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Gossip site shuts down, citing economy

By David Hall
Associate Editor

The anonymous college gossip Web site JuicyCampus.com, which stirred controversy at campuses across the country, shut down Thursday after a year and a half of operation, according to a press release from the company's founder.

Matt Ivester, founder of JuicyCampus, wrote in the release Wednesday that the Web site's "exponential growth outpaced our ability to muster the resources needed

to survive this economic downturn, and as a result, we are closing down the site as of Feb. 5, 2009."

Ivester cited in the release that declining advertising revenue and decreased interest from financial contributors were the reason for the Web site's financial straits.

Former Student Body President Thomas Pressly, who co-authored a Student House of Representatives resolution condemning the Web site in February 2008, said he was encouraged by JuicyCampus' shutting down.

"I think it's a great thing that it's gone," Pressly said. "The idea behind it was ridiculous."

Pressly said he was skeptical of the validity of the press release, though, and it might just be a publicity stunt.

"(JuicyCampus') track record has involved trying to get their name out there even more," Pressly said.

Ivester did not reply to requests to comment.

In February 2008, Google, a former provider of ads from the Web site, pulled

its Ads By Google platform from the Web site after they learned of its gossip-oriented nature.

JuicyCampus was also subpoenaed by the New Jersey attorney general. According to a March 2008 press release, the attorney general's office was "investigating whether JuicyCampus.com is violating the state's Consumer Fraud Act through unconscionable commercial practices and misrepresentations to users."

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THE FLIPSIDE



Ashley Griswold, a 22-year-old Tarrant County College student, talks to her dad, Chuck Griswold, as she waits for a tow truck to turn her car upright. Griswold, who was not injured, lost control of the car after she hit the curb on Bellaire Drive across from the intramural fields Thursday evening.

JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Employers to interview disabled on campus

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

A program connecting students with disabilities to federal sector employers nationwide will come to campus for the first time Friday, a career services official said.

Kimshi Hickman, associate director of employer relations for Career Services, said a representative for The Workforce Recruitment Program will interview students with learning, mental and physical disabilities who want to enter the federal workforce.

Christina Sessums, a senior social work major who was diagnosed with neuromuscular disease in 2001, said the program is coming because of her request.

"I requested that the program come to TCU because I have disabilities and need workplace accommodations," Sessums said. "The accommodations I need at my workplace are very expensive, and this program can help find federal agencies that can pay for them."

Workforce Recruitment Program

When: Today
Where: Jarvis Hall, Room 235

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The "Dating Doctor" gives students love advice. Tuesday in News

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STUDY ABROAD

Ghana program in works

By Elise Smith
Staff Reporter

A study abroad program that will include field trips, hiking to waterfalls, traveling to historic sites and studying at a West African university is in the works, a university professor said.

Komla Aggor, professor of Spanish and program director of the trip, said he knew when he came to the university two years ago that he wanted to establish a study abroad program in Ghana to expose students to culture that are often misunderstood or misrepresented.

Darren Middleton, associate professor of religion and assistant director of the program, said he hopes students will take advantage of the opportunity to travel to Africa.

Middleton said he is involved with the program because he has been to Ghana and written about religion in the area.

"Ghana has quite the enviable reputation of being one of the most stable economies and most democratic countries in Africa," Middleton said.

Middleton said he and Aggor hope to generate enough student interest to fund the three-week program for the summer of 2010.

Aggor said he participated in two previous study abroad programs in Ghana while working at John Carroll University in Ohio, and that the student response there was positive.

He said the program "Understanding

West Africa: Ghana" will expose students to the theological background and culture of the West African country.

In addition to field trips around the region, students will hear lectures from top professors at the University of Ghana.

Aggor said students will visit slave forts because the sites are some of the most historic in the country and send a powerful message.

Aggor said TCU professors will not teach classes in Ghana but will facilitate discussions after the seminars to discuss what the students learned.

He said the lectures would include topics on human and cultural ecology, slavery, women's roles in society and the political development in the region.

Aggor said student accommodations will be provided by the University of Ghana in Accra, the country's capital, and that he and Middleton hope to take around 10 students. Aggor said the program will be open to all students.

"Today education is not just in the classroom, and students genuinely want to do more hands-on things to learn about the world that surrounds them," Aggor said.

Raymond Khoury, a freshman pre-business major, said studying abroad is a great opportunity to see another part of the world.

"Because French is a language they use over there in some parts and I'm studying it, I would strongly consider studying abroad in Ghana," Khoury said.

BUSINESS



MADDY FOX / Staff Reporter

Megan Dewar, a junior finance and real estate major and member of team M2 Consulting, presents her section of the group's solution to the Starbucks case study during the Neeley Leadership Week Case Competition on Thursday afternoon. Nine teams competed for three cash prizes.

Students consult Starbucks during case study competition

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

Students competed in a case study involving ways to improve Starbucks as part of the Neeley School of Business Leadership Week.

Greg Hamre, competition participant and junior finance major, said each group came into the competition as if they were a consulting team for Starbucks.

The teams were given a case study and asked to present their recommendations

and plans for improving the "Starbucks Experience," Hamre said.

According to the case study, the "Starbucks Experience" has been diminishing. Starbucks founder Howard Schultz's vision included the baristas' knowing the names of regular customers and their preferred drink. Starbucks also intended to be a comfortable "third place" between home and work.

The teams presented solutions that in-

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NEWS

LOVE AND DATING

BLUU to host real-life 'Hitch'

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

The doctor is in. The love doctor, that is.

David Coleman, otherwise known as "The Dating Doctor," said he will give students advice Sunday in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom for a sure-fire way not to screw up Valentine's Day.

He said the reason Valentine's Day appears in red on most calendars is not to symbolize romance or love.

"It's to symbolize the blood that has been shed by every man that has screwed up the holiday," Coleman said.

Coleman said he will cover every aspect of dating relationships, including romance and sex. He said he will offer students several dating tips including who controls relationships and why, five signs that a man is interested, six signs that a woman is interested and how to tell in five minutes whether someone is worth pursuing.

"After the program, they'll think differently about relationships," Coleman said.

Kelsey Lemm, coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said Coleman is well-known among people involved with

student activities and Greek life, and that his program encourages healthy relationships.

Fraternity and Sorority Life originally planned to bring Coleman to speak to Greek students but decided to open the program to all students, Lemm said.

"It's so important for students to know what they're looking for," Lemm said.

Natalie Pipkin, a sophomore pre-business major, said she's planning to attend the event.

"I'm really interested to see how he explains dating from a guy's perspective," Pipkin said. "Some-

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Natalie Pipkin
sophomore pre-business major

times guys act so weird, and we misinterpret their behavior."

Lauren Sullivan, junior broadcast journalism major, said the program sounds interesting, but she's not in desperate need of relationship advice.

"I don't know if it's something I

"The Dating Doctor"

What: Relationship advice with David Coleman
When: 7 p.m. Sunday
Where: BLUU Ballroom
Admission: Open to all students for free

would make time for," Sullivan said.

Freshman business major Linnette Romero said hearing another person's opinion about dating would be really interesting and would benefit students.

Coleman said he's done 2,500 shows, reaching 2.5 million people.

"It's very fun, and I seem to help people quite a bit," Coleman said.

Coleman said his audiences are involved in his programs. He said he guarantees that everyone will leave with useful knowledge about dating by allowing audience members to interrupt his program to ask any question they may have.

Lemm said the BLUU Ballroom will be set up for maximum capacity.

According to his Web site, datingdoctor.com, Coleman has won National Speaker of the Year 11 times. He has also been awarded seven times by Campus Activities Magazine and three times by the National Association for Campus Activities.

JUICY CAMPUS

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The attorney general's office subpoenaed Lime Blue, the company that owned JuicyCampus, to "reveal how the site chooses the colleges it features, how the users' school affiliations are identified and how parental-consent forms are implemented." The office also

subpoenaed AdBrite, a former provider of ads for the Web site, and requested materials that include how JuicyCampus represented itself to AdBrite, including the types of ads requested by the Web site.

JuicyCampus, had experienced a large amount of growth in the past year, from 60 campuses supported in February 2008 to more

than 500 at the time of the Web site's closing.

Investor closed the statement by saying, "While there are parts of JuicyCampus that none of us will miss — the mean-spirited posts and personal attacks — it has also been a place for the fun, lighthearted gossip of college life. I hope that is how it is remembered."

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Sessums, who has 13 years of previous volunteer and work experience, returned to the university to continue her studies.

Now that she has resumed her education, the program can act as her sales agent, helping to match her to positions that are open in the federal sector based on her skills rather than disabilities, Sessums said.

"Basically, they are the bridge," she said. "It allows me to take my educational experience and work and volunteer experience and use them in the workforce."

With the current downturn in the economy, the likelihood of disabled people obtaining a job has become slim, Sessums said.

"Exclusion based on disability is not legal," she said. "But in today's economy, when multiple people can apply for the same position, it does happen."

Hickman said many of the stu-

dents previously involved with the program on other campuses have been connected with internships all around the country.

"A lot of them may get to spend the summer in Washington, D.C.," she said.

The program collaborates with the Office of Disability Employment Policy, a division of the Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Defense to find jobs for the students who apply through the program, she said.

"They come and interview the students, and they have a database that they use to match the students up with federal employers," Hickman said.

Betsy Kravitz, a coordinator working for the program with the Department of Labor, said the placement of students depends on the federal agencies hiring at the time.

"A lot of times they get entry-level positions," Kravitz said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, for example, hires people to work in state parks, she said.

"It's a bad thing to come out of school without anything on your resume."

Betsy Kravitz
coordinator for the Department of Labor

The program strives to bridge the gap between university learning and job experience, Kravitz said.

"It's a bad thing to come out of school without anything on your resume," she said. "The federal sector is trying to be a model employer, and we have found it's a great way to get people involved in the federal government."

Last year about 500 students got jobs and about 150 went to the District of Columbia area, Kravitz said. Some students even got to go overseas, she said.

Sessums said she hopes to get an internship in Washington working either for mental health or veterans' affairs advocacy.



The Hesed House homeless soccer team practices Jan. 27. Lacking practice facilities, the team has honed its skills in many different locations around Aurora, Ill.

Soccer helps vagabonds find focus

By Ted Gregory
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Since 25 homeless men started working with Jason Holmes a few months ago, eight have gotten apartments and another is in transitional housing. Three others were conquering personal demons of smoking, alcohol abuse and heroin addiction.

The reasons might be complicated. But the core of their rehabilitation is a simple therapy: soccer.

Holmes has created a soccer team of homeless men. They play in a league in Plainfield, Ill., and they are part of a growing international homeless soccer movement.

It is a curious endeavor for Holmes, 32. He never played organized soccer and is not a social worker by education. He's an almost-famous alternative rock guitarist with a bachelor's degree in biology and a law degree he earned after signing a lousy music contract.

Holmes took a job at Hesed House, a homeless services provider in Aurora, Ill., six years ago as a way to study law while working overnights as a floor manager there. He stayed, motivated by serving others less fortunate.

But last year, Holmes said, he started burning out. Hesed's homeless shelter was overcrowded. He wasn't seeing much improvement in people's lives.

"I thought, 'There must be something more we can do, something different, to make a real impact on these people's lives,'" said Holmes, 32, of Aurora.

He came home late one night, turned on ESPN and saw a documentary, "Kicking It," which follows seven players making their way to the 2006 Homeless World Cup in South Africa.

Holmes had his idea.

"When I decided to start this soccer team, I had no idea what I was doing," he said. "I had to go to the library and check out a couple of books. One was 'Soccer for Dummies.'"

He doesn't remember the other, but he does recall that interest was pretty strong once he started a pickup game across the street from Hesed House in September. He started holding early morning training sessions, getting players to run three and a half miles outside. Three-fourths of them threw up the first time they ran.

But most of them kept coming back. The team is a mix of whites, blacks and Hispanics. They don't always understand each other, but they're enjoying themselves, Holmes said.

And he uses the appeal of soccer as a carrot. If players want to compete, they must set three-, six- and 12-month goals, Holmes said. That requirement has helped the players get their lives on track, and the physical demands of the game have forced them to avoid life's impurities.

The players aren't altogether sure how soccer works on moving them toward more empowered, productive lives, but they agree that it is happening. It might be the conditioning and discipline required by the sport. It might be the camaraderie and responsibility that is new to them but inherent to being part of a team.

"It builds us and builds us and builds us to the point where you reach up to the sky and grab a star," said Daniel McLaughlin, 20. He added that the convergence of physical, mental and emotional demands in a team structure "proves to us that we can do it," that players can "achieve perfection in other areas of your life."

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cluded installing microchips into membership cards, which would give details, such as the name and recent orders of customers, and buying local baked goods to sell at Starbucks to create a hometown feel.

"It's huge for the students involved," said Dan Novak, a competition judge and alliance executive for IBM. "Just going through the process of having to prepare for (the competition), deliver and execute is a great exercise for the students."

Neeley Leadership Week is a week of activities and competitions open to undergraduate and graduate students created in order to focus on leadership skills. The week included high-profile leadership speakers, panel discussions about community service and student leadership case competitions.

Williams said nine teams of three to five students were in the competition and each team had 10 days to prepare its presentation. The teams were given 20 minutes to present their case analyses and then a 10-minute question-and-answer session with the judges, she said.

Kirk Oliver, member of last

"It motivates me in ways that I haven't even figured out yet," said McLaughlin, who graduated from a community college job training program Friday.

Holmes has had to learn how to scrounge. Only four players have soccer cleats. Volunteers with vans drive the 16 players to games.

Triple Threat Mentoring, an Aurora nonprofit working with "under-resourced youth," donated 10 green jerseys and red socks. The team received its big break in January, when Terry Knapp, owner of Just For Kicks soccer field house in Plainfield, Ill., waived the \$1,700 entry fee for a league in which they are the only team of homeless players.

Now they call themselves "The Inferno" and play once or twice a week. They also are a part of homeless soccer — known as street soccer — which got its start with a tournament in 2001 in Austria and made its way to Charlotte, N.C., in 2004, after homeless people working with former college player Lawrence Cann asked him to organize a team sport.

That led to the Homeless USA Cup, which last year drew 11 teams to Washington for the tournament. This year, at least 16 teams are expected, said Cann, now executive director of Street Soccer USA, the organization running the event. Lineups of four players on a side compete on a hard surface roughly the size of a basketball court.

Organizers choose eight players to represent the United States at the international Homeless World Cup in September in Milan, Italy. Rehabilitation among those players is even more impressive than what Holmes is seeing. Cann said 28 of the 36 men who have played on the national team have remained off the street.

year's winning team and one of the judges of this year's competition and market analyst for American Airlines, said being involved in the case competition for two years has been beneficial to him.

"Last year, coming out of the competition I gained confidence," Oliver said. "It kind of helped me come out of my shell and realize I have the skills to compete with other students and out in the working world."

Charlie Hornsby, member of the first place team and MBA student, said he was surprised his team won the competition.

"I knew we had a strong presentation, but I knew just because we were graduate students did not mean we had the full advantage," Hornsby said. "Having a high level of competition pushed everyone to a higher standard."

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The Skiff View

Jobs produce mature students

A recent study by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute has shown that almost 50 percent of freshmen planned to work their way through college to pay for expenses.

Working undoubtedly adds more commitments to a schedule already filled with classes and exams, but it's a sign of maturity.

Handling finances and taking responsibility is a rite of passage that prepares students for the world awaiting them after graduation.

It also means that students have to learn time management skills to balance their activities in and out of the classroom. While a college degree should be a higher priority than a full-time or part-time job, if the work presents an opportunity to apply the skills students are learning in the classroom, then another dimension is added to the work experience. It would be easier if students did not have to work while they get their degree, but doing so presents new opportunities and proves to future employers that the person can handle different responsibilities and multitask.

Whether the job is work-study or off-campus, there are different reasons why students are heading back into the workforce before they walk across the stage to get their diplomas. Many are working to pay off student loans or credit card debt as the economy tightens its belt. Some students are going to school while holding down a job and raising a family, ensuring a better future for themselves and their children. One thing that unites them is that they are working toward a degree and maintaining a self-sufficient lifestyle by working to pay off their expenses.

Features editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Tax cuts would help raise economy out of recession

PETER PARLAPIANO

With the House of Representatives recently passing the \$819 billion stimulus package, people believe that this piece of legislation somehow will lift the United States out of a recession.

The main purpose of the bill is to increase spending on infrastructure. The term "infrastructure" is used vaguely though. For instance, the bill would spend \$355 million to fund programs for the education and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Projects such as this and numerous others in the stimulus bill are not only irresponsible but can harm the economy.

To understand how any stimulus package works, people must understand what really is going on instead of listening to political rhetoric. In order to stimulate one person, there must be someone else who is unstimulated.

In essence, the money within the bill comes from taxpayer dollars. In addition to this, there are some people who don't even pay taxes.

Income redistribution takes money from the rich and gives it to the poor. In essence this redistribution is Robin Hood economics. Senators and even President Barack Obama have claimed that this redistribution is a "tax cut." One problem with giving an individual bailout is that the money has to come from a source. To resolve this issue the government can either print more money (causing inflation), borrow it from another nation (China) or tax future generations.

Who will the stimulus bill really help? Economists are not quite sure how ben-



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eficial the stimulus will be. The plan is to create new roads, highways and create jobs by updating the energy grid. While on the surface all of this sounds exciting, we have to analyze what is really going on. While unemployment is under 8 percent, Congress and the president feel the need to decrease unemployment even further. I must point out that an 8 percent unemployment rate means that 92 percent of people are employed.

Obama is by no means an economist, but he does have an arsenal of economists at his disposal. If he really wants to boost the economy, then he could cut taxes for everyone (both rich and poor). Lower taxes give people more money, which can help fuel the economy. Increasing taxes as Obama proposed during his campaign could crush the economy and lead the country into another depression. The current economy may be in a recession, but it helps people become frugal and induces savings. A recession can ultimately bring people back to their senses. In the end what doesn't kill you will only make you stronger.

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Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Austin to follow change in Washington



LAUREN FARRELLY

With the recent election of President Barack Obama, it is evident that America is ready for a change. Next year's Texas gubernatorial election should prove to be no exception to the political revolution.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison recently launched an exploratory committee to examine the possibility of her running for the state's highest office.

An article in Texas Monthly pointed out "Republicans who want change aren't going to look for it from a governor who will have been in office for more than nine years on primary day."

Following the wave of national sentiment created by the presidential election, Governor Rick Perry will undoubtedly

have a difficult time holding on to his position.

The future of Texas politics lies in a rare face off between two candidates of the same party.

A similar situation occurred for the Democratic Party during the 1978 gubernatorial race. Mirroring the Republican Party's transition from a rural to an urban base, the urban candidate, Attorney General John Hill, won the Democratic Party's nomination.

As a result, the rural democrats shifted their support to the Republican Party's nominee, Bill Clements, giving him the momentum to defeat state party chairman and fellow Republican Ray Hutchison, Kay Bailey's husband, to become Texas Governor.

Now, 31 years later, a different Hutchison is a contender: the first Republican woman to serve in the Texas House. Hutchison needs to learn from the Democrats and ensure she holds on to the rural vote as she is the ideal candidate to attract the urbanites and moderate con-

servatives. As one of Texas' most popular political figures, she has won three re-elections to the Senate. In 2006, Perry skimmed by with a mere 39 percent of the vote for governor. According to an online article from Texas Monthly, Rick Perry "may be the last rural governor of Texas for quite a while, and a victory by the challenger could trigger an evolution of the Republican Party."

Hutchison has long been a representation of such an evolution. She has a less-than-traditional conservative take on some of the major issues.

Her mixed voting record on abortion as well as her support of embryonic stem cell research differentiates her from Perry, who supports a bill authorizing "Choose Life" license plates.

The lengthy campaign for the presidency was only a warm-up for a Texas Republican race to the finish that you don't want to miss.

Lauren Farrelly is a sophomore international finance major from Fort Worth.

Consumers should draw line on celebrity news



VLORA BOJKU

What crazy thing is Britney doing? Did you hear about John Travolta's son and his Scientology beliefs? Can you believe how fat Jessica Simpson has gotten? Can't she afford a personal trainer? Did you see the Brangelina baby pictures — adorable!

Our infatuation with celebrities has gone overboard in recent years.

Magazine editors and paparazzi have crossed any line once forged, worried only about getting the next "money shot." Paparazzi can get thousands and sometimes hundreds of thousands for shots of celebrities and/or their children. They

rent helicopters, follow them around the world, and even trespass and act illegally to catch the celebrities in awkward situations.

But the fact is the media wouldn't be doing it if we, as Americans, weren't always hungry for more and more hot gossip.

We are constantly on blog sites, looking through magazines, and watching television shows; shrines to the lives of celebrities.

Their lives are ostentatious, and we want to be like them, know all their personal secrets, and fantasize about being able to spend like them, taking the jet from New York to Turks and Caicos or going on a spending spree at Barneys.

And for the most part, many celebrities don't mind the pictures splashed across every media source. It's free publicity for their next movie, CD, book, clothing line, restaurant, or the million other ran-

dom things they are involved in to make money.

It is difficult to determine where to draw the line when both sides are at fault. The paparazzi want the shot at any given time, and the starlet only wants to give it when she needs the publicity.

According to Perez Hilton's blog site, many celebrities feign anger at having their lives continually photographed when they, in fact, encourage it by tipping off the paparazzi to their schedule.

This cycle is never going to end, unless we as consumers decide to draw the line on what we are going to participate in, and what we are not.

Next time, when you're reading about Britney's mama drama or laughing at a celebrity who has gained a few pounds, think about what's really going on.

Vlora Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.

Campus Voices

Would a four-day school week compromise productive learning?



"No, I think it's more efficient. It allows people to work more to gain experience, and I think hour-and-a-half classes are more efficient."

Hana Litterer
 senior finance and accounting major from Austin



"No, because I've already had a four-day week. If you can fit the same amount of hours in a four-day week, you're not compromising anything."

Maddi Masino
 junior advertising/public relations major from Pensacola, Fla.



"No. You'd have more time to do your homework and catch up on your reading. It'll help out quite a bit."

Travis Barrington
 junior religion major from Crowley



"No, I don't think it would. My last semester was a four-day week. It gave me more time to study on the weekend. It's better."

Valeria Segovia
 junior graphic design major from Cartagena, Colombia



"Absolutely. I feel like the teachers would have to cram more in if they don't maintain the traditional schedule."

James Michael Russell
 junior anthropology and sociology major from Fort Worth



"Yes, because what you learn in a single day makes a difference in the five- or four-day week. Spreading out the information is better."

Chrisan Galbadage
 senior engineering major from Colombo, Sri Lanka

NEWS

Recession prompts job seekers to turn to military

By Martha Quillin
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — If he enlisted in the Army today, there's a good chance Jonathan Barron would be deployed to a combat zone by Christmas. Still, in this economy, the military looks to him like the safest place to be.

"I'm scared to death," Barron said last week after taking an Army qualifications pre-test at a Raleigh recruitment center. It's not the possibility of being shot at that frightens him; it's that, at 24, with a high school diploma and nearly three years of college, he can't find a job. The one he had, selling suits at a shop in Garner, N.C., for \$7 an hour, ended last week when S&K Menswear closed the store.

As civilian jobs get scarcer by the week, recruiters say interest in the military is up. Recruiters are not only seeing more applicants, but more of them have at least a high school diploma and many, a college degree.

All branches of service met or exceeded recruitment goals in fiscal year 2008, the first year they have done so since 2002, the defense department says. The trend continued through October, November and December, the first quarter of fiscal year 2009, and is expected to hold when January figures are tallied.

The Army had to lower its admission standards in recent years, taking in more

applicants who lack a high school diploma. At the same time, the Army's mission in Iraq and Afghanistan increasingly requires soldiers who can react quickly to changing situations. If soldiers looking for illegal weapons at a home encounter women and children, for example, will they know how to proceed without committing a cultural offense that could make the situation worse?

"In the operational environment we're in now ... it's critical to have those kinds of creative thinkers," said Col. George Sterling, commander of the Army's Raleigh Recruiting Battalion, responsible for recruitment across two-thirds of the state.

The Department of Defense can't say what percentage of the increased traffic at recruitment centers is due to job losses. People might be responding to enlistment bonuses that can reach \$40,000, a better GI Bill to pay for college and up to \$65,000 to pay off existing student loans. Adding to the appeal of joining now is the reduction in violence in Iraq and the possibility of U.S. forces withdrawing from that country in a year or two.

But even in times of war, the military doesn't take all comers. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. Age limits vary by branch and whether the prospective recruit served before; the Army generally turns down anyone older than 42 who has no service history. Pay varies widely, depending on rank and years of experience, and pay can be augmented by hazardous-duty

or combat pay and allowances for housing and other expenses. A new private in basic training would earn about \$1,300 a month in base pay, an officer several times that.

The promise of travel that comes with enlistment is enticing to some, a hardship for others. The stresses of combat exposure are well known and can have lasting effects on a soldier's mental health. The Army announced last week that the suicide rate in 2008 was the highest in 30 years.

When the military doesn't meet its recruitment goals, it can set up a costly cycle: more frequent deployments for service members, resulting in higher turnover that requires more resources for recruitment and training new soldiers.

While the Army collects data on population trends and the openings of new high schools, it also tracks layoffs and job closings, and it can step up print and radio advertising in communities where large numbers of people might be looking for a steady job with benefits and training.

"We don't drive our H3 Hummer up there and broadcast when people are walking off the campus of Nortel," Sterling said, referring to the maker of telephone gear that laid off hundreds of workers from its Triangle offices last year.

"But we're out there," said Sgt. 1st Class Kelvin Pleasant, who runs Raleigh's main recruiting branch. "People get bombarded with this stuff. We want them to know that this opportunity is



Jonathan Barron, 24, talks to an Army recruiter at the Armed Forces Recruiting Center in Raleigh, N.C., on Jan. 26. "This is a last resort," said Barron, who was expecting to lose his job at a clothing store.

here, if they want to do something else with their life."

Barron didn't need to hear the pitch. An Air Force brat, he had considered joining the military after graduating from Garner High School in 2002.

"I always said if the draft came back, I wouldn't avoid it," Barron said. "But I don't want to be a bullet-catcher, either."

Instead, he decided to study graphics at the School of Communication Arts in Raleigh, but he had to leave before he

got his degree. He and a friend started a lawn care business. When that failed, he went back to S&K, where he had worked before, using a sense of style he developed while living in Europe when his dad was in the service.

Last week, empty chrome fixtures, final markdowns on a dwindling inventory and red and orange "STORE CLOSING" signs told a familiar story. "EVERYTHING MUST GO," they announced — including Barron.

Universities provide substance-free houses for abstemious students

By Susan Snyder
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Students flooded into the college house in Allentown, Pa., on a Friday night, headed straight for the bar, and ordered drinks. The blenders whirred.

"Bottoms up," the student bartender said as drinkers tipped their cups.

Soon, Muhlenberg College's campus police officers were at the party, also drinking.

After all, the plastic red cups were filled only with milkshakes. Vanilla. Chocolate. And strawberry.

No alcohol.

The house, on a quiet street near Muhlenberg's campus, is overseen by CASE (Clean and Sober Environment), a nearly two-year-old student-initiated organization that includes students in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and others who abstain.

Perhaps there's no place more difficult to live alcohol- and drug-

free than America's college campuses — the first step away from home for many students, a time to experiment, a time to let loose.

Half of full-time college students, many of whom are younger than the legal drinking age of 21, binge drink or abuse prescription or illegal drugs, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Almost one in four meets medical criteria for substance abuse and dependence, the group says.

Despite the magnitude of the

problem, few colleges have housing for students in recovery. Locally, besides Muhlenberg, the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University provide it. Some schools, including Penn and West Chester University, offer "healthy living" spaces for students looking for a drug- and alcohol-free oasis.

"There's no question that colleges have started to do more than they ever did, but they are by no means doing enough," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., chairman and president of the national addiction center at Columbia. "Higher education has to get the 'high' out of it."

At Muhlenberg, the clean-and-sober organization holds alcohol- and drug-free parties and other activities at the house. The events give students another social option and sometimes draw hundreds.

"When people come to college, it's hard to feel comfortable at a party situation where everyone is drinking and still feel like you're part of the party," said club president Amy Bauer, 20, a junior English and theater major from Rockaway, N.J.

"So things like this let people know it is possible to meet people, dance, and have a good time" without drugs or alcohol, she said. "You can be the life of the party without a beer in your hand."

Despite what experts say is widespread drinking on campuses, the demand for the special housing is small. At Muhlenberg, six students live in the college-owned house.

Two years ago, Penn designated a small wing of a dorm for as many as six students in recovery. It isn't full.

The Rutgers house for students

in recovery has room for 20; 12 live there. Officials say numbers were kept smaller because of lack of staff. The house will return to capacity in the fall.

Knowing of the need, proponents want housing to grow both for students in recovery and those who want a substance-free environment.

"I'm confident that it will, and that other schools will catch on," said Julie Lyzinski, Penn's director for alcohol and other drug programs.

The Muhlenberg house, amid a mix of upscale and middle-class houses, looked like any other college house hosting a party. There was loud music in the basement and dancing under strobe lights. Upstairs, students chatted.

"You can be the life of the party without a beer in your hand."

Amy Bauer
president of Clean-and-Sober Organization

"When I was a freshman and I didn't want to drink, it was really difficult," Bauer said. "It took me a long time to feel confident enough to go to a party."

Then she met Aaron Lawson, now 21 and a senior theater and sociology major from Maine, and Philip Lakin, also 21, a senior theater and communications major from Wayne, N.J. They had just attended a program at the Addiction Studies Institute in Ohio and wanted to start a group for students in recovery and to connect it with others on campus.

Bauer decided to join in. "I knew there were other people

out there like me, and I wanted to do something about it," she said.

The organization, which gets funding through the student council, won a campus award in its first year for best student organization. About 20 people come to the group meetings, and 50 more are on the club's mailing list.

The house has rules: no alcohol or drugs, no even medications such as Robitussin. No entering intoxicated.

At some campuses, including Penn and Rutgers, the location of the recovery housing — which is only for students in recovery — is kept secret to protect privacy.

Rutgers has been at it the longest — more than 20 years. Lisa Laitman, director of the alcohol and other drugs assistance program, was hired in 1983 to start a recovery support group. "As the group got larger and larger, housing issues arose."

In 1988, the school agreed to open a recovery house on its main campus in New Brunswick.

Some schools have designated substance-free dorms or floors for students who abstain.

"I really wanted to live in a college environment that was conducive to not just studying and sleeping but also having fun," said Mark Pan, 19, a sophomore urban-studies major from San Jose, Calif., who has lived on a substance-free floor at Penn since last year.

"I enjoy going out to parties and going out in the city. I do so in a sober manner."

At West Chester, which designated several wings three years ago, students must sign contracts, pledging not to use. About 40 students live there, among the 4,000 on campus.

Marion McKinney, director of residence life, said she was not sure whether any students living in the hall were in recovery.

"If they let us know," she said, "we're more than willing to help them, but they don't have to let us know that."

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FEATURES



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Alumna blazes purple trail through Hollywood

By Maricruz Salinas
Staff Reporter

In the seven years since she left TCU, Kate Simonides has worked with vampires, awkward writers, FBI agents and farmers.

An alumna of the radio-TV-film program, Simonides, which rhymes with “commodities,” has worked in the production of over 10 television shows, including “Angel,” “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” “Criminal Minds” and the reality show “Farmer Wants a Wife.”

She returned to TCU to lecture to RTVF majors on her production work in the television industry on Feb. 2.

Simonides said her jobs range from production assistant, assistant production coordinator and recently, associate producer.

“What I do in production, it’s a lot of freelancing. You go from show to show,” she said.

After graduating from in December 2001, Simo-

nides said she went to Los Angeles and found her first job on the set of “Angel” as a production assistant. She said she once ran half a mile to catch actress Gina Torres (“Firefly,” “Angel”) before she reached her trailer to remove makeup so the crew could finish a scene.

She said “Angel” remains one of her favorite series she was a part of, mostly because it was her first show. “Curb Your Enthusiasm” is the most unique because of the improvisations of the show, Simonides said.

Simonides said she has always had a deep interest in movies and the RTVF department sealed her future.

“I was a big movie geek,” she said. “I thought about going into science or biology but then I realized that if I really liked film that much, I should just go for it.”

While attending TCU, Simonides said she had two internships that helped put her on the path she is on now.

Her first internship was with NBC in Los Angeles, which she got with the help of Richard Allen, head of the RTVF department.

Allen said Simonides’ confidence, ability and ambitions drove her to success.

“You’re not going to be able to teach somebody everything they might need to know, especially with technology changes,” Allen said. “The fields that she’s been in, like the reality shows and nonscripted programs, didn’t even exist when she graduated. She’s a good example of someone who learned how to learn.”

The next summer she was accepted into an internship for the “Late Show with David Letterman” in New York, Simonides said.

“Internships, networking and taking jobs even if you’re not sure you want to go that direction are the best things you can do in the industry,” Simonides said.

Taking a variety of jobs helped her network, she said. A crew she worked with for a couple of days would eventually call her back to work on another project.

“It’s a lot like six

degrees of separation,” she said. “Somebody mentions somebody and it’s like ‘Oh, I’ve worked with them before.’ It’s a big chain.”

RTVF alumna Andrea Valiso currently works as an office production assistant on the television series “Without a Trace” and says the Horned Frog community is growing at a steady pace in the Los Angeles area.

“There are more TCU RTVF alumni out here than I ever imagined,” Valiso wrote in an e-mail. “We are all doing different things in the business, but we are definitely carving out careers for ourselves based on the major we chose in college and the education we received from TCU.”

Simonides said she would eventually like to work on a show for the Discovery Channel or Travel Channel, especially after she saw Discovery Channel’s “Planet Earth.”

“The production logistics just blew my mind,” Simonides said. “I’d like to travel with the crew and do that.”

Simonides’ current project will appear on the Sci-Fi Channel under the working title “RelicQuest,” which will premiere later this spring. As associate producer, she created the production schedule, coordinated the shoots and delivered the show to the network in the post-production process.



COURTESY OF KATE SIMONIDES
RTVF alumna Kate Simonides hangs out on the set of an upcoming History Channel production she’s working on.

Reviews

‘Taken’ a cold and effective hit

By Luke Urban
Staff Reporter

“Taken” stars Liam Neeson as Bryan Mills, a former CIA operative who has just given up his job as a government agent to be close to his daughter Kim.

Just as Kim (Maggie Grace) and her best friend Amanda (Katie Cassidy) decide to go to Paris, Mills’ worst fears of his daughter’s safety come true as the two get abducted from their apartment in broad daylight.

The tension in the scenes leading up to the kidnapping is high, and you can sense what is going to happen next while dreading it all the same. Other viewers might see this as predictable from the minute the two set foot in France, as the title “Taken” is inspired by this event.

Mills is given 96 hours to rescue his daughter from her abductors, jump-starting an unpredictable ride that takes all of Mills’ experiences as a trained killer into account.

Mills systematically tracks down his enemies in scene after scene a la Jason Bourne of “The Bourne Identity,” which was clearly an inspiration. Quick-cutting editing of

car crashes and explosions reflect the “Bourne” series’ influence, which has become sort of a revenge standard as of late. Other nods include “The Transporter” series especially in the car crash at the construction site.

Writer-producer Luc Besson has overseen artsy action thrillers before with “Unleashed” and “The Professional,” so if you’re expecting Neeson to make nice and resolve matters over a cup of tea, you shouldn’t expect anything less than a PG-13 rating-friendly beatdown complete with a grisly torture scene.

Neeson, young at heart at 57 years old, has played Oscar-caliber characters like Oskar Schindler in “Schindler’s List,” alongside summer blockbuster characters like Qui-Gon Jinn in the “Star Wars” series. In “Taken,” he gives the character a breathless velocity through the action scenes directed by Pierre Morel. From Mills’ going against his ex-wife’s desire for his daughter to go to Paris to his bashing of guys’ heads into walls scene after scene, Neeson gives off an aura of invincibility, stopping at nothing to find his daughter.

The back-and-forth nature of the movie pulls you in from the beginning to end and holds you captive from scene to scene.

‘Button’ succeeds with familiar formula

By Chance Welch
Features Editor

Based loosely on a premise by “The Great Gatsby” novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald, “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” is faced with the unique task of making an audience believe that a man can age backward.

For a film with a potentially preposterous concept such as this, not once did I question the authenticity of the film. This feat is achieved not only through some amazing special effects and a solid script, but also thanks to the performances of leads Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett and a diverse supporting cast that includes Jason Flemyng and Taraji P. Henson.

This marks the third collaboration between director David Fincher and Pitt after their work on “Se7en” and “Fight Club” and it’s safe to say Pitt has become his muse of sorts. Button is an old soul, someone we feel like we know from the minute we see Pitt onscreen, which is pretty early after he is born (thanks to a lot of motion capture work).

Known for his meticulous directing style, Fincher makes films where no detail is left to chance; nothing is unintentional or coincidental. It seems like it would feel claustrophobic to try packing in Button’s life within a suitable running time, but Roth plots the film tightly, moving events along at a pace to where you wouldn’t notice almost three hours have passed when the lights go up. The film is loaded with symbolism for night and day, youth and old age, but it never feels heavy-handed or labored.

This mixture of light and

dark is a new one for Fincher, whose career has mainly focused on the latter. He made his transition from a TV commercial director to feature films with “Alien 3,” following up with the thrillers “Se7en” and “The Game,” the box-office-bomb-turned-cult-classic “Fight Club” (my favorite) and the unflashy serial killer procedural “Zodiac.” But as Button proves in the film, it’s never too late to change course and dodge expectations and Fincher does.

The film becomes intertwined with historic events, such as the Beatles’ first U.S. TV appearance, thus creating an American fable. Sound familiar?

Screenwriter Eric Roth has found success with this formula before in 1994’s Oscar heavy-

weight “Forrest Gump.” That time, Tom Hanks played an ordinary man put under extraordinary circumstances, meeting unique characters and losing them along the way.

This time, Pitt has the blessing (or burden) of going into his prime as the ones he holds the closest wither away, missing out on the joys of childhood but carrying maturity as his wrinkles give way to youth. Some of the same whimsical motifs, like the hummingbird in “Button” compared to the feather in “Gump,” immediately come to mind.

I still can’t shake the feeling that I’ve seen this film before. Granted, it’s a good one that takes you on an unforgettable journey and is sure to get the nod for Best Picture, but nothing I haven’t seen before.

A curious case indeed.



SPORTS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

BRAIN POWER



Freshman forward Jordan Calhoun dribbles the ball past senior defender Karen Cook during last season's game against BYU.

SKIFF ARCHIVES

Team focuses on grades and goals

By Katie Ruppel
Staff Reporter

After finishing the fall season with the best record in the program's history, the women's soccer team starts its spring offseason Sunday with a home match against Navarro College.

Head coach Dan Abdalla said he was pleased the team was able to see its hard work pay off with its 14-4-2 season, the best in program history, but also sees room for improvement and will use this season as a training opportunity.

"We are going to use all the games as practices," Abdalla said. "We are just trying to improve, experiment with some things and see which players will work in different spots."

Sophomore forward Jackie Torda, who was third on the team in goals last season, said although this is the offseason, there will still be plenty of competition on the field, including the game against Navarro on Sunday.

Torda said the team will have to keep its focus throughout the game, especial-

ly being the first one of the spring.

The soccer team is not only focused on the field but off the field as well — 16 players were named to the Fall 2008 Academic All-Mountain West Conference team Monday.

Abdalla said this shows how well-rounded and devoted the team is to many different aspects of their lives.

"It's a reflection of their commitment to being the best that they can in everything that they do," he said.

Torda said the team has a goal of keeping an average 3.3 GPA and takes pride in the fact that the players can balance both school and soccer.

Torda's teammate, freshman forward Jordan Calhoun, agreed.

"Not only are we focusing in the classroom but we can get it done on the soccer field," said Calhoun, who was among those honored. "Our mindset is both academic and athletic."

Calhoun was also named Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year and a second-team Freshman All-American for the 2008 sea-

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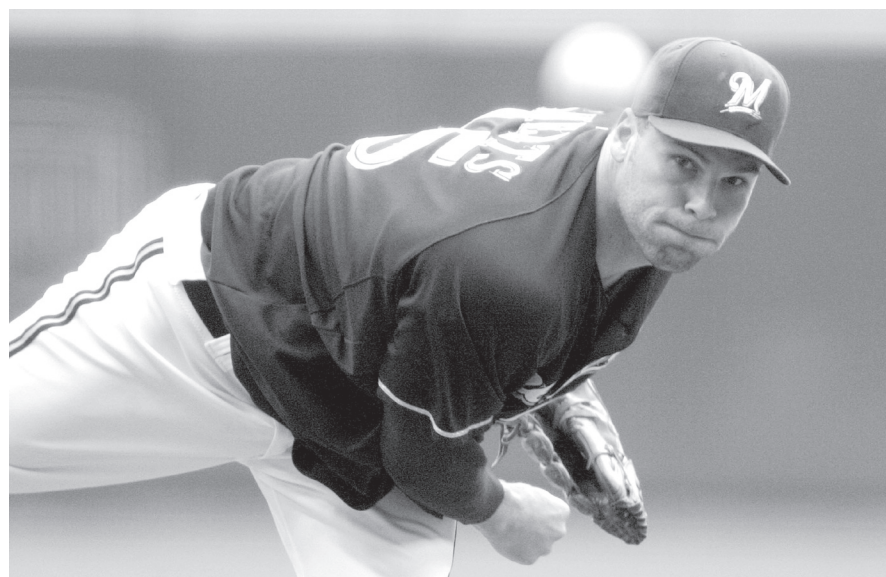
"Not only are we focusing in the classroom but we can get it done on the soccer field."

Jordan Calhoun
freshman forward

son. Calhoun is the soccer program's first All-American honoree.

After the Saturday games, the Horned Frogs will play the University of Miami and the University of Oklahoma on Feb. 28. The next women's soccer home game will be against the University of North Texas at the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium on March 7.

MLB



JEFFREY PHELPS / Milwaukee Journal Sentinel via MCT
Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Ben Sheets pitches in the first inning against the Washington Nationals on Aug. 9 at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee ace may miss up to half of 2009 season

By Tom Haudricourt
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — No Ben Sheets. No draft-pick compensation.

That was the ugly prospect facing the Milwaukee Brewers after reports surfaced Thursday that Sheets plans to have surgery to repair an elbow injury suffered near the end of the 2008 season.

As if that news weren't bad enough, the Brewers also might have to pick up the tab for the free-agent right-hander's medical expenses. With the club in a precarious and delicate situation, assistant general manager Gord Ash was careful with his words.

"I can't answer any questions at this time because we don't have the answers yet," said Ash, who oversees the team's medical program. "We're in the process of trying to get the answers."

"Obviously, we're in an awkward situation."

The possibility of surgery, first reported by Major League Baseball's Web site, apparently arose after Sheets reached agreement on the parameters of a two-year deal with the Texas Rangers. The proposal was contingent on Sheets passing the requisite physical examination, which became an issue because of his elbow.

Sheets, 30, suffered a torn flexor tendon near the elbow late last season, limiting him to two abbreviated starts over the final 2 weeks and shelving him for the Brewers' playoff series against Philadelphia. At the time, the medical opinion was that the injury would heal with rest and rehabilitation.

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels wouldn't confirm that a tentative deal was in place but told ESPN.com, "It's no secret we've had interest in Ben, and we remain interested under the right circumstances. But as far as his medical situation is concerned, we have no comment."

Sheets' agent, Casey Close, did not return a telephone call from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. But Sports Illustrated's Web site reported that Close said Sheets would have surgery with hopes of returning sometime in the second half of the 2009 season.

After failing to receive offers reflective of his talent level, Sheets decided, "I'm just going to get this fixed," Close told SI.com.

"With 10 or 12 starts, he's going to be in pretty good shape," added Close, referring to the free-agent market next winter.

Ash said he had not been informed by Close that Sheets had decided to go ahead with surgery.

"They don't have to tell us," Ash said. "That's why we're trying to gather information and work out the details."

Under Major League Baseball's workman's compensation rules, the Brewers could get stuck with the surgical bill be-

cause he played for them at the time of the injury. Club officials heard through the grapevine that Sheets was still having elbow issues that might require surgery, so the news wasn't a total shock.

Even with the surgery, however, there's no guarantee that Sheets will be ready to pitch in the second half of the '09 season. Such procedures often require rehabilitation periods of at least nine months.

Doctors reportedly told Sheets that he might be able to nurse the elbow through the 2009 season without surgery. But he also was told it could blow out completely once he began throwing with maximum effort.

"We're having ongoing discussions with the necessary people," Ash said. "Our read on it at the end of last season was that it would heal with rest and rehabilitation. Now, we're trying to work through it and sort it all out."

If Sheets goes ahead with surgery and doesn't sign with a team until after the all-star break, the Brewers would lose draft-pick compensation for the Class A free agent. Otherwise, they were in line to receive a first- or second-round pick from the signing team as well as a sandwich pick between the first and second rounds.

The Brewers already had a draft-pick disappointment when Class A free agent CC Sabathia signed with the New York Yankees. Instead of getting New York's first-round pick in June, the Brewer had to settle for a second-rounder because the Yankees later signed a higher-ranked free agent, Mark Teixeira. That move sent New York's first pick to the Los Angeles Angels.

To keep draft-pick compensation in order, the Brewers offered salary arbitration to Sheets in December. Had he accepted, Sheets would have been considered a "signed" player for 2009 with a salary to be determined.

Sheets had an \$11 million salary last year and would have been in line for a raise after going 13-9 with a 3.09 earned run average in 31 starts. Instead, he opted to explore the free-agent market in search of a multi-year offer.

Had Sheets accepted the Brewers' offer, it would have been contingent on passing a physical exam, so the elbow problem could have voided it.

A few teams, including the Yankees, showed preliminary interest in Sheets but that short list eventually was whittled down to the Rangers. In early January, the Brewers proposed an incentive-laden deal to close but again were turned down.

Injuries have plagued Sheets throughout his career, resulting in six trips to the disabled list during eight seasons with Milwaukee. The Brewers thought they were done with those medical problems when Sheets hit the free-agent market.

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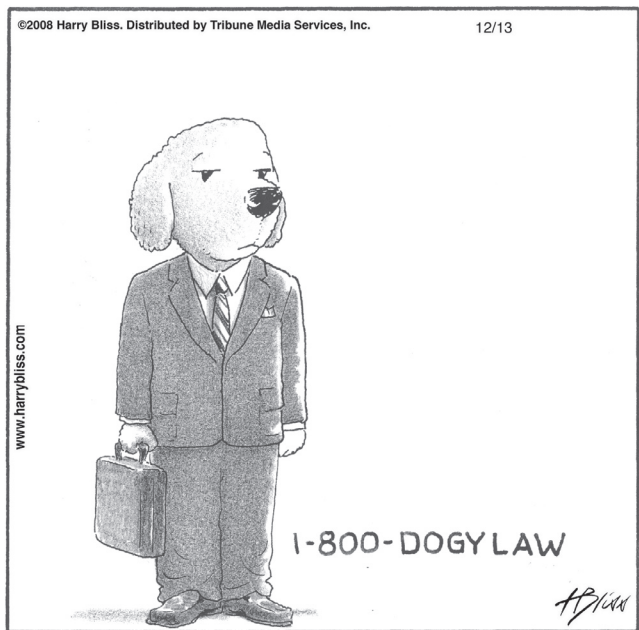
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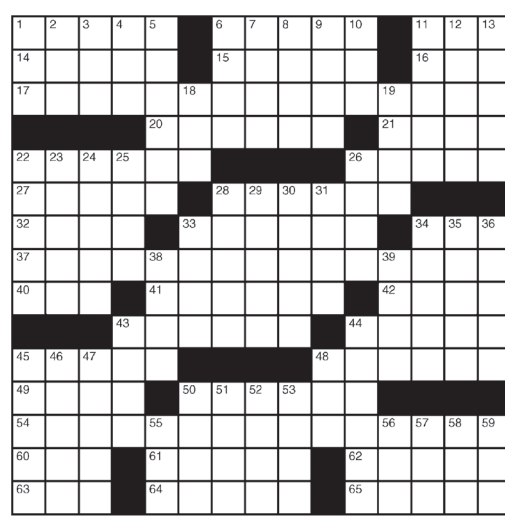
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By Josiah Braward
 Scranton, PA

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SPORTS



Get an up-close look at the baseball team's First Pitch Banquet. Tuesday

WOMEN'S GOLF

Team to face skilled competition in Puerto Rico tourney

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

You know you picked the right sport when playing it involves walking along the ocean in Puerto Rico, which is exactly where the women's golf team will begin its spring season Sunday.

The Lady Puerto Rico Classic, hosted by Purdue University, will be the Horned Frogs' first tournament since the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown in October.

The Puerto Rico tournament will be held at the Coco Beach Golf and Country Club in Rio Grande and is scheduled to last Sunday through Tuesday.

"It's great competition; it's a great golf course," said Angie

Ravaioli-Larkin, who is in her 15th season as head coach of the team. "It's usually beautiful weather ... it's right off the ocean."

The team has played in the tournament before, so they will be familiar with the course's surroundings, she said.

Ravaioli-Larkin said the team has spent recent weeks qualifying among one another to see who will be attending the tournament. There are nine players on the team, but only the five top qualifiers travel to tournaments, she said.

"Our real focus is just concentrating on what we can do," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "Playing one shot at a time and taking it as slow as we can."

The tournament will feature eight teams in Golfweek's top 50. Three of the top teams in the tournament are the University of Georgia, Purdue and Kent State — all ranked in the top 25 in the latest Golf World/NGCA Golf Coaches' poll.

TCU is ranked 37th in Golfweek's latest rankings and is just outside of the top 25 in the Golf World poll.

The team will follow the Lady Puerto Rico Classic with the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla., on Feb. 16 and 17. The Mountain West Conference Championship, where the team will try to reclaim the conference title they last held in 2007, will begin April 16 in Seaside, Calif.



Courtesy of ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS
Junior Valentine Derrey shows off her swing during a tournament last year. The golf team starts its spring season Sunday in Puerto Rico.



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Freshman guard Amanda Sims defends Air Force's sophomore guard Raimee Beck during the Horned Frogs' 79-43 victory Jan. 17. The Lady Frogs hope to bounce back after losing to Utah 73-63 on Wednesday.

QUICK SPORTS

Women's basketball team to begin second half of conference play

The Lady Frogs will host Colorado State University (7-14, 2-6 MWC) on Saturday in the first of two straight home games.

The team returns to its home court after a 73-63 road loss to the University of Utah, undefeated in the Mountain West Conference.

With the loss, the team now sits in a tie for third place in the Mountain West with a 5-3 conference record. The Lady Frogs' overall record fell to 13-8.

TCU vs Colorado State

When: 5 p.m. Saturday
Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

The team is 6-6 on the road this season, but has fared better at home where it holds a 7-2 record.

Saturday's game marks the beginning of the second round of conference play. The Lady Frogs topped CSU 74-53 on the road Jan. 7.

— Sports editor Michael Carroll

NFL
Chiefs eye Cards staffer for top spot

By Adam Teicher
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Three weeks after hiring Scott Pioli as general manager, and almost two after firing Herm Edwards, the Kansas City Chiefs are still looking for a head coach.

That fact indicates Pioli was waiting to speak with a particular candidate — and, evidently, he is Arizona Cardinals offensive coordinator Todd Haley. With Arizona's season concluding with last weekend's Super Bowl, the Chiefs received permission from the Cardinals to interview Haley for their head coaching vacancy, sources said.

The interview could happen as soon as Wednesday.

Haley, who turns 42 on Feb. 28, gained prominence this year as the Cardinals' offensive coordinator. In his second season with Arizona, the Cardinals won the NFC West championship for the first time.

They did it on the strength of one of the league's most dangerous offenses. Arizona finished tied for third in the NFL in scoring, fourth in total offense and second in passing yardage. The Cardinals set a franchise record by scoring 427 points.

The Cardinals were then surprise participants in the Super

Bowl, again relying on a high-scoring offense. Arizona scored at least 30 points in each of its three NFC playoff games before Sunday's 27-23 loss to Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl.

Arizona was 12th in total offense in Haley's first season as offensive coordinator and fifth in passing yardage. The Cardinals scored 404 points, third highest in team history.

Haley began his coaching career in 1996 as an offensive assistant coach with the Jets. Pioli and Haley worked together in New York from 1997 to 1999, with Pioli as the director of pro personnel and Haley as the wide receivers coach.

The two then went their separate ways. Pioli followed Bill Belichick to New England, where the Patriots won three Super Bowls.

Haley moved on to coach wide receivers for the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys before joining the Cardinals last year.

He also spent 1995 as a scout for the Jets.

Haley grew up in a football family. He is the son of Dick Haley, the longtime personnel director for the Steelers and New York Jets and now a scout for the Miami Dolphins.

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