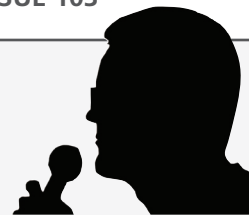




Killerfrogs.com members are doing their part to make a campus cricket club a reality. **Sports, page 6**



The university could save almost \$100,000 by shutting down computers more often. **Tomorrow in News**



This year's Honors Convocation will be the first to host a student as a speaker. **Tomorrow in News**

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Official: Review fosters exchange of ideas

By Courtney Jay
 Staff Reporter

The recent media coverage surrounding the university's decision to remove the new Living Learning Communities may create a climate more conducive for an open exchange of ideas about the effectiveness of LLCs, a university official said.

"I think it actually may create more of an exchange of ideas," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. "As part of the review process I would hope that a lot of

people have an opportunity to voice their opinions and have town hall meetings and all those things so that we can get a good cross section of people voicing their opinions."

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he doesn't know if removing the LLCs will limit an open exchange of ideas but, he said, that's a topic the review committee will discuss.

Mills said he received both support and opposition for the new LLCs, and that the reasoning from both sides was pertinent to the decision-making process.

"I think it really reflected a wide spec-

trum of ideas and probably reinforced the idea that it was a good thing for us to examine over a longer period in a calm atmosphere," Mills said.

Shelly Newkirk, sophomore social work major and co-creator of the DiversCity Q LLC, said she encouraged input not only from LLC supporters but also from students who thought that an LLC would be too confining and would not allow adequate space for personal growth.

"If a person is allowed to develop into their whole diverse person — say, they are

gay — and they need that space to help develop their identity, then I'm all for it," Newkirk said.

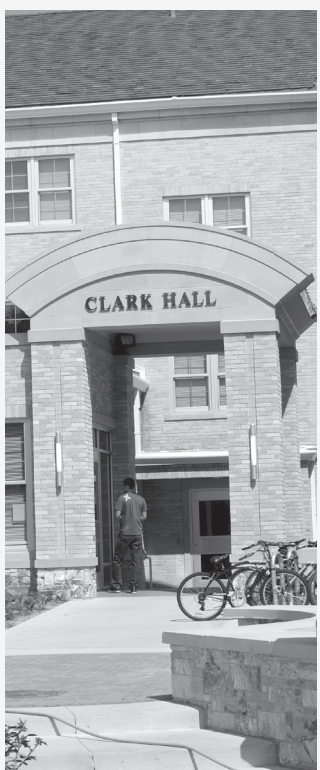
Mills said the recent publicity surrounding the approved DiversCity Q LLC may have started the exchange of ideas about the LLC but, he said, the exchange will continue throughout the committee review. He said Residential Services was trying to inform LLC residents of the decision when it sent out an e-mail on Monday asking students

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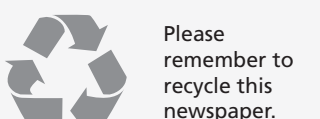
PECULIAR FACT
 COMANCHE — Mack Stark figures cattle raisers can appreciate the name of his west central Texas ranch and makes no apologies for the words in big black letters on the steel arch over the dirt and gravel driveway. The name's not exactly fit to print, but let's just say "Deep Droppings Cattle Co." or "Deep Excrement Cattle Co." wouldn't have the same effect. "That has a ring to it," the 75-year-old rancher said.

— Associated Press

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FLY HIGH



Sophomore music education major Buck Palmer reaches for the sky as he catches a frisbee at the Campus Commons on Tuesday. CHANCE WELCH / Features Editor

SURVEILLANCE

Police keep up to date camera technology

Madison Morgan
 Staff Reporter

The TCU Police Department is working to keep up with the times when it comes to surveillance camera technology, the department's chief said.

"Camera technology is changing so fast that we don't want to get locked into one specific system that isn't capable of keeping up with the pace," TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said.

The economy has caused the police department to act sensibly when purchasing the new cameras, McGee said. "Because of the recession, we are be-

ing very prudent about the amount and type of cameras we purchase," McGee said. "We are looking to purchase 100 new cameras to replace older ones."

Many new buildings on campus such as the Brown-Lupton University Union and Jarvis Hall received funding for new surveillance cameras in the initial budget of the building, McGee said.

"In the newer buildings such as the BLUU, we are getting to test out new camera platforms and operating systems so that when we purchase cameras for the entire campus they are the right ones," McGee said.

Campus police are pleased with what

they have seen from the newer software, McGee said.

"This software has more storage capability meaning we can record more, and they do not heat up as much and are energy efficient," McGee said.

Although the university continues to support the purchase of new surveillance equipment, cameras do not stop crime, McGee said. They are a tool used to help solve crime, he said.

McGee referred questions about the cost of the cameras and their specific capabilities to Bryan Lucas, executive director of Technology Resources.

Lucas declined to comment.

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Change to 10% law may mean more Frogs

By Naheil Qudah
 Staff Reporter

Graduating in the top 10 percent of your high school class might not be a free ticket to the University of Texas at Austin anymore.

With the limitations from a bill in the works in the state legislature, a university official says there is a higher possibility that more top ranking high school graduates will apply to become a Horned Frog instead of a Longhorn.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the university will have to wait to see whether the bill will affect the makeup of TCU's applicant pool.

If there is an impact, it probably will be a favorable one because it may give the university access to a larger pool of top 10 percent high school graduates, he said.

Currently, Texas law mandates that state universities had to accept any prospective student who graduated in the top 10 percent of his or her high school class. A report on the UT Web site states that in 2008, 80.9 percent of students from the university's incoming freshman class were admitted on the basis of the top 10 percent rule.

The bill was read before the Texas Senate on Feb. 10 and March 24 but failed to pass. The bill was motioned for a third time by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, on March 25 and passed 24-7. The Senate bill limits state universities to admit no more than 60 percent of their incoming freshman class based on their

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION

On-campus arbitration on the rise

By Alexandria Bruton
 Staff Reporter

The number of formal complaints filed by faculty and staff to the conflict resolution section of Human Resources has increased by 25 percent this year, a university official said.

Shari Barnes, conflict resolution facilitator, said the number of complaints received rises every year but this year's 25 percent jump is the largest increase ever. It has been available to university staff members since October 2000 and to faculty members since May 2005, she said.

Barnes said she was initially surprised by the rise in complaints.

"I thought with the bad economy people would hesitate to raise issues at work," Barnes said. "But with the difficult economic times, job and 401k losses people seem to need a place to vent."

Barnes said that if the number of complaints continues at the current rate there

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will be about 700 complaints filed this year. She said that last year 585 complaints were filed, and in 2007 the number of complaints was 517.

According to university policy, the purpose of conflict resolution for faculty and staff is to provide a quick and fair method for the resolution of work-related problems and disputes.

Barnes said her role as conflict resolution facilitator is like being "a traffic cop." She said she directs the process and helps faculty and staff members understand what their options are once they have filed a complaint.

Barnes said that while the number of complaints has increased, the nature of the complaints has remained the same.

"We're all human here," Barnes said. "Every range of problems from small irritations with co-workers to serious problems involving someone being terminated are covered."

Stuart Youngblood, mediator for the Faculty Conflict Resolution Policy, said the increase in complaints filed is because the number of people covered by the policy increased from 1,000 to 1,500 when the program extended to include faculty members, not just staff members, in 2005.

Marsha Ramsey, also a mediator for the Faculty Conflict Resolution Policy, said that another reason the number of complaints have gone up this year is because the process has been better publicized.

"When I first started mediating people would come in unsure of what the process was," Ramsey said. "Now people go through the process and have good experiences which makes them more likely to recommend this method to others."

Barbara Wood, assistant professor of professional practice,

said that although she would not use the faculty conflict resolution process as a way to solve problems she does think having that option available is good for the university.

"It's better to address the problems and get it out for discussion rather than letting them sit under the radar and fester," Wood said.

Barnes said that approximately 90 percent of complaints are resolved during the informal discussion procedure, which is the first step in the conflict resolution process.

Barnes said the university does a small amount of conflict resolution that does not directly involve university problems. For example, she said there have been instances where the university has handled family mediations.

"I think that what's going on at home has the possibility to affect someone's performance at their job," Barnes said.

She said that the majority of mediation that involves a faculty or staff members' family deals with teenagers in the home.

Barnes said that the increase in complaints does not necessarily point to more problems on campus but instead faculty and staff have discovered this as a more effective way to deal with issues. She said that other routes to file a complaint, like the university's anonymous Ethics & Compliance Hotline, have seen a decrease in use because of the official conflict resolution process.

Youngblood said that the conflict resolution method of problem solving is effective because mediation allows people to work out their problems for themselves as opposed to having a resolution imposed on them.

"The success of this process represents a change in the culture of TCU," Youngblood said. "It marks a move from dependency on others to solve problems to empowering the individuals involved in the conflict."

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rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

The bill has been referred to the higher education committee of the Texas House of Representatives.

According to the Texas Senate Web site, "the process would start at the top and work its way down: first, applicants in the top 1 percent of their graduating class would be admitted, then the top 2 percent applicants and so on, until the cap is reached. Then, remaining top-10 applicants would go into a pool, to be reviewed holistically, and admissions from that pool could make

up an additional 10 percent of the incoming class. The rest of the applicants would be reviewed under the standard admissions process."

Brown said that although there is a possibility that the legislation will bring more top 10 percent graduates to TCU, the university does not anticipate a serious impact.

"It's a shift in policy but the reality is, the shift in practice is not going to have that big of a ripple (effect) on us," he said.

Ashley Emond, a junior strategic communications major, said she thinks the law change gives less incentive to high school students to perform well.

"I don't understand why they

changed it, because I think it used to benefit those who worked hard. But I don't personally think it will affect TCU," she said.

Matt Ender, a sophomore pre-major, said he thinks the change in legislation will open doors for graduates who have high potential, but may not have performed as well academically in high school.

Senator Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, who voted for the bill, said in a telephone interview that universities should take into consideration such factors as the difficulty of the curriculum at the graduate's high school, whether they participated in advanced placement classes and whether they were involved

in extracurricular activities.

"The law as it stands is fundamentally flawed and unfair," Wentworth said. "I'm opposed to any automatic admission into a Texas state university ... that is based on just one criteria."

Wentworth said he hopes the automatic admission of students based on their class standing will be completely overturned one day.

"It only takes 16 votes, and there were already 13 of us who wanted to repeal it," Wentworth said. "I would have wanted to repeal the whole legislation, but capping it at 60 percent was the best we could do."

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to refer media questions to the Office of Communications.

"This is something that the media is playing up and we just want to be certain that students didn't feel like they had to defend TCU or defend LLCs," Mills said.

Harrison Hanvey, a junior mechanical engineering major and LLC resident, said Tuesday he had to read over the e-mail again to be sure he was allowed to talk.

"I don't want to say anything because my last impression was that I wasn't supposed to say anything," he said.

Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor and executive director of marketing and communication operations, said her office coordinated with Residential Services on the e-mail with the intention of managing the number of phone calls they were receiving, not to silence students.

Syler-Jones said coordination is

necessary in an institution such as a university.

"Coordination is important," she said. "As an organization you certainly share information — you coordinate information."

Rachel Siron, hall director for Carter and Samuelson halls and author of the e-mail, declined to comment.

Safety commission fines toymaker

By Patricia Callahan

Chicago Tribune

The government's and the company's sluggish response to the dangers of Magnetix and the botched recalls that followed were the subject of a Pulitzer Prize-winning Chicago Tribune investigation in 2007. Kenny Sweet, a suburban Seattle toddler, died in November 2005 after swallowing baby-aspirin-size magnets that fell out of his older brother's Magnetix toys.

The magnets were so powerful that they connected in his intestines, strangling his bowels. In all, more than 25 other children underwent life-saving surgery to

remove Magnetix magnets from their intestines.

The stories sparked congressional hearings and led to the biggest changes in consumer-product safety laws in a generation.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on Tuesday said that when the Mega Brands Inc. unit, Rose Art, first reported Kenny's death in December 2005, the company blamed Kenny's siblings for playing with the toys too aggressively. But at the time, many consumers had complained to the company that magnets came loose from 67 different models of Magnetix, and the company knew of at least one

injury, according to the CPSC's settlement agreement with Mega Brands, which purchased Rose Art in June 2005.

Federal regulators repeatedly sought detailed information on complaints from customers, but Rose Art said it didn't keep these records and instead sent regulators information that was "effectively useless," according to the settlement. Faced with a federal subpoena, Mega Brands in December 2006 disclosed 1,100 consumer complaints, according to the agreement.

In agreeing to pay the penalty, Mega Brands said it did not know about the problems with Magnetix when it bought Rose

Art. Mega Brands blamed the prior owners for not disclosing these flaws and is embroiled in litigation with them in New York federal court.

CPSC warned consumers that millions of the potentially deadly toys are likely still in consumers' homes. To determine which toys were included in the Magnetix recalls, go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml07/07256.pdf.

The penalty "is intended to send a message that the safety of children is at risk if timely and thorough reporting does not occur to the government," said CPSC spokesman Scott Wolfson.

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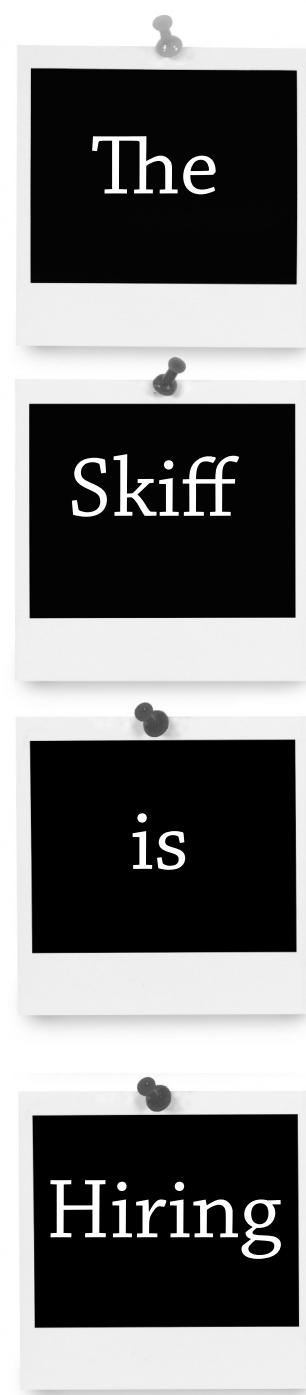
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The Skiff View

Openness should remain priority

In the midst of the confusion surrounding Living Learning Communities and the university's decision not to implement new LLCs next year, there was silence in a corner of the campus.

Monday night, Rachel Siron, hall director of Carter and Samuelson halls, sent an e-mail to LLC members asking them to refer questions to the chancellor's office. One sentence read, "If you receive calls from the media, including the Skiff, please refer them to Tracy Syler-Jones," the associate vice chancellor and executive director of marketing and communication.

Administrators say it was not their intention to gag the recipients of this e-mail and they argue that it was to protect students from the media frenzy surrounding the issue. But the effect was the same for some students. Some declined to comment to the Skiff, referring to this particular e-mail.

It is true that the rhetoric of the e-mail didn't explicitly prohibit these community members from speaking out on the issue, but it is also plausible that when students receive requests from an authority figure, such as their hall director, they are likely to follow them.

Contentions are bound to rise at times — this is not an unhealthy sign of a campus community. But when there is an atmosphere of secrecy and reticence regarding the issue, it is.

Leaders of this university should strive to foster an environment of openness.

Managing editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

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



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Neeley policy helps students keep degree options open



LAUREN FARRELLY

As a second semester sophomore, I was just accepted into the Neeley School of Business. I was ecstatic to receive my admissions e-mail over Spring Break. However, I found myself wondering about those who were given notice that their application had been denied.

As a freshman, I had the fortune to already know what I wanted to do and that Neeley was the school that could get me there, and so I applied and was accepted to TCU as a pre-business major.

You might ask, "What about the students coming in as pre-majors or anything outside of a business major? Aren't they put at a disadvantage?"

The answer is no because most students don't begin taking business classes until their sophomore year.

Lynn Cole, assistant dean of the Neeley School said, "Initially, the rationale behind the application process was it could serve as an enrollment management strategy. The Neeley School was growing to a point where we lacked resources to accommodate the growth."

Senior Associate Dean Bill Moncrief said that 25 percent of the incoming freshman class is made up of pre-

business majors. Including business minors, business students account for one-third of the entire TCU campus.

But what happens to the students that successfully make it to the application and interview stage of admission, but are denied? With TCU's in-

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creasing tuition, I can't imagine calling one's parents to tell them the last four semesters were for nothing and having to change path halfway through college.

Moncrief said that before the implementation of the current system, a number of juniors and seniors were still pre-business majors. In an effort to deter this situation, the new policy requires freshman to obtain a 2.5 GPA by August in order to continue with the business program. The students that remain must maintain a 3.0 GPA to apply to the business school.

For those that don't satisfy the GPA requirement, "the advisers in the Neeley Student Resource Center work closely with the students to identify a path and then refer students to other resources as needed," Cole said. The new policy has the potential to prevent students from reaching a point of no return.

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Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.

LLCs show respect for individuals; Common campus unifies students



ASHLEY TAMBUNGA

Please, will someone tell me again how the Living Learning Communities act to diversify and be inclusive at the same time?

Chancellor Victor Boschini's recent decision to reject the new LLCs will undoubtedly heighten the controversy that has gone nationwide in recent weeks. Discussions will inevitably revolve around how "Christian" Texas Christian University is and whether or not these communities will limit separation on campus or intensify it.

These communities, specifically the DiversCity Q LLC, give a nationwide message that TCU is interested in accommodating for the individual, instead of promoting unity. Of course our chancellor decided against it; not so much for the content, but the message it sends out.

It really says, "Hey, we expect the professional workplace to give you special treatment, so here's your own LLC!"

On the TCU Facebook fan page, a myriad of comments arose from alumni about this topic. Many said that they would discontinue their donations or cancel their season football tickets if this LLC plan continued to fruition.

These communities . . . give a nationwide message that TCU is interested in accommodating for the individual, instead of promoting unity.

One comment questions what happened to the "Christian" in Texas Christian University. This made me think about what that meant. Really, Texas Christian University is only as "Christian" as its members choose to make it. Having "Christian" in the name does not mean all its members carry out this belief

system.

At the same time, it is a Christian mantra to "judge not, or be judged," or "do unto others." As the chancellor said, the decision not to continue with the LLCs is not targeted at "approved housing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning students and their supporters," according to Tuesday's story in the Skiff. It's a matter of whether or not it promotes unity. The fact of the matter is that students will not be going into the workplace after leaving the university on the condition that we are given co-workers who co-exist as we exist, or even have the same culture we have.

TCU is the common thread that unifies us, not divides us. When we graduate, we are individuals that have experienced the Horned Frog culture. This should be our ultimate unification. It shouldn't be whether or not I had the same sexual orientation or environmental beliefs as my roommate. In the end, that's not how we remember our college years at TCU.

Riff. Ram. Bah. Zoo. Unify, TCU!

Ashley Tambunga is a junior English major from Fort Worth

YOUR VIEW opinion@dailyskiff.com

Campus community needs to be accepting of all members

I am personally amazed at all of the bad publicity one little article in the paper can cause. I just found out today that the university is on the news in Great Britain because of our "segregated" housing for lesbians and gays.

I would just like to point out how stupid this is.

Does anybody else realize that those communities, just like the Living Learning Community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning students, are optional? Nobody was being forced to live there. Such communities created by students were designed so students could live with people who have a similar interests or hobbies. Students can get to know one another better than they may have before when they live together. I, for example, was supposed to live in one of these com-

munities dedicated to the arts.

How did such a small event trigger such huge publicity? For one thing, too many people in the world are still homophobic. I won't be able to say anything to change any of their minds, but let's keep this in mind. In the 1800s blacks couldn't marry whites. In 1940s Germany Jews couldn't marry Christians. We've gotten rid of most racism and anti-Semitism these days, and we'll get over homophobia some day, too.

Another part of the reason this small event has gotten so much bad publicity is due to reporters not doing their jobs and breaking stories based on incomplete information. Frankly, these people should do their jobs.

But most of the reason this is getting so blown out of proportion is because the university does not support the LGBTQ community. I have a good friend who has been putting up signs

for the Day of Silence on Friday. He told me that people have crumpled them up before his eyes. Not only is this disrespectful, but it proves that the university community is not as accepting as it should be.

Gay people are people, too. They have feelings, and a few of them just wanted to live together.

Due to these recent events, I think it is appropriate that the Tunnel of Oppression and the Day of Silence are this week. I encourage every person who has bought in to this media craze, who has even read one silly article about the LGBTQ Living Learning Community, should go to these events. We need to learn to be more accepting and supportive of human beings, no matter what age, gender, color or sexual orientation.

Katie Croll is a sophomore music major from Grapevine

Act too broad, harsh to be effective

States are facing a July deadline to track sex offenders under a misguided federal law that casts too wide a net and is too harsh.

The Adam Walsh Act makes it a federal felony for a convicted sex offender to fail to reregister after moving to a new state.

The law approved by Congress in 2006 is an effort to monitor more an estimated 100,000 sex offenders who are not living where they registered. But states are finding the new federal law cumbersome and costly to com-

ply with. Of the 20 or so states that have submitted plans to Washington, none has been deemed in full compliance.

States that don't comply with the law risk losing some of their federal crime-prevention grants. Some state officials say the loss of grant money would be far cheaper than the cost of meeting all the new requirements for tracking offenders.

The national law is an overly broad response to high-profile, but relatively rare, cases in which a sex offender is

released from prison, relocates to a new state, and preys on another victim.

States should base the monitoring of offenders on an individual's particular circumstances, such as his likelihood to commit another offense or his amenability to treatment. The federal government shouldn't force states to lump the worst criminals into a broad pool for tracking with others who don't pose the same danger.

This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Friday

NEWS & SPORTS



NANCY STONE / Chicago Tribune via MCT

President Barack Obama with his first lady Michelle, hidden, and daughters Malia, center, and Sasha show off their new Portuguese water dog, Bo, to the White House press corps on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Obamas' dog makes White House debut

By Margaret Talev
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Here are some things we know now about Bo Obama, the first family's new dog:

He's not a barker, even when confronted by a pack of at least 100 camera-, microphone- and pen-wielding journalists eager to cover any story besides the economy.

He hasn't had an accident inside the White House — yet.

All the Obamas, including the president, claim they'll take turns walking him.

He has been fixed. He has webbed feet. If he's true to his breed — a Portuguese water dog — he'll crave tomatoes.

He's black, with white front paws.

He might have play dates with Sen. Ted Kennedy's dogs, who are the same breed.

He'll be allowed into the Oval Office, but he won't be allowed to sleep with the first daughters, Malia, 10, or Sasha, 7. The White House isn't saying where Bo will sleep.

With the much-anticipated arrival of the dog the president promised his girls during the campaign, the four Obamas showed off their pup for the first time late

Tuesday afternoon on the South Lawn of the White House.

"I finally got a friend," Obama joked, a reference to President Harry Truman's famous line about how to find a friend in Washington: "Get a dog." Malia's reaction was a little less sarcastic: "I love him! He's perfect!"

The sisters' enthusiasm pierced the chilly, misty, dreary backdrop. Michelle Obama held the leash for most of their roughly 15-minute outing, but Malia took the leash awhile and bouncing Bo tugged her behind him, up a slope and back down. The first family walked him past a line of cameras, and a couple of journalists bent to pet the pup.

Despite previously leaked pictures of Bo wearing a Hawaiian lei, Tuesday he wore a red collar. The president quipped that his dog had "star qualities" and said they were "very pleased" with him.

He's a gift from Kennedy and his wife, and he comes from the same litter as the Kennedys' newest dog. He met the Obamas' goal of rescuing a dog, in the sense that he had earlier been placed with another owner but wasn't a good fit. A spokeswoman for Michelle Obama said that, so far, Bo, whose hair is kept short, isn't triggering any of Malia's allergies.

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then it's there for them," Phelan said. "But I'm your typical American. I don't know anything about the sport."

Sophomore Nitesh Kalwar, the cricket club creator, said club members are excited about the

help they received. Kalwar was also impressed with Phelan's speed in getting a fund started.

Kalwar hosted a barbecue at his house last week with about 60 students so the group could meet and talk with Phelan, he said. Kalwar also said that a recent Daily Skiff article helped recruit more members inter-

ested in getting involved with the team.

Kalwar said the Web site would help promote the group with apparel and advertisements.

"We are all international students and do not have a lot of contacts," Kalwar said. "He (Phelan) has helped us to get in touch with others who can also

assist us."

Kalwar began recruiting players for the club last summer. Kalwar wants to have about 80 players before getting serious about a club team.

The cricket team practices on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Police withhold name of S.C. shooter

By John Monk
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Columbia police are keeping secret the identity of the man who shot and killed an 18-year-old gun-wielding robber Saturday night at a Five Points, S.C., building used for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Police said the shooter's life may be in danger if his name is disclosed, police spokesman Brick Lewis said Monday.

"There is a possibility he could be targeted," Lewis said.

Lewis said it did not appear to be a gang situation, but declined to elaborate. He did say police are investigating whether the would-be robber had an accomplice.

A witness to some of the events reported seeing a white Lincoln Town Car with a vinyl roof and whitewall tires leaving the scene, according to a police incident report released Monday.

"At some point, we will make the name public, but we cannot tell you when," he said. "He does not wish to speak to the media."

The man who shot and killed Kayson Helms is a 61-year-old white male who does not live in Columbia, according to the report. The names and some details were blacked out on the report because the investigation is ongoing, Lewis said. The man has a concealed weapons permit, which allows him to carry a hidden gun.

The report gave new information on the shooting death of Helms, 18, of Edison, N.J., 30 miles from New York City.

About 10:48 p.m. Saturday,

Helms entered the Five Points building and told two people inside to "give him what they got," the report said.

Helms drew the silver-colored, .25-caliber pistol from his waistband and pointed it at a male AA visitor.

Another visitor, a woman, told Helms she didn't have any money but had \$4 in her car.

The male visitor then emptied the contents of his pockets onto the floor.

At that point, another man — the 61-year-old AA visitor — "removed a (censored) pistol (censored) from his right rear pants pocket and shot 3 to 4 rounds at the suspect striking him multiple times."

Helms then fled the building. On the edge of the University Neighborhood that abuts the University of South Carolina, he collapsed on the sidewalk.

Police found what they said was Helms' pistol on the ground near where he fell. EMS took him to Palmetto Health Richland, where he was pronounced dead at 11:24 p.m.

AA has no policy on visitors carrying concealed weapons, said an employee Monday who gave his name only as James and said he was a recovering alcoholic. AA members use only their first names.

ACOA is the name of the block building where the shooting took place. ACOA stands for A Corporation of Alcoholics, James said. It has been used as a gathering place for AA meetings since 1947.

"ACOA owns the building, not AA," James said, but AA mem-

bers use it seven days a week.

A city block from central Five Points — a bar, restaurant and shop scene that attracts a college and professional crowd — the ACOA building is the essence of obscurity.

The ACOA is a low-swing, one-story building surrounded by vacant parking lots, 30 yards or so from a railroad track, on a

"There is such a stigma attached to alcoholism—people are terrified of anyone finding out they are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous."

James
Alcoholics Anonymous
employee

dead-end street. It's the kind of place an alcoholic who wanted help would seek out to maintain anonymity. However, many people in Columbia seem to know it's there.

Saturday's shooting featured a rare collision of values: the treasured anonymity of those who seek help at Alcoholics Anonymous, and the normal transparency expected when one person shoots and kills another.

James stressed to a reporter Monday that confidentiality is crucial to AA.

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions,"

James said. Anonymity allows people to seek help who otherwise would not, he said. "There is such a stigma attached to alcoholism — people are terrified of anyone finding out they are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous."

The shooting took place in the club lounge, a room with a dozen comfortable chairs and two sofas, James said. AA members socialize in this room and use another room in back for meetings.

Despite the organization's confidentiality, an AA member who kills someone cannot expect his name to be kept secret, said media attorney and USC law professor Jay Bender.

Full disclosure allows the public to have confidence in the concealed weapons law and that police handled the investigation properly, said Bender, who specializes in media law and First Amendment issues. Among his clients are The State newspaper and the South Carolina Press Association. The State newspaper is a member of the press association.

"Self-defense does not entitle him to anonymity," Bender said. "He has acted in a public fashion, so who is he?" He added, however, that if police have a legitimate reason to fear for the man's life, they could withhold his identity for a limited time.

Solicitor Barney Giese said through a spokeswoman Monday he is waiting for police to give him a full report on the incident before deciding whether the AA visitor broke any laws.

A New Jersey phone number listed for Helms on the police report had been disconnected.

Senator to appeal ruling in Minnesota election

By Kevin Duchscher
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Norm Coleman will appeal the court decision awarding the U.S. Senate election to Al Franken, Coleman's chief legal spokesman said Tuesday.

Ben Ginsberg said the appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court probably will be filed next week, to give the Coleman campaign's lawyers a chance to fully digest the 68-page opinion that the three-judge panel handed down late Monday afternoon.

Coleman has 10 days to file the appeal.

The judges dismissed Coleman's argument that systemic errors in the election process invalidated Franken's razor-thin lead and re-

quired the counting of some 4,400 additional absentee ballots that had been rejected.

Most of those votes, Ginsberg said Tuesday, came from precincts that Coleman won and therefore could overturn Franken's 312-vote margin.

Ginsberg said that the court spent "so much time patting themselves on the back" about Minnesota's election system that they failed to tackle the system's problems.

He said he's confident that the state Supreme Court will take seriously their case that the election wrongly denied thousands of Minnesotans their votes.

"You cannot know who won this election without coming to grips with the equal protection issue," Ginsberg said.

Students use high-interest cards to finance tuition

By Scott Travis and Missy Diaz
Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — College students are using credit cards more than ever to pay for their education, and they're carrying high balances on those cards, a new report suggests.

Students who used credit cards for tuition, books and other direct college expenses last year charged an average of \$2,200, up from \$942 four years ago, according to the survey, conducted by private lender Sallie Mae. The study suggests that students are using credit cards instead of other financial aid, including grants and private loans.

About 30 percent of students put tuition on their credit cards, up from 24 percent in 2004, when the study was last conducted.

The survey states that 92 percent of undergraduate holders of credit cards charged textbooks, school supplies or other direct education expenses, up from 85 percent in the previous study.

"Too many students are at risk of overpaying for college by pulling out credit cards to pay for textbooks or even part of their tuition bill, instead of using less-expensive financial aid to cover these items," said Marie O'Malley, director of consumer research for Sallie Mae and author of the study.

One Florida Atlantic University graduate, for example, is struggling to pay off thousands of dollars in credit card debt.

Josef Palermo, 24, graduated from FAU in Boca Raton, Fla., last year and now lives in Washington, D.C. He used three credit cards to pay for tuition, books and living expenses. Interest rates were as high as 18 percent, he said.

He had maxed out his federal student loans and found credit cards quicker and easier than seeking private loans.

He declined to discuss the amount he owes but said it's overwhelming.

"I wonder if I'll ever be able

to get a home of my own with the kind of debt I have now and the marks against my credit," said Palermo, who has a job. "I worry about my future."

More students at Palm Beach Community College are using credit cards to pay for tuition, Controller James Duffie said. It's now the top way to pay, he said. Much of that is due to the growth of online payments.

"It's just the ease and convenience of it all," he said. "People can pay at 4 in the morning."

Several student credit cards have interest rates of 14.99 percent for those with good credit, according to the Web site bankrate.com. Federal Stafford loans have interest rates of 6.8 percent. Private school loan rates average about 8 percent, according to bankrate.com.

O'Malley said students and families may be underestimating college costs and are using credit cards to fill the gaps.

Using a credit card may be the only way for some to continue a

college education in this tempestuous economy.

"I think what's happened is since the economic meltdown eight months ago, families are strapped and they don't want their child's education interrupted, so I think a lot of families may be using their child's credit card," said Bill Hardekopf of LowCards.com, a consumer resource on credit cards. He cautioned that students and parents need to be aware of their card limits to avoid over-limit fees, which can be \$30 per transaction.

The report found 60 percent of students surveyed were surprised at their high balances, and 40 percent said they charged items knowing they didn't have money to pay the bill.

About 17 percent said they regularly paid off all cards each month, and another 1 percent had family members paying the bill. The remaining 82 percent carried balances, incurring high monthly finance charges.

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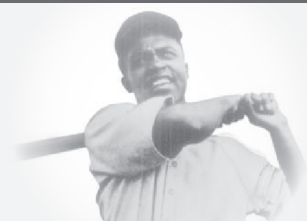
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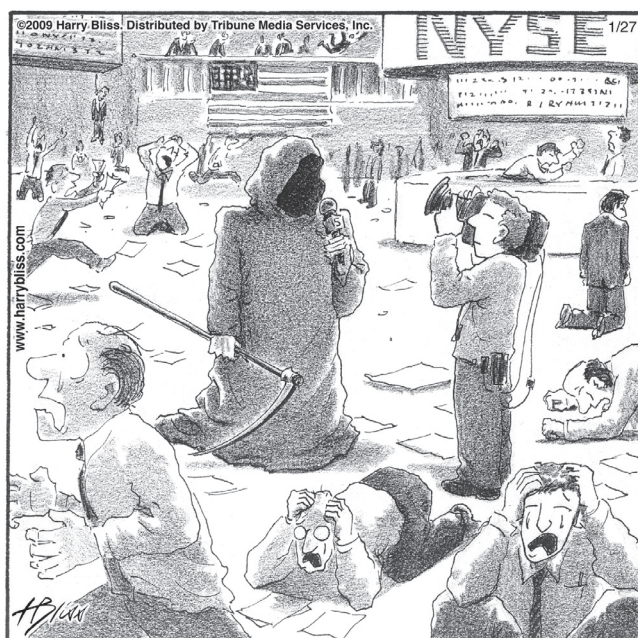
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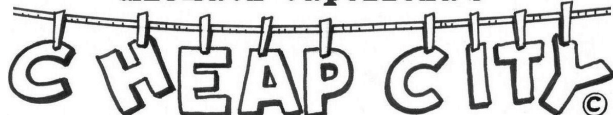
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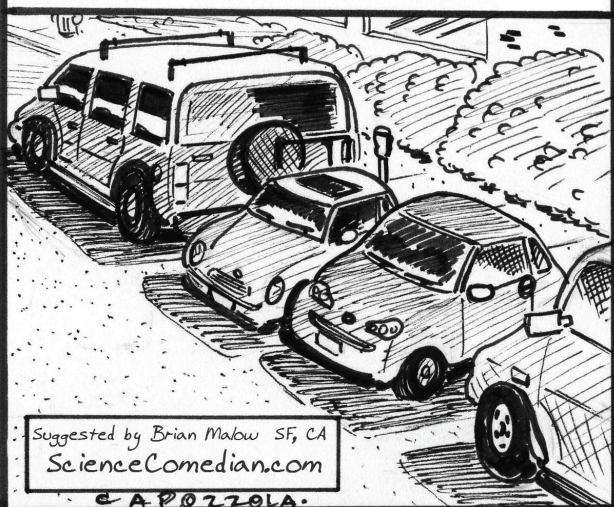


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Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Thursday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Tuesday's Solutions

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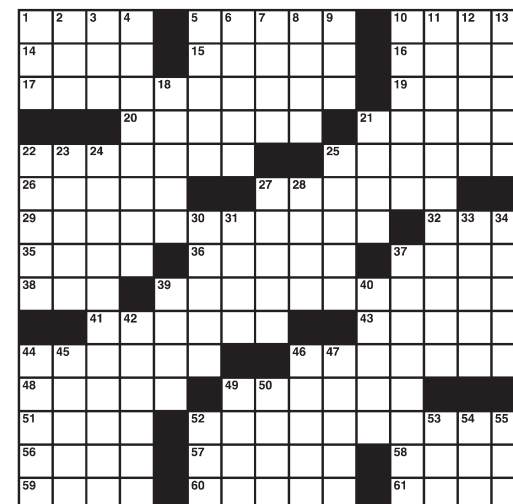


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ACROSS

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- 5 Polio vaccine developer
- 10 Stash
- 14 Jockey strap
- 15 Native of Tehran
- 16 "Now I get it!"
- 17 Loaf pan filler
- 19 Mane man of film?
- 20 Fruity rum drink
- 21 Fills
- 22 Give authority to
- 25 Gets in the crosshairs
- 26 English subjects?
- 27 One may be proffered at a wedding
- 29 Mistletoe branch that was Aeneas' pass to the underworld
- 32 Eavesdropping org.
- 35 First name in jazz
- 36 Lets up
- 37 Adversaries
- 38 It's 0 at the equator: Abbr.
- 39 Something to lead a horse to
- 41 Rained hard?
- 43 Lock horns
- 44 Use Scope, say
- 46 Dogs
- 48 WWII torpedo vessel
- 49 Poe's "The Murders in the Rue ..."
- 51 We, to Henri
- 52 "The Thorn Birds" author
- 56 Fixes, in a way
- 57 Two-dimensional surface
- 58 Puts to work
- 59 Pre-coil, catchall
- 60 Located
- 61 Horn sound



By Dan Naddor 4/15/09

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Senior economics major Udit Dodeja attempts to hit the ball during a pick-up cricket game on the Campus Commons lawn on March 31.

JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Web site collects funds for aspiring club

By Justin White
Staff Reporter

The up and coming cricket club team is receiving outside funds and prospective players with the help of former Horned Frogs.

Members of the Web site Killersfrogs.com, a forum about university athletics, began donating

to a Paypal account dedicated to helping the cricket group, said the Web site's owner Wes Phelan.

Phelan is asking for members to donate five to ten dollars and has already raised a little over \$100, he said. Along with the money, the Web site's members plan on donating their own bats and pads, Phelan said.

"We're doing what we can to get them on the ground and going," Phelan said.

Phelan said he thinks it is very possible to raise \$300 for the group, but his goal is to reach \$500. He also said the Web site will dip into its funds to match whatever amount is donated by its members.

Phelan is learning more about

the sport in order to better help the team, he said. He also set up an area on the Web site's message board dedicated to cricket making it easy for anyone who is interested to contribute to the team.

"If they want to get on there and talk about their passion

SEE CRICKET · PAGE 4

ANALYSIS • 2009 FROG FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Tight end group has big shoes to fill

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

There's nothing like having a pass-catching, block-throwing, big man on your roster. Good tight ends can provide this dual threat on a play-by-play basis and are often underutilized in offenses at all levels of play.

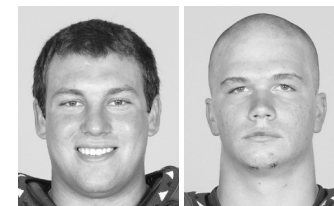
The Frogs aren't known to completely ignore their tight ends in the passing attack, but it's unclear who will be filling the role in 2009.

Shae Reagan, the Frogs' primary tight end in 2008, is departing after several successful seasons with the team. Reagan accounted for 18 catches, 237 yards and one touchdown last season.

The only returning tight end who had a catch in 2008 is junior Evan Frosch. The 6-foot-4-inch, 260-pound tight end from Midland totaled 10 receptions for just 67 yards last season, but did manage to haul in two touchdowns. Frosch saw most of his action early in the season, with eight of his 10 catches coming in the first four games. He is being penciled in as a starter in 2009, but we will have to wait and see if Frosch can adequately replace Reagan's productivity.

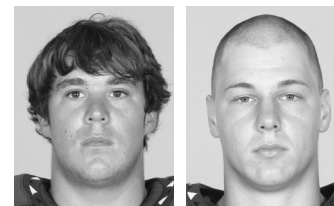
Sophomore Logan Brock is another option at the tight end position in 2009. The Copperas Cove native saw action in all 13 games last season, but failed to haul in a single pass. His younger brother, Tanner Brock, will be a freshman linebacker for the Frogs.

Walker Dille and Corey



Frosch

Dille



Brock

Fuller

Position previews

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Fuller, both redshirted in their first year with the Frogs, will likely find their roles increased in 2009. It will be interesting to see if their success at the high school level will transfer onto the college field. If Frosch doesn't produce as expected, look for one of these two youngsters to quickly climb the depth chart.

Sophomore fullback Luke Shivers is also expected to see some action as a tight end in 2009.

Projected starter: Evan Frosch

Other returning players: Logan Brock, Walker Dille, Corey Fuller, Luke Shivers
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