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Edens, Deco closing leaves workers wondering where to go

By ELIZABETH SEHON
Staff reporter

The closing of two campus dining locations will cause employee layoffs, but future jobs at the university are possible for the workers, the general manager to Dining Services said.

Meetings with Edens and

Deco Deli workers will take place during Spring Break to determine which of the 11 employees will fill four open positions at The Main, said Rick Flores, the general manager to Dining Services. The jobs are available depending on the employees' schedules, and certain employees can-

not work with the new shifts at The Main, he said.

During their absence, employees will not receive pay but will have their jobs back in August, Flores said.

Some workers will go on unemployment or take a leave of absence, Flores said.

Legia Abato, marketing

manager for Dining Services, said 95 percent of dining employees leave for summer anyway but are called back for the fall semester to start their jobs again.

"Some employees have second jobs — I'm not sure who, but those interested in still having a job after the clos-

ing will be placed into other jobs if it is possible for their schedules," Abato said. "The employees should not worry because they'll be receiving a call from us soon regarding their future employment."

Deco Deli cashier Betty Jones said she has confidence in Flores' ability to

find jobs for workers after the closing, but said she still worries the situation could get worse.

Jones said she has worked at Deco for 15 years and is sad to leave.

"I just hope I get called soon and have a job up at The Main," she said.

UNC student body president found slain

McClatchy Newspapers

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — A young woman found shot to death early Wednesday was the student body president at UNC-Chapel Hill, police said Thursday in an announcement that jolted the campus.

Police identified the dead woman as Eve Marie Carson, 22, of Athens, Ga., a senior with a full undergraduate scholarship at UNC. They have made no arrests and have no suspects.

Investigators are looking for Carson's stolen 2005 blue Toyota Highlander with Georgia license plate AIV 6690. They believe the vehicle was taken during the crime.

Town Police Chief Brian Curran said police have no motive for the killing.

"At this point what I'm thinking — what it feels like — is a fairly random crime," Curran said.

Carson was last seen alive

at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Curran said.

As student body president, Carson served on the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees. She spent the spring semester of 2006 on a UNC Study Abroad program in Cuba and later studied in Ecuador. A member of the academic excellence society Phi Beta Kappa, Carson was majoring in political science and biology and hoped to go to medical school.

Officers found Carson's body lying in the intersection of Hillcrest Road and Hillcrest Circle before dawn Wednesday when they responded to a 911 call reporting gunfire.

She had been shot multiple times, including at least once in the head, said Lt. Kevin Gunter of the Chapel Hill Police Department. She carried no identification, prompting an all-out effort by police and uni-

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Freshman Web site provides big payoffs

By YUSI CHENG
Staff Reporter

About a month and a half after Tim Halperin created a song about why he wanted his room renovated, he said he got a grand room makeover prize he couldn't be more happy about.

The sophomore prebusiness major participated in a room renovators competition last year through efrog2010.com and won \$2,500 in new furniture, \$1,000 toward a new wardrobe, a flat screen TV, a MacBook, a PlayStation3, a Bose SoundDock, an iPod nano and a digital camera, said Molly Baldwin, efrog Web site coordinator at Student Development Services.

In its second year, the Room Renovators competition is part of the First Year Experience on the efrog Web site program monitored by SDS and programmed by GoalQuest, the company that provides the prizes, Baldwin said.

"This competition is nationwide and allows students the opportunity to explain why they think their room needs

a makeover," Baldwin said.

She said the efrog Web site, started last year with efrogs2010.com, is designed specifically for freshmen and focuses on the transition from high school to college.

"There are articles posted online through a Upeers program that's kind of like Facebook, so first-year students can connect with each other even before they come to TCU," Baldwin said.

Chuck Dunning, director of TCU transitions, said the competition provides a way to tie in official communication with fun stuff.

"When students go in and look at the fun stuff on the efrog Web site, they also see there is some other information that's available," Dunning said. "It's been presented there as important information they need to know."

He said the competition and the efrog Web site promoting it point out the effectiveness of communication through First Year Experience.

"They know there is a place

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SNOW BALLERS



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief

Brittany Zins, right, and Jennifer Jones, left, both freshman music majors, scrape together the beginnings of a snowman after classes were canceled Thursday afternoon. Classes were canceled at 2 p.m. and flights at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport were delayed because of the weather.

Traveling students could face icy roads

By CHARLES RICE
Staff Reporter

A late-season cold front carrying a frozen wintry mix blew through the Metroplex area causing the campus to close, and the front is expected to finish passing through by this afternoon. The National Weather Service predicted 3 to 5 inches of snowfall from Thursday afternoon through this morning. This was the second time this week at least an inch of snowfall came down in Fort Worth. The last time there were two March days with that much accumulation of snow was in 1942.

"If we get the amounts that are being predicted it would be very uncommon, not just for the area, but for this time of year," said Tim Barry, a NWS meteorologist. "It's not uncommon to see snow in D/FW, but this amount would be."

Barry said the bands of snow

and wintry weather are expected to accumulate on the ground, but the negligible snowfall Thursday night will keep more substantial snow from accumulating.

The wintry mix coincides with the dismissal of students for Spring Break.

Michael Slattery, director of the Institute of Environmental Studies and professor of weather and climate, said students' travelling plans shouldn't be too affected by the weather.

"I don't think it's going to make much of a difference, but it depends on what the temperature does," Slattery said, "It's just going to slow things down I think."

However, Barry advised students not to travel in poor weather in the coming days.

"Traveling is going to be very treacherous," Barry said. "Unless it's an emergency, we are advising

people not to drive in this."

Forecasts at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport did not indicate delays for today, but winds and ice caused flight delays Thursday evening.

Tiffany Fowler, a freshman advertising/public relations major, is leaving for Acapulco on Saturday morning, and said she hopes the weather clears up by then, but she isn't too worried about it.

"I'm from Colorado, so this is nothing," Fowler said.

Multimedia editor Marcus Murphree contributed to this report.

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Check out photos and a video of students taking advantage of the snow day.



WEATHER

TODAY: Morning snow showers, 43/25

TOMORROW: Sunny, 49/36

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PECULIAR FACT

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — The community passed a proclamation to make the first week of March No Cussing Week

— Associated Press

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versity officials to identify her. Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy said the community was shaken. “We’ve suffered a tragic loss today, and our community is in shock and grief,” he said. “Eve Carson was a person who touched lives throughout this town and campus. She was happy, vivacious, intelligent, engaged and a presence in our community whose absence leaves a permanent void in our hearts and in our lives.” UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser called Carson a “wonder-

ful person and great friend.” “We are deeply saddened and numb with grief,” he said. Moeser led a gathering of hundreds of students and faculty at the center of campus Thursday afternoon. Those in attendance held hands and observed a moment of silence in Carson’s memory as the Bell Tower chimed “Hark the Sound.” Moeser said it was Carson’s favorite song. After the chancellor’s remarks, students crafted a makeshift memorial by placing freshly cut flowers around a tree. Students also planned a candlelight vigil at the Pit, a student gathering spot.



HARRY LYNCH / Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer via MCT

University of North Carolina students stand quietly to watch fellow students and UNC staff place flowers at the base of a large oak tree in memory of UNC student body president Eve Carson, who was found shot to death in Chapel Hill North Carolina on Thursday.

RENOVATION

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they can go to get information about what’s happening through their first year experience,” Dunning said. He said any student ideas on how the university can facilitate communication are always welcome. Halperin was the only winner last year, but the competition format will widen for this contest, Baldwin said. “This year, the competition will be divided into three categories, and three different people will be able to win the prizes,” Baldwin said. Baldwin said the three categories are “Word Wrangler” for students creating stories, “Aural Fixation” for students creating audio files and “Silver Screen” for students making video clips. Melanie Cohen, director of marketing at GoalQuest, said this competition will give opportunities to different students who have different talents. Cohen said there is a grand prize for writing, audio and video work this year. She said students first submit their works, and other students vote for their favorite entries. Then the judging panel will review the top-10 entries based on the student votes, she said. Cohen said the criteria is based on creativity, humor, quality, originality and relevance. Halperin said he spent 20 hours putting the song together. “The lyrics came out very naturally and quickly,” Halperin said. “It was the recording part that was very tedious.” He said he used the efrog Web site when he was a freshman and heard about the competition through the Web site and advertisements in the freshman dorm. “It was incredible to be the winner and get all the prizes,” Halperin said. “I feel very blessed and can’t be more happy about it.” Cohen said there are about 30 colleges and universities in the nation participating in this competition. TCU and Texas Lutheran University are the universities from Texas participating. Baldwin said the competition started Feb. 5 and all entries must be received by March 31 at efrog2011.com.

PHOTO OP



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Editor-in-Chief

Students pose for a photo in front of Frog Fountain on Thursday during the peak of a snow flurry that lasted most of the afternoon. Winter weather led university administrators to close campus after 2 p.m., freeing students to enjoy the weather.




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MARTIN PURYEAR



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The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents a major exhibition of work by the acclaimed American sculptor Martin Puryear (b. 1941) organized by The Museum of Modern Art, New York. This retrospective features forty-five sculptures, following the development of the artist’s career over the last thirty years. Puryear’s works, often deceptively simple, can be associated with the sentiments of his Minimalist contemporaries, but his supremely quiet, poignant forms continually defy further categorization and reflect his own unique style. These often monumental sculptures are distinctly sophisticated, especially in regard to the artist’s skills as a woodworker. Puryear’s *Ladder for Booker T. Washington*, 1996, part of the Modern’s permanent collection, is a visitor favorite.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
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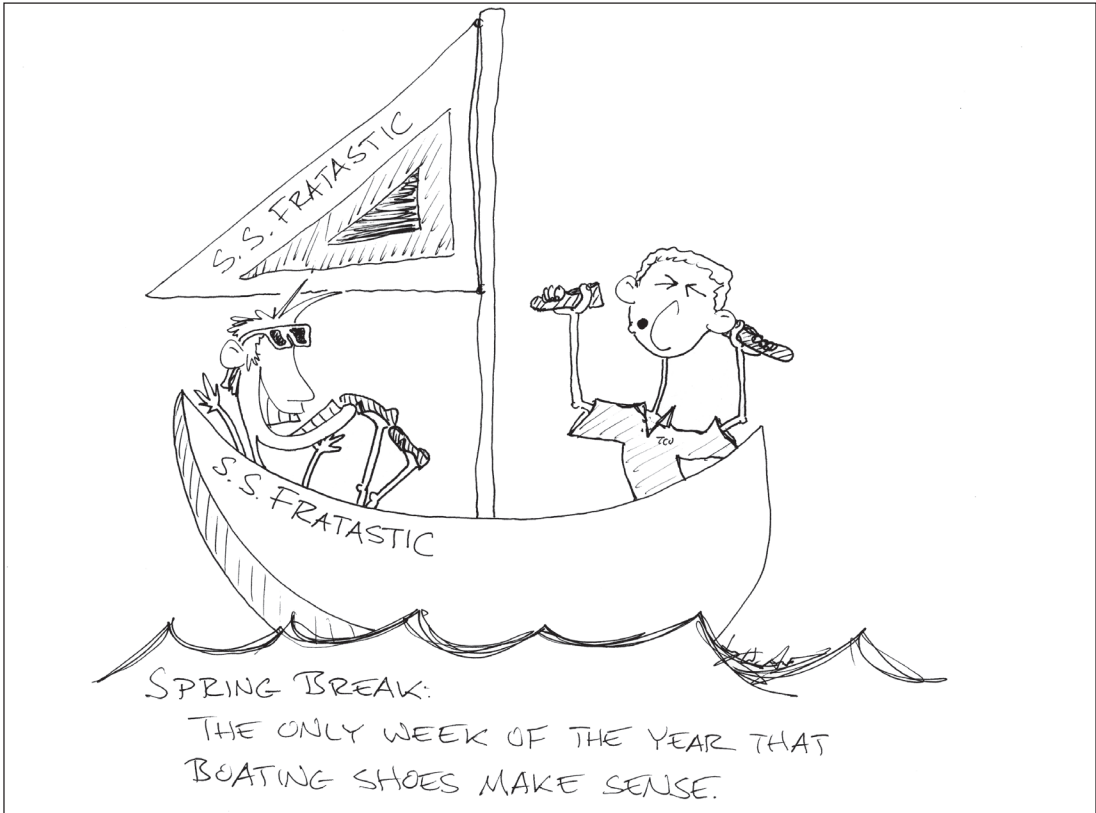
Text alerts success for university

At about 2 p.m. Thursday, the TCU ALERT program notified students that because of weather all classes were canceled for the rest of the day. All students who are signed up for the alert system received text messages with the news, in addition to the usual e-mail notification. The message, while possibly too late for some students traveling to their 2 p.m. classes, was timely and efficient in informing students of the dangerous travelling conditions and class cancellations. Every student who was registered with the service knew within minutes of the decision to cancel classes. E-mail and word-of-mouth warnings often reach too many, too late. The text messages were instant and a breath of fresh air on a cold and snowy day. The university is adapting to new technology, reaching students in ways they are

most likely to be found. The likeliness that a student is carrying his or her cell phone is high, meaning the alert system most likely reached the majority of those signed up for the service. The success of the weather alert is comforting, knowing its capabilities in case real disaster is ever an issue. Students will know within minutes what to do or not to do, just as they did Thursday, except conditions might not always be so welcome. The buzz, ring or beep of cell-phones providing Horned Frogs with the timely news was a victory for the university and those receiving the news. A collective thank you from all the students whose vacations started a day early, and a slight sigh from those who were generally disappointed about missing their favorite class. Keep us alert, TCU.

Sports editor Brett Larson for the editorial board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD & WHITNEY WALLER



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

Texas two-step brings raucous caucus

The street was jammed with cars and pedestrians jogging across the road to avoid oncoming traffic. Many men and women were waiting in their cars, listening to the radio while switching out place-holders in the seemingly-endless line. Those waiting in line talked of the crisp, cool air and the need for a little more security. Shouldn't there be police? Inside the cramped, stuffy one-story building, confusion was apparent and frustration threatened to surface. More than 100 people crammed into the space within minutes, wondering aloud where to go and what to do. If it sounds like a concert or a raucous town hall meeting, think again. Although aspects of both

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Kara Peterson

appeared, it was Tuesday night's Democratic caucus that drew thousands to local polling places across Texas. When primary voting ended March 4, many Democrats descended once again on their local polling places to attend the party's precinct meetings or caucuses. The Texas Two-step, as it is not-so-affectionately known, is the complex nomination process by which Texans select their presidential preferences. First, voters cast a ballot in the primary, which will allocate 126 delegates (that's step one). Then, they are invited to caucus for the candidate of their choice, which nets 67 delegates (that's step two). Most voters do not know the complicated rules of Texas' Democratic Party nomination process, but, nonetheless, many managed to make it out to caucus for their preferred candidates.



WILLIAM DESHAZER / Dallas Morning News via MCT

Voters wait to caucus at the Lakewood Branch Dallas Public Library on Tuesday.

Sounds simple enough, but consider those polling places that still had lines of primary voters at 7:15 p.m., the designated caucus start time. Tack on another hour for vote tabulation, clean up and caucus set-up, and now there's an endless stream of excited Democrats waiting in the cold. As the line begins moving, many are wondering what it's like inside. With no guidance, caucus-goers asked departing strangers for some insight. "Don't give up!" one man said. Good advice, but not exactly encouraging. Finally, upon entry to the cramped foyer, voters begin to rumble about precinct numbers and delegates. Will you stay and choose a delegate? Does my vote count if I sign and leave? Confusion abounds, and poll workers are frenzied and scarce, unable to answer every question. Pieces of white printer paper are scribbled with ink, earnest attempts at directing voters to the appropriate area of the tiny space. With multiple precincts voting in one undersized, understaffed and overfilled polling place, there are inevitably problems. Among them? Not enough sign-in sheets, which are used in the official counting of caucus votes. When the carbon-copy sign-in paper runs out, frantic election officials decide that photocop-

ies will be fine. Again, not so encouraging. When voters are finally able to approach the sign-in sheets, they are instructed to write their names, addresses and their choices for the nomination. Some ask, "Can I just write Hillary?" Others wonder, "Do I have to sign, or can I print?" Although they are simple questions, they have not been widely addressed, either in Texas election literature or by the candidates. Upon exiting the polling place and breathing in the cool air, many are exhilarated. This process doesn't happen often, and when it does, it is rarely as meaningful as this year. Others are dumbfounded — a state that has been preparing for this event for months still manages to provide so little guidance, manpower and ... carbon paper? Despite the complicated process, Texas saw record turnout from Democrats on Tuesday. They arrived early and stayed late, pressed on through long lines and crowded buildings, wore their best supportive T-shirts and buttons and left with feelings of relief and excitement. A concert? Nope. It was a caucus! Note: I attended a Democratic caucus at a polling place in south Fort Worth. And yes, it's all true.

Kara Peterson is an advertising/public relations graduate student from Fort Worth.

Construction taints view of picturesque campus

Years from now, when I think back about my college campus, my first thoughts will not be beautiful, spread-out green lawns or the sounds of students conversing and laughing. My thoughts will be the loud buzzing of jack-hammers, the beeping dump trucks, construction workers yelling at traffic and heaps of fresh soil piled on the lawn where I would leave our touch football games early to head across the street to the bars luring me in with their bright, neon lights. I wish I could say I remember the old bookstore well, but recently, I'm starting to forget what the inside looked like because a huge, 34,000-square-foot commercialized building is in its place. TCU's reason for the construction is based on the \$100 million Campus Commons project that will create a campus that's keeping up with other academic institutions, according to the TCU Web site. No one ever signs up for a school thinking construction will rule the day-to-day imagery of his or her campus. Students don't expect half the campus they walked on for four years to change so drastically. It almost seems like a tease — waiting around for months and years, watching iron and metal placed together to make

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Elizabeth Sehon

an aesthetically-pleasing student building with plasma televisions, or walking past the beautifully renovated dorms I never knew. I don't know several things now built on our TCU campus, and the construction seems as though it will never cease. Even though there is a link on the Web site for updates on construction, there is no concrete end date. There are dates for when the new student center will open, but when this ends, there could easily be another project to work on. When I bring my children to see my college in years to come, I will not know it. They will ask me about the Frog Fountain and I'll reply, "I don't know the fountain, it didn't look this way." If my child asks about the large enticing student building with a an arch on top reminiscent of a castle, I'll tell them I did not know this either. It seems now that everything will be torn down or renovated. Everything old is new, and vacant of any memories. The only true and most daunting thing I can say I know, and will always remember, are the bells. After I graduate this year, and when I come back many years later, I may not be able to say I made my presence known in any of the modern, high-tech buildings being scrapped together, but I'll hear the bells chime up and down University Drive and tell my children, "I know that."

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Cheeseheads must recuperate after Green Bay legend's retirement

For years, the Green Bay Packers faithful figured the worst thing Brett Favre could do was break a leg. But Favre, always unpredictable, did something even more dramatic Tuesday and with far more impact for the franchise and the game. Broken bones, after all, heal. But when someone who breaks the mold — as Favre did in his memorable 17-year career — calls it quits, that's a different story. Packers fans, who can be found in most places on this planet — and that's only a slight exaggeration — won't have to

worry anymore about whether Favre can recuperate from his latest injury to maintain his improbable consecutive starting streak. It's the fans' turn to try to recuperate, knowing that any question about No. 4 starting or not starting on any given Sunday is moot — probably moot, that is. He could change his mind or play somewhere else, but we suspect that he will not. And recovering from his absence isn't going to be easy, even for people who knew only enough about football to realize that Favre was an extraordinary athlete and an even

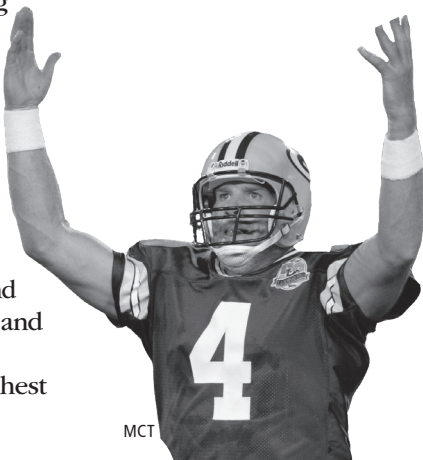
more extraordinary competitor. Somehow, he managed to pull himself off the turf time and again and continue playing after a vicious hit in what, despite all the protective gear and rules, is still a vicious, physical game. Favre broke records like they were fine china: most consecutive starts, most victories, most touchdowns passes, most yards passing and most completions. Favre's last game, the Jan. 20 loss to the New York Giants in the National Football Conference championship at Lambeau Field, is, reportedly, still as pain-

fully fresh for him as it is for most Packers fans. Favre did not play the game he had hoped to. But it's also clear that had he not decided last year to return for another season, the team never would have gone that far. He had a highly infectious, boyish love for the game. Some of that undoubtedly can be traced to his father being a coach, but his toughness and willingness to play while hurt almost seemed to be part of his DNA. Favre was so deeply respected throughout the league that Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Pack-

ers beat writer Bob McGinn said what we always suspected: After a while, many opponents took it "easy" on him. But there was something else that helped make Favre a favorite wherever he went — for fans and for us, too. Despite fame and fortune, he was still human, painfully and publicly struggling with his wife Deanna's breast cancer, with his own problems with alcohol and pills and with the death of his father and other loved ones. And, oh, yeah, the toughest

guy on the field wasn't afraid to cry.

This editorial appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Wednesday.



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Picking up the Pieces

BOB HALLINEN / Anchorage Daily News via MCT

Dan Bigley lost his sight in a bear attack during a fishing trip on the Russian River in the summer of 2003 in Anchorage, Ala. The 25-year-old underwent extensive reconstructive surgery after he suffered serious injuries during the mauling by a brown bear.

Survivor recalls Alaskan bear attack

By DEBRA MCKINNEY
McClatchy Newspapers

ANCHORAGE, Ala. — Dr. James Kallman woke the instant his pager went off that summer night in 2003, and soon had an emergency room doctor on the line.

"A young guy," she said. "He's been attacked by a bear. Horrible facial trauma."

She had a lot of trouble articulating the injury, said Kallman, who was trying to figure out if other specialists should be called in too.

"It's terrible. We can't see anything. I just need you to come."

Kallman arrived around 2 in

the morning, took one look at his patient and froze.

Dan Bigley, a 25-year-old backcountry adventurer living in Girdwood, Alaska, was wrapping up a day of fishing with his dog and a buddy down on the Russian River when a brown bear came at him in a dead run and tackled him to the ground.

Deep puncture wounds covered his legs, arms, back and shoulders. But worse, much worse, the sow had clamped her jaws around the upper half of Bigley's face and chomped down, then chewed with enough force to turn facial bone to powder.

"I've seen people with self-inflicted gunshot wounds," Kallman said, "people who try to commit suicide but fail, and they rip their faces up pretty bad. That's probably the closest thing I'd seen to something like this."

"His palate wasn't attached to anything, and his brain had herniated down into his nose. So there was nothing holding his brain in his head."

A Fulbright scholar before medical school, Kallman had done a five-year residency in head and neck surgery, then a fellowship in facial reconstruction. But he'd been practicing in the real world less than a year.

"I remember when we got him into the operating room, I must have been standing there with sort of a stunned look on my face because one of our more senior operating nurses said to me, 'Doctor, would you like to shave the hair?' And I remember turning to her and saying, 'Yeah, that's where we'll start. We'll start with shaving the hair.'"

It took eight hours to clean Bigley's wounds and sew up the skin, "to put the puzzle back together," as Kallman puts it. Then came the long wait to see if he'd survive.

That first week in the intensive care unit, with Dan's brain "open to the world" and cerebrospinal fluid pouring out his nose, the biggest fear was that he would get meningitis or some other type of infection. But if anyone

could beat the odds, friends and family members keeping vigil at the hospital knew Bigley was the guy.

Since moving to Alaska, so many things had fallen into place for him. He had a great job working with troubled kids, a brand new love named Amber Takavitz, and he'd just bought a cabin at the top of Bear Valley with a view that went forever.

As a backcountry guide, he had wilderness first-responder training and used it to tell those who found him how to prevent shock and control bleeding. As he drifted in and out after the attack, he'd helped direct his own rescue.

Once Bigley made it through that first week, his chances of pulling through were good.

Then doctors had to tell him he was blind.

As is common for trauma of this magnitude, doctors put Bigley in a drug-induced coma to keep him still so he could heal.

About 10 days after the attack, the swelling had gone down enough for Kallman and a team of other specialists — Louis Kralick, Ray Holloway and Carl Rosen — to begin a series of reconstructive surgeries.

Bigley's eyes had been pushed forward so far that both optic nerves had snapped. There was, and is, nothing modern science can do about that.

Rosen, the ophthalmologist on the team, felt strongly that removing eyes without letting the patient be part of the deci-

sion can lead to lingering doubts that it was necessary, Kallman said. So doctors slowly started bringing him out of the coma.

"After they told me," Bigley said, "I dreamt that while I was waiting for the surgery ... I wheeled myself out to the parking lot of the hospital and found one of the doctor's BMWs, got inside, started it up and cruised down through the grass and ended up crashing into some river and almost died."

"Another time I remember, I

"I'm a fighter. I'm a survivor. I'm alive. I'm going to make something good out of this."

was in the hospital and I was sitting on this La-Z-Boy sort of chair, and Dr. Kallman came up and told me I was blind. And I was like, 'You're wrong. I can see you right now,' and I stuck out my hand to shake his. I was like, 'If I'm blind how come I can see you?'"

Eventually, it started sinking in, that his eyes were broken forever and needed to go.

Meanwhile down in Juneau, Lee Hagmeier had spent nearly 45 years as the only person ever blinded by a bear, as far as anyone knew.

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to be at his bedside.

"I wanted him to know you can get through it," said Hagmeier, now 65 and living in Seattle with his wife, Christy. "You can feel awfully alone when something traumatic like this happens."

When Hagmeier arrived, Bigley's jaw was wired shut and he couldn't speak. But he took in everything his visitor said.

A so-so student before being blinded in 1959, Hagmeier graduated summa cum laude from

Chico State, and went on to get a doctorate. This was long before the Americans With Disabilities Act and computers that could talk.

He told Bigley all that. How he kept on fishing, became a runner, did kayak trips and hiked the Chilkoot Trail.

He taught Bigley's friends and family how to guide a blind person without trampling his dignity. And he gave Bigley a talking watch.

"That's one of the issues," Hagmeier said. "You wake up and you don't know if it's day or night."

"To have Lee there meant a lot to me," Bigley said. "He was alive and well, and could tell me that things would be OK. Nobody else could tell me that. ... Because here was somebody who really knew what I was going through. He's the only person to this day who knows, and he's the only person who ever will know."

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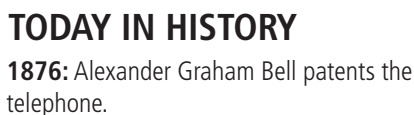
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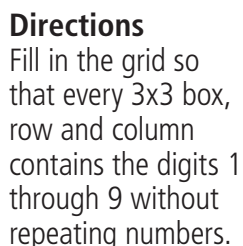
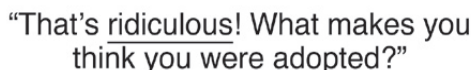
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See the paper
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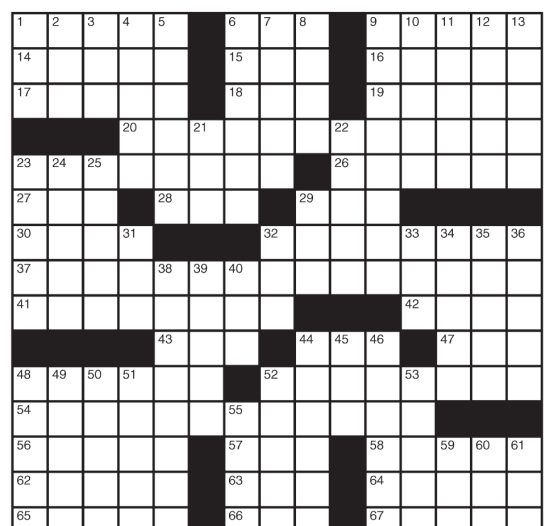
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Gillette, WY

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Win against BYU could give Horned Frogs highest conference finish

By ROB CRABTREE
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs have a chance Saturday to move up to sixth place in the Mountain West Conference final standings with a win over the Brigham Young University Cougars.

If TCU (14-14, 6-9) wins, it could put the Horned Frogs in a tie with the University of Utah should the Utes lose against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on Saturday.

Even with six conference wins, this is the Horned Frogs' best conference record since joining the Mountain West in 2005.

TCU is coming off a 57-36 loss to the Air Force Falcons on Wednesday.

In the first meeting of the season between the Horned Frogs and the Cougars, TCU lost 83-72 in Provo, Utah.

BYU has an overall record for the season of 26-6 with all of its losses coming on the road.

Ryan Wall lead the Horned Frogs against BYU with 14 points, shooting 4-of-4 from 3-point range.

Wall's effort was overshadowed by BYU's Trent Plaisted who led the Cougars with a career-high 27 points.

The Cougars went on to shoot 60 percent from the

field in that game.

When the teams met in Provo, the win over TCU helped the Cougars maintain an undefeated home winning streak.

The current streak for the Cougars is 47 straight home wins.

FOR YOUR INFO BYU vs. TCU

When: 7:00 p.m. today

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Stakes: TCU could increase its largest Mountain West Conference win total ever.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Sophomore guard Jason Ebie goes for two against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Rebels on Jan. 30. The Horned Frogs play Brigham Young University on Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, TCU's last home game of the season.

BASEBALL

DOUBLE DUTY



Courtesy of TCU ATHLETICS

Junior Ben Carruthers attempts to bunt against Cal State Fullerton in late February at Lupton Stadium. The first game of the Horned Frogs' series against Ole Miss is delayed until Saturday, beginning with a doubleheader at noon in Lupton Stadium.

Rebels to visit for Saturday doubleheader

By JOE ZIGTEMA
News Editor

Wintry weather in the area has delayed the baseball team's weekend series opener against perennial Omaha contender Ole Miss.

With the campus closed, the game will be rescheduled for a doubleheader Saturday at Lupton Stadium. Head coach Jim Schlossnagle was unavailable for comment.

Ole Miss will travel to Fort Worth ranked No. 2 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll. The Rebels (9-1) are coming off of their first loss of the season Wednesday at home against Arkansas State, 7-5.

The Rebels feature an explosive offense led by a pair of sluggers, Logan Power and Cody Overbeck,

who have each homered four times on the season. Power leads the team with 15 RBI, including one grand slam, with Overbeck knocking in 14 runs of his own.

TCU (5-4) squeaked past UT-Arlington 3-2 Tuesday and overcame two baserunning blunders late in the game to edge Texas State 4-3 in 11 innings Wednesday.

Although the Frogs are in the middle of a six-game week, head coach Jim Schlossnagle said Wednesday night he's not worried about his pitchers' arms against the Rebels.

"It doesn't impact us a whole lot," he said, but added that he was concerned whether reliever Andrew Cashner would be available for the series after throwing 73 pitches over the last two games.

Matt Carpenter delivered for the Frogs Tuesday, knocking in the winning run with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth.

Brett Medlin was the hero Wednesday night, also delivering a bases-loaded single to end the game in 11 innings.

"I was thinking fastball and looking for something to drive," the redshirt freshman said. "He threw it side-armed and it kept running in and I kept my hands inside and hit it into left field."

FOR YOUR INFO TCU vs. Ole Miss

What: Doubleheader

When: Noon Saturday

Where: Lupton Stadium

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs' standing on line in final game

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

One game remains in the Lady Frogs' 2007-2008 series, and one win separates them from a No. 2 finish in the Mountain West Conference.

TCU (19-10, 12-3) currently sits in second place in the Mountain West with one regular season game remaining at Brigham Young University.

The Lady Frogs are one half game ahead of the third place University of Wyoming (24-5, 12-4), which finished its season with a win over BYU on Wednesday.

A win would seal the No. 2 spot for TCU, though a loss would put Wyoming in second because it swept the season series against TCU.

In the first matchup against BYU, TCU took advantage of second-chance points and turnovers, overcoming a good shooting night from the Cougars.

The Lady Frogs had 21 points off of 21 forced turnovers, compared to only six points scored by BYU off of TCU's 13 turnovers.

TCU grabbed 13 offensive rebounds, leading to 15 second-chance points, and the Cougars were limited to three.

The Cougars finished the game with almost a 7-percent advantage in overall shooting, hitting 48.1 percent of their shots, and TCU shot 41.3 percent.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said he is really pleased with the

Lady Frogs' progress during the past 6 to 8 weeks and said it's great to end the season with momentum-swinging wins.

Mittie said he has been working the players hard in practice to enforce how important it is for them to finish games with intensity.

Senior forward Jenna Lohse said Mittie has been tough on the team in practice but said the players recognize how important it is to finish the season strong.

TCU had no problem finishing things off against BYU in the first meeting, outscoring the Cougars 35-25 in the second half.

Four of TCU's starters finished the game with double-digit points, led by freshman forwards Micah Garoutte and Helena Sverrisdottir, who each had 14 points.

BYU followed the lead of freshman guard Mindy Nielson who had a team high of 14 points and four assists.

The conference tournament follows the Horned Frogs' regular season finale March 11 to 14.

FOR YOUR INFO TCU vs. BYU

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Marriott Center, Provo, Utah

Stakes: A win would equal a second-place finish in conference for the Lady Frogs.



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Freshman Helena Sverrisdottir goes for a steal against the Brigham Young University on Feb. 5 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. TCU finishes its season today.