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Date to start natural gas drilling up in the air

By REESE GORDON
Staff Reporter

During the last few years, the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant County College and communities around the Dallas/Fort Worth area have pursued natural gas drilling into the Barnett Shale. TCU was supposed to follow their lead later this month.

A news release from the Energy Institute posted on the university's Web site at the beginning of January said natural gas drill-

ing would occur north of Amon G. Carter Stadium in the remote campus parking lot later this month.

However, Chesapeake Energy, the drilling company working with TCU, continues to assess its drilling options, said Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication. Chesapeake Energy would not comment on the latest issues regarding the drilling and deferred questions to Syler-Jones.

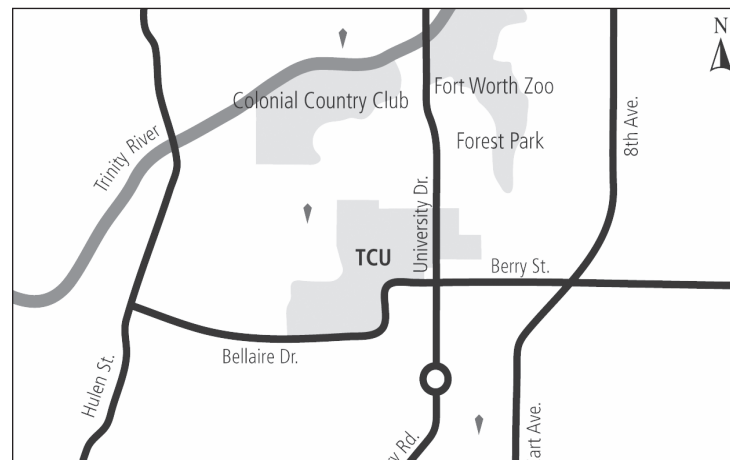
Syler-Jones said no tentative date has been set, but the drilling is expected to be operational sometime this year through 2010.

She said concerns voiced by residents in the surrounding areas have prevented the university from moving forward with the drilling. Although the university plans to drill for natural gas over the next two years, none will take place during football season, according to a news release from the

university.

The U.S. Geological Survey describes the Barnett Shale as a field of bedrock underneath the earth's surface containing as much as 26 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, covering 500,000 acres and eight counties. Since 1980, it has become the second largest on-shore gas-producing field in the U.S., according to the survey.

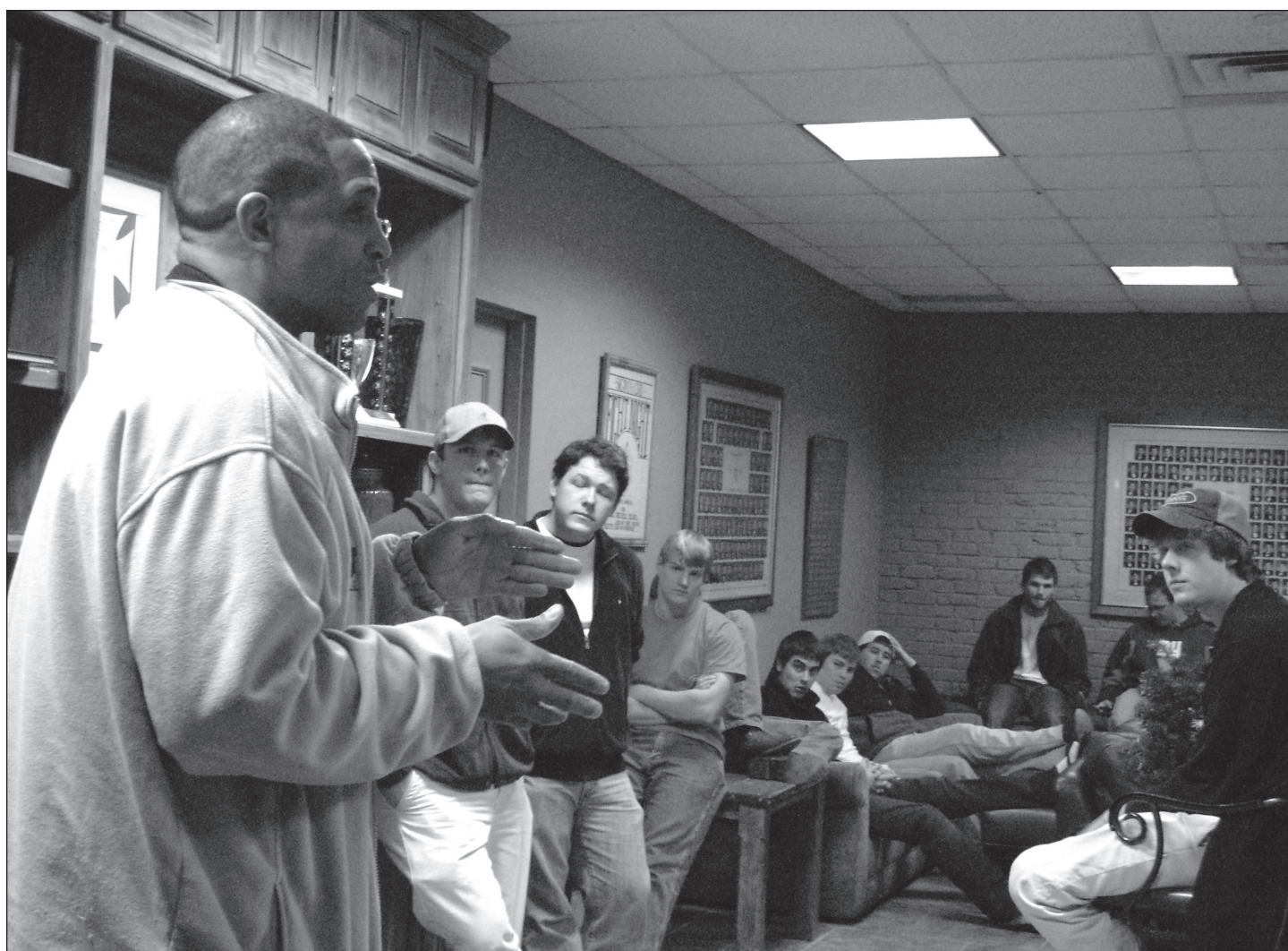
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The proposed drilling site near Amon Carter Stadium is one of many Fort Worth sites.

BRING IT IN



KATHRYNE JONES / Staff Photographer

Men's basketball head coach Neil Dougherty talks to Sigma Chi fraternity members about the importance of student support at home games during their weekly meeting.

Coach goes Greek to raise attendance

When a university's basketball team is in second place in its conference and just won three games in a row, it seems likely that students would start to take some interest.

Not so for the men's basketball team, which is currently attending fraternity and sorority meetings asking students to start showing up.

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CEO shares secrets to successful retail

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

Despite the economy's recent downturn, businesses should put their employees, not customers, first, the CEO of The Container Store said Wednesday at the Tandy Executive Speaker Series.

If employees are satisfied, they will take better care of

customers, Kip Tindell, chairman and CEO of The Container Store told students and Dallas/Fort Worth area business professionals. Tindell said if customers and employees are happy, company shareholders will be better off.

The Container Store ranked on Fortune magazine's list of "100 Best Companies to Work For"

for the ninth consecutive year Tuesday. In 2007, The Container Store's sales exceeded \$600 million, Tindell said.

Tindell said he owes his success to high-quality customer service that "makes the customer dance."

"What we're trying to do is to get you to be so excited and so passionate about your

closet that you do a dance every time you go in there," Tindell said.

Tindell said creating products that made customers emotionally attached to them, hiring great employees and practicing superb communication are key to making the customers dance.

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Three arrested on burglary charges

By KYLE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Two men and one woman were arrested on suspicion of burglary of a motor vehicle in the freshman parking lot late Tuesday night, a TCU Police investigator said.

TCU Police received a tip from a witness saying a car alarm went off in the freshman parking lot, and looking back, the witness saw two people who looked suspicious, TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said.

Mondie Bustos, 19, and Iris Martinez, 18, both of the 300 block of W. 4th St. in Kennedale, and Willie Lopez,

18, of the 5100 block of Ollie St., were arrested at about 11 p.m. Tuesday in the freshman parking lot, according to a police report.

Bustos and Martinez have been released from the Mansfield Jail on \$2,500 bonds, and Lopez remains in Mansfield Jail with a \$2,500 bond, according to the jail's bond desk.

Thornhill noticed two cars that were broken into near the car the suspects were driving, and he found stereo equipment in the area that was taken from other cars, according to the report.

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Campus cribs vie for contest title

By ANNA HODGES
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association and Residential Services are teaming up to determine who has the coolest campus crib, a coordinator of the program said.

Luke Morrill, Waits Hall director and coordinator of the program, said a combination of the popular TV show, "MTV Cribs," and his experience with a similar event at Arkansas Tech University inspired him to organize the competition.

In the past, TCU tour guides have chosen specific rooms to showcase the residential options on campus, Morrill said. Winning rooms, he said, will be showcased by the university through photos on the Web site.

Elizabeth Carter, a representative from Colby Hall, said she expects the same photos on the Web site.

"Adding the competitive element to the process will result in a better product that current students can take pride in and prospective students will be impressed with," he said.

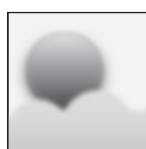
Each residential hall is having its own competition to decide an all-hall winner. In coed dorms, male and female winners will be chosen. Each hall has implemented its own voting system. All-hall winners must be chosen by Jan. 28, Morrill said.

Morrill said Waits Hall has two participants so far but expects a last-minute flood of entries.

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Correction

Julie O'Neil is an associate professor in the Schieffer School of Journalism and the chair of the advertising/public relations division. Her title was incorrect in Wednesday's Skiff.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 42/32
WEDNESDAY: Showers, 41/33
TOMORROW: Cloudy, 60/43

PECULIAR FACT

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — A cat was returned to its owner after crawling into the owner's suitcase, going through airport security, being loaded onto a plane and being mistakenly picked up by a stranger.

— Associated Press

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CHRISTINA DURANO / Staff Photographer
Kip Tindell, chairman and CEO of The Container Store told students and Dallas/Fort Worth area business professionals that businesses should put their employees first. Tindell spoke Wednesday as part of the Tandy Executive Speaker Series.

NEELEY

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"We're into the business of customer service rather than the mass merchant style of competing on price and convenience," Tindell said.

Tindell said The Container Store ensures exceptional customer service by hiring exceptional employees who can do the work of three people, equipping workers with 241 hours of training rather than the typical eight and clearly communicating everything to staff members. This is because of his philosophy that communication is leadership.

Tindell started his first store in 1978 in Dallas. Almost 20 years later, The Container Store has 40 locations across the country.

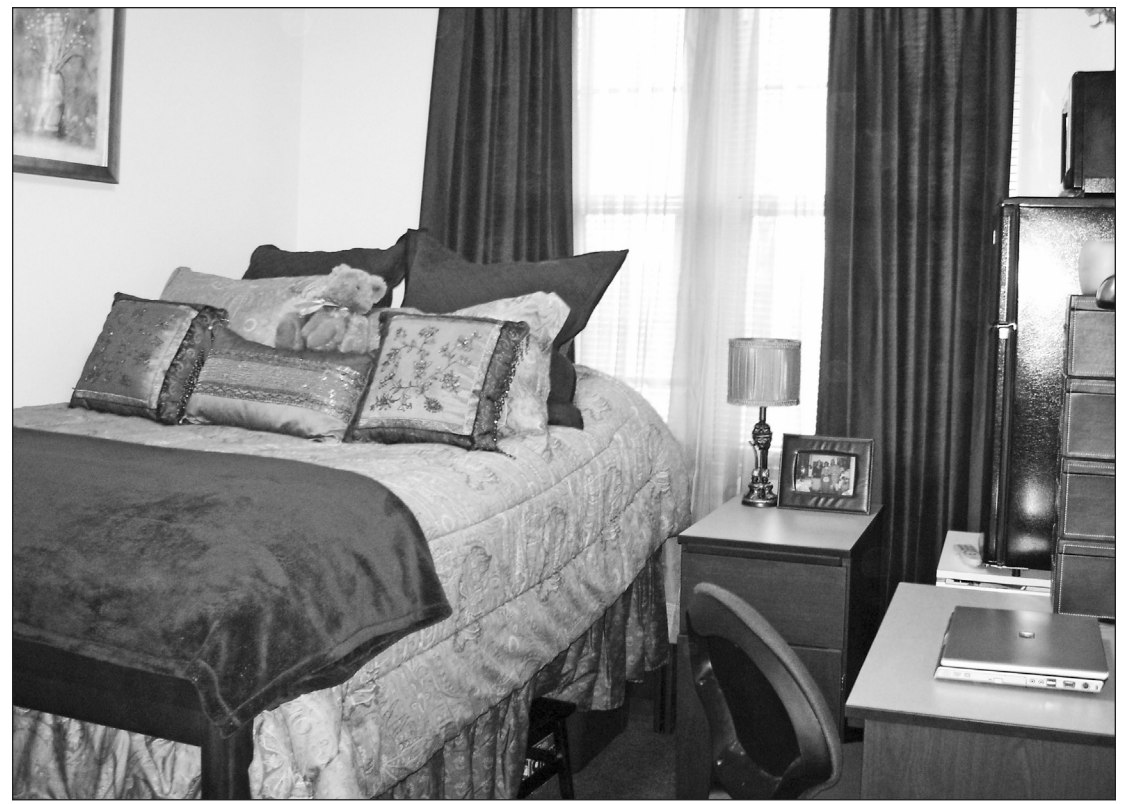
Dan Short, dean of the Neeley School of Business, said the business school invited Tindell to speak because it is important to expose students to a wide range of innovative business leaders.

Sam Wang, an MBA student, said Tindell motivated him to go into retail, despite its trials.

"He was so passionate about retail," Wang said. "He inspired me to find what I really love to do."

The business school invites two prominent business professionals each semester to speak at the Tandy Executive Speaker Series, Short said.

The next speaker in the series will be former U.S. Congressman J.C. Watts on April 23.



KATHRYNE JONES / Staff Photographer

Candace Williams, a Carter Hall resident, entered her dorm room to compete in the Campus Cribs competition.

CRIBS

From page 1

from Colby residents.

"Hopefully my inbox will be flooded with entries by the end of the day," she said.

Candace Williams, a Carter Hall resident, said she entered the competition because she enjoys participating in hall events and activities.

Williams, a senior communication studies major in the pre-law program, said she is happy the competition promotes student involvement

in attracting prospective students to campus.

Williams said her room is the coolest campus crib because it is non-traditional. Her goal in designing the room was to have it resemble her room at home, she said.

She added lamps, hung pictures and color-coordinated accessories to bring her vision to life.

"You can really make your room a home away from home," Williams said.

Residential Services will send a professional photographer to photograph each hall's winning room and the

pictures will be posted on Residential Services' Web site, Morrill said. On-campus residents will be able to vote online for their favorite campus crib Feb. 4 through Feb. 8.

All students are invited to an RHA Campus Crib announcement party Feb. 13 that will include food, drinks and music, he said.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Morrill said the prizes have not yet been determined but he said he was positive the winners will not be disappointed.

DRILLING

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Worth area has become a hot spot for natural gas drilling.

In June 2007, TCU announced that it signed a lease with Four Sevens Oil Co. to assess the prospect of drilling on campus. According to a news release from the Office of Communications, the lease

was transferred to Chesapeake Energy in November.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said in a news release this fall that the lease was negotiated only after all areas of concern were discussed. The university addressed the issue with neighborhood leaders, faculty, staff and students, Gutierrez said in the release.

He could not be reached this week for further comment.

The Board of Trustees decided last spring that all money made from natural gas would be placed in the university's endowment, according to an Office of Communications news release earlier this month.

The university has not released expected revenue amounts to the public.

BURGLARY

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According to the report, the owners of both vehicles came to the scene to identify and pick up their property.

Police found several items in the car the suspects were in, including a tire iron, a black screwdriver, two flashlights and two pairs of gloves, detective Vicki Lawson said.

The officers also found several car stereos and other stereo equipment in

the trunk of the car, Ham said. Officers thought the items from the trunk were from cars that had been broken into along Bellaire Drive, Ham said.

Fort Worth police impounded the car the suspects were in so they could investigate further, Ham said.

Lopez is being held in Mansfield on three past charges from Tarrant County, including possession of marijuana, evading arrest and unlawful carrying of a weapon, according to the Mansfield Jail bond desk.

He was also charged with engaging in organized crime in July and drug possession in May, according to court records.

Bustos has a previous criminal record in Tarrant County with charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in 2006, possession of marijuana in July and failure to ID in 2005, according to court records.

Martinez has no criminal record in Tarrant County, according to court records.

Baylor medical school discovers vaccine for cocaine addiction

By SHANNON DAILY
The (Baylor University) Lariat

WACO — After years of work, Baylor University College of Medicine researchers have brought a cocaine vaccine to its final stages of testing.

With the number of cocaine addicts in the United States reaching around 2.4 million in 2005, researchers have been working to find a medical treatment to assist counseling and rehabilitation programs already in place.

"Behavioral interventions are helpful in treating cocaine addiction, but currently there are no approved medications to treat this disorder, despite over 60 medications having been investigated," according to "Therapeutic options and challenges for substances of abuse," an article co-written by Dr. Thomas Kosten and Dr. Tracie Gardner, two Baylor College of Medicine researchers. Kosten, a professor of psychiatry, neuroscience and addictions at the college, has been working on the vaccine for 12 years.

"I see drug abuse as a very

treatable and curable chronic relapsing disease of the brain," Kosten said. "Medications and these immunotherapies can make more impact on public health in young, promising people than any other medical intervention since we first started vaccinating for smallpox." The cocaine vaccine uses the same basic principle as the smallpox, flu and polio vaccines.

The vaccine, however, isn't 100 percent effective. "It doesn't work on everybody. Not all of us have equally robust immune systems."

Dr. Jim Patton, a professor in the department of psychology and neuroscience, said. Thomas said while 35 percent of the test subjects produced a good antibody response that blocked the cocaine fully, 25 percent of the subjects didn't produce enough antibodies for

the vaccine to work. The remaining subjects produced reasonable amounts of antibodies — some stopped completely and others reduced their cocaine use.

With the development of the vaccine, a suggestion the vaccine be used as a preventative measure has also come up.

"As with any medical breakthrough, there's the possibility of people seeing it as a silver-bullet type thing," said Dr. Doug Matthews, an associate professor of neuroscience. As to whether or not parents should be able to give their children the cocaine vaccine, Matthews said, "Parents should use the platform that God's given them with their children. In my opinion it's not the best route."

Kosten is now waiting for approval from the Food and Drug Administration to begin further testing.

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THE SKIFF VIEW

Coach's actions worth respect

At this point last season, the men's basketball team had a 10-8 record and had lost its fourth consecutive game.

That loss was near the beginning of an abysmal 11-game losing streak. However, one year later, the team is in a different position with an 11-6 record and sole possession of second place in the Mountain West Conference, which sent two teams to the NCAA Tournament and two teams to the National Invitational Tournament last year.

There is reason to celebrate and applaud this team and its mission to erase back-to-back losing campaigns, and head coach Neil Dougherty is going above the call of duty to gain student support.

His visits to six fraternities and sororities to try and gather student interest in Horned Frogs basketball is a commendable task.

Bear in mind last year, when TCU played host to the Texas Tech Red Raiders, the stands were only 75 percent full. Not only were 1,700 seats

vacant, but the team kept up with legendary coach Bobby Knight most of the evening.

By gaining support from various organizations, Dougherty is putting a face with the name for his program. Athletes are students too, and one of the ways to try and start a winning program is by giving fans something to believe in.

It seems that athletes and coaches try to avoid the spotlight of students outside the lines, but Dougherty's Horned Frogs want to be a part of the TCU lifestyle.

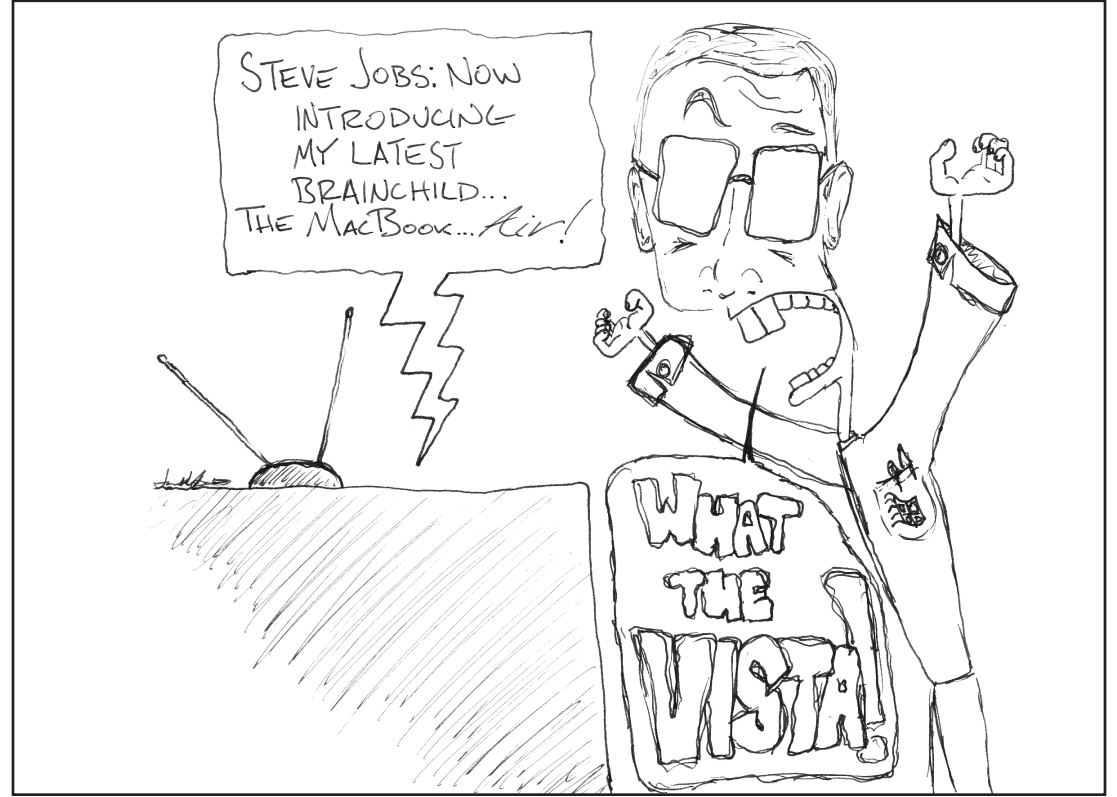
This week the Horned Frogs have a chance to draw even at the top of the conference. This is a reason to celebrate, to cheer, to storm the court when a marquee opponent is defeated in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and most of all, a reason to be proud.

Dougherty wants his team to be rooted for on the home court.

He has made an effort and so should Horned Frog Nation.

Multimedia editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



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Low calorie food labels can mislead customers

As usual, promises to lose weight and be healthier have begun ringing in the New Year.

COMMENTARY



Kristina Keilson

And this year numerous convenience products decorate grocery store shelves, advertising themselves

as healthy, nutritious snacks. The "100-calorie pack" has jumped on the scene as the super-hero, quick-fix food. Don't get me wrong; I myself enjoy these tasty treats, but you should take caution when surrounded by the brightly colored boxes and the hopes of a sinless snack.

True, these portion controlled packages only contain

100 calories, but most have increased sugar or fat content. Additionally, they typically do not provide beneficial nutrients, such as protein, vitamins and minerals. In the article "100-Calorie Snacks: Between Meal Treats That Won't Blow Your Diet" Christine Gerbstadt, a resident dietician and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, said one package usually contains 2-2 1/2 teaspoons of sugar.

Thus, the "empty-calorie" giants are overshadowing nutritionally rich options, many of which are just as convenient and economical.

Here are some other healthy suggestions from my knowledge as a registered dietician in training and Gerbstadt's article:

1. Medium apple
2. 15 strawberries dipped in 1/4 cup lite whipped topping
3. 1/2 pita round topped with 2 tablespoons each hummus and chopped tomato
4. 1 container low-fat or no fat yogurt
5. 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese with 1/4 diced peaches
6. 1/3 cup unsweetened

applesauce and 1 slice whole grain toast, cut into strips

7. 1/2 string cheese and 4 whole-wheat crackers

For people trying to eat right and watch their weight, the 100-calorie packs can be a great substitute for sweets when only a cookie will do. With prepackaged portions, the opportunity to blow a diet on an entire bag of Oreos is greatly diminished.

But if you can honestly handle just one Oreo or a handful of Wheat Thins, then it may be more economical to buy the real deal. Assistant professor Gina Hill of our own nutrition department said 100-calorie packs cost more money per measure.

"Meaning, if you compare the price of a box of Cheese Nips versus the 100-calorie snack packs of the same item, you're sure to see a hefty price tag for less food on the individually packaged items," Hill said. "Consumers can do the same thing by portioning out about the same amount, putting the snack in a baggie to take with them or keep in their desk or backpack."

Overall, the packs offer a lesser evil cure for the snack attack, but beware not to let them interfere with more nutritious options.

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Mudslinging during debate tasteless form of argument

It's not uncommon for two presidential candidates to disagree, but not like the recent exchanges between Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

COMMENTARY



Krystal Upshaw

This year marks one of the most intriguing elections of all time. The two leading Democratic candidates are battling each other to make history as president. Both have the capability to change history through their political policies.

Mostly, they could either make history as the first female or black president of the United States. However, as the race between the two leading candidates intensifies, so does Clinton and Obama's bickering.

In the South Carolina debate, the two senators publicly displayed their feud. Instead of focus-

ing on explaining how their policies will better America, Clinton and Obama discussed personal attacks on each other. Instead of a presidential campaign debate, it seemed more like a personal argument between the senators.

I think both political candidates should focus on debating issues important to America instead of launching personal attacks on each other. I'm sure both campaigns hope to win votes, but their recent methods can do more harm than good.

Sen. John Edwards pointed out that the "squabbling" between his opponents only distracts voters from issues that affect them, such as health care and education.

I agree with Edwards. Clinton and Obama have lost sight of what's important in their campaigns. Obama even resorted to making irrelevant attacks on Clinton's spouse and former president, Bill Clinton.

Some might view the former president's comments regarding the Obama campaign as inappropriate, and I agree. I just don't see how Bill Clinton's opinion has anything to do with the opinion of his wife, nor should it have a place in the debate.

Voters do not care about Clinton's attitude toward Obama or vice versa. As a first-time voter, I value their attitudes toward our economy, education and the war in Iraq.

As the two leading candidates, it's critical they take advantage of these last few weeks to promote their plans and policies for the future of America. It's OK to disagree with each other, but let's not get too carried away. The Democratic Party will hold its South Carolina primary Saturday. Until then, play nice senators.

Krystal Upshaw is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Houston.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tradition, history not grounds for animal abuse

We want to clarify our position as protesters of the rodeo and the exploitative non-human entertainment industry at large.

We feel that given the facts of the inevitable deaths and provocative means that ensure a performance for humans' amusement, there is no way to justify non-humans' forced

involvement in such barbaric activities.

We view the rodeo as exploitative, since the non-humans exist as expendable entities to draw in ticket sales.

It is absurd of us, as humans, to assume that an electric-shocked horse would classify himself as a proud athlete or that a calf selflessly and pur-

posefully would sacrifice his life to be the recipient of a cowboy's lasso.

Although many involved in the rodeo culture deem this all as "tradition," we argue that humans in the United States have also, at one point in history, regarded slavery, legal segregation of minorities and the oppression of women as

"tradition."

So to evolve as a society, there begs a need to expand our awareness and consciousness to recognize suffering that may have been invisible to us previously.

Veronika Terrian is a senior history major from Chicago and James Russell is a sophomore anthropology and religion major from Fort Worth.



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Colorado woman to race against global competition

By DAVE PHILIPPS
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Katie Compton pedaled her bike on rollers while watching TV in her living room on a recent snowy afternoon. It was too icy for a three-hour training ride. Instead, she was studying footage of past races, looking for weaknesses in her competitors.

Compton, 29, wanted to be able to read other top racers' body language so she could tell in the next race whose feet were dancing light on the pedals, ready to attack, whose heads were drooping from fatigue, and whose handlebars were swaying side to side in exhausted hands.

Compton, who lives on Colorado Springs' southeast side, is one of the top cyclocross racers in the world. She has won the U.S. National Cyclocross Championship four years in a row. In October she became the second woman to win a cyclocross World Cup race in Europe (a feat only fellow Colorado Springs racer Alison Dunlap has duplicated). And Compton has a very real shot at winning the Cyclocross World Championships Jan. 26-27 to gain the title of best female rider on the planet.

"I think I can do it," she said. "Anything can happen, but as long as everything goes right, there's a good chance." Americans aren't supposed to win cyclocross races. Most Americans don't even know what cyclocross is.

The European winter cycling sport pits riders on sturdier versions of road bikes with knobby tires against a short course fraught with mud pits, sand traps, stairs, hills, hurdles and slick hairpin turns more suited for mountain bikes. Conditions are often so brutal that riders have to hop off and run.

"It's a very tough sport," said Mark Legg, Compton's mechanic, manager, training partner and fiancé. "Your hands are frozen. You're soaking cold. You have

mud in your eyes and you're riding horrendous terrain. You need to be strong."

The short, crash-heavy races with lots of passing on multiple laps have made cyclocross a major spectator sport in Europe.

"It's like NASCAR," said Andrew Yee, editor of Cyclocross Magazine. "At a big race in Belgium you'll have 20,000 spectators drinking beer and cheering."

It's a far cry from the United States, where most races take place unnoticed in city parks, cash prizes are almost nonexistent and even riders of Compton's stature are almost unknown, even to their neighbors.

WORKING HER WAY UP

Technically, Compton's cyclocross career began on a bar stool, but it took a long, rutted route to her first big win.

In 1999, she was drinking at a bar with some college cycling buddies when one asked if she wanted to do a cyclocross race the next day.

"I was like, 'I don't want to run with a bike,'" she said. "Then I had another beer and decided 'what the hell?'"

She showed up on a clunky mountain bike with a hangover and got second place.

"Your hands are frozen. You're soaking cold. You have mud in your eyes and you're riding horrendous terrain. You need to be strong."

Katie Compton
cyclist

Compton hadn't exactly come from nowhere. She grew up in Delaware, where her dad got her into racing when she was 10. By the time she was 12, she was competing in track races at the closest velodrome. In high school, she went to junior world and national championships as a road rider.

She was good, but not great. Her body was a little big for road racing, her old Junior National Team coach Craig Griffin said, and the intense training made her quads cramp so badly that she could sometimes hardly walk.

When Compton started college at the University of Delaware, she quit racing.

Instead, she started mountain biking. You could ride hard, then tip back a beer after. It was the same with cyclocross — no stress, just fun.

To graduate with a degree in exercise physiology, Compton needed an internship, so she took one at Carmichael Training Systems, a personal training company in Colorado Springs.

Carmichael eventually offered her a job and she stayed.

One of her bosses at Carmichael was Griffin, her old coach, who had become head coach of the U.S. Paralympic Cycling Team and was searching for "pilots" who could race tandem bikes with talented blind racers.

These front-seat riders had to be top-level athletes, but couldn't be actively competing in pro races because of Paralympics rules. They were tough to find.

"Then here was Katie," Griffin said. "She was solid, talented, enthusiastic."

Griffin introduced her to Karissa Whitsell, an up-and-coming blind rider. A few months later they won two first places at the World Championships. In 2003, they grabbed two more. In 2004, they won two gold medals at the Paralympic Games in Athens, got on the podium in every other race, and set a world record.

At the same time, there was this cyclocross thing. Compton thought she could do well in the sport. She had learned as a tandem racer to train without getting leg cramps. But if she raced cyclocross as a pro, it would bar her from the Paralympics.

There was one option though. Griffin told her the ban didn't include the U.S. National Championships, so in 2004 she showed up to the country's top cyclocross race as a total unknown.

DECIDING TO MAKE HER MOVE

Compton had no previous race wins to earn a front-row spot at nationals so she had to start five rows back in the pack.

It took two laps to get to the front. Then she realized she could ride faster than the pack was going and surged ahead.

"The crowd was going crazy," she said. "They were like, 'who



During heavy a snowfall, Katie Compton trains on a stationary bike in the living room of her Colorado Springs home.

FOR YOUR INFO

Defining Cyclocross

WHAT: A type of racing in which cyclists on road-style frames with knobby tires race laps on a short (1.5- to 2-mile) course featuring pavement, wooded trails, grass, steep hills, mud, sand, stairs and obstacles requiring the rider to briefly dismount. Races generally last between 30 minutes and one hour.

WHEN: A fall sport with most races from September to December.

WHERE: The largest races are in Europe, but American hot spots include New England, the Pacific Northwest and Colorado.

ence, the surprise of the Belgian TV commentators was audible as she passed one seasoned European rider after another. The commentators knew nothing about her, except that she was American and wasn't supposed to be anywhere near the front.

No American woman (and only two American men) had ever medalled at the World Championships.

In a rutted, muddy hairpin turn near the finish, Compton passed a French rider and nabbed second place — just over one second

behind the winner.

"Everyone was really surprised," Compton said. "It was great for U.S. cross. We've never done that well."

After weeks at home doing long rides and sprints up the incline, Compton said she is ready to go.

Readers in a Cyclingnews.com poll last week picked her overwhelmingly to win against the best European racers.

But her coach said in a sport known for crashes, anything can happen.

Texas State students vie for handgun rights

By ALLEN REED
The (Texas State) University Star

SAN MARCOS — State legislation endorsing the possession of concealed handguns on college campuses by license holders could not go into effect at Texas State even if passed.

For Texas State students to be allowed to carry concealed handguns, it would have to pass through the board of regents, university policy and a student referendum backed by the Associated Student Government after state legislation approved it.

The law makes a distinction between having a concealed handgun on campus and having one in a university building. It is illegal to bring a handgun, concealed or otherwise, into a building on a university. Whether a student with a concealed handgun license can carry said weapon outside is disputed.

Michael Guzman, Students for Concealed Carry on Campus Southwest regional director, drafted the pro-handgun legislation, which was reviewed by the student government's senate. He said the current legislation gets misinterpreted.

"The state of Texas law

states that the campus is a gun free zone in the buildings. If you have a concealed handgun license you can carry it on campus as long as it's concealed. You just can't go in the buildings," said Guzman, a junior economics major.

He said he predicts legislation will be passed by fall 2009, the first semester after the Texas Legislature next meets again.

"Lobbyists I've talked to, and lawyers I've talked to said that most likely it is going to pass (at the state level)," Guzman said. "I'm currently lobbying six representatives. If Texas State does pass it, I can go to the lobbyists and say, 'look, Texas State students have voted on this and they want it.'"

University policy prohibits students from carrying firearms, ammunition or illegal weapons on campus. Legislation to subvert the building restrictions is in the works in San Marcos and at the capitol building. The student senate added an amendment to the original pro-handgun proposal sending it to student referendum. If passed,

Texas State would not be the first to remove such restrictions.

Guzman said other campuses such as Colorado State have decided to permit handguns on a local level and other states such as Utah have decided to allow them on the state level.

"Texas law states that the buildings are off limits, but the individual universities can opt out and dictate their own policy," Guzman said.

The final decision will not be the students'. Regarding the university president and the board of regents get the final say.

"(Student legislation) goes through this office, and we channel it up to the vice president and the president and it can be reviewed by the board of regents as well," Amaya said.

The bill being considered by the student government would primarily be used to lobby a statewide law, which would mandate all public universities allow concealed handguns on campus and in buildings.

"The law makes a distinction between having a concealed handgun on campus and having one in a university building."

Allen Reed

Jobs, opportunities arise from green business ideas

By EMILY MARTINEZ
Daily (University of California-Berkeley) Californian

BERKELEY, Calif. — Going green may do more than just help the environment, according to a new study of Berkeley's green businesses.

The study, by Raquel Pinderhughes, a professor at San Francisco State University, suggests that environmentally friendly businesses in Berkeley have created economic opportunities for unskilled workers, providing an alternative to blue-collar jobs.

At Tuesday's debut of the study, Mayor Tom Bates, a proponent of green businesses, said the study would raise awareness for an emerging market and asserted his commitment to supporting the growing environmental economy.

"There are tremendous opportunities in creating a green economy," Bates said. "People are talking about green jobs and the green wave. It's the new vogue."

Over the past two years, Pinderhughes interviewed employers and workers in 21 different green businesses in Berkeley.

This was the first such study conducted, Pinderhughes said.

The study assessed the potential for green businesses in the Bay Area to provide high-quality jobs to workers with barriers to employment,

such as those with limited formal education.

She found most jobs did not require a high level of skill for entry. Many also provided on-the-job training and opportunities for advancement.

The majority of the businesses were in economic sectors likely to experience significant growth, an important factor considering the possibility of an economic recession, Pinderhughes said.

"Going in, we didn't know if these green-collar jobs were worth fighting for," she said. "But we found a lot of excitement in these jobs. They have excellent wages, uniformly high levels of benefits and offer inherently meaningful, community-oriented work."

Pinderhughes said the creation of the new jobs had the potential to solve both environmental and social problems by creating jobs that have positive ecological impacts.

"Often, as we improve environmental quality, we neglect to address social equality and end up displacing people," Pinderhughes said.

While some Berkeley business owners applauded the study and said they too felt it would help expand the green economy, they also said they hoped the movement would stay grounded.

"The study will become an

engine to drive an agenda, a political agenda if we're not careful," said Gene Agress, an owner of Berkeley Mills, one of the businesses that participated in the study. "If this report starts out political, I think that it will suffer an untimely death."

Some residents expressed concern that the local controversies over zoning in West Berkeley may bleed over into this issue.

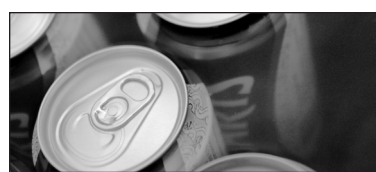
But Pinderhughes said the movement would survive politics.

"I'm not worried about politicizing this at all," she said. "I think that this is the perfect time to have this discussion."

In December, Bates joined UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, Steven Chu, director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the mayors of Oakland, Richmond and Emeryville in signing a pledge to support environmental causes in the East Bay, such as renewable energy and green business.

City Council member Darryl Moore, who represents West Berkeley, said he saw a bright future for the green movement.

"We should celebrate the study, that's what will benefit West Berkeley, the city and the green (movement)," he said.



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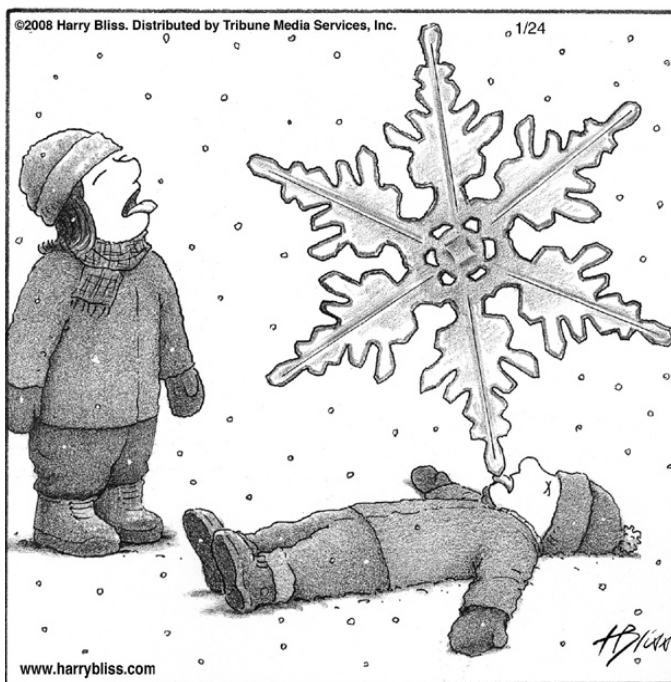
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by Harry Bliss



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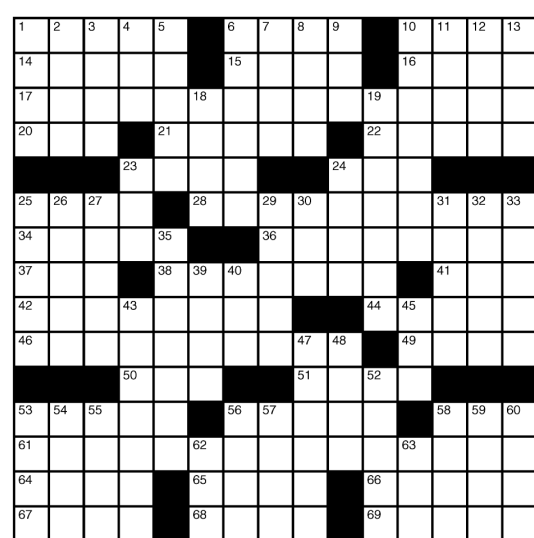
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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dougherty's Greek visits try to gain team support

By BRETT LARSON
 Sports Editor

The men's basketball team added 13 meetings to its schedule this week that could have a lasting effect on the win total.

In an effort to drum up student attendance at men's basketball games, players and coaches are attending Greek meetings asking for student support.

At a Sigma Chi chapter meeting Tuesday, head coach Neil Dougherty asked members to start making basketball games an event and said their presence could be a determining factor.

"Student body participation is key to the sport of college basketball," Dougherty said at the meeting. "The noise, the color, the mood, the energy is generated by the student body."

Assistant Director of Athletics Marketing John Festervand also spoke with the Sigma Chi members about possible fraternity events at basketball games.

Festervand told the men that basketball games could be used for a chapter night or a date night, whatever it takes to get them to show up in numbers to home games.

"We got this million dollar LED board," Festervand said. "We're playing a lot more popular music, our band has been great and I think the overall atmosphere has just gotten so much better."

The Horned Frog basketball team sits at second place in the Mountain West Conference this season and is 10-1 at home, but small turnout at home games still plagues the team.

Dougherty said playing on the road in the Mountain West is a difficult task with away crowds screaming, heckling and numbering in the thousands, and that makes home games even more important.

TCU is playing catch up in terms of home atmosphere and attendance, and Dougherty said the comparison right now is not even close.

"They've got an obvious jump on us in that category," Dougherty said. "We'll go to Utah this weekend and probably play in front of about 16,000-17,000 and a large part of that is going to be student body."

At the last home game, 3,210 people attended, leaving almost 4,000 seats empty in the coliseum.

Increased turnout from students has immediate and long-term benefits for the team.

A big game atmosphere created by students has the immediate effect of being able to influence a game in the Frogs favor, Dougherty said.

Sophomore guard Keion Mitchem said the home crowd influences how players react to adversity in a game.

"Most players get hyped when they know they have

"The noise, the color, the mood, the energy is generated by the student body."

Neil Dougherty
 Head Coach

a big crowd and want to play better in front of their people," Mitchem said.

The long term or big picture benefits of increased attendance and atmosphere has to do with recruiting, Dougherty said.

"Kids want to play in gymnasiums that have a sizzle or pop to it, and they want that pop to be created by their peers," Dougherty said.

Freshman point guard Mike Scott said TCU home games fail to reach expectations players have entering college.

"When you think about playing basketball in college, one of the biggest things you think about is

the fans and all the people with TCU shirts on," Scott said.

So far, the most packed game Scott has seen this season at TCU was against the University of Texas at Arlington, a game that might have had more UTA fans.

"I think that a lot of the people there were from UTA so it was kind of like an away game," Scott said.

Delta Delta Delta is one of the sororities that the basketball team met with. The sorority has scheduled a "Deltas Only" event for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas game next Wednesday.

Sophomore Tri Delt president Rachel Scarbrough said the sorority is going to support the team on a more regular basis.

Sophomore Pi Kappa Phi President Matt Boaz said the fraternity is planning an event, possibly with a couple other chapters.

Dougherty, Scott and Mitchem all said they were uncertain as to why the team has not been able to draw support, but had a few ideas.

The team's first two seasons in the Mountain West were losing efforts, especially when compared to TCU's other major sports, Mitchem said.

Some fans just don't know what days basketball games are at TCU, or even worse, don't realize TCU has a basketball team.

"One girl told me she didn't even know we had a basketball team," Scott said.



KATE JONES / Staff Photographer
 MEN'S BASKETBALL head coach Neil Dougherty talks to Sigma Chis about the importance of student support at home games.

NATIONAL

NCAA adjustments aid athletes

By EDWARD LEWIS
 The (San Diego State) Daily Aztec

SAN DIEGO — When Cassandra Harding found out she was pregnant in 2004, a document haunted her.

It laughed at the senior triple-jumper from the University of Memphis when she wanted to keep her child. It tormented her when she wanted to keep competing.

It was a small piece of paper that required the signature of each member of the Memphis women's track team.

And it held the key to Harding's fate.

The paper clearly stated that if any infraction was commit-

ted, a scholarship would not be renewed. Harding's pregnancy fell on the list of infractions and she was faced with a difficult choice. Lose her baby to abortion, or lose her scholarship. Harding chose to keep her child and the track scholarship allowing her to pay for school disintegrated, forcing Harding to work two jobs while pregnant in order to remain at Memphis.

Months later, several track members at Clemson University shared Harding's dilemma when they were forced to have abortions to keep their scholarships.

"Each university was left up to its own to determine how

they dealt with (the issue of pregnancy)," said Mike May, San Diego State assistant athletic director.

However, on Jan. 13, the Division I Management Council voted 46-5 in favor of a proposal preventing schools from retracting scholarships because of pregnancy, depression, addiction, mononucleosis and eating disorders.

"This is certainly something that protects the student athlete," May said. "We are all in favor of that."

"The more things you can gather to assist student athletes (the better), and this is another example of the NCAA taking a step toward doing that."

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

GAME OVER



KATE JONES / Staff Photographer
 ANDY CHISOLM of the Lords of Elevation attempts a layup against the Fiji Cs during an intramural basketball game. Basketball is one of the remaining intramural sports after a lack in participation eliminated some of the other activities.

Low involvement nixes handball

By ROBERT BEMBER
 Staff Reporter

After two semesters of low student interest, team handball has been removed from the spring intramural schedule in favor of another non-traditional sport.

"We've got a few new events that are scheduled for this semester," Mike Hackemack, the assistant director of campus recreation-intramural sports, said. In its two spring semesters of existence, handball had only 7 and then 11 participating teams, respectively, Hackemack said. Flag football produced over 120 teams this past semester, and five-on-five basketball has over 80 teams this semester, Hackemack said.

With handball being a non-traditional sport, both players and officials lacked some necessary knowledge of the game, Hackemack said.

"It got kind of chaotic," Hackemack said. "We were probably one scuffle away from an accident and we didn't want that to happen."

Dennis Breheny, Intramurals chairman of Phi Gamma Delta, said he thought handball was a popular intramural sport.

"I kind of wish that the intramurals program was geared more towards addition than subtraction," Breheny said.

Money made from intramurals goes into the intramurals budget, and eventually into the campus recreation budget, Hackemack said. Hackemack said monetary issues never play a role in removing and adding sports.

"Intramurals is not a money-making program," he said. "It's simply a fun program for students to enjoy."

With the removal of team handball, quickball will be put on the schedule for the first time this spring.

Quickball is a four-on-four version of competitive wiffleball that will be played in the special events gym.

"There have been some requests for a spring softball league," Hackemack said.

"Most schools have softball in the spring, but due to our lack of field space, and we have to share with sport clubs and other things, we can't play softball in the spring."

"Quickball is something to take the place of softball so I hope we get a good response from that."

Breheny said wiffleball is a sport that reminds him of his childhood.

"Wiffleball still kind of triggers memories of when I was 8 years old in my grandma's backyard," Breheny said.

Brad Christianson, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, likes the change to quickball. Christianson is part of a group of students that plays wiffleball on campus on a regular basis.

"I've never heard of anybody that played handball," he said. "So I think wiffleball will be far more popular."

The quickball season will begin after spring break, as well as outdoor soccer and sand volleyball. Five-on-five basketball began this week.

NATIONAL

Utah basketball in losing streak

By CODY BRUNNER
 Daily (University of) Utah Chronicle

SALT LAKE CITY — After a loss to the New Mexico Lobos on Tuesday and a weekend date with the TCU Horned Frogs on the horizon, the struggling Utah Utes are in need of a break from the current three-game slide.

With Utah's three consecutive losses and the Horned Frogs' three consecutive wins, the teams' gap in the conference standings is widening.

It could've been adjusting to the rambunctious fans on hand at The Pit. Maybe it was New Mexico's stringent defense. Whatever the reason, the Utes just couldn't find a rhythm against the Lobos on Tuesday night, and the result was a 77-67 overtime defeat — Utah's third consecutive conference loss.

"Utah and New Mexico is always going to be a tough game," New Mexico's J.R. Giddens said.

Utah (10-7, 1-3) saw itself fall into a seemingly insurmountable hole in the opening half. The Utes committed 10 turnovers in the first and 16 overall.

These ball handling woes could be a problem when the

Horned Frogs come to town. TCU ranks fifth in the nation in steals with 10.6 a game and sophomore guard Jason Ebie leads the team with 2.2 steals a game.

Leading the shooting game for

"It's a learning process, and we've blown a lot of leads because we couldn't guard players down the stretch tonight."

Steve Alford

New Mexico head coach

the Utes on Tuesday was senior guard Johnnie Bryant. He scored nine points in the first half, then opened the second half with two consecutive 3-point shots to keep the Utes in the game.

Bryant's offensive surge spurred the Utes to a comeback, and the senior was key to a 21-3 run midway through the latter half that gave Utah a 56-47 lead. The Lobos (16-4) responded by putting the clamps on Bryant — the guard didn't shoot a field goal in the final 13 1/2 minutes of the game.

"Our defense was the differ-

ence," New Mexico head coach Steve Alford said. "It's a learning process and we've blown a lot of leads because we couldn't guard players."

Luke Nevill came alive late in the contest and made a potential game-winning shot with 1:13 left in regulation, but a costly foul led to game tying free throws. Utah still had the opportunity to win the game in regulation, but a deep 3-point attempt from Tyler Kepkay was off the mark and it was sent to overtime.

The extra period belonged almost entirely to New Mexico. The Lobos used an 11-3 run to snag the win.

New Mexico took advantage of 16 giveaways from the Utes to score 23 points off turnovers. Bryant finished with a game-high 25 points while shooting 8-for-11 from the field to lead the Utes.

Saturday's game will be the first meeting between the Frogs and the Utes this season.

Last season TCU and Utah split their two matchups, with the away team coming out on top each time.

TCU is 1-5 on the road this season.