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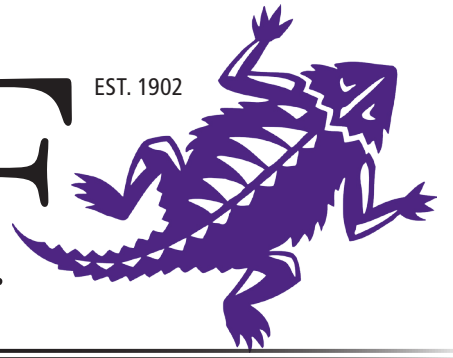


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Stadium expansion collapses between construction days



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A new seating area being constructed in the south end zone of Amon Carter Stadium collapsed early Friday morning, sending debris into the lower seating area. An investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the collapse, which was captured by a webcam mounted in the stadium.

Video may help investigators solve fall of \$13 million upgrade



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Workers add braces to the remaining part of a new seating area being constructed in the south end zone of Amon Carter Stadium. A similar portion collapsed early Friday morning.

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO and ROBERT BEMBER
Staff Reporters

Webcam footage of the collapse of a structure at the south end of Amon Carter Stadium could help determine where the structural failure began, a structural dynamics expert said.

Parts of the west side of the new structure fell around 1:30 a.m. Friday onto existing south end zone seating, spilling debris down to the first few rows of seats. No one was injured.

"In something like this it could be anything from workmanship quality to the basic analysis that was performed on the structure, and only the investigation will clarify that," said Patrick Walter, a senior design lecturer in the engineering department and expert in structural dynamics.

Lisa Albert, assistant director of communication, said it is too early to tell whether Austin Commercial Inc. is at fault for the complex's collapse.

"Structural engineers and the general contractor involved in the project are conducting a thorough and comprehensive investigation to determine the cause," Albert wrote in an e-mail to students, faculty and staff Fri-

day. The investigation will help determine if changes are needed in the design of the structure, Albert said.

The footage from the Webcam has been given to investigators and will be released to the public after the investigation is completed, Chancellor Victor Boschini said. The collapse was captured by a Web camera set up in the stadium to show a live view of the construction on the athletics department Web site.

"I don't know what would be in it that would help or hinder the investigation, but I want to make sure I don't hinder the investigation just in case," Boschini said. A request for the footage by the Skiff was denied Friday.

While at a public university the video could be subject to release under the Public Information Act, TCU does not have to release the video because it is a private institution and not subject to the act, which gives citizens the right to access government records, said Adam Goldstein, attorney advocate for the Student Press Law Center.

Construction at the stadium was part of a renovation effort that will include six suites, 250 club seats, a larger academic See **STADIUM**, page 2

Assault charge dropped against former student

By KYLE ARNOLD
Staff Reporter

Although his sexual assault charge was dropped, a former football player remains separated from campus, a university official said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he is aware the charge has been dropped against Lorenzo Labell Jones, 21, but nothing has changed concerning his status with the university.

Jones was one of three former TCU athletes accused of sexually assaulting a freshman female student in 2006, according to court records.

"We hold students to a higher standard than the criminal system does," Mills said. "We have our own code of conduct, and therefore nothing has changed."

Jones' aggravated sexual assault by threat charge was dropped by the Tarrant County District Attorney's office Friday because there was insufficient evidence, according to Tarrant County court records.

Jones bonded out at 3:28 p.m. Monday for a previous bail jumping charge, and he has to report to the Community Supervision and Corrections Department for probation on a monthly basis for an unknown length of time, a Tarrant County jail officer said.

Jones' defense attorney, Marcus Norman, said the charge could come back and he could be indicted if there is evidence against him. However, at this point it is not likely, Norman said.

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Dining Services unveils three-tiered meal plan

By ELIZABETH SEHON
Staff Reporter

The details of the new dining plan are in the process of becoming finalized.

Residential Services sponsored a meeting Monday outlining the new meal plan and providing visual aids along with taste samplings for students.

Three meal plans will be presented to students once the dining hall in the new Brown-Lupton Student Union is built, which include silver, gold and platinum deals that will be known as either a "frog pass" or "frog passport" ranging from \$1,799 to \$2,099, said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services.

Each plan includes total access inside the new dining hall called "Market Square," Allen said. Once inside, students will be considered "swiped in" and may eat as much as they want, rather than subtracting money off dining cards for each separate meal item, Allen said.

Tom Brown-Pete Wright residents, however, See **DINING**, page 2

FOR YOUR INFO New meal plans

- Passport Silver**
all access
100 frog bucks
\$1,799
- Passport Gold**
all access
300 frog bucks
\$1,979
- Passport Platinum**
all access
450 frog bucks
\$2,099

Workshop series comes to campus with focus on forgiveness

By SHANNON BLEASE
Staff Reporter

A Ministers Week workshop will examine how biblical forgiveness is the heart of any healing process.

"The Faithful Struggle to Forgive" will be the subject of a workshop Wednesday sponsored by Brite Divinity School.

"When we are caught in the

midst of hurt, betrayal, injury and injustice, that's when we find ourselves struggling with aspects of forgiveness," said speaker Joretta Marshall, professor of pastoral theology and pastoral care and counseling at Brite.

Ministers Week is sponsored by Brite in cooperation with TCU and University Christian Church and will

bring about 300 pastors to campus for lectures, workshops and sermons featuring teachers, scholars and practitioners of ministry, according to the Brite Web site.

Melanie Hanna, director of annual fund and constituent relations, said Ministers Week offers students and faculty the opportunity for networking and honoring the work of

many great theologians.

"Even if you can only make one of the workshops, the experience will be worth it," Hanna said.

Marshall said her workshop can help students live a more abundant life.

Eilene Theilig, director of lay and continuing education for Brite, said the world is in such need of forgiveness at

both the personal and professional levels, yet forgiveness and true healing are difficult.

"This workshop will take an honest look at what is needed to bring about forgiveness in our lives," Theilig said.

Marshall said she loves doing workshops because it gives her the ability to influ-

ence the world and share new ideas.

The workshop will have sessions at 9 and 11 a.m. and a third session for questions and answers at 2 p.m. at University Christian Church.

The events are free, but registration is required. Registration for events, information and a list of speakers can be found at Brite's Web site.



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Norman said he has suggested Jones put this situation behind him and move on with his life.

Jones will have to report for probation, but Norman said, "Within the near future, he should be done with everything."

Norman said the way the university and its football program handled the issue was disheartening.

"The TCU football program should be embarrassed by the way it treats its players," Norman said. "They suspended him without due process, and they ran from this guy like the plague when this all surfaced."

Jones was removed from the football team Oct. 13, 2006, the same day as the assault, because he stopped showing up to practice after TCU's loss to Utah.

In all, Jones spent about 280 days in jail for the sexual assault charge and a bail jumping charge, Norman said.

Former basketball players Virgil Allen Taylor, 21, and Shannon Monroe Behling, 20, were both indicted on aggravated sexual assault by threat charges in January and October, respectively, according to indictments filed in district courts.

A freshman student had told police Taylor sexually assaulted her in his room in Moncrief Hall after he gave her a sports drink that caused her to pass out, according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

Taylor later implicated Behling and Jones, according to the affidavit. Taylor and Behling are not currently in Tarrant County jail, according to court records.

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will have an option of two separate, smaller meal plans besides the three that are offered to the rest of the residents, Allen said.

Each plan will offer "frog bucks" that may be used off campus at local restaurants or other dining locations than the Market, including Sub Connection and a new convenience store, Allen said.

This week, a list of restaurants where "frog bucks" may be used will be presented and up to 30 places may accept the new idea, Allen said.

"We'll start locally and with students' input decide how far we can go," Allen said.

Students will have to get used to the idea of dining in instead of taking food out, which may upset some students, Allen said.

"I was really hesitant at

first about this new plan but I guess I'll be more accepting and be open to newer things," said Caitlin Lippert, a sophomore political science and international relations major.

Change is being thrown at students and Residential Services is aware of this, Allen said.

The new dining areas will soon be the heart of campus, Allen said. Socializing, shopping and art festivals will take place at the new building and it may be considered "the Sundance Square" of TCU, Allen said.

Anything associated with the old student center, including names, will be gone, said Legia Abato, marketing manager for Sodexo at TCU.

The current dining hall holds 300 seats and students can take food to go. The new dining hall will hold 600 seats inside and an outside patio will seat 150 under a terrace.



Sophomore writing major Brooke Sudderth receives a sample of shrimp etouffe at an informational meeting about the new meal plan Monday. Students at the meeting got details of the new meal plan and samples of a meal and dessert.

SAEROM YOO / News Editor

Also, a new restaurant called "1873," which will provide flat screen TVs, pool tables and seating inside and outside, said Rick Flores, general manager of Sodexo at TCU.

Next to the Market Square dining hall, a convenience store will be added, which will provide either a Starbucks or Seattle's Best coffee shop, Flores said.

"The same food options

will be there but just in a different way," Flores said.

Residential Services will sponsor a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center room 207 to reiterate the new meal plan.

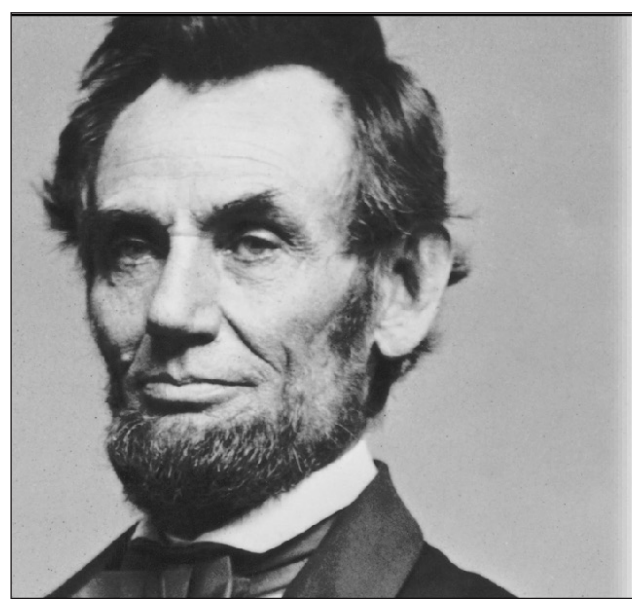
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area for student-athletes and a team meeting room and hospitality area. Construction delays are unknown at this time.

Austin Commercial, the construction company for the Athletics Complex, is also in charge of several projects on campus including four new residence halls and the renovation of Jarvis dormitory.

HKS Architects Inc., a Dallas-based firm, designed the project. The firm also designed the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium in Arlington.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our lives improve only when we take chances — and the first and most difficult risk we can take is to be honest with ourselves."
— Walter Anderson

THE SKIFF VIEW

Quick investigation necessary

It is known that half of the new facade of the south end zone fell into a pile of dust and twisted metal early Friday morning.

Although the surveillance tapes are not being released to the public, the commendable action of the administration and construction companies is the swift response taken toward investigating this incident.

Luckily, the structural collapse did not happen while crews were on the work site and moreover, it did not happen during a football game when the stands would most likely be full of fans.

The prompt response of the crews to begin investigations should be appreciated by students who want to know answers. The engineers investigating the situation are there to try and figure out what happened and not jump to any rash conclusions, lest this should happen again.

Piles of debris and warped girders were the only clues left after the early morning

crash, but mechanical engineers can begin looking through the mess to come up with a safe way to remedy the problem.

Pointing fingers is not the quickest way to solve a problem that could potentially cost millions to fix.

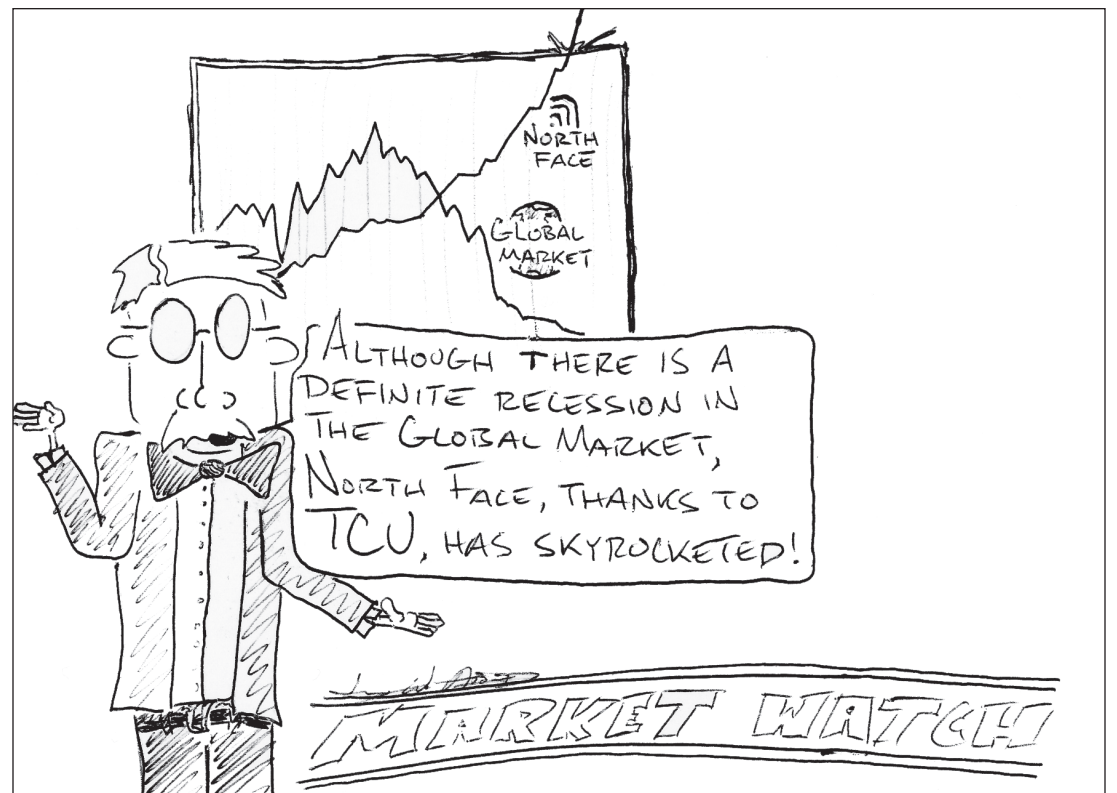
But, by trying to remedy the problem with an investigative — not accusatory — eye, progress can be made for the work crews to get back on track.

Setbacks happen during construction, but for the time being, administrators, contractors and Horned Frogs fans should all take solace in knowing that nobody was hurt and the construction will move forward.

If the bookstore and dorm construction managed to stay on track through seven weeks of rain during the summer, who is to say that the stadium addition cannot recover from this accident?

Multimedia editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



Jeremy Arnold is a junior religion major from Sugar Land and Whitney Waller is a junior English and religion major from Garland.

Democratic president would lower pill prices

Imagine entering your favorite restaurant only to find that the prices of everything on the menu had doubled. Or tripled.

COMMENTARY



Elizabeth Davidson

Instead of paying a \$15 bill, you're now shelling out \$30 or \$40.

Are you going to keep eating there, paying the new ludicrous prices?

That's the problem many women are currently facing on college campuses.

Paying \$50 a month. Six hundred dollars a year. For birth control.

Campuses across the nation have been hit hard since a federal law went into effect last year that excluded university health clinics from receiving discounts on contraceptives from pharmaceutical companies.

Including TCU.

Prices of popular contraceptives at least doubled, leaving students to scramble to find extra cash to purchase them.

In a 2006 study, about 38 percent of sexually active college students said they use birth control pills, according to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article.

By using contraceptives, students are trying to be responsible for their actions. And now they're paying for it, literally.

Most college students don't have a ton of money sitting around to pay unreasonable prices for birth control.

We already have plenty of payments to worry about: rent, groceries, tuition, textbooks, insurance, phone bills, etc. Now birth control has become a burden.

"By using contraceptives, students are trying to be responsible for their actions. And now they're paying for it, literally."

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the extra cost in some way, meaning something else — whether it's groceries, bills or social outings — gets cut.

Students aren't going to stop having sex either. They may just be less protected.

Some women might skip buying contraceptives, or turn to cheaper, less effective methods.

There are generic brands students can purchase instead, but some of those still cost more than the discounted prices had been.

I thought a major social objective was to try to decrease teen and unwanted pregnancies.

Now how is this helping?

For students' sake, I hope this little glitch in the law is corrected soon.

Some lawmakers have attempted to correct the problem through new bills, but so far nothing has been successful.

But there's still a chance university health centers could get their discounts back.

Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama both have plans to remedy the situation.

If you want to continue paying double or triple the price for birth control pills, go right ahead. But if you want to do something about it, you know who to vote for to fix the problem.

Elizabeth Davidson is a junior news-editorial major from Austin.

And no, not everyone has daddy's credit card to foot the bill.

Many students are used to living on a tight budget already, so when the price of something soars in one area, it throws us for a loop.

We have to counter

Music industry selling out by overpricing concert tickets

The day the music died has come and gone.

It was Saturday night when I decided to log onto my computer and purchase tickets

to a Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers concert only to discover that ticket prices started at \$96. I quickly logged

off the Internet, quietly cursing the wind under my breath. There was no way I could justify spending so much on a concert while I still had school books to pay for.

After I calmed down I was reminded of a song Tom Petty wrote on the moral digression of the record industry. In the song, titled "Money Becomes King," Tom chronicles the life of a rock 'n' roll singer named Johnny who is caught in a corrupt system of injustices. The singer's agents over-

priced tickets to his concert and make him sing songs about light beer. I couldn't help but wonder why the very person who wrote such a stinging rebuke of the modern record industry would allow himself to be subject to the same corruption that led to Johnny's demise.

While the public can now buy tickets to Tom Petty's concert for less, overpriced concert tickets remain a problem in the record industry.

In 2007, Pollstar released a list of the 20 top-grossing concert tours in North America. The list included artists such as Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Barry Manilow and Dave Matthews Band. The concert Web site determined that among the artists on the list, an average single ticket cost as much as \$140.

The rise in concert ticket prices has squeezed the regular music listener out of the picture, allowing only those who

have enough money to enjoy their favorite bands live. If someone were so lucky as to be able to afford concert tickets, there is no guarantee that they would be able to buy them. The Internet has made it easier for scalpers to buy out concerts and resell the purchased tickets for double, even triple their original prices.

According to USA Today, efforts to deregulate the resale of concert tickets are currently being made by 47 out of 50 states. There is only one recourse for a fan who wants to fight having to pay triple the price of their original ticket: They must join the artist's fan club and buy their tickets pre-sale. To join the Highway Companion Club and buy pre-sale tickets to Tom Petty's current tour, fans have to pay an additional \$40. Couple this with the cost of the actual tickets and they might as well be buying their seats from an Internet scalper.

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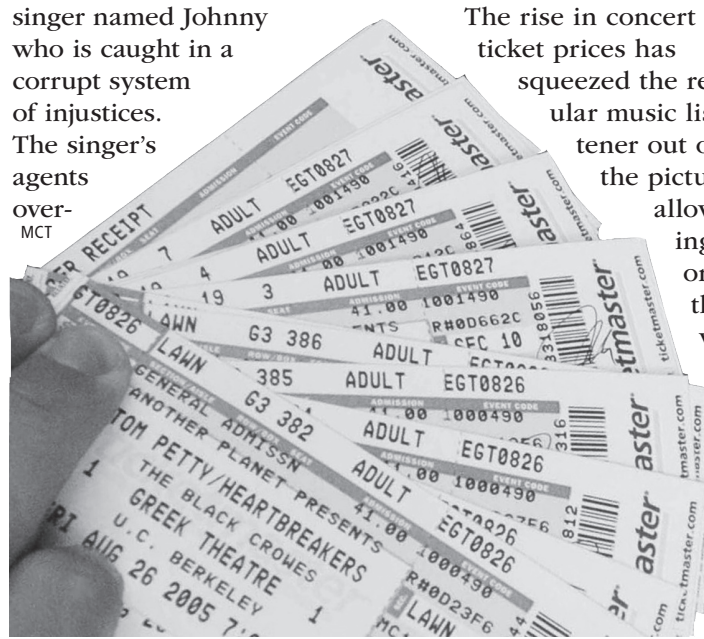
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Presentation pigeonholed workplace gender differences

The article that ran Feb. 6 reporting on the Gender-Speak workshop provided an accurate description of Tammy Hughes' presentation; therefore, the article is not what we take issue with but rather the presentation itself.

Hughes began her presentation with declaring that her comments were supported by "research," and then went on to only refer to research that supported her thesis that men and women are sim-

ply "hard-wired" for certain behaviors. Not only did she limit an understanding of "gender" but also perpetuated sexist and heterosexist stereotypes of men and women.

She stated several times throughout her presentation that men and women "learn" certain behaviors such as men are goal oriented, women are process oriented, boys like power, girls favor relationships, yet she never acknowledged

"how" they "learn," other than being "hard-wired."

What are the implications of teaching that women and men are physiologically "hard-wired" to behave and respond in certain ways?

There was no acknowledgement, beyond her narrow and particular focus of research, that men and women are socialized into gender roles.

In giving "scientific" power to "prescribed" gender responses, do we not risk

reinforcing divisive differences and shutting down bridges for understanding?

In shuttling men and women into normative roles — as stated in the article: "help(ing) people to adjust to the level of each gender in their workplace" — it seemingly becomes an uphill battle for men and women to think of themselves outside of these norms.

In leaving out the impact of socialization on gender roles, how are growth and

transformation possible? How are possibilities for growth and transformation circumvented? As stated in the article, Hughes said "adjusting to one another in the workplace is the most important thing." For whom and at what cost?

Hughes shared numerous funny stories about conflict between men and women in the workplace. What happens when the stories aren't so funny? In what ways did the information taught at this

workshop help women and men work together? And in what ways did it cause further damage to relationships between colleagues, however they might define gender?

Our letter is to raise awareness that there are multiple possibilities for thinking about how notions of gender are constructed.

The Rev. Genny Hurst is a graduate student at Brite Divinity School from Fort Worth and Deanna Langle is a reverend at Brite Divinity School from Fort Worth.

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Sociologist remembers gang field research

By CHARLES LEROUX
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The cocaine dealers, members of a South Side gang, didn't know what to make of him. India-born, Brahmin-class Sudhir Venkatesh, wearing, that Saturday in November 1989, a tie-dye shirt, a ponytail and carrying a clipboard that held a questionnaire, clearly didn't belong in the stairwell of a high-rise housing project in a down-and-out, black ghetto neighborhood.

They thought he might be a spy from a rival Mexican gang and threatened him with a gun and a knife. They called him "Julio." Later he would be the "Ay-rab." Whatever he was, he was an exotic catch, one worth holding to show their leader.

In fact, Venkatesh was recently arrived from affluent, over-

whelmingly white La Jolla, Calif. He had come to the University of Chicago to take a course in sociology, though his main interest was cognitive science, the study of the brain. He was 23. The path of his life was set. After the sociology course, he'd return to California and continue studies that would lead to a career working in the quiet, safe and clean environment of a research laboratory.

Instead, the next seven years would find Venkatesh delving into the often desperate, sometimes violent lives of residents and gang members within the drab "wall" of 28 public housing towers stretching for two miles along South State Street, the notorious Robert Taylor Homes. According to the Encyclopedia of Chicago, at its population peak, 27,000 people lived there. His immersion

into that place would become so deep that Venkatesh would, for a day, lead the gang that had threatened him in 1989. It also would bring the young academic to the fine line between deep and too deep.

While the gangbangers debated his origins and his fate, Venkatesh sat on a cold, concrete stair. He took out his questionnaire and asked: "How does it feel to be black and poor? Very bad, somewhat bad, neither bad nor good, somewhat good, very good?"

Now, almost 20 years later, Venkatesh is 41 and a rising star in academic circles. He was in town recently from New York and his duties at Columbia University to promote his latest book, "Gang Leader for a Day: A Rogue Sociologist Takes to the Streets."

Near the University of Chicago

campus, Venkatesh recalled that when he first saw the man he calls, "J.T.," the leader of a branch of a gang he calls the "Black Kings," he saw something familiar.

"I had done some reading on Chicago," he said, "from writers like Len O'Connor and Mike Royko, and I remembered how they described the powerful ward bosses, how when one would walk into the room, everybody would shut up. J.T. was just like that."

Venkatesh learned the gang filled a vacuum created by a city government that mostly ignored public housing residents. The Black Kings brought order of a sort to life in the project while protecting its revenue streams — drug sales and "taxes" on local business transactions.

The more time Venkatesh



ANTONIO PEREZ / Chicago Tribune via MCT
Sociologist Sudhir Venkatesh, author of the book "Gang Leader for a Day," looks back at his years of gangbanger field research where the former Robert Taylor homes once stood in Chicago.

spent with J.T., the more he realized the gang leader wasn't interested in being a footnote in a dissertation about ghetto life. J.T. wanted to be seen as a force for good — he even somewhat justified selling crack as "keeping money in the community."

The naive young student could be his biographer, a Boswell to his Dr. Johnson — had Samuel Johnson been a crack dealer who drove a purple Chevy Malibu Classic with gold rims. At the same time, Venkatesh saw J.T. as his guide into the culture, organization and economics of a street gang, the world he desperately wanted to study. The two young men carving careers for themselves began a mutually advantageous relationship.

Venkatesh ate meals at J.T.'s mother's table; he sat in on gang meetings. When a rival gang sped down the street spraying a hail of bullets, he helped drag a wounded gang member to safety. When some squatters living illegally in the project — and paying a tax for that to the gang — beat up a crackhead who had assaulted a girl, he helped out with a kick in the ribs.

The title of the book comes from when Venkatesh told J. T. he didn't think being a gang leader was so hard. Try it yourself, J.T. offered. "One day," he said, "take it or leave it."

Venkatesh took it — with the understanding that he wouldn't have to touch a gun or do or plan anything illegal. He would just make the rounds of the gang's crews selling on the streets and sort out the disputes and confusions that arise among 250 young, uneducated, poorly paid and dangerous men. Mostly nothing happened. He made a few decisions that

J.T. overturned, wriggled out of administering a punitive beating and that was it.

"Even though I was hanging out with drug traffickers and thieves," Venkatesh writes, "at heart I felt like I was just being a good sociologist."

Was he? Or had he gotten so close to his subjects that he had lost objectivity? "Gang Leader for a Day," seems to indicate that maybe he had. He says no, and a previous book, "American Project: The Rise and Fall of a Modern Ghetto" contains much more of the statistical data that gives balance to the recently published memoir.

An indication of how far the "field" could be from the ivory tower came to Venkatesh on July 2, 1995. "That was the day I'll never forget," he said, "the day of the second drive-by. The first time, everybody got down but me. Later people tried to teach me to bend my knees at the first sound of a shot, but the lessons were for nothing. I froze. I looked around and everyone but me had a gun out. There were 12-year-olds who had been riding their bikes in front of the building, and suddenly they had guns in their hands."

In 1996, he got a fellowship at Harvard, then a job offer from Columbia. He left Chicago.

In 1998, when he was back in town on a visit, Venkatesh met with J.T. on a freezing November day. Half of the Taylor Homes had been demolished with the rest soon to follow. In the parking lot, J.T. handed him a note of introduction to a gang leader back East. Part way down the page, a phrase jumped out: "He's with me."

Venkatesh remembers smiling when he read that.

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“My date picked me up and took me on a date to a nice dinner, got me roses and did the whole nine yards. Then when he dropped me off after the date he said, ‘oh by the way, I don’t think this is going to work.’ That’s probably why I don’t like valentines day anymore.”

-Danielle Bartlett
 Sophomore Psychology major

“Valentines is overrated. It’s only for the girls and the guys get nothing out of it except a bill. If you do not have a girlfriend then you are stuck with nothing to do. Then while you are sitting there with nothing to do, you are depressed that you do not have a girlfriend.”

-Gerry Cumpiano
 Sophomore education major

“When I was in fifth grade, I had a girlfriend named Lindsey. I got sick on Valentine’s Day and so I sent my mom to give her a present because I had to get her something. I got her a beanie baby. It was sweet. But the next time I saw her, she broke up with me. I really don’t know why she broke up with me.”

-Cody Cotten
 Junior Finance major

“I don’t hate Valentines Day but I have never had a valentine. I have never ever gone out to dinner on valentines or gotten a valentine from a girl. I would have to say, the closest I have felt with a girl on Valentines Day was in elementary school when I was paired up with girl and we had to give each other gifts. It feels like I swallowed a bottle of epikak every time I see a sappy couple on Valentines Day.”

-Chris Ayers
 sophomore Ad/PR major



Jordan HAYGOOD
 Features Editor

February 14th. The day of love, magic and romance. Every Valentine’s Day, flowers are bought, kisses are blown and restaurants are booked throughout the night for candlelit dinners between two loved ones. However, for those who do not have that significant other, the overkill of red, the nauseating public display of affection and the thought of eating alone causes some students to want to shoot cupid with an arrow. According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion Valentine’s cards are sent each year. St. Valentine was not aware of the pain he would eventually cause some people.

“I’m alone every Valentine’s Day and always end up sick. And people always get stuff. I never have a boyfriend on Valentine’s Day because no one meets my standards. Not many guys have enough potential for this hopeless romantic.”

-Kala Elam
 Junior speech therapy major

“This may sound stupid but I had this girlfriend in the sixth grade — I bought her some chocolate. When I showed up to school to give it to her she had written on her hand: I love Richard. My name is not Richard. For that reason, Valentines Day has not been the same since. Besides that, if you have a girlfriend, you have to keep trying to out do yourself every year on gifts. That just gets old and annoying.”

-Aaron Walker
 Sophomore History and Spanish major

“There should not be one day where you are supposed to show love to people or to your significant other. People should show love to everyone every day. Valentines day is great but one day of just buying someone gifts does not signify love.”

-Megan Harlow
 Junior interior design major

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-Kala Elam
 Junior Speech Pathology

“It’s ultimately meaningless as a holiday. You shouldn’t have a day to tell someone you care for them, you should do it whenever you want.”

-Mischa Astroff
 Sophomore Ad/PR major

MOVIE REVIEW



Directorial debut for McDonagh finds balance of comedy, drama

By GEORGE CAGLE
 Staff Writer

At first glance, “In Bruges” appears to follow in the footsteps of Guy Ritchie’s thrilling dark comedies. However, it turned out to be something so much more.

Martin McDonagh’s first feature film as a director contains great performances by

Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson as two Irish hitmen, named Ray and Ken respectively. After a hit goes terribly wrong, the two men are ordered by their boss, Harry (Ralph Fiennes), to go into hiding. While the older, gentler Ken decides to enjoy the town and go sight-seeing, the hot-headed Ray simply

sulks and wishes he could be somewhere else than in Bruges.

The film offers a beautiful depiction of the town, and I found it almost impossible to understand why Farrell’s character hated the place. He couldn’t stand the beautiful canals, wondrous art or even a relic from the Crusades which supposedly contained drops of Jesus’ blood.

However, this film has much more depth than just a dark comedy. Ray and Ken are in hiding because during their last job, Ray accidentally kills a little boy in one of multiple scenes in which the audience does not know whether to laugh or cry. Farrell is wonderful to watch as he displays such sad emotion while struggling with the guilt of his crime, and Gleeson is fantastic as you can see how he hurts for his young partner.

The climax comes together for an exciting, sad, yet oddly funny ending.



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MOVIE REVIEW



Treasure hunting feature combines laughs, romance

By BRAD CHRISTIANSON
 Staff Writer

Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey are together again.

“Fool’s Gold” provides a natural romantic comedy combined with a minor sense of adventure, attempting to hold the male attention, which is something that does not occur often.

Unfortunately, this film is just another predictable bore with its scattered humor and childish theme. If a romantic treasure hunt is not what’s desired, seek elsewhere.

Although Hudson and McConaughey certainly have on-camera chemistry, viewers are left with a script that fails to provide cinematic entertainment.

Andy Tennant’s “Fool’s Gold” portrays two divorced treasure-hunters seeking a sunken Spanish galleon from the 1700s. Along the



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way he sinks his wife’s newly acquired boat, runs out of money and is almost killed several times. This is where the action of the film steps in, when the viewer experiences gunbattles, aerial stunts and even death. Don’t worry ladies, they are not evident

enough to bother you. It is simply a way to keep your boyfriend entertained.

Hudson and McConaughey’s on-screen romance appears as if they were made for each other. Even with a lacking script, this comical romance may be all that is needed to satisfy the

Hospital room where JFK died moves from Texas to Kansas

By DAVID FLICK
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A piece of JFK assassination history now lies buried in the most unlikely of places: a former limestone quarry in Kansas.

It is the end — at least for now — in the long and sometimes strange journey of Parkland Memorial Hospital Trauma Room No. 1, where President John F. Kennedy died Nov. 22, 1963.

The entire room was purchased by the federal government 35 years ago, when Parkland officials decided to modernize their emergency facilities.

It was dismantled and the contents — all of them, the examination table, clocks, floor tiling, lockers, trash cans, surgical instruments, gloves, cotton balls, even a towel dispenser — were placed in a locked vault in a Fort Worth warehouse run by the National Archives and Records Administration.

The artifacts lay undisturbed there until September, when they were moved to an archives facility in Lenexa, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, Mo.

"It's in a secure location," Reed Whitaker, the agency's Central Plains Region administrator, confirmed this month.

And in a comment guaranteed to get the conspiracy theorists going, he added:

"Basically, it's not to be examined, not to be shown to the press, not to be photographed, not to be exhibited to the public."

The artifacts were moved after archives officials in Fort Worth began last year to relocate their

records to a new facility south of the city.

It was not a question of having space for the trauma room materials. The problem was that their odd shape wouldn't fit into the standardized spaces of the new facility, said Preston Huff, Fort Worth regional administrator.

"We're just not set up for artifacts like that," Huff said.

In September, Huff rented a truck and, accompanied by other archive employees for security, drove the artifacts to Lenexa.

In Lenexa, the materials were placed in a 600,000-square-foot underground storage facility, one of two used there by the agency's regional office, where they are universally known as "The Caves."

The dismantled Trauma Room No. 1 will be stored there indefinitely — if not out of mind, then certainly out of sight.

Under the sale agreement between Parkland and the federal government, archives officials agreed to close the trauma room and its contents to the public, saying that they wanted to shield the pieces from exploitation. A formal request in 2000 from The Dallas Morning News to view and photograph the artifacts was summarily rejected.

At the time, officials said photographs of the materials could prove painful to the Kennedy family.

Susan Cooper, a spokeswoman at the archives' national offices in Washington, D.C., acknowledged that the treatment of the trauma room materials is highly unusual.

Nearly all other presidential

artifacts are stored in the nation's 12 presidential libraries, which are operated by the National Archives and are typically intended for public display.

"We pride ourselves on not just being a place for storage, but a resource for research," Cooper said. "This really is a unique situation."

Although the ban was instituted to preserve the dignity of articles associated with a national tragedy, Cooper said even academic historians are forbidden access.

"There's no reason to show it to researchers," she said. "There's nothing there to see. It's just things like ceiling tiles and floor tiles. It's just not very interesting."

The exact significance of Trauma Room No. 1 is unclear.

"Basically, this stuff has little, if any, historical value," Whitaker said. "Besides, who really wants to see an operating room? I wouldn't."

Gary Mack, curator of The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, said future historians might benefit from having access to the artifacts.

"One of the questions is, 'What kind of treatment did the president receive? Was there anything more that could have been done?' This would be a hands-on way of seeing what treatment was available in 1963," he said.

Still, Mack declined to criticize archives officials.

"I think that anytime someone treats something dealing with the Kennedy assassination with dignity and respect, it's a good thing," he said. "And I think that is what's happening here."

More than 30 years later, 'Minnesota 8' reconvene



Three members of the "Minnesota 8," Don Olson, Bill Tilton and Frank Kronke, have formed a new organization called Peace and War in the Heartland.

By JON TEVLIN
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — In 1970, they were young idealists, "sons of the establishment" who were fed up with the war in Vietnam and fueled by a radically changing culture.

Today, more than three decades after being caught raiding draft boards, charged with "sabotage of the national defense" and sentenced to prison, the protesters who became known as the Minnesota 8 and drew national attention are back, sans one.

Led by former monk and seminary student Frank Kronke, the group has formed a new organization called Peace and War in the Heartland, which will include campus discussions, exhibits and a play about their lives this month sponsored by the History Theatre in St. Paul, Minn.

They hope to link Vietnam to the war in Iraq and provoke discussion and activism by young people.

On July 10, eight men broke into draft board offices in Little Falls, Alexandria and Winona, Minn., intending to destroy records and save draftees from service in Vietnam.

But the feds were waiting. Kronke, Bill Tilton, Chuck Turchick, Mike Therriault,

Brad Beneke, Don Olson and Pete Simmons were charged with "sabotage of the national defense." They were convicted of burglary and each served 14 to 20 months in prison.

Another burglar, Cliff Ulen, pleaded guilty and was placed on parole; he's not involved in the current project. Others successfully destroyed records elsewhere and were never caught.

Several of the defendants also "took moral responsibility" for earlier raids in Minneapolis and St. Paul, where as many as 10,000 draft records were destroyed. They were never charged for those raids. But the federal government took notice, and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover reportedly sent 100 FBI agents to Minnesota to investigate.

The arrest of the eight prompted large demonstrations on their behalf. But there was also wide criticism. The tide had not yet turned against the war, and some people carried signs that read: "Hang the Minnesota 8."

Thor Anderson, who later became a district judge, prosecuted some of the cases and recalls the intense coverage of the event. Now retired, Anderson said they tried the case dispassionately and tried to keep politics out.

"We tried to keep the Vietnam war out of it," said Anderson. "A person's political views are not an excuse for criminal behavior."

While Anderson acknowledges some jurors may have sympathized with the defendants, he did not. "These people did a lot of damage," he said. "They really screwed things up."

Even though the raids were foiled and despite Anderson's intentions, the Minnesota 8 trials focused on the war and its morality. Kronke argued his religious beliefs obligated him to try to upend the conflict.

Ironically, the raids were considered "violent" acts, and the seven were sent to prison. Tilton became a leader in prison and read voraciously.

Olson said time behind bars exposed him to different kinds of people, but also taught him to put up a protective shield.

He's prone to rant about "corporate overlords" and Kronke, a large man with a booming voice, is passionate about drawing parallels between Vietnam and Iraq.

"One of things that happened in the '60s is people in families stopped talking to each other," Kronke said. "It was painful to talk about the Vietnam war like it's painful to talk about Iraq today."



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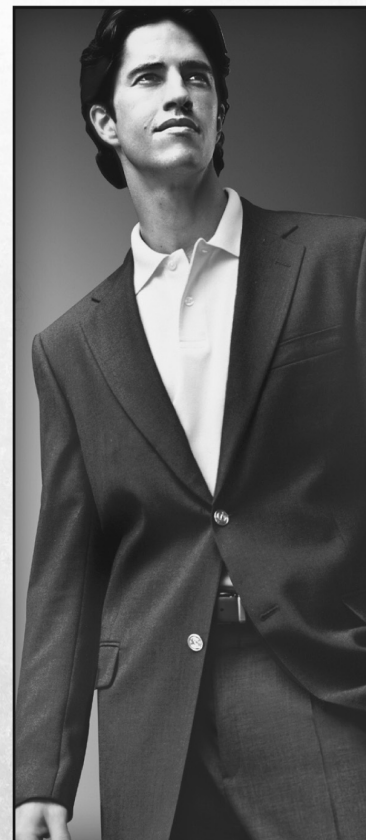
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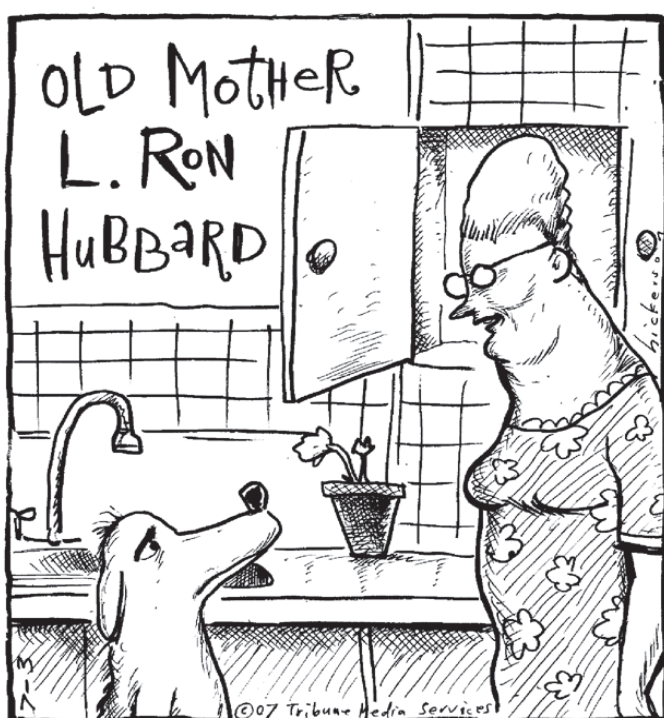
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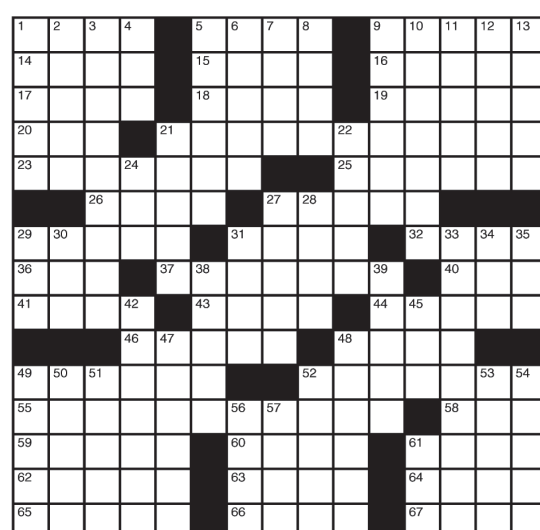
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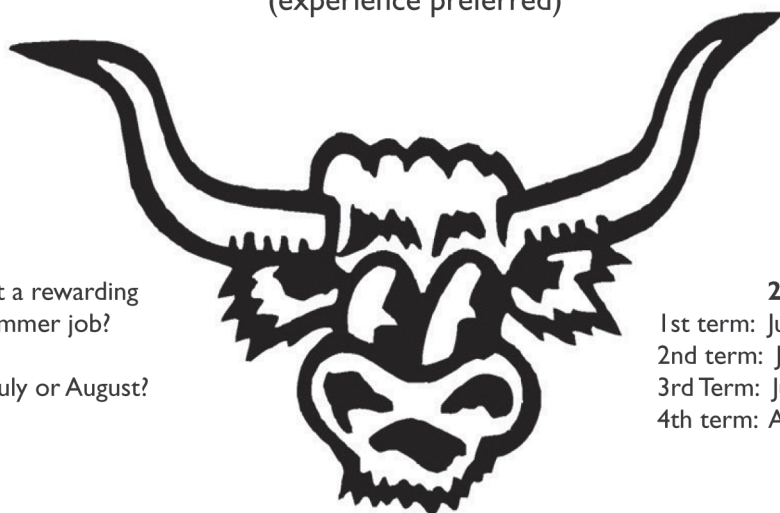
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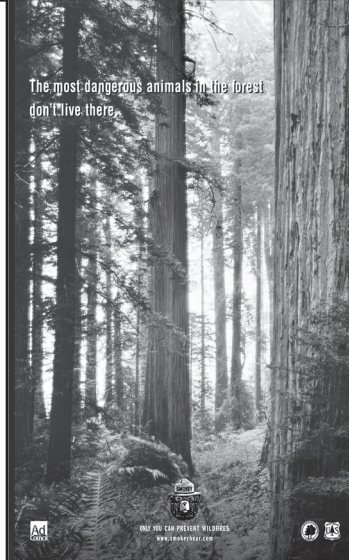
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

BACK ON TRACK



BRETT LARSON / Sports Editor

Freshman point guard Jason Ebie dives for a loose ball in the Horned Frogs' win over SDSU. TCU snapped its four-game losing streak and shot more than 40 percent for the first time since its win against New Mexico on Jan. 15.

Weekend victory ends conference slide

By JOE ZIGTEMA
 News Editor

The recent four-game losing streak this season looked like a possible beginning of another mid-season collapse, but the Horned Frogs used two big dunks by senior forward Alvarado Parker and 13 offensive rebounds to surge past San Diego State University 68-62 on Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Parker delivered a dunk over SDSU junior standout Lorenzo Wade with 10:04 to play in the second half, and another with one minute to play that all but sealed the victory for TCU (12-10, 4-5) to start the second round of conference play.

Last year, at this point in the season, the Horned Frogs were in the middle of an 11-game losing streak and were 2-7 in conference play.

TCU was able to defeat SDSU in its second game against the Aztecs this season, putting the team one win away from .500 in conference.

The Horned Frogs are tied for sixth place in the conference and face eighth place University of Wyoming on Wednesday.

In the first meeting between the two teams this season, the Horned Frogs easily took down the Cowboys 83-56 at home.

BYU, at 7-1 in conference, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at 7-2, have a strong lead, but TCU's win over No. 3 SDSU is an indicator of what the Horned Frogs can do against top competition.

Parker's big game over the Aztecs was statistically his best game since conference play started.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said he had not seen that type of explosion in a long time from Parker, whose family was on hand from Turks and Caicos to see him in action for the first time.

"It caught me off guard," Dougherty said. "Lorenzo Wade was right there next to him and he went up over him and smashed that ball."

Dougherty said the game was a celebration for Parker, who has been playing through a knee injury. Parker, who finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and tied a career-high two steals, was limited in practice to stay fresh for the game, which Dougherty said paid off for the senior.

"Either we have to keep them here all month or a combination of no practice and keep them here all month," said Dougherty, who notched his first career win against SDSU, the Horned Frogs' first over the Aztecs since they joined the Mountain West in 2005.

SDSU head coach Steve Fisher said his team was dominated physically on the offensive glass.

"They're big, strong and physical, and they shoved us around," Fisher said. "They've done that to a lot of people, and they did it to us."

Wade, a candidate for Mountain West Conference player of the year who averages 15.1 points per game, was held to just eight points on 2-13 shooting by the Horned Frogs' defense.

"They did a nice job defending him. He got a little frustrated early and we weren't able to get Lorenzo in spots where he could make plays," Fisher said. "This was an atypical Lorenzo Wade game."

Junior guard Henry Salter, who matched up on Wade for much of the game, said he tried to limit the forward from penetrating to the left.

"I tried to play him aggressive and keep a body on him the whole time, and contest his shot every time," said Salter, who finished with a team-high 18 points to go along with seven rebounds.

Parker's performance came at a much-needed time for the Horned Frogs with junior forward and leading scorer Kevin Langford sitting much of the game in foul trouble. Langford, who added 15 points and five rebounds, fouled out of the game with 2:40 to play.

"We had to make a lot of plays without Kevin Langford down the stretch of this game, who has been kind of our crutch," Dougherty said. "(Parker's) activity was as good as it's been in a very long time, so that was a big boost for our team in the game."

The Horned Frogs maintained a tight lead throughout the second half, keeping the Aztecs at arm's length by out-rebounding SDSU 38-22.

TCU shot 48 percent from the field in the contest. The team averaged just 37.3 percent from the field during its four-game losing streak.

This was TCU's first game shooting more than 40 percent since it played the University of New Mexico on Jan. 15.

A big reason for the team's improved shooting percentage came from a limited amount of three-point attempts.

The Horned Frogs made four of their 10 attempts from beyond the arc, down from the almost 21 per game they were averaging during the losing streak.

The post presence of Parker also helped open up shooting lanes for TCU.

Parker said he felt the best he had since before conference play started, and having his family present was a special moment.

"I hadn't (dunked) in a while, and I had to get something for my family, so that was for them," Parker said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Frogs' next foe recovering from blowout loss to Lobos

By ANDRE VAN DER MERWE
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 Daily Lobo

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The University of New Mexico forced Wyoming to commit costly errors en route to a 45-point win Saturday at The Pit.

The Lobos scored 38 points off of Wyoming's 23 turnovers and won 100-55.

UNM head coach Steve Alford said Saturday's performance was as good as it gets.

"Needless to say, I don't know if we can play much better," he said. "I thought we really put a lot of really good things together at both ends of the floor."

TCU takes on the Cowboys this Wednesday in Laramie, Wyo. TCU won the first game 83-56, the first of a season high three game conference win streak.

While forcing the 23 mistakes, UNM turned the ball over seven times and had 22 assists.

The Lobos were dominant inside, scoring 48 points in the paint — something Alford said he was pleasantly surprised with.

"We don't really have that many big bod-

ies, and they've really been beating people up inside," he said. "I thought our bigs all did a tremendous job of just fighting the posts."

J.R. Giddens had an outstanding night, scoring a career-high 36 points on 15-of-24 shooting. He also chipped in 11 rebounds, six steals, three assists and the only Lobo block.

In addition to Giddens' monster game, Alford said he was pleased with the entire team's effort.

"We had good balance," Alford said. "J.R. obviously was terrific. We were just really active defensively, and I thought that the job Jamaal (Smith) and Dairese (Gary) did on (Brandon) Ewing was a huge key to get us going early."

The Cowboys' Ewing came into Saturday's game as the No. 2 scorer in the Mountain West Conference, averaging 17.5 points per game.

However, UNM frustrated him on Saturday, limiting Ewing to six points on 1-of-9 shooting. The six points were a season-low, and he did

not score a point in the second half.

In his last three games at The Pit, Ewing has scored just 13 points on 4-of-31 shooting, including 1-of-13 from 3-point range.

Smith — while teaming up with Gary to slow down Ewing — also played well offensively, going 5-of-5 from the field and 3-of-3 from 3-point range for 13 points.

Smith said he prepared more for defense in Saturday's game.

"I really wasn't focused on offense," he said. "My main goal was just to make every shot (Ewing) wanted hard to get. Saturday's game was the second-straight win of at least 40 points for the Lobos, who handled CSU 91-51 on Tuesday at The Pit."

But despite the consecutive blowouts, UNM has no room to relax, Smith said.

"The next game is always the biggest game," he said. "We have no choice but to keep up this intensity. We want to do something special at the end of the year, and the time to do it is now."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs take four straight wins

By BRETT LARSON
 Sports Editor

The women's basketball team beat the San Diego State Aztecs for its fourth win in a row Saturday, marking its longest winning streak of the season.

The Horned Frogs won 75-54 for the seventh conference win this season. TCU is in a tie for second place in the Mountain West Conference with the University of Wyoming and two games behind the University of Utah, which stands undefeated in conference play at 9-0.

The Horned Frogs started with a sloppy first half that featured 14 turnovers and 32.3 percent shooting from the field. The Aztecs were

up 31-25 at the break, but TCU corrected itself with an offensive barrage and an impressive defensive stand in the second half.

The Lady Frogs exploded for 50 points in the second half while holding SDSU to just 24 points.

Senior forward/guard Lorie Butler-Rayford was key in TCU's win with 14 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Butler-Rayford helped bring the team back in the second by hitting a three and dishing out an assist that pulled the Lady Frogs out from under, tying the game at 37.

Four players scored in double figures for the Lady Frogs, including freshman center Micah

Garoutte, freshman guard Helena Sverrisdottir and senior guard Moneka Knight.

Thanks to its superb play in the second half, TCU was able to notch its seventh win by 20 points or more this season.

The team faces Wyoming on Wednesday in a game that will determine a lone runner-up in the conference standings with six games left in the season.

The game is at home for the Lady Frogs in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, where they are 11-3 this season.

Wyoming is ranked No. 22 nationally and beat TCU 62-45 in the teams' first meeting this season.



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