen. Dave Aronberg, who, at 36, is the Senate's youngest member.

Aronberg, a Democrat, just launched his own Facebook page, which includes a fan club with 53 members, in time for his fall re-election campaign. He lists Bon Jovi

among his favorite bands and "The Office" and "Meet the Press" as top TV shows. Aronberg's site also features a countdown to the end of the spring legislative session and videos of news interviews he has done on television.

"Every election cycle, there are new innovations. The political culture catches up with the popular culture," said Phil Noble, the founder of PoliticsOnline, a Web site that monitors the intersection of politics and the Internet. "Politicians go where the people are. As people have gone to Facebook, smart politicians have gone there, too."

Facebook, created in 2004, is now the fifth most-visited site on the Internet with almost 70 million members. The most ardent fans: college kids and 20-somethings, who use the site to post personal information, play online Scrabble and look for old friends or new love interests.

But increasingly, the site is also an online forum for politics. Facebook allows users to post an icon promoting their favorite presidential candidate, or to blog about a pressing issue.

"That's a far cry from the Facebook I remember freshman year, when it was just used to look at girls," said Anderson, who attends the University of Florida. "There's a lot more conscientious use of it now."

Anderson started his "Protect Your Bright Futures" Facebook campaign by inviting 200 friends to join his group. His page listed a synopsis of Ring's proposed scholarship overhaul, which sought to take money from students who, like Anderson, were enrolled in liberal-arts programs, and give it to their counterparts studying math and science.

The friends passed the message along to their friends, and the membership mushroomed. "I really didn't have to do much other than invite 200 people" with a request to spread the word, Anderson said.

Ring said he views the outcry over his bill as a positive — a sign that Floridians, especially the young, are engaged. "If the people we represent are opponents of our legislation, this gives them an instant opportunity to tell us," he said.

New book to show links between Christians, Muslims

By JO NAPOLITANO
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Christians believe in just one God, a God who is merciful, compassionate and who calls people to a life of goodness. So do Muslims.

Christians refer to Jesus as "Messiah." So do Muslims — although the word has a different meaning in their faith.

Muslims follow the teachings of Muhammad, who they believe to be the final agent of God. Christians believe the final agent of God is Jesus, who they believe is God's son.

Such similarities and differences in the faiths will be highlighted in a "Christian-Muslim Relations Dictionary" slated for release in 2012 by Cambridge University Press.

Martin Forward, executive director of Aurora University's Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action, will lead the project with the help of two other editors.

"We want people who are going to be ordained, people in Muslim religious schools, people in communications, government and business, to be aware of the importance of the relationship between these two religions," Forward said.

The editors are asking religious scholars from around the globe to contribute to the book, which will include about 900 entries focusing on a vast array of people, places, theologies, denominations, scripture and other core texts.

Its 60 contributors will have

varied backgrounds: Some will be professors who have taught religion for years while others will be priests, imams or the heads of interfaith or non-denominational religious centers.

The book will have a broad scope and will include entries on art, cinema and feminism as viewed from the perspective of the Christian-Muslim relationship.

One of the book's editors, Scott Alexander, director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, said he hopes the book will provide a common vocabulary for those engaged in religious debate.

"This inter-religious dialogue movement is found all over the

globe," he said. "But it doesn't get much press."

A. Rashied Omar, another of the book's editors, said there has been "a phenomenal growth of inter-religious dialogue and outreach between Christians and Muslims" since the 2001 terror attacks. He said although there was some backlash against Muslims, the bigger story was that Christians were visiting mosques to learn more about Islam.

He said he's been asked to speak to numerous churches over the years to teach people about his faith.

"As a Muslim scholar, I find that whenever I've spoken, there was a tremendous sense of sincere curiosity," he said. "People wanted to find out more."

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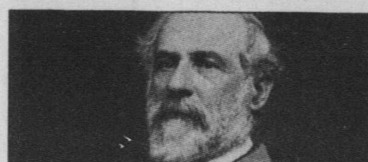
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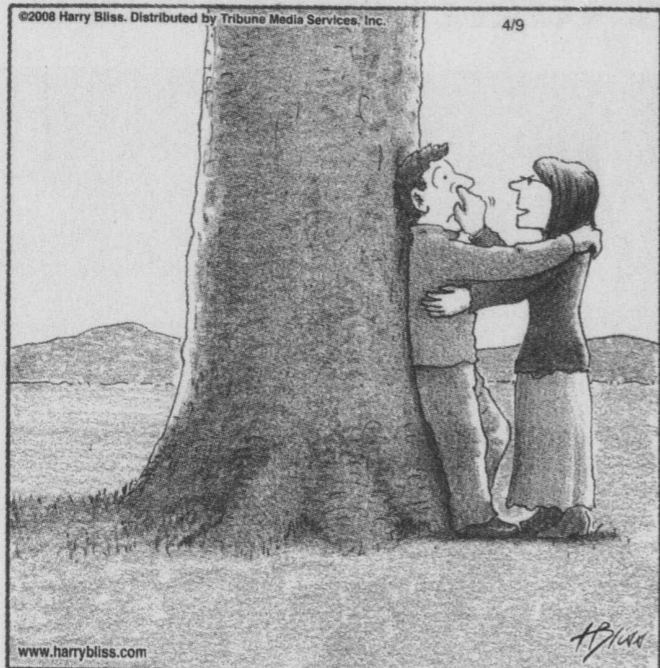
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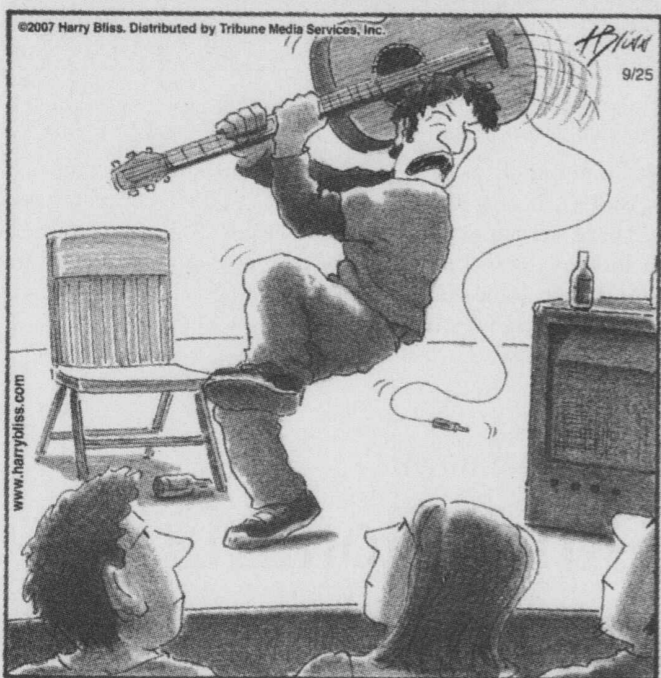
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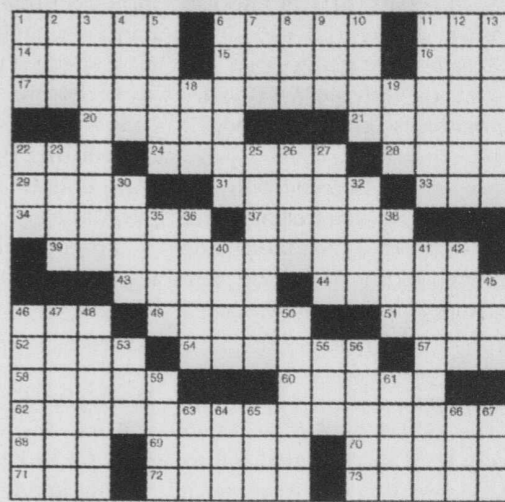
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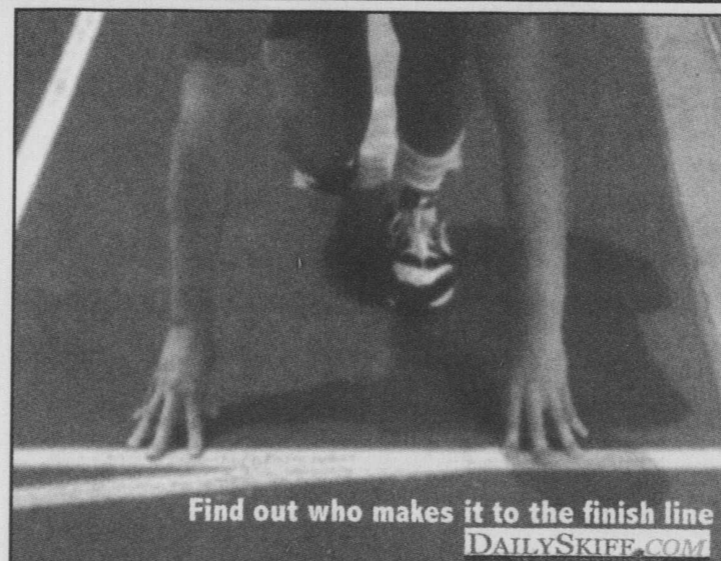
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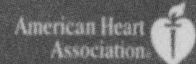
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs legend possibility for WNBA draft selection

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The Lady Frogs are losing one of their most familiar and talented faces, but the game of basketball is not ready to let her go yet.

Adrienne Ross finished her fifth season as a Lady Frog on March 30 with a Women's National Invitation Tournament loss to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Ross now hopes to start her first season with the WNBA after a possible selection in today's draft.

Ross could become only the second women's basketball player in TCU history to be taken in the pro draft, joining friend and mentor Sandra Irvin, who was taken third overall in 2005.

Draft Camp

The WNBA held its Pre-Draft Camp April 4 to 5, in which Ross and invited players participated in front of general managers, coaches and scouts.

The Pre-Draft Camp consisted of two three-hour sessions of professional drills and team play, an opportunity for WNBA teams to scout potential picks.

The first day, players were put

through drills used to measure speed, athleticism and general skill.

"Fortunately, because we played until recently I was still in great shape," Ross said.

In the second day of camp players were separated into teams.

Ross said she was able to show off some of her versatility, knocking down pull-up jumpshots in transition, handling the ball, dish-ing well-timed passes and playing good defense.

She credits some of her success during the second day of team play to TCU's head coach Jeff Mittie.

"Fortunately coach Mittie always had me guard the best wings so I was ready defensively," she said.

The Big Day

Ross described the talent pool for today's draft as possibly the deepest the league has ever seen.

The draft is being shown live on ESPN2, ESPNU and NBA TV, and Ross said she is going to watch it with her teammates, who she said have been a constant support group throughout the process.

Ross said she has kept in contact with Irvin, who acts as director of basketball operations for TCU and is a member of the San Antonio Silver Stars.

Irvin has been keeping her hopes high, Ross said.

"To hear her say, 'You're better than some of the players out there,' is really comforting," Ross said.

As for draft projections, Ross said she is aware they are all over the place, but she tries to ignore them and not take too much stock in them.

Big City Living

Ross is an admitted small-town girl. A native of Hobbs, N.M., which according to the 2000 census has a population of 28,657, Fort Worth initially was a big-city move for Ross, she said.

"Coming home from Fort Worth everyone in Hobbs says, 'Oh you're a big city girl now,' which is funny because Fort Worth is known as Cow Town."

She now looks forward to transitioning to possibly an even larger city. Ross said one of the great things about the WNBA is every franchise is located in a great city and the seasons are over sum-

mer so even if she ends up in Minnesota, weather won't be a big issue.

TCU Baller Extraordinaire

The WNBA's interest in Ross makes complete sense when her numbers, accolades and time with TCU are evaluated.

Ross finished her Lady Frog career as the club's all time leader in steals (339), games played (135) and field-goal attempts (1562).

She was a member of three NCAA tournament teams with the Lady Frogs, and this past season's WNIT quarterfinals appearance.

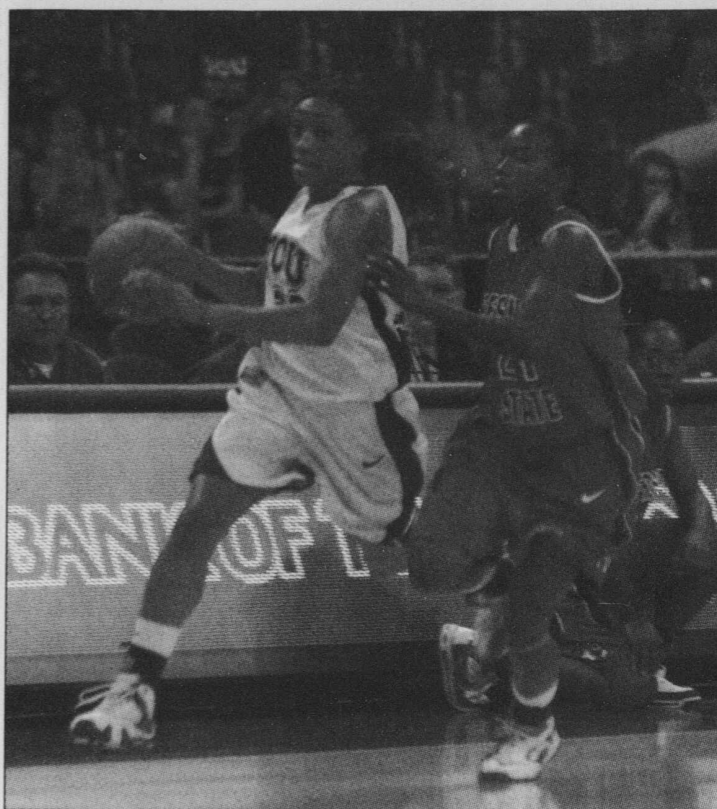
Her junior year, Ross was named Mountain West Conference Co-Player of the Year and an honorable-mention All-American.

She leaves TCU as statistically, and arguably, one of its best players ever.

Pro Status

Ross has already hired an agent and intends on playing professionally in the WNBA whether she is drafted or a free agent.

If drafted, Ross said, she will have to report to training camp



Former Lady Frog Adrienne Ross drives past a Fresno State guard. Ross hopes to be drafted by a WNBA team, becoming the second Lady Frog to go pro.

almost immediately because it starts April 17. If not, Ross said she will have the opportunity to take a look at different teams' needs and have some choice as to which team she tries out for

as an undrafted free agent. "It's a lot different than it was for college," Ross said. "In high school you got to pick what school you go to, but now they're choosing you."

FOOTBALL

WARMING UP



Redshirt freshman Andy Dalton throws the ball to relief quarterback, sophomore Marcus Jackson, during spring drills Tuesday. The Horned Frogs are working on conditioning and position drills as they prepare for Friday's Spring Game.

BRETT'S BREAKDOWN

Tennis dominates late spring sports

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

There are two Horned Frogs' teams currently in their respective No.1 spots in the Mountain West Conference. Both

the men's and women's tennis teams are tied for the lead in the conference and these Horned Frogs have done so in undefeated fashion.

With a 5-0 record, the No. 24 women are three conference games away from the conference championships, while the No. 31 men, at 3-0 in conference, have three more conference matches and one showdown against SMU to go.

These squads have arguably been the most impressive teams on campus in the latter part of the spring season.

They're doing so not only by keeping MWC opponents on the losing side, but also by doing so with impressive margins.

The men have an 18-3 team-point advantage in their three conference games. The women have a 28-7 point lead in their conference matches.

Both have been impressive

this season as a whole.

The men have already guaranteed themselves an improved season from last year. At 16-5, their season is already ace ahead of last year's 10-12 finish.

The men, who struggled early last season with an eight-match losing streak, had their greatest success during the beginning of the year this season, winning their first nine contests.

The women aren't too far away from improving on last season, with a 15-4 record this season and a 17-11 record last year.

The teams have been led by players young and old.

Sophomore Nina Munch-Soegaard occupies the No.1 position for the women, taking on each team's toughest players. Junior Macall Harkins and senior Kewa Nichols have earned Mountain West Conference Women's Player of the Week accolades.

The men have the super duo of senior Cosmin Cotet and junior Krieger Brink that have gone 15-5 this year. Coolest of all, the Mountain West Conference Championships will be on the teams' home courts this year.

Both should improve on their semifinal round exits last year.



Brett Larson

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tennessee wins record eighth national title

By CHRISTY CABRERA CHIRINOS
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

TAMPA, Fla. — Stanford's game plan had been to make Candace Parker go left.

Hoping to capitalize on the injured shoulder of Tennessee's star, the Cardinal seemingly forgot one thing.

Parker's supporting cast is pretty good, too.

Shannon Bobbitt hit threes. Nicky Anosike was strong inside. And Parker, bad shoulder and all, played well enough to win Most Outstanding Player for the second year in a row and help

Tennessee write another chapter in its storied history.

The defending national champions claimed an NCAA-record eighth title, outlasting Stanford 64-48 on Tuesday night at the St. Pete Times Forum.

For Stanford, making its first appearance in the championship game since winning it in 1992, the loss was the end of a remarkable run through the NCAA Tournament.

The Cardinal had already upset two No. 1 seeds, Maryland and Connecticut, to reach the title game.

Tennessee avenged a 73-69 overtime December loss to Stanford by dominating from the start.

Already ahead 17-9, the Volunteers (36-2) went on a 13-6 run that was capped by one of Bobbitt's three 3-pointers that put Tennessee ahead 30-19 with 3:54 left in the first half.

Stanford answered with a pair of back-to-back baskets from Kayla Pedersen and Wade Trophy-winner Candice Wiggins to cut the lead to 30-24.

But Tennessee again built up a double-digit lead after a jump-

er by Anosike with 40 seconds left.

In the opening 40 seconds of the second half, Stanford's Jayne Appel scored four unanswered points to cut the Volunteer lead to 37-33.

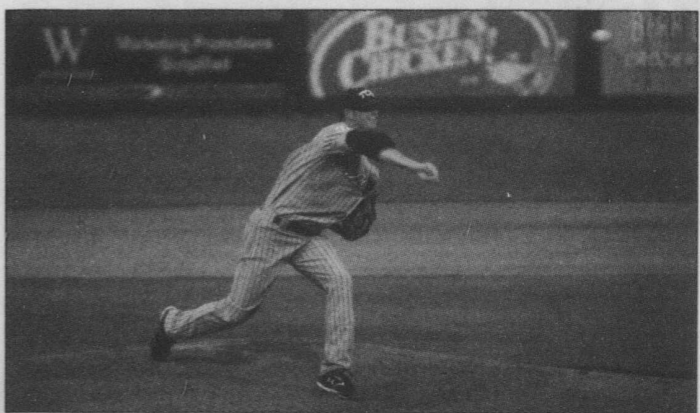
Down four with 19:28 seconds left in the game, it would be as close as Stanford would get.

Parker, expected to be the top selection in Wednesday's WNBA Draft, finished with 17 points and nine rebounds.

She left the game with 1:01 left to a standing ovation from the announced crowd of 21,655.

BASEBALL

WACO WHACK



Junior pitcher Seth Garrison pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed one run for the win against No. 30 Baylor University. TCU took the game 4-3, sweeping its two-game series against the Bears. The win moved the Horned Frogs to 20-12, the most games they have been over .500 this season.

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