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Employees injured in on-campus electrical accident

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO
Staff Reporter

Two physical plant employees were injured Wednesday morning in an electrical accident in the basement of Tandy Hall, university officials said.

One employee who suffered injuries to his eyes and forearm was still in the hospital late Wednesday, and the other, who injured his knee while

moving to avoid the shock, was treated and released, said Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

Syler-Jones wouldn't release the employees' names for privacy reasons and university officials declined to give more details until TCU Police files an official report.

"TCU has hired an independent company to assess

the cause of the electrical short," Syler-Jones wrote in an e-mail.

Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Lt. Kent Worley said the employees' injuries are minor. Worley said there was a power outage in Tandy Hall before the accident. The employees were working on the backup generator in the building's basement when the accident happened, he said.

The employees' injuries were possibly caused by a flash burn or an electric arc flash, Worley said. The accident didn't result in any more damage, he said.

An electrical short circuit occurs when two wires touch the ground or each other, producing a surge in electric current, said Mike Madrid, a licensed electrician at Royal Electric Co. in California.

The short circuit may cause an electric arc flash, which Madrid described as a brief explosion that releases a large amount of heat energy.

"It's basically a miniature version of lightning," he said.

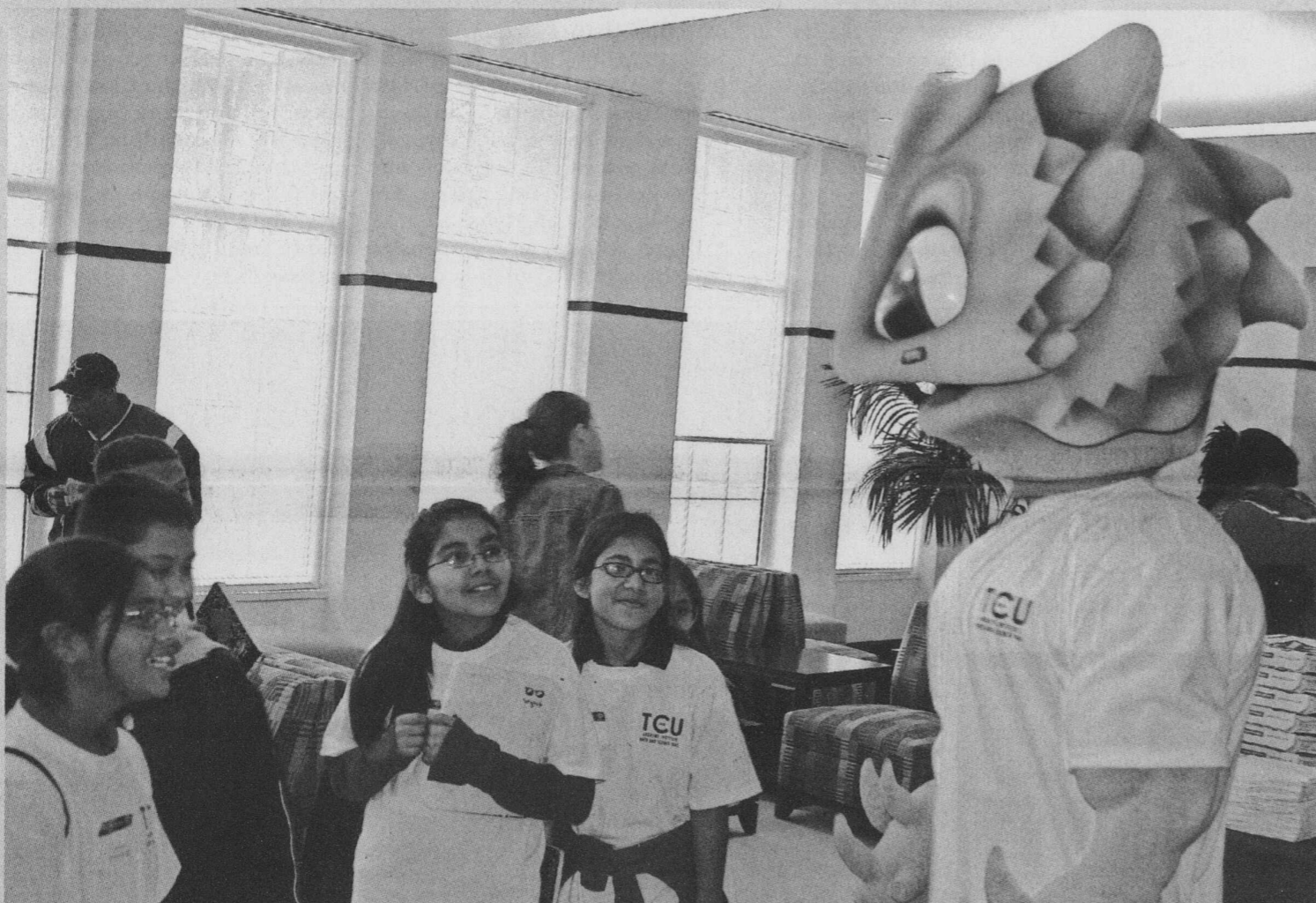
Madrid said the term "flash burn" describes a burn caused by the heat released by the explosion.

The power outage in Tan-

dy Hall and the adjoining Dan Rogers Hall lasted from about 8:40 a.m. to 11 a.m., said Mark Muller, assistant dean of finance and administration for the Neeley School of Business. Muller said some classes were moved to Smith Hall, except for a class requiring a computer lab, which was canceled.

Staff reporters Anna Hodges and Robert Bember contributed to this report.

TADPOLES



Fort Worth ISD teachers, TCU students and faculty and 120 fourth grade students participated in the second annual TCU and Fort Worth ISD Math and Science Trail on Wednesday. Sponsored by TCU's Andrews Institute of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education and Chesapeake Energy, students rotated through 10 learning stations around campus competing for points against other teams. TCU students received first-hand experience with students, and teachers learned hands-on science teaching techniques.

National trend won't hurt admissions, dean says

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO
Staff Reporter

High school senior Rodolfo Ramirez's graduation in June will become a milestone not only for his family but for the nation.

Ramirez, a Fort Worth native whose parents moved to Texas from Mexico, will attend TCU in the fall, becoming a first-generation college student.

Nationwide, the number of high school graduates will peak with the class of 2008 after climbing for more than a decade, followed by a moderate drop until 2014, according to projections by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

The university will sustain growth in applications despite the national decline in high school graduates because its primary market, Texas, continues to expand, said Ray Brown,

the dean of admissions.

Brown said applications flow mostly from Texas and contiguous states. The university's No. 2 market is California, he said.

The number of high school graduates in the West and the South will continue to increase despite a national trend otherwise, according to a 2008 report by WICHE, an organization well regarded by admissions officers nationwide.

"All of those combine for a very positive outlook for TCU and any other school in Texas that might have a similar demographic and background," Brown said.

In Texas, Hispanics are projected to outnumber whites as the single largest group in the public high school's graduating class in 2010-2011, according to

the report.

"We have to be much more aggressive to promote TCU among the Hispanic population," Brown said.

About 9 percent of students in the 2007 freshman class are Hispanic, according to institutional research data.

Brown said Hispanics in Texas continue to multiply, in part because of immigration. Hispanics jumped from 32 percent of the Texas population in 2000 to 35.7 percent in 2006, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

The increase in the number of high school graduates in Texas will occur in groups that typically aren't TCU students, Brown said. Many of these students are first-generation Ameri-

cans or first-generation college students and among the financially neediest in the applicant pool, he said.

"This changing applicant pool brings with it all sorts of interesting challenges," he said.

Brown said students in these categories usually undergo the college application process lacking the information and resources to make distinctions between schools, opting for community colleges or regional public universities instead of private institutions. Students who apply to a private university — like Ramirez — make what Brown referred to as a "generational leap."

Brown said a significant part of the university's fundraising campaign is devoted to boosting funding for financial aid, increasing financial resources available for students.

Other university efforts to See COLLEGE, page 2

Police: Women robbed behind nearby store

By HILARY WHITTIER
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth police don't have a suspect in an ongoing investigation of a reported robbery of two students behind a nearby convenience store, police spokesman Lt. Paul Henderson said Wednesday.

Two female students were robbed Tuesday night at about 10:40 p.m. at a parking lot behind the 7-Eleven at Berry Street and South University Drive, according to a Fort Worth Police Department report.

Jenna Harris and Briana Steger said they froze when they saw the suspect had his hand in his pants pocket. The women said they thought he could have been holding a weapon.

Harris, a sophomore movement science major, said the two had exited their vehicle and were talking before the suspect approached them and demanded they drop their purses.

"I started to hear mumbling from a guy walking toward us," Harris said. "Then he said, 'You know what's going on. Give me your stuff.' We just stood there at first in shock."

According to police reports, the suspect is a 6-foot bald man in his late 20s with a goatee. Harris and Steger said he was wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and tan boots.

Steger, a freshman pre-major, said it happened suddenly, and without thought, they complied with the suspect's orders.

The two students said there was another friend with them who was not robbed because she did not have a bag or wallet with her.

The suspect stole a tan wallet from Harris containing a debit and credit card and \$20, according to a police report. He also stole sunglasses and a wallet with a Social Security card, check book, ATM card, debit card and \$70 from Steger, the report See ROBBERY, page 2

Inaugural event to showcase research

By CHRISTINA SCHAMS
Staff Reporter

The inaugural AddRan Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Series will be an opportunity for faculty and students to reflect on a big question of our time, an associate religion professor said.

Jack Hill, associate religion professor, said his lecture, "How Do We Educate Ethical Leaders for a Post 9/11 World?" will address issues of ecology, diversity, particularly race and class, See ADDRAN, page 2

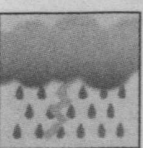
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PECULIAR FACT

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and issues of social change and transformation in an increasingly complex, multi-cultural world.

The creation of the lecture series is fostered by the success of a faculty lecture series AddRan Dean Andrew Schoolmaster began at Eastern Kentucky University, where he was previously dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The event proved very successful in showcasing the quality of the faculty that we had," Schoolmaster said of the event at ESU.

The event, planned to take place every year, will feature research of an AddRan faculty member, chosen by an AddRan faculty committee, he said.

"Sometimes we almost overlook the real jewels that we already have within our faculty," Schoolmaster said.

He said the faculty member selected to give the lecture is given a cash award and a one-course reduction in their teaching load during the next year to pursue further research.

Schoolmaster said he hopes the series will become a signature event the college can be known for.

"We learn an awful lot in the classroom, but we also learn just as much outside the classroom in a university setting," Schoolmaster said.

Hill said he will argue three pervasive problems destructive to the modern West — evolutionary amnesia, cultural narcissism and pervasive cynicism.

"Humanities and social sciences have a critical role to play in educating ethical leaders," Hill said.

Hill said he will draw on his experiences of teaching and living abroad in Fiji at the Pacific Theological College, Jamaica and South Africa to support his arguments.

Hill's cross-cultural encounters bring an international feel to his teaching and research, said David Grant, religion department chair and professor.

The event is funded by AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Schoolmaster said.

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attract underrepresented groups on campus include programs targeting low-income students, Brown said.

Among these programs is Upward Bound, a federally-funded program that provides tutoring and resources for low-income high school students or those whose parents did not attend college.

Margaret Faust, director of Upward Bound at TCU, said the program serves about 100 students from local high schools and graduates about 20 students annually. The university has hosted the program for 39 years, she said.

Faust said although the program nationwide is predominantly white, the program at TCU is mostly composed of blacks and

Hispanics, reflecting the demographics of the community.

Kiesha Harvey, coordinator and counselor for the program, said about two or three students from the program enroll at TCU every year. Harvey, a former Upward Bound student, said about six seniors expressed interest in the university this year.

Ramirez is one of them.

The youngest of three siblings and the only one to attend college, Ramirez said he wants to pursue a career in either business or medicine. Although uncertain about his major, Ramirez said he is set on continuing with the program as a tutor in the fall.

"That's what the whole program is about," he said. "You're going to college — there are no 'buts' or 'ifs' about it."

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showed.

"Being in that position, even if I had a weapon, I don't think I could have pulled it out," Steger said. "You just don't have time to make a move. I knew I should just do what he told me."

Steger and Harris said they immediately called the police and canceled their credit and debit cards. Harris said the suspect managed to charge \$50 to her

credit card before it was deactivated.

"None of it really hit me until we were all back in the car and calling the police," Harris said. "I would wait to get out of the car so quickly in the future."

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said robberies such as these typically don't occur that often on or close to campus, though he said he did not have exact figures.

Staff reporter Landon Dinnin contributed to this report.

Earners high, low think they are in middle class

By JOHN KEILMAN and GERRY SMITH
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A new report by the Pew Research Center highlights a paradox of the American middle class: Most people, no matter where they fall on the economic spectrum, believe they are part of it.

Just ask David Schutt and Elizabeth Gaylord of Berwyn, Ill., whose household income is well above the village median, last measured at \$43,833. A computer technician and artist, respectively, they enjoy ski trips to Colorado and Wisconsin but are putting off repairing their roof because they are worried about their economic future.

"It's the old story of the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and some middle class scramble up to the top," said Schutt, 50. "But those who don't, they generally find themselves on the down slide."

Many self-described middle-class people share that anxiety. A vast majority thinks it is harder to maintain a middle-class standard of living than it was five years ago, and they blame everything from the government to private corporations to the people themselves. The Pew report suggests at least part of the unease is due to the ever-escalating price tag of a middle-class lifestyle.

Bigger houses, more expensive health care and steeper college

tuition bills are the main culprits, but a host of new, must-have consumer items like high-definition TVs, fancy cable packages and broadband Internet connections also contribute.

And the more money someone makes, the more money he thinks is necessary to qualify as middle class. Those who earn less than \$10,000 believe it takes \$45,000.

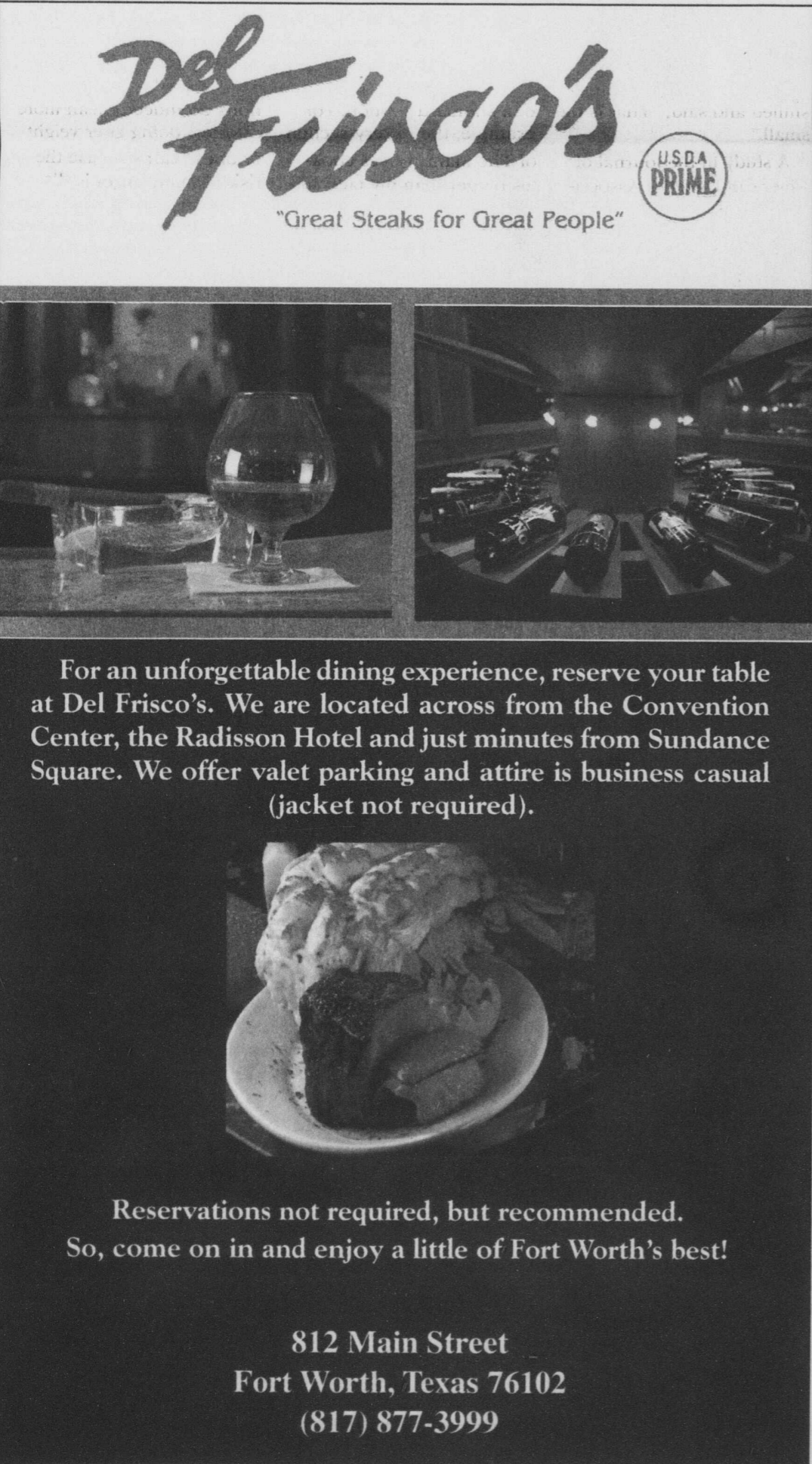
Those who bring home more than \$150,000 say it is more like \$100,000.

But the middle-class blues aren't all in the head. The Pew report found that the middle tier of households — those earning \$44,620 to \$89,241 in today's dollars

— has shrunk since 1970, while those on the high and low ends have expanded.

Debt has risen for middle-income people, and their earnings, though growing modestly, haven't risen nearly as fast as those at the top.

"In the long term, we have rising prosperity and rising inequality," said Paul Taylor, the Pew Center's project director. "I think that has set the table for a set of economic behaviors that has led to more spending and more borrowing to support that spending. There's no question that the important things in life have become more expensive, and that Americans need and want more things than they used to have."



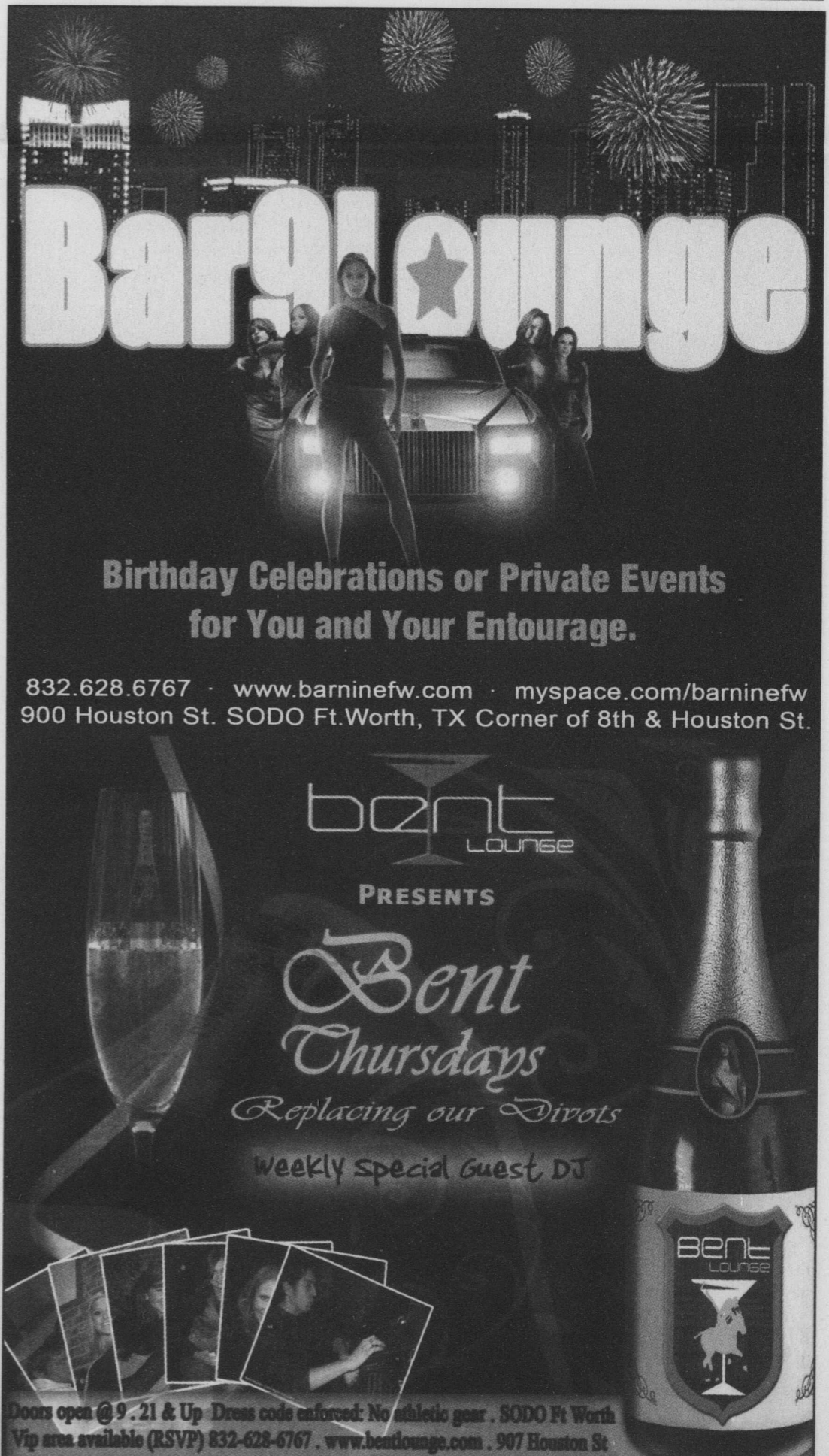
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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you do not trust enough."
— Frank Crane

THE SKIFF VIEW

Programs help reverse negative trend

Six years from now the number of high school graduates is expected to drop nationwide, but administrators say the decline will not affect TCU admissions.

Thankfully, this alarming national trend will mean nothing for Texas. And, Ray Brown, dean of admissions, believes the key to maintaining a healthy admissions rate is to reach the Hispanic population.

Good for TCU. The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education reported that the number of graduates in the South and West will continue to increase, and more Hispanics are expected to received their high school diplomas than any other ethnic group in 2011.

So TCU's targeting the Hispanic population is a wise decision.

Brown said many Hispanic students are first-generation collegians and/or first-generation U.S. citizens. And many face financial challenges, as well, he said.

However, just because high school gradua-

tion numbers are expected to remain constant in the South, that doesn't mean college admissions would continue to rise.

With the cost of tuition on the rise, it seems that the opportunities for higher education would be limited. Private universities' tuition rates are a burden on the low-income students.

However, TCU, along with other universities, is doing its part to combat financial challenges and offer resources to help low-income students receive an education.

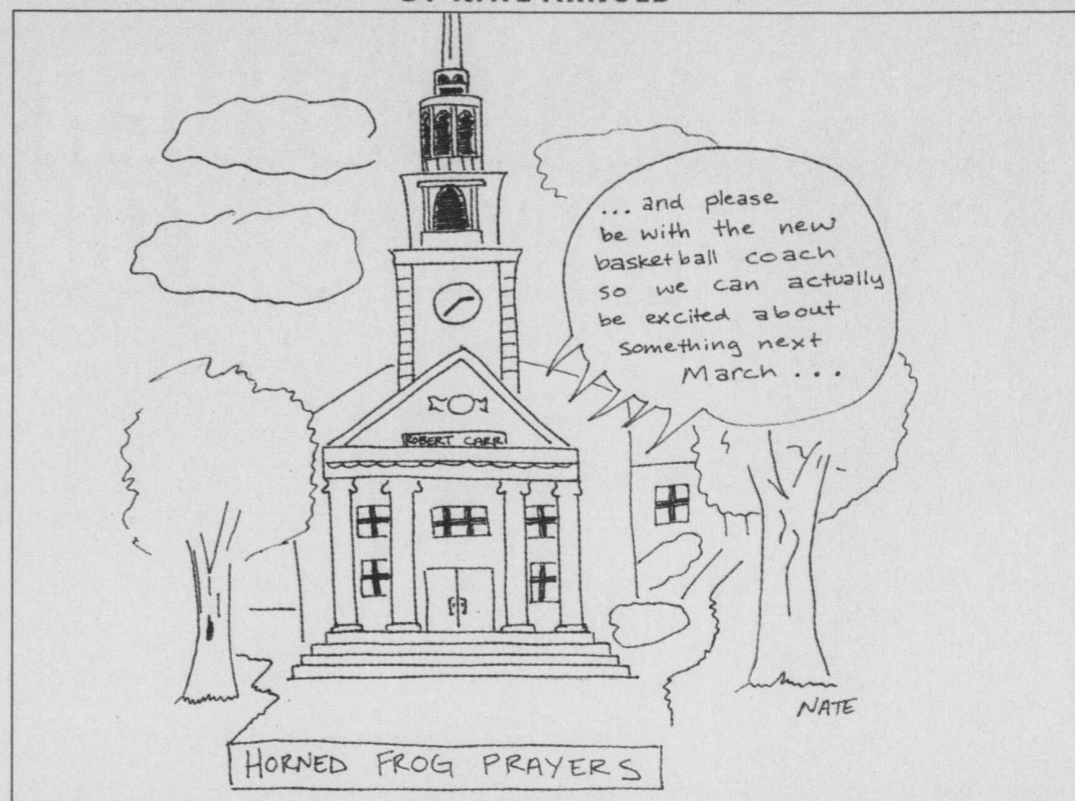
Programs such as Upward Bound offer federal funds for tutoring and resources for first-generation college students or those from low-income families. It's admirable that TCU is one of the universities that is participating in the program.

In addition to helping students who have few options receive a college education, TCU is doing its part to increase diversity.

The university has found a creative way to avoid a tragic national trend, while increasing ethnic and economic diversity on campus.

Web editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.

BY NATE ARNOLD



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Tattoos can be beautiful way to permanently express faith

Christian body art is becoming more common as people are representing their faith through permanent ink. I think it's beautiful, but I'm a bit biased.

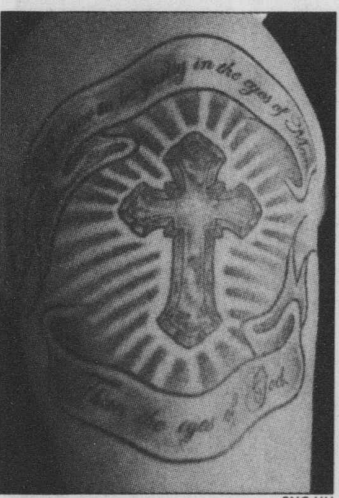
COMMENTARY



Alisha Carranza

Tattoos have been around forever. Dating back to thousands of years before Christ, people preserved bodies being discovered with body art. People would mark their bodies in celebration of God, making their bodies a walking testimony for their faith. Is it wrong to be a witness and testimony of faith in God?

Leviticus 19:26-31 mentions tattoos, and is usually where most Christians against body art get their



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argument. But after reading carefully, this passage is referring to a pagan funeral ritual where the pagans would mark their bodies to appeal to their false gods in order to gain favor.

God is warning the Jews not to follow the pagans in their worshipping of false gods. Christians today aren't getting tattoos in order to worship false gods; they are getting tattoos and worshipping one God. According to 1 Corinthians 6, we should treat our bodies like a temple, but the entire passage that phrase is in pertains to sexual immorality, not body art.

We see a person marking his body for God in Isaiah 44 and 49, and again in Galatians 6:17 and Revelation 19:16. All throughout the Bible we see people painting themselves in honor of God and their faith. This leads me to believe that it's not wrong.

Years ago I met a guy at work whose faith was astounding. He had the Christian fish tattooed on the inside of his wrist, and one day I asked him about it. Long ago, when Christians were being persecuted, they would draw an arch in the sand with your foot when they first met someone. If the other person were a Christian, he or she would also draw an arch in

the sand starting at the tip of one end going through the first arch, making the fish symbol.

My friend is a missionary, and he has traveled to some really risky places for Christians to go. Now, people have started putting tattoos on the inside of their wrists to identify that they are Christian instead of drawing a fish in the sand. When you shake a person's hand, you can see that he or she is a Christian and can be trusted. He got this tattoo on one of his first mission trips to symbolize his faith.

We've seen the t-shirts, the bumper stickers and other things advertising a person's faith. Christian body art is another thing to add to the list. It's another way to identify a fellow brother or sister in Christ. They didn't get that cross put on their body just because it looked cool, but as a symbol to show the rest of the world their faith.

Deciding to get a tattoo is ultimately a personal decision, and it should stay that way. And the motives for getting one should remain pure, not out of spite or rebellion. But, regardless of a person's motives for choosing to get 'inked,' it is not anyone else's place to judge that person.

Alisha Carranza is a junior English major from Rowlett.

Portions misleading to eaters

Not too long ago a friend and I opted to visit Subway to grab a quick, light lunch. The poster of Jared and his oversized pants greeted us at the counter where we placed our orders for the new "Fresh Fit" sandwiches and small drinks.

When the lady behind the counter placed a 21-ounce cup on the counter, I reminded her that I only ordered a small drink. She

smiled and said, "That is the small."

A study in the Journal of American Dietetics Association explains that the size of a fountain soda at McDonald's has increased from 7 ounces in 1955 to 16 ounces in 2002. This fact about McDonald's does not surprise me, but I was shocked to see this coming from the "healthy" fast food option. Because one serving of soda is 8 ounces, a small cup from Subway can hold almost three times that. If I had gotten a Coca-Cola, not my iced tea, then I would have added over 260 extra calories.

This is not the only time I have experienced portion distortion. While dining at Pei Wei with my brother, who is currently trying to lose weight, he exclaimed, "Aren't you proud of me! I only drank one Coke!" I had to break the bad news to

him that because his glass held 24 ounces, he actually drank 3 Cokes. Also, Pei Wei is famous for the great value of its menu items because you get so much food. For most entrees, one order actually comes with 2.5 servings.

Unfortunately, people tend to overeat, instead of taking extras home, when given larger portions. On campus I have noticed many items that are two to three or more times the size of a standard portion. For example, the bakery section of The Main houses cookies bigger than my face and muffins the size of a softball. A cookie 2.5 inches in diameter has 120 calories, so the TCU giants must contain at least 480 calories. And when the new Brown-Lupton University Union opens for business, students will need to be more conscientious of eating large servings in an all-you-can-eat environment.

A Penn State University study showed a correlation between portion size and amount of consumption by serving 6-, 8-, 10- or 12-inch sandwiches to both men and women on different days. When served the 12-inch sandwich, women consumed 31 percent more calories and men consumed 56 percent more calories than when served the 6-inch.

Similar studies for other foods have been conducted and produced similar results. To make matters worse, according to an ADA

article, ADA spokesman Keith Ayoob said, "This trend toward larger market-place portions parallels the rising rates of obesity in our country." He further explained that consumers needed to pay closer attention to how much of a food they are eating because larger portions do indeed mean more calories. Being overweight or obese can increase the risk of many chronic diseases and conditions, such as hypertension, osteoarthritis, high cholesterol, Type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, stroke, gallbladder disease, sleep apnea and some cancers. Although there are several helpful tools to help consumers learn about portion sizes and how to control overeating, such as MyPyramid.gov and CDC.gov, the trick is for people to actually use their resources and apply what they learned to their everyday lives. In fact, Subway is currently offering any 12-inch sub for \$5. You could practice good portion control by taking them up on the offer, eating 6 inches and saving the rest for tomorrow's lunch.

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Long-term situation in Iraq stagnant; time to bring troops home

Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, Tuesday offered a maddeningly familiar assessment of the war

EDITORIAL

Philadelphia Inquirer

to Congress: progress, yes, but no end in sight.

After spending \$25 billion or so to rebuild Iraq's army, those troops still aren't able to stand up so U.S. troops can stand down.

Sectarian violence still flares; Iraq's central government is corrupt and divided.

In congressional hearings, Petraeus encountered all three U.S. senators campaigning to become the

next commander in chief: Republican John McCain, a supporter of the war, and Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, both of whom pledge to end the war as quickly as possible. One will inherit President Bush's costly blunder.

But Petraeus offered the view that it's too soon to talk about bringing more soldiers home. He recommended a delay in further troop withdrawals, beyond those scheduled to occur in July.

That's just fine with McCain, who claims that "success is within reach" in Iraq. But McCain used Tues-

day's hearings to tone down his hawkish rhetoric that he would keep American troops there for 100 years, if necessary.

Now, McCain thinks it's possible that the United States could bring home its troops "perhaps sooner than many imagine."

Sooner than even McCain imagined a few weeks ago, when his 100-year comment drew widespread ridicule.

Petraeus has done an admirable job in an extremely difficult situation. The surge of troops that began in January 2007 has helped to reduce the number of

"After spending \$25 billion or so to rebuild Iraq's army, those troops still aren't able to stand up so U.S. troops can stand down."

attacks. But the long-range picture in Iraq is no less bleak.

It's understandable for a commander in the field to want the flexibility to send troops home only when conditions warrant it. But Petraeus couldn't explain Tuesday what those favorable conditions would be.

As Sen. Evan Bayh,

D-Ind., tried to paraphrase for the general: We'll know it when we see it, but we don't know when we'll see it. Unfortunately, President Bush has done a poor job of defining what it is.

The administration also hasn't explained what Americans have to gain from the further expense of troops' lives and tax dollars.

Bush is running out of time to ask for more time in Iraq. The administration should be setting a schedule to withdraw troops, subject to conditions on the ground. A stable government in Iraq looks increasingly like

an unachievable goal. U.S. troops shouldn't be kept in harm's way indefinitely in these circumstances.

Sen. Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del., offered perhaps the most useful analogy of the day. He pointed out that the success of the troop surge has lowered the violence in Iraq only to the same level it was in 2005. "We cannot tread water forever," Biden told Petraeus.

The next president can't wait for what may never happen to get U.S. forces out of these treacherous waters.

This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Wednesday.

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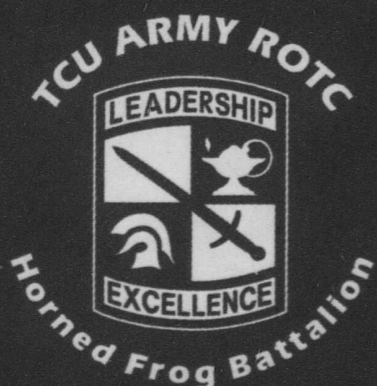
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More Latin American immigrants returning home to retire

By JUAN CARLOS CHAVEZ
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — They came to America with the idea of forging a better future and they did it.

Now, however, growing numbers of Latin American immigrants close to the age of retirement are choosing to return to their countries of origin, where their Social Security checks, private pensions and savings will stretch further.

One in 10 Hispanics between 40 and 74 is seriously considering returning to his or her homeland or another region of the Americas that offers better conditions for health care and living, according to a recent study.

The study by the AARP estimates that in the coming decade, three out of 10 Latinos living

in the U.S. will return to their homelands to retire.

"During the last 36 months the idea of retiring abroad has matured in me, and I have decided to return to Quito by the middle of this year," said Mario Ona, an Ecuadorian citizen who worked in Chicago and Florida for more than two decades before retiring recently.

"There it is possible to maintain the lifestyle that one is accustomed to, including medical coverage," said Ona, 63.

His retirement income will have more purchasing power in such countries as Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, Ecuador and Costa Rica, he said.

"It's interesting that other nations end up being more attractive for retirees," said Omar

Lizardo, an associate professor of sociology at Notre Dame University. "At the same time, the 'flagship' states that were considered by retirees as a sort of paradise, are now losing their luster, such as Florida and Southern California, where the cost of living has risen a great deal."

Currently, some 5.3 million Hispanics receive Social Security benefits. Of this number, more than 86,000 Hispanics naturalized in the United States are cashing their checks abroad through banking direct deposits.

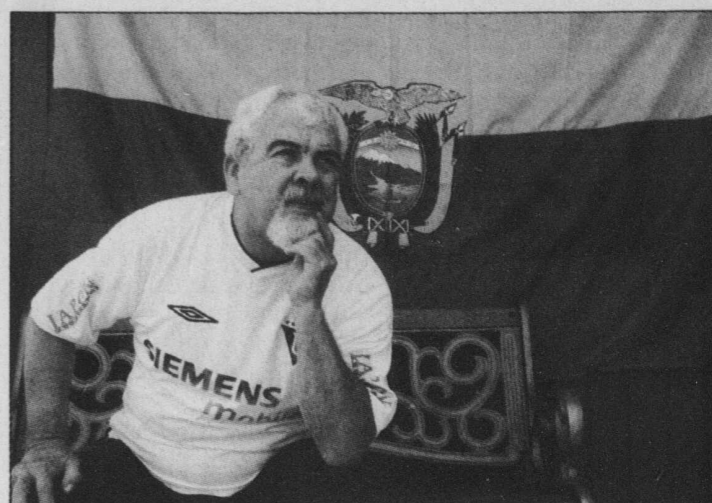
Social Security Administration statistics show that the number of retirees cashing their benefits and retirement checks abroad has risen dramatically — from 188,000 six years ago to more than 280,000 today.

"The theory of a 'salmon phenomenon' is being analyzed with great interest," said Maria Aysa, a Florida International University demographer. "In the case of Latinos, the shift reveals that people never completely cease to belong to their birthplace; that network and social capital favor the return home."

The reference is to salmon's pattern of returning to their birthplaces to spawn and die.

Teresa Amigo, who left her native Peru and has lived in Florida for more than 20 years, decided to invest a good portion of the money she earned from selling her Palmetto Bay home in the real estate market in Lima.

"It has been an investment that will guarantee a more



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Ecuadorian Mario de Oña, pictured March 28, is retiring to his native country after living 20 years in the United States.

comfortable retirement," said Amigo, 56. "Besides, there you have the convenience of hiring personalized health care, which is one of the most delicate topics when you talk about retiring. In the United States it wouldn't be so easy."

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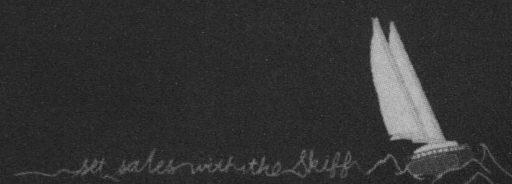
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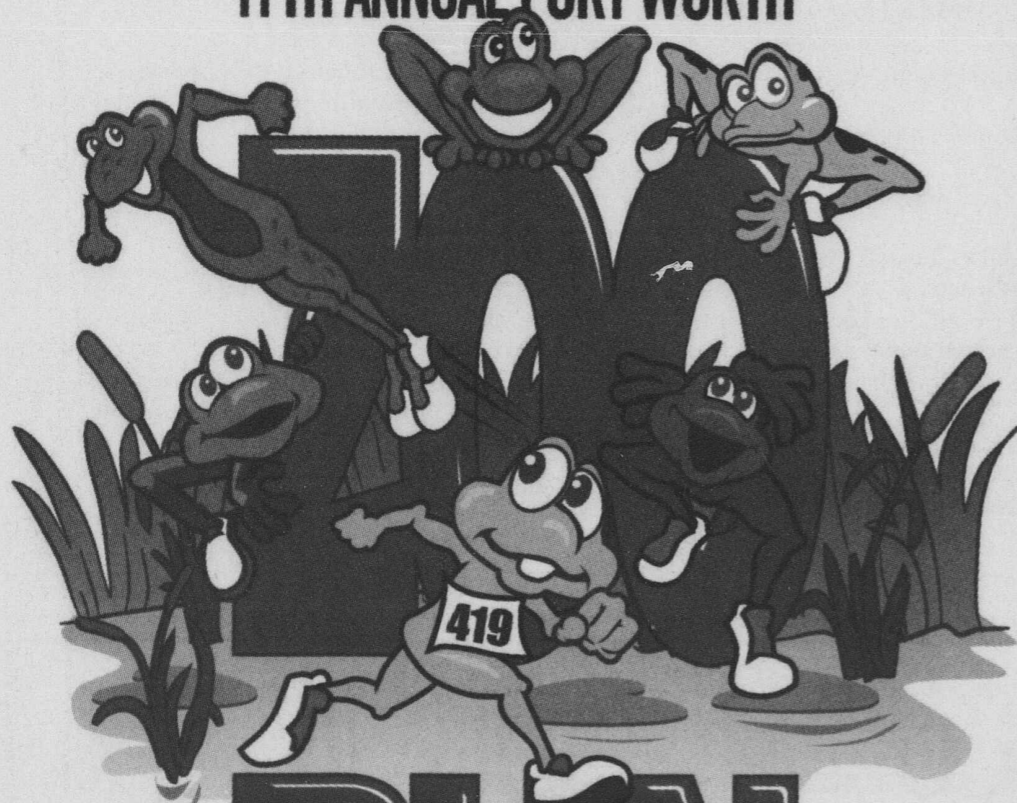


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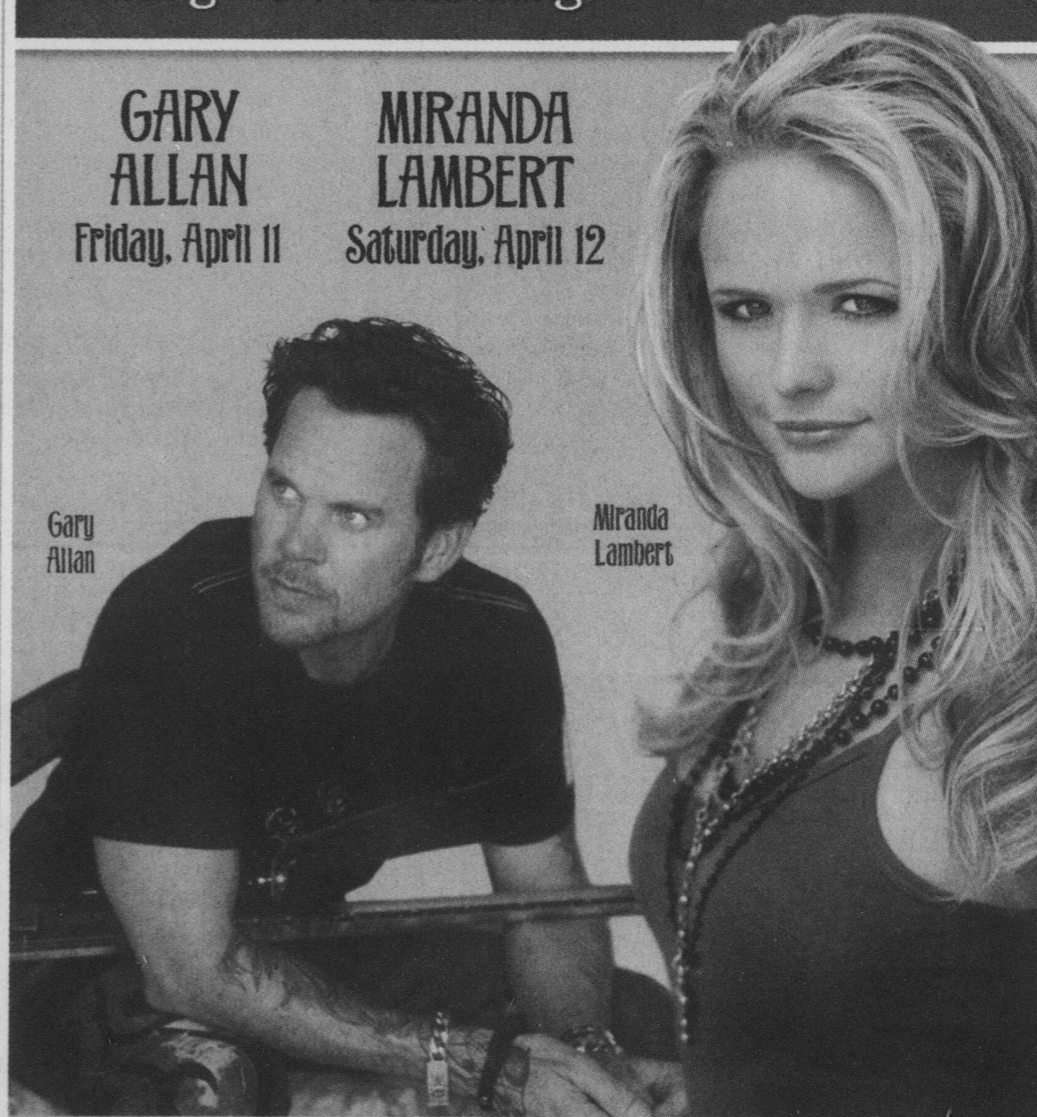
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House, Senate seek more Pell Grants in effort to curtail debt

By WHITNEY BLAIR WYCKOFF
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Brynna Malen, a 31-year-old single mother of two, was determined to finish college quickly when she enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee four years ago. She took a full course load every semester, including in the summer, while working as many as 40 hours a week at two different jobs to pay her bills.

"I lived on Red Bulls," Malen said of the energy drink. Between work, studying and caring for her children, she said she got two to four hours of sleep a night.

Attending summer school enabled Malen to finish her elementary education degree in January, two semesters early. But now she is saddled with about \$36,000 in student loan debt.

The House passed a bill in February that would allow college students to receive Pell Grants, or need-based financial aid, during the summer in addition to the normal school year. The Senate passed a similar bill last summer. Both bills would help students such as Malen.

The two chambers are now trying to mesh their versions of the legislation. The White House, while not threatening a veto, has said that eligibility for a Pell Grant should be restricted

to 16 semesters, rather than 18 semesters as the bill proposes, and has criticized other provisions in the House measure.

"My biggest debt is during the summer," said Valerie Kolen, another single parent who attends UW-Milwaukee.

Kolen, 26, said tuition is just part of the burden; she also pays for day care for her two children and had \$22,000 in debt from summer school alone.

The new legislation would not only help non-traditional students attend school, but it also would enable motivated students to graduate early, said Becky Timmons, an official with the American Council on Education. The maximum Pell Grant for the 2008-2009 school year is \$4,731, based on need and whether a student is attending school full or part time. The summer Pell Grant provision, if enacted, would allow eligible students to receive nearly double their maximum allotted grant for the year, a total of \$9,000.

The House bill also would create what its sponsor, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller, D-Calif., called the College Con-

sumer's Bill of Rights. As part of this, colleges would have to reveal any financial relationships they have with private lenders. The colleges would have to review higher education loans that students receive from private lenders and inform students whether they would first be eligible for federal funding.

"Additional disclosures are going to be a good thing for students," said Justin Draeger of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, adding that they could lead to more students taking advantage of federal aid, rather than resorting to more expensive private loans with commercial lenders.

Tonia Compton, president of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, said legislation that sheds light on the student loan industry would help students. Graduate and professional students are more likely to depend on private loans than are undergraduates, she said.

"We need (private lenders), but what we really need is better regulation of the loan industry," said Compton, a doctoral candidate at the Univer-

sity of Nebraska.

The legislation also tackles the dramatic increase in tuition costs, requiring that colleges that raise tuitions beyond the rate of inflation justify such increases. Those that raise tuition the most in each category of institutions, such as a community college or private non-profit university, would have to create a task force to figure out why the increases surpass other schools'. Information about tuition increases for these schools would be available on a government Web site.

One provision unique to the House legislation would penalize state legislatures that cut funding for public universities and colleges. The bill would withhold federal money for state need-based financial aid programs.

"We know that state cutbacks in higher education funding is one of the major causes of tuition increases in public schools," said Rachel Racusen, a spokeswoman for the House education panel.

The National Governors Association, however, said that this provision would make states less apt to approve major, or one-time, increases in higher education spending because they could be penalized if they approved lower state higher education spending the following year.

Jana Albrecht, director of financial aid at Illinois State University, said that a shorter federal aid application would make it easier for many students, including use of a new

two-page application for lower-income families.

"There are a lot of different things in here that are going to help families out," Albrecht said.



DAVID TROTMAN-WILKINS / Chicago Tribune via MCT
Sitting outside her home in Milwaukee, Brynna Malen, 31, a single mother of two, finished college with a teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Daily Skiff, Image, DailySkiff.com, staffers win press recognition

Image magazine and DailySkiff.com have been recognized as best publications by both the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) and the Society of Professional Journalists region that includes colleges in Texas and Oklahoma.

As first-place regional SPJ winners, the magazine and Web site are up for national honors against the other regional winners, and the national winners will be announced in mid-May.

In all, the publications' staffs have won 13 awards, and 26 individual student journalists have won or shared in 43 awards in individual categories.

Individual award winners are listed by name, organization and award:

- James Brown, SPJ, third place, general news reporting
- Cortney Strube, SPJ, second place, magazine non-fiction article; TIPA, third place, news-feature story
- Tim Bella, SPJ, third place, magazine non-fiction article and second place, online sports reporting; TIPA, honorable mention, sports column
- Ronald Villegas, TIPA, first place and second place, magazine general news photo and first place, ad design; SPJ, second place, general news photography and second place, photo illustration;
- Christina Durano, SPJ, second place, television feature
- Megan Mowery, second place, SPJ, online news reporting
- Bailey Shiffler, SPJ, third place, online news reporting; TIPA, third place, best breaking news online
- Ana Bak, Michael Bou-Nacklie and Tim Bella, SPJ, first place, online sports reporting
- Marcus Murphree, TIPA, honorable mention,

critical review

- Lindsey Bever, TIPA, first place, general newspaper column
- Christina Ruffini, TIPA, third place, general newspaper column
- Andrew Chavez and Paul Sanders, TIPA, first place, best Web site interactivity
- Ana Bak, Tim Bella, TIPA, second place, best use of multimedia online
- Ky Lewis, TIPA, first place, overall magazine design and magazine cover design
- Michael Bou-Nacklie, TIPA, first place, magazine feature photo; second place, newspaper news photo and third place, newspaper feature photo
- Ky Lewis and Ronald Villegas, TIPA, second place, magazine illustration
- Kathleen Thurber, TIPA, first place, column/essay; honorable mention, picture story
- Ky Lewis, Sarah Cox, Darren White, TIPA, first place, magazine picture story
- Michelle Thomas, TIPA, first place, magazine feature story
- Ky Lewis, Cortney Strube, Ronald Villegas, TIPA, honorable mention, magazine story package
- Camila Andres, TIPA, first place, opinion page design and honorable mention, page one design
- Laura Flores, TIPA, honorable mention, feature page design
- Marissa Walker, Keely Doering, TIPA, first place, photo illustration
- Lana Blocker, TIPA, honorable mention, editorial cartoon

- Keely Doering, TIPA, first place, single subject presentation and honorable mention, information graphic
- Andrew Chavez, TIPA, first place, sports feature story; third place, editorial and honorable mention, sports action photo
- Julieta Chiquillo, TIPA, third place place, on-site Spanish news reporting
- Valerie Hannon, TIPA, honorable mention, on-site news reporting

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 - TIPA, sweepstakes award
 - TIPA, first place, overall excellence
- DailySkiff.com:
 - SPJ, first place, best affiliated Web site
 - TIPA, first place, best affiliated Web site
- TCU Daily Skiff:
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 - TIPA, second place, best of show
 - TIPA, third place, overall excellence
 - TIPA, first place, best special section/issue
 - TIPA, third place, editorial
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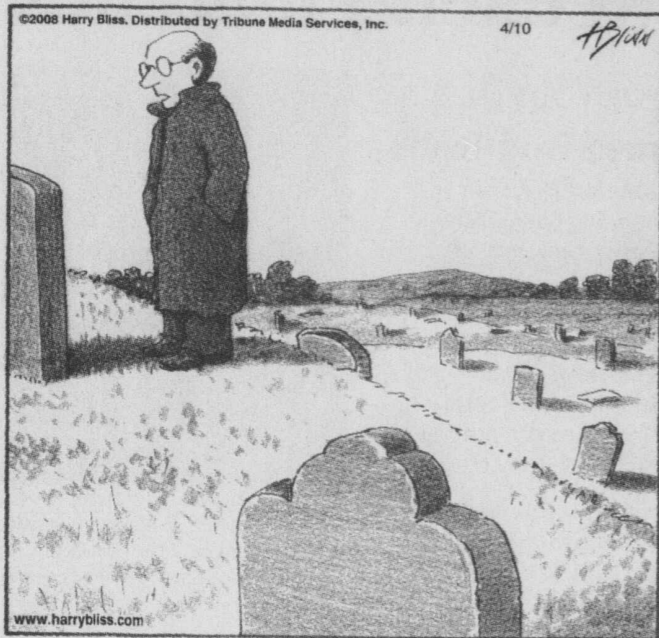
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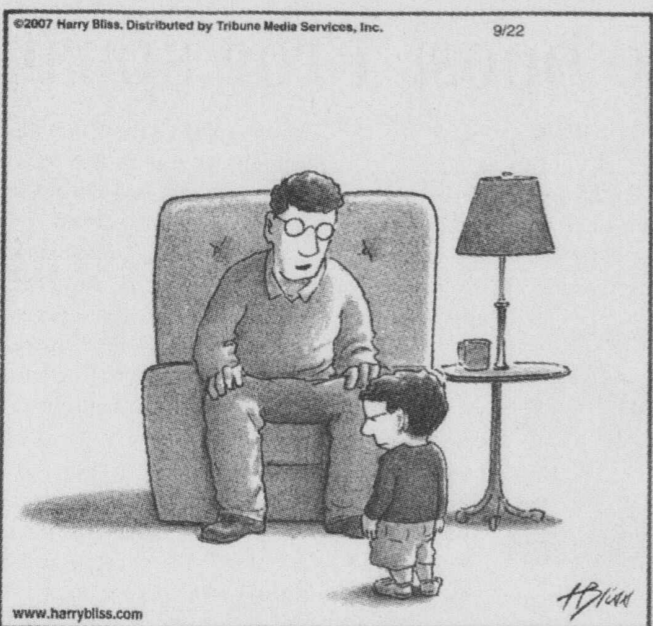
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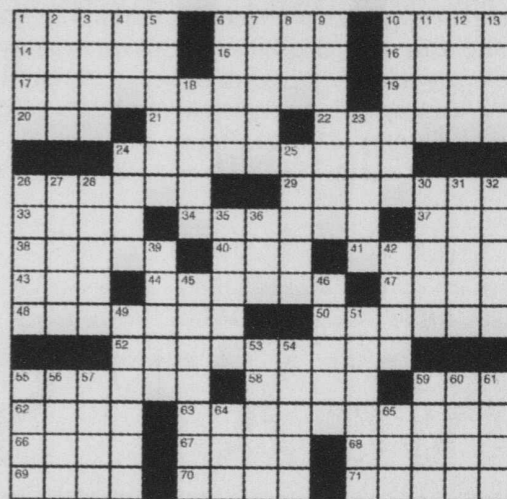
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By Alan P. Oleschwang
Huntington Beach, CA 4/10/08

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MEN'S TENNIS

Undefeated conference season hinges on weekend matches

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The men's tennis team will attempt to set two season milestones when it faces three Mountain West opponents over the next three days in Provo, Utah.

TCU (16-5, 3-0) is undefeated and ranked No. 31 in the Mountain West and tied for first place with its 3-0 record. If the Horned Frogs sweep their regular season conference-ending series against the University of Utah, San Diego State and the Univer-

sity of New Mexico, they will have finished as undefeated regular-season conference champions.

The Utes (12-11, 2-4) are first up for the Horned Frogs today. Last season, in TCU's conference-opening game, the Horned Frogs beat the Utes 5-2.

Junior Kriegler Brink fell to junior Ute Wes Hancock 7-6 (8-6), 6-3 and senior Ute Othman Zerouali-Quariti defeated TCU's Andrew Ulrich 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

San Diego State University

was one of two conference teams the Horned Frogs lost to last season. The Aztecs dropped the Horned Frogs 4-3, in TCU's first conference loss of the 2007 season.

SDSU (12-8, 1-2 MWC) is next up for the Horned Frogs. The Aztecs are losers of their last two games, falling to Utah and New Mexico, both by a score of 5-2.

TCU closes out its three-day series against New Mexico (16-6, 3-0), which is tied with the Horned Frogs for the conference lead. TCU took the

contest last year 4-2.

Both teams have three conference games over the next three days, which will finish their regular-conference seasons.

New Mexico, in addition to TCU, will face the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Brigham Young University.

TCU beat UNLV earlier in the season 5-2 and BYU 6-1.

Following its three-game series, the TCU tennis team will face crosstown rival SMU before the conference championships.

FOR YOUR INFO

Horned Frog Tennis

Opponents: University of Utah, San Diego State, University, University of New Mexico

When: 2:30 today, 11 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday

Where: Provo, Utah

Stakes: The tennis team is tied for the conference and faces co-No.1. New Mexico

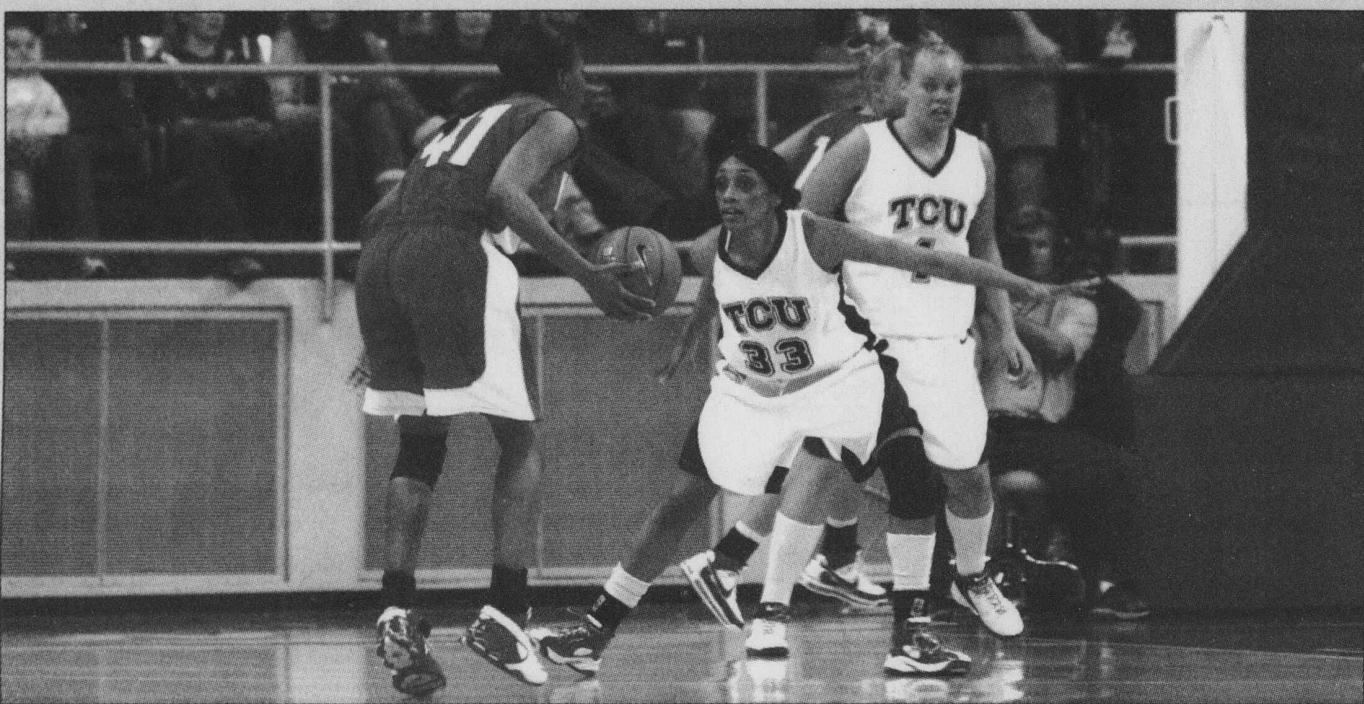


ROBERT BEMBER / Staff Reporter
Freshman Zach Nichols returns a shot against Columbia. The team heads to Utah for a three-game conference series.

Last year it fell in the semifinals of the championship 4-0 to UNLV.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NEXT STEP



MARCUS MURPHREE / Multimedia Editor
Senior guard Adrienne Ross lines up against New Mexico forward Brandi Kimble in a game last February. Ross was not selected by a team during the 2008 WNBA Draft, however, she said she will try and find a spot on a team as a free agent. She leaves TCU as the all-time leader in steals and games played.

Former guard seeks new route to WNBA

By BRETT LARSON
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Former TCU guard Adrienne Ross was not selected in Wednesday's WNBA draft, but will attend club tryouts in an attempt to join a league roster.

Ross, who recently participated in the WNBA's Pre-Draft Camp, said she is still fighting to make a team, and her agent is taking calls from interested personnel.

The next step for Ross is to evaluate team rosters and decide which camps she wants to attend.

"You go to the camps and compete for playing time or a spot on the roster," she said. "You've got people playing to be there and people playing to stay there."

Ross said she is uncertain which teams she will attend camps with, but said she, her agent and TCU head coach Jeff Mittie have been going over possibilities.

Ross' agent Jeanne McNulty-King said she hopes to hear from teams as early as today regarding camp invitations, but said they have until April 20.

McNulty-King said Ross, as a non-draft rookie, becomes a standard free agent. If Ross is signed she will receive a rookie minimum one-year contract, McNulty-King said, which is the usual length for most players.

The WNBA recently updated its Collective Bargaining Agreement. McNulty-King said the updates dealt mostly with slight increases of minimum salary

and would have little effect on Ross' contract.

Entering selection day, Ross said she knew it was a loaded draft, and great players were going to be left off.

"I had the feeling that I had to be optimistic, but there are so many good players," Ross said later.

Ross said she sat with teammates in front of a TV and waited for her name to appear, an experience she said the group has gone through before.

"You want to see your name pop up," she said. "It's not that different from Selection Monday for the tournament."

Ross said Mittie thought it would be a better idea for her to enter the league via the free agent route.

"The only difference now is I'm not just being picked. I get some say as to where I go," she said.

Had she been chosen, Ross would have been the Lady Frogs' second player drafted by the WNBA, joining her friend and TCU director of basketball operations Sandora Irvin, the No. 3 pick in 2005.

Her path to professional basketball might not be completely limited to the WNBA. Ross said WNBA players often play overseas in the off-season, and said it is definitely a possibility down the road, but for now she is concentrating on the WNBA.

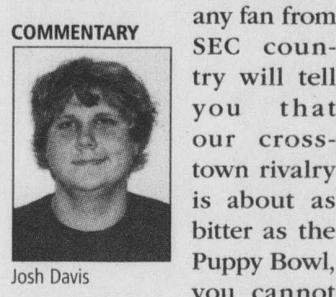
"It'd be out of my character to back down from a challenge," she said.

COMMENTARY

New rivalry needed to boost Frog spirit

By JOSH DAVIS
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Tonight the lacrosse team continues our "rivalry" with the SMU Mustangs from the preppy side of town. While



Josh Davis

any fan from SEC country will tell you that our crosstown rivalry is about as bitter as the Puppy Bowl, you cannot log in to Facebook without clicking "Maybe Attending."

What we need is a Joker for our Batman — a grudge for a new era.

First off, we have to determine what creates strong disdain for an opponent. It has to be a team we play often, preferably a conference foe. It has to be competitive with us in more than one sport, but football is key. The team has to be close enough for TCU students to reasonably travel to games. Sorry, San Diego State, but you're just not convenient way out west in Southern California.

In a perfect world, we would be their top competition.

Looking at the contenders, immediately I'd look to Brigham Young University. It has good, 28-year-old-freshmen-led squads that are a frequent thorn in our side in just about everything, it is another religious university and the inherent D/FW hatred of the place for sending us Shawn Bradley for the better part of a decade makes it seem like it's all there. Unfortunately, it happens to already have a much better-fitting rival with the

University of Utah, which also happens to be in the MWC and has been sparring with the Cougars since 1895.

So if we don't look west, how about north? Air Force is tough to hate on account of the whole "defending our freedom" thing, but Colorado State University might not be bad. The only problem with the Rams is they kind of suck at, well, pretty much every sport. Maybe they can beat the Horned Frogs at skiing, but rivalries are not made on the slopes, at least not in Texas.

There could be an argument for the University of Wyoming, but you know what is interesting about the state of Wyoming?

Yeah. Neither does anyone else.

We're left with the University of New Mexico and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I know Vegas is the party choice, but the 2007 NBA All-Star game proved athletes can sometimes get a little out of hand in Sin City.

That leaves the New Mexico Lobos. Similar records in football and baseball, better than us at men's basketball (not for long) and a decent women's team. The current rivalry with New Mexico State isn't hard to supplant and Albuquerque is close enough to get to on a Southwest flight (and it's surprisingly fun, believe it or not). And just try to say "Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta" without smiling.

So all Horned Frog fans need to do now is learn to dislike the Lobos. Once the hatred seed is planted, nurture it and let it grow.

PRO HOCKEY

Stars' playoff foe headed by trophy-winning goalie

By DAN WOOD
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ANAHEIM, Calif. — For the first time since he burst upon the Stanley Cup playoff scene with a spellbinding Conn Smythe Trophy-winning performance as most valuable player in 2003, all systems are go for Ducks goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere entering an NHL postseason.

Unlike when a groin injury alternately kept him out and hampered him during the 2006 playoffs, and a year ago, when he and his wife, Kristen, endured the trauma of their infant son having been born with an eye deformity, Giguere is healthy physically and emotionally entering Thursday's opening game of a first-round series against the Dallas Stars

at Honda Center.

He also just happens to be coming off perhaps the finest regular season of his career, one that included his setting franchise records with a 2.12 goals-against average and .9224 save percentage.

Any conversation about the Vezina Trophy, which annually goes to the NHL's top goalie, certainly should include Giguere.

"Yeah, everything is good right now — knock on wood," Giguere said after Tuesday's practice at Anaheim Ice. "It's a good feeling."

The remarkable calm and focus that Giguere displayed while leading the Ducks to Game 7 of the 2003 Stanley Cup Finals were in evidence again during last season's

playoff run, which ended with Giguere and his teammates celebrating a championship. Next to three-time Cup winner Martin Brodeur of the New Jersey Devils, Giguere has to rank as the game's top money goalie.

"That's not new. He established that before I got here," said Brian Burke, who took over as Ducks general manager in 2005. "The way he steps up his game in the playoffs is one of our greatest strengths. He loves this time of year."

Along with Brodeur, Dominik Hasek of the Detroit Red Wings and the late Turk Broda, who completed a 14-season career with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1952, Giguere belongs to an exclu-

sive club of NHL goalies with more than 30 playoff victories and a goals-against average of less than 2. Giguere's postseason pedigree of 31-13, 1.96 and a .929 save percentage was the biggest reason the Ducks re-signed him to a four-year, \$24 million deal after last season.

"Any time you give a guy a big contract, there's a risk," Burke said. "You want to see a return on that. With Jiggy, it's only the first year, but he earned every penny we paid him this year."

The bigger test, of course, is about to come.

"I've worked hard all year," Giguere said. "I know my preparation is good. Right now, I'm ready for Game 1. We'll see what happens after."



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Dallas Stars center Mike Ribeiro, 63, assists left wing Brenden Morrow, 10, on a play where Morrow scored against Anaheim Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere, 35, during the first period in Dallas in 2007.