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## Act lessens federal loan funds, ups money for grants

By PATTY ESPINOSA  
Staff Reporter

Students using College Loan Corp. and Sallie Mae as lenders for federal loans will not experience significant problems following the changes the two corporations have made because of subsidies cut from the market, a financial aid officer said.

Federal student loan corporations are either cutting back or quitting loan programs because of congressional actions in September 2007.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act was renewed and signed by President Bush on Sept. 27, according to the

White House Web site. It states that Congress will cut money from the federal loan market to increase money going toward direct-lending programs and grant student aid.

In an e-mail statement, Joanna Acocella, the chief communications officer of College Loan Corp., said Tuesday that

it will stop providing Federal Family Education Loans on March 1 because the new law has made it difficult for "mid-sized" corporations like College Loan Corp. to continue to provide federal loans to students. College Loan Corp. will continue disbursements to students currently using College

Loan Corp. federal loans. There are plenty of other lenders available through TCU and the financial aid office is already working closely with College Loan Corp. users to find the right lender, said Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid. Another issue at the heart of

all of this is political struggle, Scott said. He said Democratic leaders prefer direct-lending programs. However, the congressional changes made toward direct-lending programs helped increase grant student aid by \$20 billion, said Melissa Wag- See **AID**, page 2

## NO BAD BLOOD HERE



Amy Essary, a sophomore early childhood education major, lets a phlebotomist from Carter BloodCare draw blood during a drive Tuesday afternoon in Samuelson Hall.

## Administrators say on-campus tavern not a likely option

By VALERIE J. HANNON  
Staff Reporter

On a typical weekday, The University Pub sees a handful of students. On the weekends, starting Thursday night, bartender Raoul Herrera said it can be a different story.

The bar can become so crowded that there have to be doormen at both ends of the building. Many of its clientele are TCU students, Herrera said.

Meanwhile, on campus on a typical weeknight, the Peer Discipline Board, a group of student volunteers, hear about two or three cases from students appealing alcohol violations.

Audrey Burkhart, a freshman musical theater major and a board member, said the cases can range from students having alcohol in their rooms to being in a car on a TCU parking lot where alcohol is being consumed. Most of the cases take place in the dorms. That is why Burkhart said she doubts having an on-campus pub, like the one recommended by a task force at neighboring Southern Methodist University would go over well with TCU students. "Nobody would feel comfortable," Burkhart said. "They might feel like they are being See **PUB**, page 2

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT New resolution creates student feedback day

By DAVID HALL  
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association's House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday supporting the establishment of a day for students to voice their opinions on how to change TCU for the better.

Improve TCU Day will be March 5, said Student Relations Committee chair Justin Brown, who introduced the resolution.

Brown said bulletin boards will be set up in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge, Sadler Mall and outside of the Mary Coats Burnett Library. Students will write down ways in which they would improve TCU on a card and attach them to a

bulletin board, and SGA representatives will collect the cards at the end of the day. Brown said SGA members and interested faculty and staff will be encouraged to wear birthday party hats on Improve TCU Day, but the event won't be specifically limited to SGA. Any campus organization with the resources to help students should participate, Brown said. "Now students can see that these are the people they need to talk to if they have issues," he said. Brown said the costs will be slightly more than \$100, and the event will yield a lot more benefits for the university. Thomas Pressly, SGA presi- See **TCU**, page 2

## Career Expo provides networking, tentative job opportunities

By CHARLES RICE  
Staff Reporter

With a record number of companies and internships available, the University Career Services' Career Expo looks to trump those before it.

Career Services has more than 100 companies coming to the expo Wednesday. Among

them will be returning companies such as Accenture, Aldi Inc., American Airlines, Dillard's Inc. and JCPenney. Companies such as VHA Inc., GolinHarris and Hedgematrix LLC will make their debut, said Kimshi Hickman, interim director of the Alcon Career Center at TCU.

Hickman said the expo is

a good opportunity for students to learn about the companies and see what jobs are available, whether they are internships, part-time jobs or full-time jobs.

More than 50 percent of the companies at the expo will offer paid internships, Hickman said. This number has

been increasing with each expo and is something Hickman said she is excited about.

The Career Expo is a good networking tool not only in the Dallas/Fort Worth area but also across the U.S. as well, said Nicole Kinworthy, recruitment coordinator for Career Services.

Scott Huska, vice president of

Aldi's Texas and southern Oklahoma division, said students have represented the university well in past Career Expos.

"The students at TCU are among the best prepared and best qualified students out of the college campuses we visit," Huska said.

Aldi isn't the only company

pleased with TCU students. Fifty-eight percent of students See **CAREER**, page 2

**FOR YOUR INFO**  
**Career Expo**  
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**WEATHER**  
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**PECULIAR FACT**  
BREMERTON, Wash. — A woman was arrested for allegedly dropping an envelope containing money and a bag of methamphetamine into an ATM deposit.  
— Associated Press

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monitored." The on-campus pub for students was among 30 recommendations by an SMU task force created as a response to drug and alcohol problems, said Patti LaSalle, SMU associate vice president for public affairs.

Made of students, faculty, staff and one trustee, the task force made the recommendations and gave it to SMU President R. Gerald Turner, LaSalle said. Other recommendations included more Friday classes and amnesty for students who seek medical help for their

friends, but the on-campus pub has received the most attention.

LaSalle said an on-campus pub would provide a controlled, monitored environment for student activities.

"It's a place to keep them safer while giving them a place where they can exercise responsible behavior," LaSalle said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said a pub would be highly unlikely on the TCU campus anytime soon.

"When two-thirds of our students are underage, opening a pub on campus would be irresponsible," Mills said.

Mills said the real challenge for TCU is to find students that drink abusively and respond to their risk.

According to the TCU Fact Book, the average annual number of on-campus liquor law violations from 2004 to 2006 was 349.

"In all honesty, I think this is an area where all colleges are struggling, including TCU," Mills said.

LaSalle said other colleges around the nation have on-campus pubs, including nearby Austin College in Sherman and Rice University in Houston.

LaSalle said on-campus areas that serve alcohol are not

unusual, and the administration would determine whether it was right for SMU.

Student Government Association president Thomas Pressly agreed with Mills that it did not make sense to have a pub on campus because so many students were not of drinking age. He said if students really wanted to make a difference, they should let the politicians they vote for know they want the drinking age to be lowered back to 18.

SGA vice president Brett Major said nation-wide trends in binge drinking and drunken driving were decreasing, but things can always get better. "We can keep the trend

going in the right direction," Major said.

Major said SGA has been working to create a "Safe Rides" program at TCU to reduce drunken driving. SGA, along with the administration, is considering options such as a shuttle downtown or circulating campus or a private taxi service licensed by the school, Major said, but the program still required many logistical considerations and may therefore be years away.

While at SMU, LaSalle said Turner assigned each of the recommendations to the vice president in charge of determining the respective considerations. For example, the

vice president of business and finance will decide how the pub will be paid for. The vice presidents will give their report to Turner on April 15, who will make the final decision regarding which recommendations will be approved at the end of the semester.

Pressly said it was important for TCU to ultimately make decisions based on its own needs.

"What's right for SMU is not necessarily what's right at TCU," Pressly said. "I think TCU would have to do its own study to find out what's right for our campus and our school."

**TCU**

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dent, said he thinks Improve TCU Day is a great idea.

"Some of the best ideas that SGA has gone forth with haven't been ones that student representatives have come up with, but what TCU students have come up with," Pressly said.

The House also unanimously passed a bill allowing \$500 worth of funds to be used toward sending the TCU Music Educators Organization to the Texas Music Educators Association Convention.

Fine Arts representative Myra Mills spoke in favor of the funding.

She cited the large number of students attending this year's TMEA convention as the reason that the Music Educators Organization is seeking the additional funding.

**AID**

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oner, spokesperson for Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.

Kennedy, chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, sponsored the bill when it was enacted in September 2007.

It is the biggest federal increase in financial aid since the G.I. Bill was enacted in 1944, Wagoner said.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act cut subsidies on the Federal Family Education Loan Program by 0.55 percent for for-profit lenders, and 0.35 percent for non-profit lenders to reallocate funds for the direct-lending programs and grant aid, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

College Loan Corp. is only

the first example of many lenders that will eventually experience the consequences of the political struggle, Scott said.

Sallie Mae, the nation's leading lender of educational funding, is now more selective about the educational loans it will make, according to the Chronicle.

Students with "at-risk credit" who attend colleges with low graduation rates are likely to be denied a private loan, according to the Chronicle.

"The problem is it looks good on paper, but the end result is not as beneficial as Congress had anticipated," Scott said.

Most lenders are not experiencing any problems right now, but eventually more lenders will experience cuts in their programs, and access to private student loans will become an issue, Scott said.

**CAREER**

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walked away with interviews from last semester's career fair, and 314 interviews were set up after the expo by companies, Hickman said.

The Career Expo is from

4 to 7 p.m. in the University Recreation Center, said Mary Kathleen Baldwin, assistant director of University Career Services. Baldwin said the best way for students to be prepared for the expo is to have their resumes ready and research the companies they would like to meet with.

**CORRECTION**

Lisa Albert is a communications specialist. Her job title was incorrect in a story Tuesday about the collapse of an expansion to Amon Carter Stadium.

**PAY PROBLEMS**

Translating Knowledge into Action



**Neeley** SCHOOL OF BUSINESS TCU

MICHELLE ANDERSON / Staff Reporter

Joanne Green, from the TCU Institute on Women and Gender, speaks during a presentation about the pay gap between men and women in the workplace. She is one of the speakers in a Neeley symposium titled "Negotiating the Gendered Workplace: The Facts, The Communication, The Salary." The next gender speaker will be Feb. 19.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."  
— Eleanor Roosevelt

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Political bullying damages mid-sized lenders**

A political struggle may end in a struggle students must bear.

A Congressional move last September is leaving mid-sized college lending companies scrambling.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, attributes the move to a Democratic leadership preference for direct-lending programs.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which actually looks commendable at first, has reallocated funds from the federal loan market to increase money going toward direct-lending programs and grant student aid. Now, the grant student aid budget is \$20 billion.

Although this action looks like it would be helping students, it was taken in haste.

Because of the cutback in federal loans, however, mid-sized loan companies are having to cancel or adjust their federal loan programs, leaving their clients in limbo.

College Loan Corp. will stop providing Federal Family Education Loans in March, and Sallie

Mae, the nation's leading lender of educational funding, is now likely to deny loans to students with "at risk credit" who attend colleges with low graduation rates.

The mid-sized companies are particularly affected because they do not have enough resources to be able to survive under the new law.

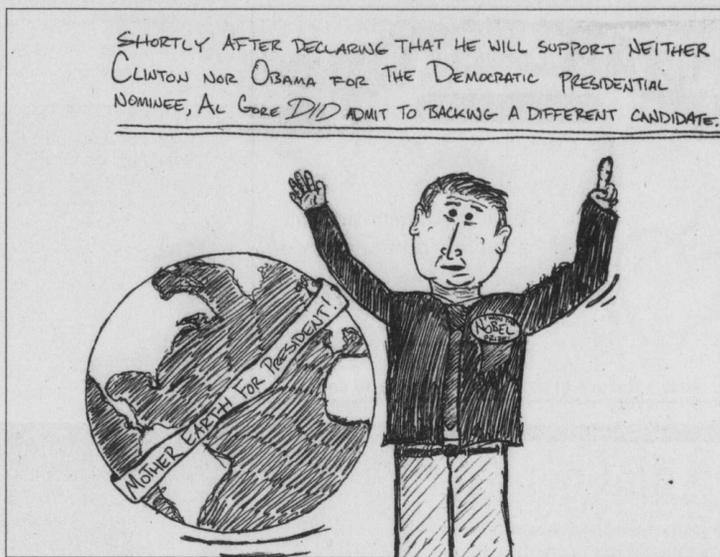
On the bright side, the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid is working closely with the students who have loans from College Loan Corp. to find alternative lenders, and most lenders have not been negatively affected.

But he also said College Loan Corp. is only the first example of many lenders that will experience consequences of this new act, and access to private student loans will become an issue.

The government needs to get over its partisan struggles and take deeper consideration into the consequences of a new legislation before implementing it.

*News editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.*

BY JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



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**Women should be selves, not worry what men think**

"To be able to paint their nails and break them too; to embrace whatever it might be that makes them girls in a way that will sustain rather than constrain them," writes Peggy Orenstein, is the hope of any mother, including herself.

**COMMENTARY**



*Marissa Warmis*

Orenstein's article "Girls will be Girls" ran in Sunday's New York Times online. She begins by saying that Hillary Clinton isn't the only woman trying to find the perfect blend of feminism and femininity.

Even the mothers who don't support Clinton, Orenstein says, feel her conflict.

At the end of the day, every girl dreams of being a man's perfect woman. We want to please them, but we aren't sure where to draw the line. We have to be tough and like sports and cars, but we also have to be caring, sweet and feminine.

"To be able to paint their nails and break them too," describes our feelings as women perfectly.

Sometimes women wonder how tough they should be in front men. We don't want to intimidate them, but we also don't want them to think we are frail and insecure.

We have to be independent, but not too independent, strong but not too strong.

"Perhaps the shift from purchasing power to purchase empowerment was inevitable: once marriage and motherhood ceased to be the bulwarks of female identity, what remained to distinguish us from men beyond our God-given ability to accessorize?" Orenstein writes.

We have to laugh, but we also see the extreme truth in what she says. Fifty years ago, women

were around to marry and carry children for men. I can say times have changed with confidence.

Today women are empowered — we are independent and we aren't afraid to step on a man's shoes in the corporate world.

Although discrimination will never end completely, most companies have codes of ethics that don't allow women to be treated differently or to be any less apt to get a promotion.

At any rate, women are unique creatures made by God that men will never understand. Instead of following instructions that tell us how to dress, how to walk and what to say or not to say in order to impress a man, we should embrace our differences and femininity.

Do what feels good to you and if a man doesn't agree, I promise there is one out there that will accept you for your true self, not one that you made up from reading a magazine article on what men want.

Try this — instead of reading books and magazines to unveil secrets about our womanhood, let's join together and each write our own book, that way we can choose for to be type of woman we want.

*Marissa Warmis is a senior advertising/public relations major from Irving.*

**Fort Worth's dog-chain ban step toward educating owners**

The City Council of Fort Worth went one step farther than the Texas state legislature and banned chaining dogs in front and back yards.

**COMMENTARY**



*Victoria Barth*

Last summer, Texas House Bill 1411 was passed, making it a misdemeanor or offense to chain a dog overnight, in extreme weather conditions or for longer than three consecutive hours.

They are serious about it, too. A fine of up to \$500 comes with a first-time conviction, and jail time is possible for a second conviction.

In Fort Worth, Animal Care and Control officers intend to work with pet owners to educate them on the new ordinance and plan to suggest to pet owners more humane restraining options before issuing up to a \$2,000 fine. The first time I heard of this new ordinance, I was sort of surprised.

Growing up in Fort Worth, I have seen many people tether their dogs out front — and out back, if the dog were the type to get out of the yard. We considered it a sort of low-budget security system. I even tried it once, thinking my Weimaraner Savvy would like sitting

out in the yard, watching the world go by. But Savvy was too rambunctious and kept pulling the stake out of the ground and bringing it to me.

When I first heard about this tough new law for dogs, I felt like someone was taking away pet owners' right to let their dogs have options like hanging out in the yard. I didn't even consider that some knuckleheads leave their dogs out there for long periods of time, often showing signs of starvation, dehydration or other signs of neglect.

I was unaware of the practice of some drug dealers, for instance, who use the dog out front as an early warning system in order to flush the evidence before the cops make it to the front door.

I was also unaware of the 20-year study on dog bites, with a special focus on fatal bites, conducted by

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control, which documented that tethering a dog brings out and increases aggressive behavior in animals. Dogs that are chained are almost three times more likely to bite people, according to this study.

I know you've heard of tragedies where dogs attack children, killing or maiming them. I can hardly think about the aggressive breeds that tend to attack even when unprovoked.

Fort Worth wants to work with pet owners whose dogs don't pose immediate threats to people or animals, and there are limited exceptions to the no-chain rule.

And if you had walked past Savvy chained up in my yard, the worst you could have expected was to be licked. A lot.

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

**CORRECTION**

Genny Hurst is a reverend at Brite Divinity School and the Rev. Deanna Langle is a graduate student at Brite Divinity School. In a letter to the editor Tuesday, Genny Hurst and Deanna Langle's titles were incorrect.

**CLARIFICATION**

A column Tuesday, "Music industry selling out by overpricing concert tickets," said Tom Petty concert tickets started at \$96. That was the price Saturday night when the columnist saw the price, and the prices have decreased since.

**Going green with tea could provide numerous health benefits**

Going green. It's one of the hottest trends of 2008.

Recently, tips for going green on everything from cleaning supplies to fuel have sprouted up like rye grass, and not without need. I am 100 percent supportive of protecting Earth. But I want to talk about something green that's more than just a trend and has actually been around for centuries.

Green tea is not just a soothing beverage to complete a delicious sushi meal. Greentealovers.com reports

that green tea is ranked as a leading health-giving substance in Chinese medicine, and has been scientifically shown to have an effect on health conditions such as heart health, hypertension, circulation, cholesterol, diabetes, the brain, strokes, the liver, the kidneys, the bowels and the skin. It also contains antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiviral and antibacterial qualities.

Nadine Taylor, author of Green Tea, explained the power of antioxidants in the "Tea and Health" section of Greentea.com. She defines antioxidants as substances found in certain foods that fight against the damaging effects, such as cancer and

heart disease, caused by free radicals in the body.

Tea contains one of the most powerful antioxidants, called catechins. Taylor further explains that catechins can fight cancer before it starts, slow its progression and slow the growth of tumors. The Journal of the American Dietetic Association states that the catechins in green tea can also reduce the risk of coronary artery disease and gastric and esophageal cancer.

Studies suggest drinking three to 10 cups of green tea a day to experience the health benefits. Green tea's rise in popularity and availability make it easy to incorporate its goodness into your

everyday routine.

Grocery store shelves are stocked with several varieties of green tea, including many enticing flavors. I enjoy the Celestial Seasonings variety pack, which allows me to experiment with different tastes and combinations.

Lipton and Nestea have come out with bottled green tea and tea-to-go packets. But, caution for added sugar should be taken when choosing your refreshment. Many times coffee shops use a powdered form of green tea called Mat-

cha which has been sweetened. The Starbucks Web site informs consumers that one grande Green Tea Latte made with 2 percent milk, which contributes just eight grams of sugar, contains 40 grams. And the previously mentioned Lipton Iced Green Tea with Citrus packs 21 grams of sugar.

A better choice would be to stick to good old

fashioned tea bags or look for no sugar added bottled teas. If you prefer a creamier drink, steep the bags in hot milk or order a Green Tea Misto, which is simply green tea and steamed milk, next time you go to Starbucks. The Lipton Web site confirms that more research concerning tea antioxidants must be completed before drawing any conclusion on its effects on health and wellness. Even though research is in its early stages, the results are promising. So go ahead and go green.

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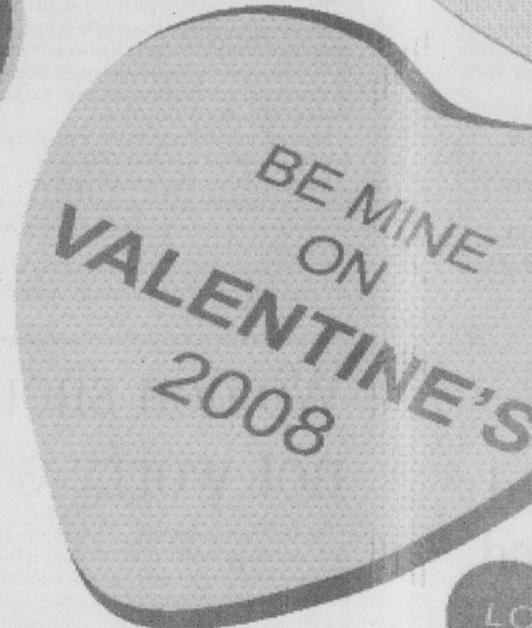


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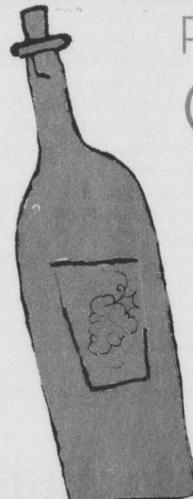
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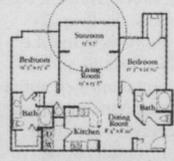
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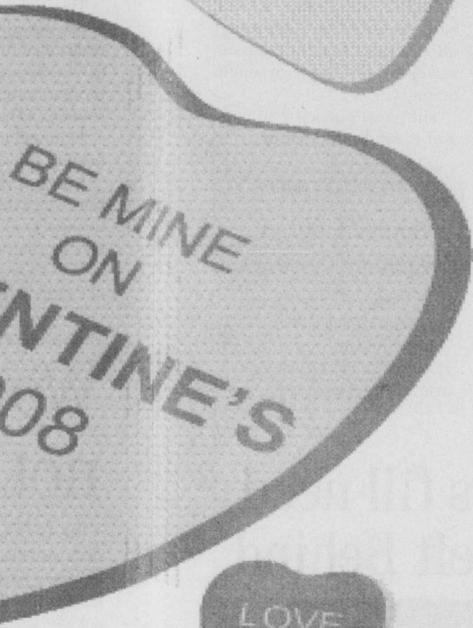
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## STREAK

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don't want to say too much about it because I don't want to jinx us."

Despite starting the season off slowly, the Lady Frogs have jumped into high gear recently and are 11-4 in the last 15 contests. Those 11 wins included victories over quality opponents, including a win

over Oklahoma State, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a 55-point rout of the University of Texas at Arlington. Both of TCU's losses in the Mountain West came against first and second place teams University of Utah and Wyoming.

Freshman center Micah Garoutte said the team recognizes the importance of today's game, but views every game as a big one.

"We always want to prepare for games no matter who it is we're playing against," Garoutte said. "(Wyoming is) a good team, so we know that we need to play really hard. We can't take anybody for granted."

In TCU's first game against the Cowboys, the Lady Frogs did not have a single player score in double digits.

Wyoming was a defensive force with 11 blocked shots, holding TCU to 26.7 percent shooting.

The Cowgirls are putting together another phenomenal season, with a 19-3 overall record. Its momentum will be low, however, heading into tonight's game after having lost two of its last three.

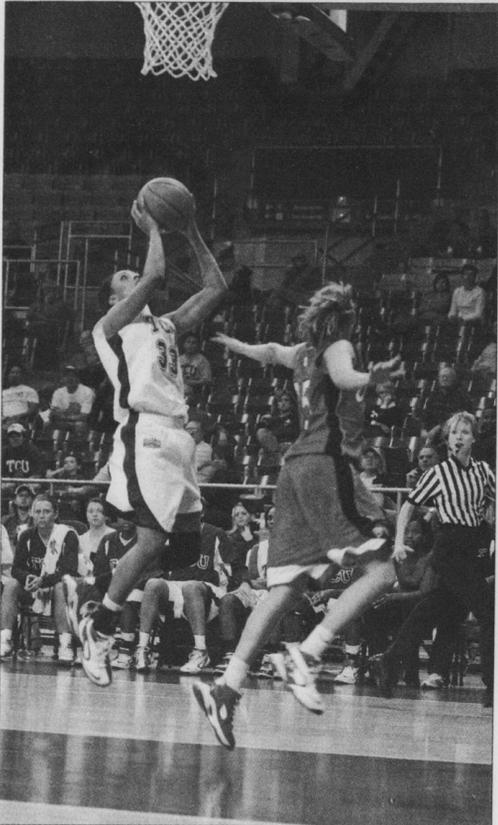
Despite the two recent losses, Wyoming holds the No. 22 ranking in The Associated Press and coaches polls.

Wyoming has been on a roll ever since winning the Women's National Invitation Tournament last year, where it beat the University of Wisconsin 72-56 in the championship round.

With less than a month left in the regular season, TCU will be looking to finish strong and make a bid for an eighth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

The game should be a good matchup between offense and defense. While Wyoming owns the conference's stingiest defense, giving up only 52.4 points per game, TCU is running the conference's second highest scoring offense with 69.7 points per game. The conference leader, Utah, has scored 69.8 points per game.

Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. today in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Senior guard Adrienne Ross and the Lady Frogs will take on Wyoming today at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The winner takes over second place in the Mountain West.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Team searches for second win in contests away from home

By BRETT LARSON  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team, which cut its longest losing streak of the season at four games Saturday, takes the show on the road today where it has won only one game this season.

The Horned Frogs play the University of Wyoming Cowboys today at the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo.

TCU is 1-7 on the road this season, with its only win against Colorado State, a team still playing for its first conference victory.

Wyoming and the Horned Frogs met Jan. 12 in TCU's second conference game of the season. The Horned Frogs notched a solid 83-56 victory.

Junior guard Henry Salter led TCU with 20 points and senior forward Kevin Langford

followed with 16 that day.

The Horned Frogs easily dominated the first half, outscoring the Cowboys 40-22 and holding them to only seven made field goals out of 25 attempts.

Junior guard Brandon Ewing, Wyoming's leading scorer, was one of the Cowboys' lone bright spots of the game, finishing with 17 points.

The Horned Frogs won the rebounding war with a 46-32 advantage. TCU pulled down 16 offensive rebounds, providing plenty of second chance scoring opportunities.

Wyoming had its worst defeat of the season Saturday, losing to the University of New Mexico 100-55.

A win would put the Horned Frogs at 5-5 in the Mountain West, a .500 record

for the first time since Jan. 30.

The Cowboys have won only two Mountain West Conference games this season.

TCU is 2-3 against Wyoming since joining the conference.

In TCU's last game, it beat San Diego State University 68-62, knotting the season series at one win for each team.

The game starts at 7:30 p.m. and is on the Mountain.

## FOR YOUR INFO

## Horned Frogs vs. Wyoming Cowboys

Day: Today  
Location: Laramie, Wyo.  
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Stakes: TCU has only one road win on the season

## Online, overseas tutors fill need created by No Child Left Behind

By THOMAS LEE  
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — With a bowl of apple slices and her trusty No. 2 pencil on standby, Sigrid Brost stared intently at the computer screen and mulled over a math problem.

45/9 + 6 = 11.

"Well, 45 divided by 9 is 5," said 11-year-old Brost.

"Right ..." boomed a slightly accented voice from her Mac computer.

"And 5 plus 6 is 11!" Brost declared triumphantly, scribbling the parentheses around 45/9.

"Yes, that is correct," the voice said.

It's common for students like Brost to get extra help with their homework from a tutor. But in this case, the voice on her computer belongs to Harmeet Kaur, a graduate student in Delhi, India. Kaur coaches Brost on everything from long division and percentages to fractions and decimal points.

They speak through an Internet phone service. A pen-like device and software allows Brost and Kaur to write out problems on the computer screen. TutorCo, a Minnetonka, Minn.-based startup company that provides the online tutoring service, can store the work and even email it to Brost's parents.

Communicating with a stranger on another continent might seem a roundabout way of getting help with school. Education experts say remote tutoring can never supplant the benefits of



JENNIFER SIMONSON / Minneapolis Star Tribune via MCT  
Eleven-year-old Sigrid Brost works on her math homework with her online tutor, Harmeet Kohli on Thursday. Kohli, who works for TutorCo, is in India.

personal one-on-one coaching. But Brost doesn't mind.

"Actually, I like it better when I don't have to see them," said the shy fifth-grader.

Thanks to technology and lower communication costs, online tutoring has become a booming industry. Since the enactment of No Child Left Behind, a federal law that ties school funding to test performance, parents and school districts are increasingly relying on private tutoring, experts say. Private tutoring companies are poised to generate more than \$1 billion in revenue this school year with online tutoring driving much of that growth, said Laurence Bloom, an analyst with Outsell Inc., a California-based market research firm.

And India is increasingly providing the tutors.

TutorCo is the brainchild of Sumit Dhawan, who moved from India to the U.S. in 1998. Dhawan said he noticed a shortage of math and science tutors.

Working with his wife and a partner in India, Dhawan launched TutorCo in January 2007. The company, which focuses on math and science, eventually plans to expand into reading and SAT/ACT and Advanced Placement test preparation.

TutorCo charges \$149 a month for unlimited sessions. For a student who takes eight sessions, that comes out to less than \$20 an hour, Dhawan said. By contrast, Sylvan Learning Center, a well-known private tutoring firm, charges up to \$50 an hour plus \$199 for an assessment test.

John Brost, an information technology manager at Cargill, said he spent \$2,000 over four months on private tutoring. He said he had no problem with Indian tutors coaching his kids over the Internet.

"They speak the King's English better than we do," Brost joked. And the results speak for themselves, he said. Carl and Sigrid now test above the district average for their age groups.

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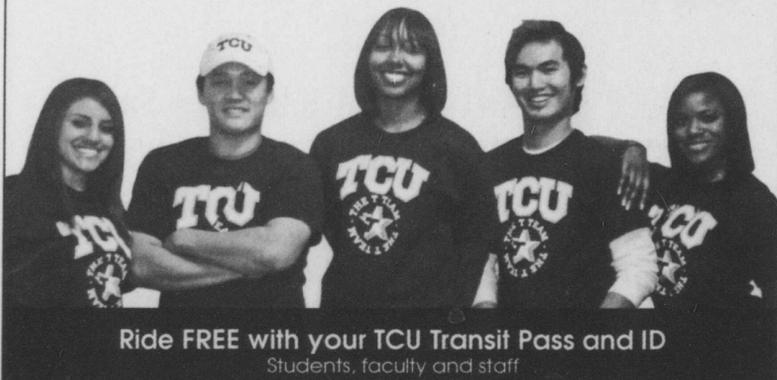
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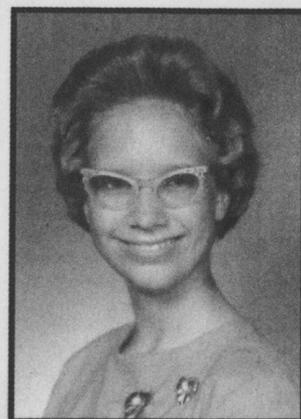


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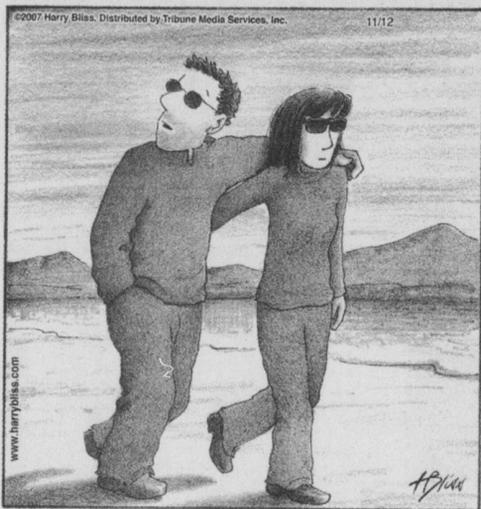
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By Philip J. Anderson  
 Portland, OR

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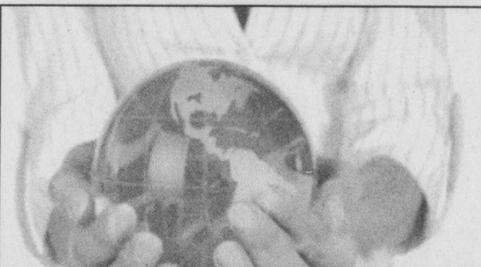
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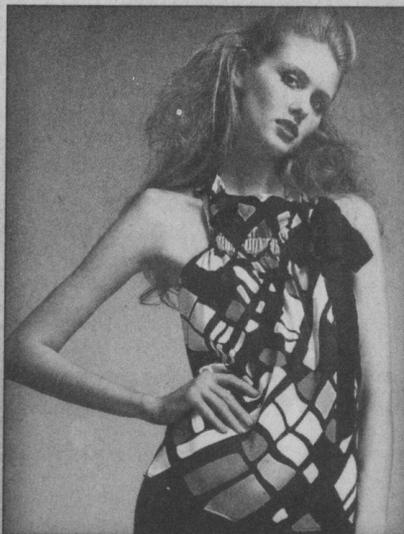
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TRACK AND FIELD

**Olympic hopeful leads program**

By JOSH DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Five-time All-American sprinter Virgil Hodge is once again off to a fast start this season. She recently won her second Mountain West Conference women's indoor track and field athlete of the week award this season and leads the team as the sole senior sprinter. The women's team broke into the national top-25 rankings last week after finishing tied for No. 27 last season, and Hodge has lofty expectations. The Skiff recently had a chance to catch up with her and ask about her thoughts on the team this year and how her homeland of Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis, has shaped her athletic career.



TREVOR BROWN JR. / NCAA Photos  
Senior sprinter Virgil Hodge, a five-time All American, helps lead the No. 25-ranked Horned Frog track and field team.

**Q:** What is the difference between this year's team and last year's team?

**A:** Last year we had a lot of seniors, and this year the team is much younger overall. The new girls have learned a lot since they've been here and are going to be mentally and physically stronger. Now they are learning what it's like to compete on the Division I circuit and are getting better.

**Q:** As the only senior sprinter, have you taken on more of a mentor role this year?

**A:** For me as a senior, the younger ones are going to look up to me regardless, but I hope I can be a good role

model to them. I want them to continue (the winning tradition) when I'm gone.

**Q:** What do you want most from this season, personally and as a team?

**A:** Personally, I want to be able to get to nationals and run my fastest times ever and win one of the races I'm in, either indoor or outdoor. For the team, I'd like to see us get in the top three in every relay we compete in.

**Q:** The Mountain West Indoor Championships begin Feb. 28. What do you expect from that and how do you think you will finish there?

**A:** For me, I just want to run my race. As the back-to-back defending champion, I just want to go in and win again. The (Indoor) National Championships are the next meet after that, and I just want to stay focused and give it my best.

**Q:** How did you first become interested in track?

**A:** I started running in what they call 'sports days'

**Q&A**  
VIRGIL HODGE

in St. Kitts, and I was always pretty fast. From there I started representing St. Kitts in different island meets and continued from there.

**Q:** What has been your biggest disappointment as a runner?

**A:** Last season, I had a chance to represent St. Kitts in the Pan American Games and that would have been our first medal for St. Kitts at those games, and I ended up in fourth place. That was extremely disappointing, because I felt like I let down myself and my country.

**Q:** On the flip side, what are you most proud of?

**A:** I had a chance to go to the world championships, and I made it to the

semifinals and that was the furthest an athlete from St. Kitts had ever gotten in those games. So I felt like I went there and proved something. I consider my greatest success to come to college and finish four years and graduate.

**Q:** What are your plans after college?

**A:** Hopefully I can take track to the next level, and I hope in the Olympics this year I can represent St. Kitts.

Hodge and the rest of the team can be seen this weekend at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. The team will compete at home next in the Horned Frog Invite on March 22.

BRETT'S BREAKDOWN

**Presence of family aids forward's play**

By BRETT LARSON  
Sports Editor

Twice he slammed it home — hard. His parents were in the stands watching their son play for the first time in his college career, and he wanted to make them proud.

Senior power forward Alvarado Parker played his best conference game of the season Saturday against San Diego State University and was a major factor in the Horned Frogs' win that ended a four-game losing streak.

But the high point of the night for him was his parents, who made the trip from Turks and Caicos to watch their son play.

If only they could make it to every game.

Parker was key in the win, often filling in for the team's leading scorer, junior forward Kevin Langford, whose play time was limited due to foul trouble.

The low post force those two players were able to provide helped TCU break out of a losing funk, which featured four straight losses with sub 40 percent shooting.

High percentage shots come in the post, as well as opened up the perimeter for the shooters.

In the win over SDSU, TCU abandoned its three-point barrage tactics and took the smart shot strategy.

Instead of shooting 35 percent, which TCU averaged during the losing streak, the team shot 48 percent.

Instead of launching 20 threes, which TCU averaged during the losing streak, the team shot 10.

Instead of losing, the team

won against the third place Aztecs, who beat TCU in its conference opener.

The problem with the post strategy is that Parker has not been showing up consistently this season. In fact, he has not really shone up at all during conference play until now.

In non-conference matches during the start of the season Parker had four double-digit scoring games. Since conference play started, Parker has been off his game, averaging only 2.7 points a game and scoring more than two points only twice, including his last game.

In the last win, not only did Parker provide consistent post play with 10 points on 5-6 shooting, he gave the Horned Frogs second chance opportunities with five offensive rebounds.

Two of those rebounds led to his monster put-back jams that brought the house down.

There's an intimidation factor that comes with a player who can throw down a powerful dunk, especially because one of Parker's dunks came against SDSU's best player, Lorenzo Wade.

Wade averages 14.8 points a game, but was held to eight points on 2-13 shooting thanks in large part to Parker's defense.

TCU is starting the second half of conference play with a 4-5 record, and it still has an opportunity to make its mark in conference play while gathering momentum and confidence for the Mountain West Championships.

If Parker and Langford continue to work in the post, and if TCU's shooters take advantage of the extra space, then all signs point up for the Horned Frogs.

If not, expect more sub 40 percent shooting nights.

So please Parker parents, stay in Fort Worth and cheer your son on.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**No. 2 spot in standings to be decided at home**

By JORDAN SMITH  
Staff Writer

A tie for second place in the Mountain West Conference will be broken today, when the women's basketball team faces the University of Wyoming in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Both teams have identical 7-2 records in the conference, but by the end of the day one will team will have dropped

to third. The Lady Frogs are riding a four-game win streak, the longest of the season.

"You learn from your mistakes, you learn from the game," senior guard/forward Lorie Butler-Rayford said. "You take that from each game we struggled in. We're on that winning streak right now. I

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