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Campaign: Little hope for White House run

By BRETT LARSON
Staff Reporter

A presidential hopeful spoke to the campus community about border security Wednesday despite a lack of confidence from his campaign.

Roy Tyler, campaign director of communication for Duncan Hunter, said the

chances of Hunter winning the candidacy were about as good "as pushing a string through a maze."

Students and interested locals gathered in the Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge to hear Hunter, R-Calif., campaign for the 2008 presidency.

Hunter's speech had a

slow start after his flight was diverted to Dallas Love Field due to weather problems, causing his arrival to be delayed by 20 minutes.

He wasted little time getting to the issues he considered important to his campaign including outsourcing, trade with China and illegal immigration.

Hunter said he believes America is losing part of its great industrial base due to outsourcing work to foreign countries.

"We are letting China cheat on trade," said Hunter, expressing concern about trade between America and China.

Hunter said China is down-

grading its money by 40 percent in an effort to decrease the cost of its goods.

"As president of the United States I will stop China from cheating on trade," Hunter said. "And, if they devalue their currency to the point they

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MICHAEL Z / Photo Editor
Republican presidential candidate Duncan Hunter speaks in the Student Center Lounge.

'You realize that it truly indeed stopped that day...'



Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal relations, remembers the outpouring of emotion following his daughter's death as being "unbelievable."

Administrator acknowledges reality of daughter's death

By all accounts, Jack Hesselbrock is one of the most respected and liked administrators throughout campus. That same kind of respect was given to Hesselbrock and his family when his daughter Molly died. She died in February 2005 after losing her struggle with lymphoma.

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Fall marks record for international student population

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS
Staff Reporter

One hundred twenty-six international students enrolled for the fall semester, compared to 90 enrolled last fall, according to undergraduate admission enrollment statistics.

Karen Scott, director of international admission, said there are many reasons why international enrollment is increasing, many of which are the same for why U.S. admission at TCU has increased.

Scott listed the business school rankings, word of mouth, Saudi Arabian exposure and conference the university hosted a year ago as reasons for the increase.

She said the Office of Admission has been working to recruit students from all over the world and the success is due mostly to advertising and reaching out to students by visiting other countries.

"We do advertising with magazines, books and Web advertisers," Scott said.

Scott said the Office of Admission has acquired new ways to recruit students from across the world. For the first time, the office is working with a placement agency in China, Chinese Student Study Abroad, which endorses universities it would like students to attend and helps with the application process.

The Office of Admission

also had new opportunities to increase recruitment this year when TCU was placed on the preferred list of universities of the Saudi Arabian government.

Another new opportunity came when the university hosted the 2006 Overseas Association for College Admission Counseling conference. For four days, 150 counselors from overseas stayed on campus in the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Apartments.

"The OACAC was a huge accomplishment," Scott said. "We rely on counselors to tell their kids about us."

Scott said enrollment is also increasing because of current students, parents and staff.

"Our current students are amazing," Scott said. "Current international students and parents call prospective international students and chat with them about TCU, and they visit their old high schools."

Scott said she travels to India, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, spreading the word about TCU.

"I travel a fair amount," Scott said. "From September to November, I'm gone two-thirds of the time."

When Scott goes to Asia and India, she said she travels with the Council of International Schools, which consists of 30 other university representatives.

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RAs work to establish on-campus movement; apartments first to get purple recycling bins

By LIZ DAVIS
Staff Reporter

It's time to help pitch in at the on-campus apartments.

Residents of the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments have been provided with individual recycling bins in their apartments in hopes of initiating a campus wide movement, a resident assistant said Monday.

Ryan Hambley, one of the RAs who put the program in motion, said the idea for individual recycling bins was brought up at an RA brain-storming session.

Hambley, a senior secondary education major, said he would like to make the individual bins a policy for all suites and apart-

ments on campus. He has been talking to a representative from a Fort Worth recycling company about getting funding, he said.

Hambley said he would like a purple recycling bin in each apartment to go along with what he likes to call the "Purple Thumb Project".

"College students are inherently lazy," Hambley said. "We are hoping that having the individual bins will be a reminder to recycle and (be) more convenient."

To recycle before, stu-

"When people realize the importance of recycling it makes it easier to incorporate in their daily lives."

Cara Pennington
senior social work and spanish major

Brown-Pete Wright, said that having the individual bins is a great idea and that she has always had one in her dorm.

"It's a good idea to keep a bin by your computer," said Hoover, junior biology and Spanish major. "Printing for homework and papers

can be a waste. This way the bin is right there and I don't even have to think about it."

Hoover said there is a lot that can be done to help the TCU environment and steps have been taken in the right direction.

Last semester TCU Dining Services changed its policy on takeout containers, Hoover said. They switched from plastic and plastic foam containers to all biodegradable paper products, she said.

Cara Pennington, a senior social work and Spanish major, said recycling should be a priority for students.

"TCU has a lot of programs on campus, like

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Democratic group promotes activism

By DAVID SPENCER
Staff Reporter

With the 55th U.S. presidential election on the horizon, the TCU Democrats hope to encourage student activism across campus.

Wednesday evening, the TCU Democrats hosted its first Democratic Awareness Rally in the Reed-Sadler Mall. The group offered free food and information to students regarding political issues affecting college students.

The purpose of the event was to "raise awareness of democratic ideals such as fair wages, support of the middle class and issues more obtainable to college students such as college affordability, recycling,

global warming and climate change," said James Michael Russell, one of the event's coordinators.

The rally happened at the same time Republican presidential candidate Duncan Hunter met with students at the Brown-Lupton Student Center. Originally, students planned a protest that was canceled hours before due to a lack of interest, said Russell, a sophomore English, art history and religion major.

"We are here so that Democrats that do not want to listen know that there is a place they can bring support for Democratic candidates," TCU alumnus Rob Grebel said.

Russell said he hopes the rally

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TOKYO — A fan club for wasps has added the insects to rice crackers, saying the result adds a waspish scent to the traditional fare.

— Reuters

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are unfairly undercutting America's products in our markets and around the world, then we will put countervailing duties on their products."

Trade with China would continue under this system but it would be a fair two-way trade, Hunter said.

Hunter, who wrote the Secure Fence Act which aims to extend the border fence 1854 miles across states bordering Mexico, also discussed illegal immigration.

He said he believes his fencing will not only help curb illegal immigration but will also save lives.

"About 130 people have died, folks who came across illegally, have died in the Arizona desert," Hunter said. "If we have that fence across the Arizona border we're going to save a lot of lives."

Hunter guaranteed, if elected president, the com-

pletion of the 854 miles of border fence within six months.

He acknowledged illegal border crossing or smuggling is something that can never be completely stopped but said he believes it will be enough of an inconvenience to slow border traffic.

Hunter said he felt students need to become politically active and get involved in campaigns that reflect their values.

"Being active in politics — I think — is an action we all owe the country," Hunter said.

Freshman business pre-major Nick Boerner and senior political science major Melanie Harris said Hunter did a good job getting his viewpoints across, but both still felt he stood little chance to represent the Republican Party.

Despite the tough road ahead, Tyler said, the campaign would continue and hopefully start gaining speed.

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Scott also said a large number of students from the Intensive English Program applied for admissions in undergraduate, increasing the enrollment numbers of international students.

Director of the IEP, Kurk Gayle, said alumni and generational families help spread the word about IEP. She said the School of Music also has world-class student musicians who train in the IEP.

"Many musicians want to study English first and then want a degree," Gayle said.

With the study abroad and sister school program, the IEP sends students to schools in other countries, and that school in return sends students to TCU.

"We want students now with a little English so they can go through faster and go straight into undergrad," Gayle said.

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ly will become an annual event. In the future, he said he hopes future events will include Student Development Services, the Center for Civic Literacy and all other independent student political organizations.

"A lot of people have lost faith in the political process," said Mark Greene, a representative from Tarrant for Obama. "If you make it a point to get involved, you find that you can make a difference."

During the three-hour rally, students received information and instruction on how to get involved with the TCU Democrats, the Peace Action, the Living Wage and the Gay-Straight Alliance.

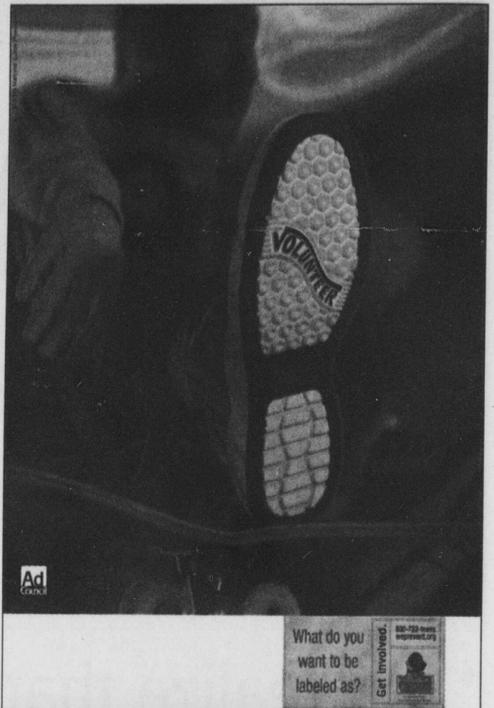
"Due to a lack of civic engagement that's not instilled in the areas that they come from, there is more of a level of apathy," Russell said. "I hope to get students pumped to do something."

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the Environmental Science Club, that give students the motivation they need to be responsible," said Pennington. "When people realize the importance of recycling it makes it easier to incorporate in their daily lives."

Pennington said it would be nice to have separate bins in every dorm, but the cost should be taken into account. She said having the bins in the rooms will teach students responsibility, but it is already very convenient to recycle on campus.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

— Muriel Strode

THE SKIFF VIEW

Diversity doesn't stop at race

The university's international enrollment has increased from 90 to 126 students since last fall, according to a report from the Office of Undergraduate Admission. The office's efforts to increase cultural diversity are well received.

Karen Scott, director of international admission, said the office has been advertising in magazines, books and on the Internet in an effort to recruit students internationally and is now working with placement agencies in China.

The office also works with non-degree international students who are on the special exchange program, such as Universidad de las Americas in Mexico and Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, according to the report.

Kudos to the university for working to increase cultural diversity at TCU. Minority representation was 15 percent in 2006, according to the 2006 TCU Factbook, which is a 1 percent increase

from 2005. However, diversity among men and women still remains skewed.

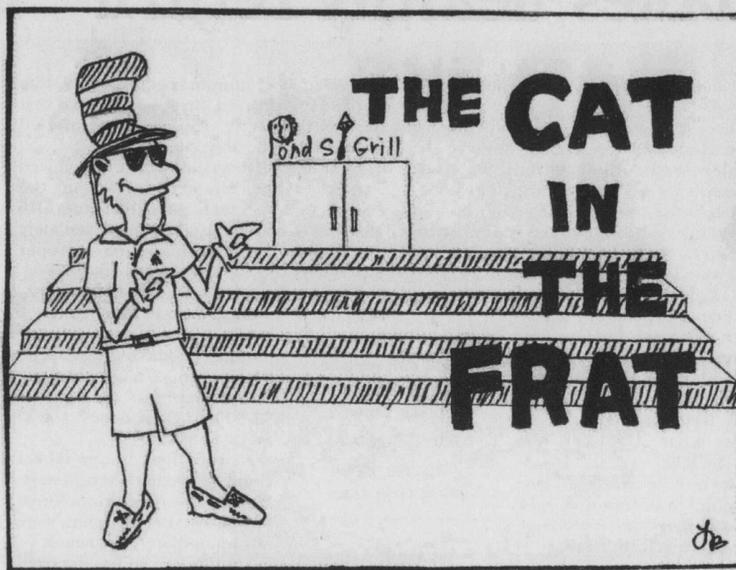
According to the TCU Factbook, enrollment numbers of men versus women are 42 percent and 58 percent, respectively. The male population at TCU has increased by only 1 percent since fall 2005, according to the TCU Factbook.

The 2008 Princeton Review ranks TCU as No. 12 in the "little race/class interaction" category, which rates universities on frequency and ease of interaction between black and white students as well as rich and poor students.

Yes, the university should strive to increase social diversity, but it should invest just as much time and resources in increasing diversity relating to gender and economic status. Diversity is a wonderful thing and TCU should continue to work to increase it across the board.

News editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.

BY LANA BLOCKER



Drawn-out political campaigns cause voters to lose interest

The presidential campaign season has been running for nearly a year and growing in intensity — and there's still more than a year to go.

Surely, I'm not the only one already tired of hearing

about the upcoming election. The news is filled 24/7 with campaign stops, speculations and the latest gossip on the myriad of candidates vying for their party's presidential bid.

The 2008 race is the first non-stop campaign in U.S. history, said Charles Colson, who was special counsel to Richard Nixon, with campaigning beginning the day after the 2004 election.

Four years is just ridiculous.

Although it seems like forever, official campaigning actually began a little less than a year ago when Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., announced his candidacy for office at the end of last October, just more than two years before the upcoming election day.

Former Iowa governor, democrat Tom Vilsack wasn't far behind, announcing his candidacy just a few weeks later. Though Hunter is still in, Vilsack wasn't able to gain enough momentum to remain in the race.

"Not a day goes by without coverage of campaign stops and \$400 haircuts."

Jillian Hutchinson

This may have become the norm in U.S. presidential elections, but does a campaign this long benefit the people?

I understand that many things come into consideration with the length of campaigns. There must be enough time to hold primaries and select each party's nomination, but there really must be a more efficient way to do that.

There are two problems that stand out in the current campaign process.

First, only the wealthy survive. With money needed to endure such lengthy campaigns, only those with the most money can keep going, potentially preventing someone who may be well-qualified, but less wealthy, from running.

Second, people have long complained about low voter turnout, with 64 percent of Americans voting in the 2004 presidential election. Perhaps a shorter cam-

paigned season would prompt Americans to take the elections more seriously and not lose interest while campaigning drones on.

Washington Post columnist Michael Kazin said the long presidential campaigns are nothing new, dating all the way back to Martin Van Buren. He said the idea that the campaigns are becoming longer is simply a myth.

Kazin may be right, but the difference is in the intense media coverage.

Not a day goes by without coverage of campaign stops and \$400 haircuts. All the coverage gives voters no excuse to be uneducated about the candidates, but it does give all the more reason to grow wary of the whole institution as the countdown to election day begins fourteen months prior.

With such intensive media coverage, the information is reduced to trivial facts and water cooler chatter, including things such as John Edwards' haircuts and Rudy Giuliani's daughter's Facebook groups.

By election day, it seems like we will all be experts on the candidates' personal lives but ignorant of their positions.

Jillian Hutchinson is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Omaha, Neb.

New Main hours inconvenient

Last Saturday was a long day for me. I was at a retreat all morning and spent the afternoon studying. About 6:30 p.m., I was

ready for dinner so I headed off to The Main with a couple of my friends. When I got there, I was shocked.

The Main was closed.

As many of you have probably noticed, The Main has changed its weekend operating hours. It's now only open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturdays. So, what are students supposed to do for dinner on weekends? Walk to Worth Hills and wait in an exceptionally long line to pay an inordinate price for food at Pond St. Grill? Spend more money going out to eat? Starve? Apparently so.

This year, TCU raised the meal plan amount. Now, freshmen living on campus are required to have a minimum \$1,400 per semester plan and sophomores living on campus must have a minimum \$1,200 dollar plan.

Last year, I had the \$1,200 minimum freshman meal plan and it was more than enough. I treated all my friends to dinner and spent \$500 on groceries at the end of the spring

semester just to use up the amount on my meal card. With the meal plan price increase, you would think that students would have more opportunities to use it. But no. Instead, TCU Dining Services has decreased the opportunities for students to use the money on their meal plans. Why?

Perhaps TCU closed The Main for dinner on weekends to give staffers a break. But if that's the case, why not hire more workers?

"They're making enough money to keep it open," said Jeff Stanfield, a junior English major, "so that shouldn't be a problem."

Or maybe TCU decided to close The Main early because it wasn't receiving enough business since students were going out. But then, why should TCU keep Pond St. Grill open? It would be better if TCU opened a more convenient location for weekend dinners.

The Main is the most accessible eatery on campus. Students shell out thousands of dollars per year for their food and should be able to eat when they want and where they want. My dad was delighted that only one eatery was open — he thought it would decrease the meal plan price. But when he found out it didn't, he was not too pleased.

"I think it's ridiculous,"

said Margaret Schrubba, a sophomore nursing major. "If I'm paying for meals, The Main should be open when it's convenient."

Many students don't want to walk all the way to Worth Hills to get a simple weekend dinner. The prices are much higher at Pond St. Grill and the time it takes to get there from Main Campus is not worth it for many students, especially in the Texas heat.

"I think it's inconvenient and I don't walk all the way up to Pond St. to get food that's not the best anyway," said Elizabeth Jones, a sophomore pre-major.

It's much quicker to run to Potbelly Sandwich Works or Dutch's Legendary Hamburgers than trek to Pond St. Grill, which is why many students now go to nearby off-campus restaurants during the weekends.

"We're having to use extra money to get food (from) off campus, which shouldn't happen," Jones said. "They should open something more convenient like Eden's or Deco Deli."

Perhaps TCU just wants its students to skip weekend dinners and starve. "But if this is the new fitness plan for the campus," Schrubba said, "I don't approve."

Christina Durano is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M.

Candidates should utilize technology in campaigns

About 70 million people watched on Sept. 26, 1960, as a handsome young senator charmed the cameras

while his opponent dripped sweat and appeared confused beneath his receding hairline during

America's first televised presidential debate.

The young senator, John F. Kennedy, knew how to take full advantage of television — the latest in technology — to outshine his opponent, then Vice President Richard Nixon.

For people who listened to the debate on radio, Nixon was the decided victor. In fact, if both candidates

played by the old rules of radio and newspaper campaigns, Nixon likely would have won the presidency.

But the rules of the game had changed as technology improved.

James Riddlesperger, department chair of political science, said that successfully harnessing new technology, as Kennedy did with television, is essential to winning the presidency.

"No one could have anticipated the impact of the Kennedy-Nixon debate," Riddlesperger said.

It isn't surprising, then, that current presidential hopefuls are harnessing the power of the Internet by creating profiles on social networking Web sites.

Social networking Web sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, and sites devoted

to these social networking sites fill roughly half of the top 20 most visited sites on the Web according to Web information company Alexa.com.

"What you have to do to be good on TV is obvious," said Adam Schiffer, an assistant professor of political science who teaches a media and politics class.

Unlike television, campaigning online isn't as simple as looking good and speaking eloquently.

The ability to send a single message, photo or video clip to hundreds of millions of people with the click of a button means a more efficient way of getting information to voters, but also a faster and easier way to put out misinformation.

Schiffer said he is unsure how a presidential candidate would have to behave online to do well, but said Illinois Sen. Barack Obama's method of putting out snappy videos on YouTube.com has been successful while former Sen. John Edwards' campaign has suffered from unauthorized footage of him combing his hair.

Democrats seem to have the advantage when it comes to social networking sites.

"Republicans tend to be more conservative in terms of playing by the old rules such as having \$2,000-a-head fancy dinners with lobbyists," Schiffer said.

This sentiment was echoed by Celeste Greene, president of TCU College Democrats.

"It seems like something Democrats would be more likely to use because it is part of the grassroots system and Democrats use grassroots more than Republicans," Greene said.

In fact, Greene, who supports Obama, said that Facebook is currently how TCU College Democrats are meeting after the club's status as an official group lapsed last year. It was through Facebook that she was able to get enough signatures to re-establish the club this year.

Even Aaron Ginn, an active member of College Republicans, said that if Facebook or MySpace has any kind of impact on the upcoming election, it will be in favor of a Democratic candidate. Ginn, who supports former Republi-

can Gov. Mitt Romney on Facebook, said the current popularity of Democratic candidates is based in a desire to see a change from the current administration. "It reflects the mood of the current political climate and the idea that if you vote Republican you vote for war," Ginn said.

While there are still no statistics about whether people who support candidates online will actually get out and vote, using the Internet to gain support is now and will continue to be a staple in presidential elections.

Even if it just means mudslinging evolves to posting a video of a sweaty opponent on YouTube.

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Pro Bowler wrecks car; makes healthy return

By VAUGHN McCCLURE and AZAM AHMED
Chicago Tribune

Lance Briggs apparently will emerge from Monday's wee-hours, one-car auto accident with nothing more than a misdemeanor citation and two traffic tickets.

Bears coach Lovie Smith said the team would take no disciplinary action against the Pro Bowl linebacker, whose 2007 Lamborghini Murcielago valued at \$350,000 was found wrecked and abandoned on the Edens Expressway shortly after 3 a.m. Monday.

"It's concerning, yes, that an accident happened at 3 in the morning," Smith said, "but beyond that I don't know what else I can tell you."

The heavily damaged Lamborghini was found at 3:14 a.m., Illinois State Police Sgt. Theodore Whittier said.

Temporary Texas license plates were on the car, and permanent Illinois plates registering the vehicle to Briggs were found inside, Whittier said.

Briggs contacted police to report the accident after the wrecked vehicle was discovered.

No one was found inside the car when police arrived, and there was no indication anyone had been injured in the crash. Lengthy skid marks on the roadway and tire tracks in the muddy grass adjoining the expressway indicated the driver may have lost control.

Police said there was no evidence of alcohol use at the crash site.

"We're handling it as a regular accident. We're not changing our strategy just because he's a high-profile athlete," Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Kyron St. Clair said.

Briggs smiled and said he was fine as he arrived at Halas Hall to practice with the Bears on Monday. He left practice early and traveled to the state police station in Des Plaines, accompanied by attorney Frank Himel and Bears security director Tom Dillon.

During a 30-minute meeting with state police investigators, Briggs confirmed that he was the driver of the car but offered no details regarding the crash.

After the meeting, state police announced Briggs had been charged with leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor. He also was ticketed for failure to immediately notify police of a crash and for improper lane usage.

Briggs posted \$100 bond and has an Oct. 4 court date in Skokie.

"You can replace the car. You can't replace Lance."

Alex Brown
Chicago Bears
defensive end

The Class A misdemeanor charge for leaving the scene carries a maximum sentence of a year in jail and up to a \$2,500 fine, attorney David Steigmann said.

Neither Briggs nor Himel could be reached for comment. Phone messages left for Drew Rosenhaus, Briggs' agent, were not immediately returned.

Briggs leased the Italian sports car from Autoplex Leasing in Richardson, Texas, on Aug. 3, said Henry Haupt of the Illinois Secretary of State's office. The car arrived in Delaware earlier this year from Italy, according to vehicle identification reports.

Though the Secretary of State's office could not confirm Briggs had auto insurance, they said all drivers are required to have proof of insurance in order to register a vehicle in the state.

Haupt said Briggs had a clean driving record in Illinois, though he was cited for a speeding infraction in his native California in 2000.

Briggs' teammates learned of the crash when they arrived at Halas Hall for practice and were relieved that he apparently escaped injury.

"From what we hear, it's probably nothing bad, just a little accident," said fellow linebacker Jamar Williams. "Lance seemed fine today."

Defensive end Alex Brown might have been speaking for all the Bears when he said, "You can replace the car. You can't replace Lance."

Lack of home crowd presents challenge

By MARY SUE GREENLEAF
Staff Writer

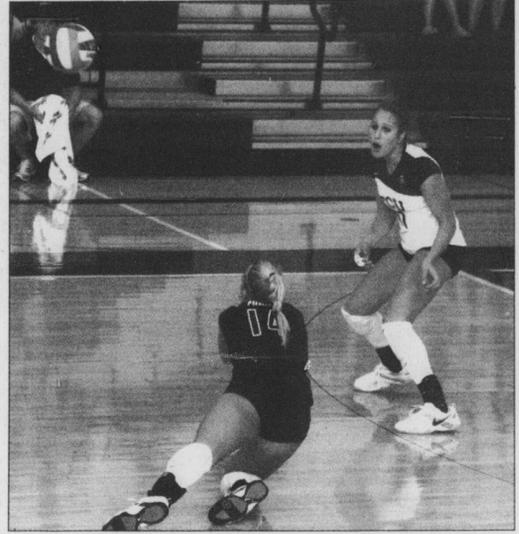
After finishing off a 2-1 trip to Florida, the volleyball team hits the road again this weekend for three matches as part of the Maine Invitational in Orono, Maine.

The tournament starts Friday with the host team, the University of Maine, and concludes Saturday with a match against the University of Cincinnati and a rematch with Maine. Team members said they are eager and excited to face off against Maine and Cincinnati. Although neither team is part of the Mountain West Conference, both have competed against TCU in the past.

As former members of Conference USA, some veteran Horned Frogs have experience against the Cincinnati Bearcats.

Sophomore outside hitter Lauren Otto said the team is "going in prepared for everyone." Otto is coming off a pair of double-double performances against Florida Gulf Coast and Florida State last weekend.

With more than half of the team having two years or less experience, head coach Prentice Lewis said building relationships is pivotal



Calli Corley displays her defensive prowess and dives for the ball as outside hitter Lauren Otto watches during a game in fall 2006.

for season success.

"We spend more time on ourselves during pre-season because the beginning of the season is so short," Lewis said.

With this weekend's tournament more than 2,000 miles away from Fort Worth, the different atmosphere and lack of fan support creates

a different challenge for the team, Lewis said.

Otto agreed, saying the team needed to be mentally prepared no matter what the setting may be.

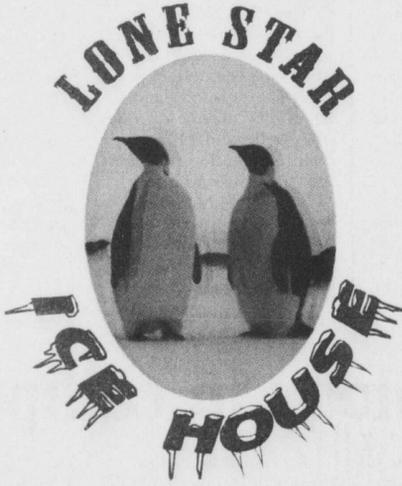
"Fans can play a big role in making it exciting," Otto said. "But you need the same mental preparation going into the game."

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By Alan P. Olachwang
Huntington Beach, CA

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Father recalls daughter's last days

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

Walking into Jack Hesselbrock's office, pictures of his family and former TCU athletes cover the four walls in his room in the John Justin Athletic Center.

The blue-collar work ethic and gentle kindness instilled in him by his parents during his upbringing in Cleburne have made the associate athletics director for internal relations a favorite among administrators across campus.

While the pictures with LaDainian Tomlinson might get the most attention at first glance, it is the table to the direct right that bears the most meaning and significance.

On the table are keepsakes remembering Hesselbrock's daughter Molly, who lost a battle with cancer in February 2005.

Even as he sits down to talk about his daughter more than three years after her death, the look in his eyes is one of a man who will never forget the pain and sorrow felt during those several months of his daughter's sickness.

Hesselbrock and his wife, Angie, first suspected something was not right with Molly when she asked them if they were ready to leave a dance competition — a true oddity as Hesselbrock said his daughter was a student of the art of dance, always wanting to watch other dance studios long after her competition had ended.

All of Molly's tests came back negative for every sort of illness, and it wasn't until they checked her into Cook Children's Hospital that they received the news. Lymphoma was found in her neck and chest cavity.

Despite the disturbing news, Hesselbrock remained optimistic considering her age and good health up to that point as well as the aggressive chemotherapy treatments.

"Given the early stages, (the doctors) felt like they caught it," Hesselbrock said.

As a freshman at R.L. Paschal High School, Molly would only go in for half-days because of the lingering fatigue felt from the chemotherapy.

The family was in good spirits as it thought the worst was behind them. Unfortunately, it had only just begun.

When the family was about to go for the last check-up on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving before starting the more aggressive Stage 2 treatment, Molly came down ill and the nightmare was repeating itself.

The cancer had returned. "It was like being shot in the stomach," Hesselbrock said.

Starting on Thanksgiving morning, the Hesselbrocks went ahead with the extensive chemotherapy treatment and practiced other procedures such as stem cell harvesting and a bone marrow transplant, which would restrict Molly to an isolated glass room, separated from any type of social activity outside of family.

In the midst of her sickness, Hesselbrock never let the athletics department fall behind, committing to working late and coming in on the weekends to assure the stability of the department.

"Somehow, he never let the work in the athletic department fall through the cracks," said Tommy Love, the business manager for the athletics department and a longtime friend of Hesselbrock. "I've had Jack on a pedestal for some time. I just wish I could handle a

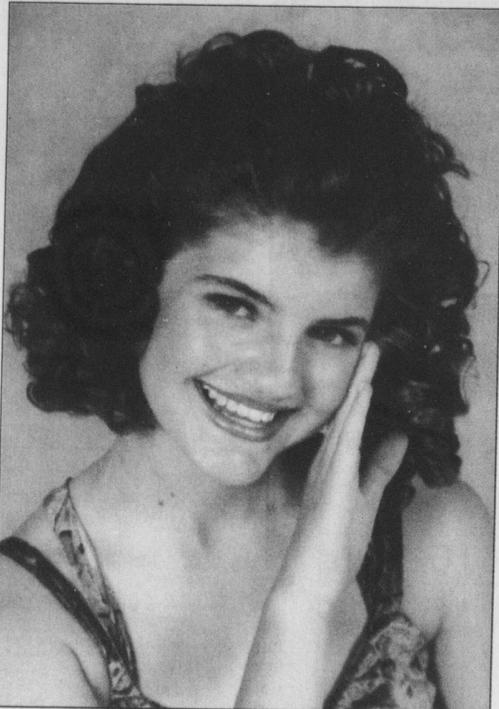


Photo courtesy HESSELBROCK FAMILY
Molly Hesselbrock, 14, daughter of associate athletics director Jack Hesselbrock, died in 2005 after a struggle with lymphoma.

"You're supposed to grow old and they're supposed to go to college or graduate from high school..."

Jack Hesselbrock
associate athletics director

tough situation like that with the class with what he had to go through with Molly."

Davis Babb, an associate athletics director and another friend of Hesselbrock, remembered Hesselbrock's focus for Molly as well as his calming presence during a time that could be considered anything but calming.

"People would talk to him about how they felt sad about the situation, but his attitude was 'Thanks, it's a very tough situation, but we're going to get through this,'" Babb said. "That was almost contagious to everyone else."

With the cancer bouncing back and forth between being active and in remission, Molly remained optimistic and upbeat.

The Hesselbrocks knew a decision had to be made once the cancer had crept into her lungs around Valentine's Day. She was attached to a respirator and with her laboring to breathe, the family knew it had to make the most painful of decisions: The Hesselbrocks were going to take Molly off life support.

"It was time to say it wasn't about us," Hesselbrock said. "It was about Molly."

Molly died on Feb. 21, 2005. The service took place the Friday after she died — one day short of her 15th birthday.

The outpouring of emotion from the TCU community was overwhelming, including Chancellor Victor Boschini's offer to have Molly's funeral at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. It would prove to accommodate the 3,000 to 3,500 people in attendance for the service.

Coaches, players, administrators spanning Hesselbrock's career would honor the Cleburne native in their own way, whether it was through food, gifts or in the case of the 2004 men's basketball team, an emotional National Invitation Tournament win. After holding onto a postseason win against Western Michigan University, Hesselbrock entered the locker room after the game

and was overwhelmed with emotion when he saw the players crying and hitting the "MH" patch on their jerseys.

Hesselbrock said he still keeps in contact with Molly's friends, but that every time he hears of what her old friends are doing nowadays, it reminds of what he missed with Molly.

"You're supposed to grow old and they're supposed to go to college or graduate from high school and I think what occurred was all of the things that we would not experience ever," Hesselbrock said. "You realize that it truly indeed stopped that day and she will forever be a freshman."

As he sits in his office, Hesselbrock looks to be at peace talking about an event that brought so much sorrow a short while ago. He said he just wishes to have the same impact in his life that Molly made in her nearly 15 years.

"I'm not bitter," Hesselbrock said of the tragedy. "Sometimes, I wonder why, but I don't question."

A picture of Molly remains on the table, untouched. It is a moment frozen in time, a moment he cannot regain. But he can remember, and that is what he does: remember.

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