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Brite program to follow national church

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"We think it'll be beneficial for church

and seminary by adding a group of stu-

dents that will bring an Anglican Episco-

palian understanding to the community,"

begins this fall, will expand and add more

elements in the following years.

Barber said he hopes the program, which

Stephanie Burke, a trustee at the Brite

Divinity School and a member of All Saints

Episcopal Church located in Fort Worth,

said tension grew between the former Epis-

copalian Bishop of Fort Worth, Jack L. Iker,



Brite Divinity School's new Episcopal

Studies Program will be geared toward

those who are seeking ordination from the

national Episcopal Church, which leans to-

ward ordination of women and acceptance

of gays, said the Rev. Fred Barber, acting di-

rector of the Episcopal Studies Program.

Barber said there was much talk about

the formation of the Episcopal Studies

Program and how it might be beneficial

toward the church, especially since Brite

already has several other denominational

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Maricruz Salinas

Staff Reporter

The Women's Network and the Women's Studies Program will host a bake sale to illustrate the gap between the wages of men and women. Tomorrow in News

programs.

Barber said.



of homosexuality and especially because of

'Who would he take communion from?', he

answered that if it was a gay priest, it was

a valid communion but immoral," Burke

said. "He told us if it was a female priest,

Suzanne Gill, communications direc-

tor for Iker's congregation, said Iker had a

lunch with a member of Brite several years

ago inquiring about the possibility of add-

ing an Episcopalian program to the semi-

"When he (Iker) was asked the question,

its ordainment of women.

it's completely invalid."

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of the national church's general acceptance because he preferred members to attend an exclusively Episcopalian seminary where they could be immersed in the denomination.

She said Iker believes women can become Protestant ministers but not Catholic priests, and that the same standard applies in the Episcopal Church. Iker has concerns in the validity of women's ordination as priests because it's not in the Scripture, Gill said.

Burke said the election of New Hampshire's openly gay bishop, the Rev. Gene

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Student booted from cable sports show

Media Relations protests reporter's 'critical' comments

By Jordan Smith Staff Reporter

Reporters are sometimes asked to share their opinions, but a student reporter may be on the hook for giv-

ing his. Brian Smith, a senior broadcast journalism major, was told this week that he is no longer allowed to use camera equipment owned





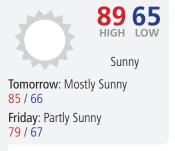
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PECULIAR FACT

WEBSTER, Mass. — Officials have agreed to correct spelling errors in road signs pointing to a central Massachusetts lake with a 45-letter name. Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaugga--goggchaubunagungamaugg in Webster has one of the world's longest place names. It's been spelled many different ways over the years. Some locals have given up and simply call it Lake Webster.

— Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER







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Lt. Col. John Agor speaks about additional funding and counseling for veterans once they come on campus. Agor is also a professor of Military Science.

Veterans focus on campus resources

By Maricruz Salinas Staff Reporter

Members of the veterans' committee discussed forming groups designed to address specific issues facing student veterans at the committee's first meeting Tuesday.

Forrest Lane, director of student organizations and facilitator of the veterans' committee, said the purpose of the meeting was to funnel the 26 members into focus groups to address the issues facing veterans on campus, including the complexity of veteran benefits, housing requirements, how to identify veterans from the general population and training faculty and staff to better understand issues with veterans in the academia.

Compiling services offered on cam-

pus, like counseling, and comparing established programs at other universities and using them as models will be the focus of two of the groups which will be formed to gather information into a proposal, Lane said. Another group will focus on identifying veterans on campus, Lane said.

Lane said the purpose of the committee is to write a proposal to present to Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, by the end of August. The proposal will tier recommendations to provide a meaningful way to implement the suggestions, Lane said.

"It is in a lot of ways a wish list that we hope can be contextualized," Lane said.

Jonathan Roark, director of emergency preparedness and a veteran who served in the Navy for 24 years, said he

would like to see an all-student veteran group formed to help the committee write the proposal since it would be directly affecting them.

Roark said he had originally wanted to form a veterans-only group because when he left the Navy, he missed the close relationships he had formed there.

"When I got out, I missed my Navy family," Roark said. "When I got here, I asked, 'Where are our veterans?"

Roark said he would like to see a sponsor program formed where a veteran entering the university will have someone to guide him or her through the enrollment process, especially when taking into consideration the special re-

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by the MountainWest Cohen Sports Network to appear on the channel after he made what the university's Athletics Media Relations department considered to be a critical comment about Frogs' starting quarterback Andy Dalton on the network.

Smith The decision to ban Smith from using

the camera, which will effectively keep him from appearing on The Mtn., came last week. Mark Cohen, director of athletic media relations, sent an e-mail to the network on Saturday notifying it of the decision.

In the e-mail, Cohen wrote that he did not want Smith appearing on The Mtn. anymore if he was going to be critical of Dalton.

"My office will not take time out of its busy schedule to assist in putting TCU students on the air to make negative comments about our student athletes," Cohen wrote.

The controversy started after Smith appeared on the April 14 broadcast of "On Campus Cam," a talking-heads style show on The Mtn. where student reporters from conference schools are asked to give their thoughts. During the broadcast, Smith said that Casey Pachall, the freshman quarterback who graduated early from high school to enroll at the university is good. Good enough, he said, to unseat Dalton as the starter.

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NATURAL GAS Chesapeake set to extract minerals off campus in months

By Chilton Tippin

Staff Reporter

Drilling for Chesapeake Energy Corporation's master development plan could begin sometime before the end of the calendar year, a university official said in an e-mail.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, wrote in an e-mail that the university views the plan as a positive agreement between campus, Chesapeake and the community.

"Such a plan can serve as an archetype solution for similar situations where urban gas drilling is undertaken," Gutierrez wrote.

Jerri Robbins, public relations manager

proved most of Chesapeake Energy Corporation's master development plan for natural gas drilling April 7, which will allow the minerals under campus to be extracted without having a well on school grounds.

Gutierrez wrote that once all the wells in the pooled units begin producing, all land owners in the pooled units will begin receiving revenues. The royalty revenue received by the university will be put in the endowment, he wrote.

While the plan resolved the conflict of the well near campus, some Fort Worth residents feel it puts wells in locations that will be cumbersome for residents in other areas.

to dupe the residents into signing waivers allowing wells to be drilled near their homes.

"Most of the people were not told that, in signing that waiver, they were agreeing to a well site right across the street from them," Hogan said.

In order to get the approval of City Council, Chesapeake needed all of the residents within 600 feet of the well sites to sign waivers consenting to the site locations, Hogan said.

However, Joel Burns, councilman for District 9, said the majority of the district's constituents find the plan to be agreeable.

"The goal for this was to not shift the Gary Hogan, a candidate for City Coun- burden from any one neighborhood to

for Chesapeake, said the City Council ap- cil, said Chesapeake used misleading tactics another neighborhood but to lessen the burden and impact of gas drilling on the district as a whole, and I think we accomplished that," Burns said.

> Chesapeake sought the approval of the City Council because the plan includes "high impact wells" which are within 600 feet of houses, Burns said.

> Although Chesapeake arrived at the council meeting with the necessary signatures, many of the residents were told either that they were the only ones who had not signed the waivers, or that they were required to sign the waivers after having previously signed the mineral production lease agreements, Hogan said.

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"I think it's going to be tough to tell if Andy's really as solid a starter as everybody believes he is," Smith, a TCU News Now reporter, said. "And I think the reason for that is because Casey Pachall, a true freshman who enrolled in January really looked good during drills and during the Purple and White game, and in my opinion he really could challenge Dalton for that starting spot.

"He can manage a game and he can play not to lose, but I don't really think he's the kind of guy who can win you a game," Smith said. "And Casey Pachall is that kind of guy."

Smith, a former Skiff reporter, was scheduled to make another appearance on The Mtn. on Tuesday evening, but said he did not media relations and go to the recording because Frank Martin, a producer for the network who received Cohen's email, had informed him that he would not be allowed to use the camera.

Smith said he was disappointed in Cohen's decision because "On Campus Cam" is an opinion show, and his right to be there was revoked after he gave his opinion.

"My problem is, it's censorship to a degree, but if they own (the camera) there's nothing I can do about it," Smith said.

But according to Hayne Ellis, a

public relations employee for The Mtn., the university doesn't own the camera

"It is property of The Mtn.," Ellis said. "It is property of the network."

Ellis said The Mtn. provided the university with the camera so that reporters, including students like Smith, could reach the network.

"We have a show that brings in reporters, writers, radio and TV personalities from around the conference who express their opinions and have a friendly debate on topics around the Mountain West Conference," Ellis said. "On Campus Cam' is our student version of that.

"There's a difference between being in being a reporter."

Brian Smith

senior broadcast journalism maior

"We utilize the campus cam chiefly for schools that aren't within easy driving distance of our studios in Denver. We certainly have students who come down from Colorado State and Wyoming all the time. But from TCU, San Diego State, UNLV, that's not really practical, so they go on the campus cam."

Smith said it's not a matter of simply finding another camera to use either, since this particular camera is set up specifically to broadcast to The Mtn.

When contacted, Cohen declined to comment on the decision his department reached.

"All I can tell you is, (Smith) was a student reporter for The Mtn., and that position for The Mtn. runs through the media relations office," Cohen said. "We appreciate (Smith's) service but just felt it was time to go in another direction."

Ellis said The Mtn. would not intervene in the dispute. He said Cohen and senior producer Brian Trip discussed the issue and The Mtn. considers the issue to be an internal affair.

"Long story short, they agreed to disagree on the subject matter," Ellis said. "But while it is our camera, it is under (Cohen's) supervision and, like I said before, he has the keys to the car. So we're going to abide by his decision."

Smith said he doesn't agree with the decision.

"I don't think it's fair to the viewers," Smith said. "It's strictly a public relations move and I feel like if that's the direction it wants to go in then they should have someone from their own department ... rather than a reporter doing it. There's a difference between being in media relations and being a reporter."

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Many of the residents in the affected area only spoke Spanish, and once he explained to some of value in the area to decrease, Hothe residents what was happening, they expressed surprise, he said.

"I put out a flier that was written in English and Spanish and tried to explain to those people what was about to come down," Hogan said, "And the people I actually got to talk to said that was the first thing they had ever

gotten in Spanish." The wells, set to be located near homes, churches and parks, will bring drastic increases in truck traffic and cause the property gan said.

"I'm sorry, but I cannot understand how you can say taking one well away from a highly influential area like TCU and then dumping up to thirty wells in a low-income neighborhood and then say, 'That's alright," he said. "That's just wrong."

Robbins said the approval of the master development plan, also known as the Meerkat Mounds to Seminary Plan, provided permits for the final four of seven wells that were necessary for the plan to go under way.

City Council approved the Merrimac, Santa Fe, Seminary and Structural Steel sites, Robbins said.

Now that Chesapeake has the permits, it can begin preparing pad sites for drilling, but Chesapeake does not yet know when the drilling will begin, she said.

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Robinson, created controversy, but it wasn't until Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori was elected last year that Iker began to initiate the schism.

Doug Newsom, professor of advertising/public relations and a member of the Episcopalian Church, said that when Schori was elected as presiding bishop, Iker refused to acknowledge her status.

"You can't do that, that's crazy," Newsom said. "That'd be like my saying that I'm not going to recognize the chancellor as my boss as an academic."

Nancy Ramsay, dean of the Brite Divinity School, wrote in an e-mail that the new program will follow the model of other denominational studies programs at Brite.

Barber said the Episcopal Studies Program also has the support of the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, the provisional bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth endorsed by the national Episcopalian Church.

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quirements and benefits offered for veterans.

Chris Simcho, junior strategic communications major and a Marine for five years, said one of the issues all veterans face when making the transition between serving and entering school is the number of hours transferred.

When serving in the military, all members must take classes in basic English, math, science and classes focusing on cultures that will be encountered in the future, Simcho said. Upon entering college, universities transfer only the minimum, Simcho said.

"I had 36 hours from my military background and TCU only took four, and that was for boot

Barber said five students currently attending Brite are Episcopalian. The university expects the program to start small and grow each semester, he said.

Burke said Iker declined previous attempts at creating an Episcopalian program at Brite.

"He's very, very conservative," Burke said. "He was not interested in having any Episcopalians educated at Brite because Brite is very ecumenical. ... There are 33 different religions at Brite, and he didn't want part of that."

The Episcopal Studies Program will provide education for clergy and laity in Fort Worth, which has not been possible before, Burke said. Iker would send those in search of education in the Episcopalian tradition to the nearest seminary he approved located in Wisconsin, she said.

The Episcopal Studies Program will allow candidates for Episcopal priesthood to complete the Master of Divinity for future ordination without leaving North Texas, Ramsay wrote.

Iker previously limited com-

said. "I understand not everything can be transferred, but some would be nice ... especially if it's for the cultural or global awareness courses."

Lane said there is a possibility a fourth group will be created to focus on compiling financial information for veterans and to take a closer look at the Yellow Ribbon Program.

According to the GI Bill Web site, the Yellow Ribbon Program allows institutions of higher education in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with Veteran Affairs to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. If a veteran attends a private institution, the program will cover up to the highest public in-state camp as a P.E. credit," Simcho tuition rate, and the university

munication between any of the Episcopal churches in Fort Worth and the national Episcopal Church because the national church held different views than he did, Burke said.

A school at the University of Dallas in Irving used to be a place for members to pursue education in Anglican theology, but the program became unsustainable because of economic instability and the low number of students, Gill said.

Newsom said that even though Iker's congregation is still using the name Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, they are not Episcopalian. She said the group is now Anglican, since Iker joined the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone located in Argentina last year.

According to court reports, the national Episcopal Church is suing Iker and the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone for continuing to use the name Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. The court case is currently in progress.

may pay up to 50 percent of the difference, while Veteran Affairs will match the same amount.

Lane said prospective veteran students who are looking into the university will see the support system and Yellow Ribbon Program as an advantage.

"There is a lot of support for veterans on campus," Lane said. 'We're just looking for a venue to show that."

Austin Onyeche, an employee of the physical plant and freshman at Tarrant County College, said he is in the process of making the transition from someone who served in the Navy for four years to a prospective TCU student.

"It's a great thing what the committee is trying to do," Onyeche said. "It's a testament to a community that cares."



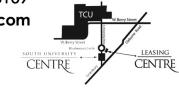
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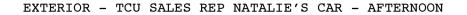


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The Skiff View

Frogs honor team, not personal gain

With this weekend's NFL Draft in New York approaching, Frog fans should take the time to reflect on the great strides the football program has made in the past decade, and the character of the players it has produced.

According to ESPN.com, seven Frog football players are in the mix to be picked this weekend.

Running back Aaron Brown, linebackers Robert Henson, Stephen Hodge and Jason Phillips, tight end Shae Reagan, center Blake Schlueter and defensive tackle James Vess could all hear their names called on draft day.

Twenty-six NFL teams were represented at the 2009 Pro Day held on campus in March, as scouts and general managers looked for solid players to fill the holes on their team.

Some fans may look at this lineup and wonder where the superstars are. A bunch of solid players, to be sure, but the Frogs haven't produced a breakout NFL star since LaDainian Tomlinson in 2001. However, that's not what Frog football is about.

Head coach Gary Patterson and his staff take players passed on by bigger-name schools like the University of Texas and Texas A&M and turn them into a cohesive unit. The beauty of Patterson's teams is that they are exactly that: teams. Patterson doesn't dabble in prima donnas who are looking to exit school as quickly as possible and score an NFL contract. He builds a solid lineup of men with a working-class attitude that will do anything to help the team win.

All of the Frogs' entrants into the 2009 Draft are seniors. Players who come to Fort Worth have a commitment to helping the team win for four years. Such dedication to a team has no choice but to carry over into the NFL.

So, while the Frogs may not be the flashiest or most recognized players on the draft board, any team would be lucky to have one.

Associate editor David Hall for the editorial board.

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Education key to fighting teenage sexting problem

Sure, you're savvy enough to know your kids aren't wearing out their thumbs text-messaging about homework assignments. But did you know one in five teenagers has e-mailed or texted a nude or on-type charge like child pornography semi-nude self-portrait to someone else? OMG.

of the teens said they "sexted" the Most

it's not pornographic; the prosecutor called it "provocative."

As a lawyer for the girls put it, "Prosecutors shouldn't be using a nuclear-weapagainst kids who have no criminal intent and are merely doing stupid things."

But some cases aren't that clear, an



Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Graduating in 3 years takes sacrifice



What does it take to graduate in three years? Is it worth it? It's not for everyone, I can tell you that much. My journey at TCU began in January 2007. I will graduate in December. For those of you who are like me and can't stand math, that's two years and 11 months for me to earn my B.S. in strategic communications from the Schieffer School of Journalism.

During that time I will have completed 120 out of the 124 hours needed for my degree.

So what does it take to graduate in three years? It takes determina-

ments meant making sacrifices. The majority of the sacrifice came in the area of socializing with other students. Making friends became difficult because my accelerated schedule pushed me past the people I would normally attend classes with. For many people, college is a time to mold oneself into adulthood and socializing is an important part of that process. This reason alone would probably deter a good majority of students from pursuing the threeyear plan.

Making friends became difficult because mv accelerated schedule pushed me past the people I would normally attend classes with

out of high school, that extra year in the work force may be very beneficial to your career.

In the end, do what works out best for you. I was fortunate enough to form friendships in the Marine Corps that will last a lifetime. Maybe that is why I was capable of completing the daunting task I set for myself. There is one thing I am certain of and that is the excitement of knowing I am about to graduate.

So if three years sounds better than four to you, I suggest that you pay special attention to your requirements and start looking into summer school. That's all it takes.

> Chris Simcho is a senior strategic communications major from Morgan Hill, Calif.



images to a boyfriend or girlfriend, according to a survey by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. But the survey also found that one in three teens has viewed racy photos originally sent to someone else, which generally means someone hit the "forward" button.

For a teen, the consequences can go well beyond the embarrassment of appearing naked on every cell phone in physics class. A nude image loose in cyberspace can torpedo a college application or a job search; worse, it can end up in the hands of a sexual predator. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children says one-fourth of kids who end up the victims of online child pornographers posted the images themselves.

Sexting can also get you in trouble with the law. Teens in several states have been charged with felonies — including sexual abuse of a minor and distributing or possessing child pornography — for sexting. In many cases, a conviction comes with a mandatory lifelong listing on a sex-offender registry.

It's safe to assume the authors of those laws didn't contemplate them being applied to, say, a photo of two junior high girls posing in their training bras at a slumber party in Pennsylvania. By the time those girls were freshmen in high school, the photo had found its way to more than a dozen classmates' phones, which were turned over to the local prosecutor after being confiscated by school officials. This week, a federal judge barred the prosecutor from charging the girls with child pornography or "open lewdness." The girls said they never consented to having the photo distributed and that

some laws don't provide the wiggle room for judges or prosecutors to make distinctions between hormonal teens showing poor judgment and adults preying on innocent children.

In Vermont, lawmakers are considering exempting teens from child-pornography charges. Depending on circumstances, they could still be charged with lewd and lascivious behavior or disseminating indecent material to a child. That leaves room to prosecute the cases that are more than casual exchanges among youngsters. In Utah, teen sexting is now a misdemeanor.

Two Ohio lawmakers this week introduced a bill to remove mandatory sexoffender registration from teen sexting cases. Their bill has the blessing of the parents of a Cincinnati teen who killed herself last year after a nude photo she sent to her boyfriend ended up passed around her school.

It makes sense to make allowances for youthful stupidity, which most people outgrow, instead of saddling kids with a felony record or a "sex-offender" label that will be with them for life. But an even better approach is to get kids to think before hitting "send."

In Ohio, eight teens who traded nude photos on their phones were sentenced to a useful community-service project: The judge told them to poll their peers about the consequences of sexting. Only 31 of 225 knew it was illegal, which isn't really surprising. A lot of them don't even realize it's dumb.

Tribune on Monday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information services.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago



tion and a lot of summer school. In essence, I treated going to school like having a job. I never took less than 12 units, even during summer. I maintained a full-time schedule year round.

Fulfilling these schedule require-

With that said, one big benefit is three years goes by really fast. My main priority was to enter the work force as soon as possible. For those of you that have entered college directly

Disarming citizens leaves them defenseless

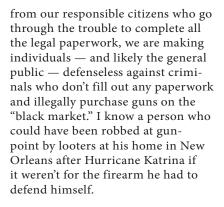


The National Rifle Association is offering free one-year trial memberships to all Americans in an effort to show lawmakers how many citizens support their Second Amendment right to bear arms. Although President Barack Obama — along with the Democratic majority in Congress - has pursued some worthwhile progressive causes, extending gun control is not one of them.

While it's kind of cute to think disarming law-abiding citizens would lower shooting deaths, it's not realistic. The majority of intelligent college students don't support concealed carry on college campuses because anybody "bold" enough to go on a shooting spree would not go to the trouble of applying for a concealed handgun license.

A similar scenario is true in the highcrime urban neighborhoods in America where the most murders by gunshot take place. A nearly insignificant number of licensed concealed handgun owners commit murder. Therefore, by taking registered guns away

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pistol and wake up to reality?" However, that's not me at all. Not only do I not own any guns, but neither does anybody in my family. I'm not an avid hunter because I didn't grow up around hunters, but I enjoy shooting a shotgun every now and then.

I never thought I would join the NRA, but I did because it advocates common sense. Banning registered handgun possession is like TCU playing a football game without a defense. I don't want to be presumptive, but I'd imagine the opposing team (the criminals) would prevail. Let's also not forget the whole constitutional guarantee — Americans aren't big on losing their inherent rights.

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You might be thinking, "When will this pro-Bush, flagwaving, neo-conservative extremist stop polishing his

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Pachall is a centerpiece in head coach Gary Patterson's 2009 recruiting class. Rated by Rivals. com as a four out of five star recruit, Pachall brings a strong arm and athleticism to the quarterback position.

As a three-year letterman at Brownwood, Pachall threw a total of 51 touchdowns and added 27 on the ground. He was rated the nation's No. 9 dual-threat quarterback in this year's class, with his ability to make tough throws and run a 4.65-second 40-yard dash time while carrying the ball gracefully past defenders with his long, lanky legs.

But while most of the country's high-profile 2009 signees spent national signing day simply inking their letters of intent, Pachall spent his Feb. 4 in class and working out with his new team.

Pachall knew early in the recruiting process that he wanted to graduate early to get ahead in college. He took a dual credit English class the summer before his senior year and had a full load of classes in the fall to get the necessary credits to graduate early.

"This is probably where he needs to be because he wants to be at that next level himself," his ly is most indicative of his strong mother said. "I see it as him just preparing himself. He wants to be prepared for whatever comes up, whether it be him sitting as a redshirt his freshman year or having to step in and play."

campus in March 2008, his junior year, that TCU was the place for him.

back, I was thinking to myself, this riving on campus. Coaches have is the place I felt like I needed to go," Pachall said. "Then the next week I made that call to Coach P about becoming a Horned Frog."

Debbie Pachall said that his choice of the university was an answered prayer, with programs such as Florida and Notre Dame also offering her son a scholarship.

"We're so grateful that he picked pounds.

TCU, not just because it's closer, but because we think it's a perfect fit for him and for what he wants in life," she said.

When Pachall decided to graduate early, his mother drilled him with questions about missing his last semester, but he wanted to play football.

Debbie Pachall said her son isn't one to make risky decisions and compliments his ability to surround himself with good friends and stay out of trouble. Pachall attributes his decision-making skills

"When I wake up every morning, if I start to question myself, I know I'm here for a reason and I need to be here."

Casey Pachall

freshman quarterback

to growing up as the son of a state trooper.

'You have to have the capability to do what's right to be able to perform at any level with any expectation," he said.

Pachall's decision to enroll earwork ethic. Even after graduating from Brownwood, Pachall spent time at the school's workout facilities over Christmas break running and lifting weights.

"Even though he didn't have to, Pachall decided after a visit to he always wanted to be at the top of his game," Debbie Pachall said. "He always wanted to be the best."

His work in the weight room "Pretty much the whole ride has changed substantially since arintroduced him to exercises that leave him wondering where they learned this stuff, he said.

But he doesn't question their methods. In just over a month in the program, Pachall said he's added four pounds of muscle to his tall frame. In four years at Brownwood, he said, he only gained 10

Like most other college students, Pachall is enjoying his newfound freedom in his first semester, but he has noticed the difference between college and high school classes.

'It's completely different than high school because in high school, back in Brownwood, you didn't really have to do much work and you're going to pass easily," Pachall said. "Here, you have to do every little bit of work and extra."

Currently, he's taking a full load of classes in his first semester with a 15-hour schedule.

Yet even now as a college freshman, there is one thing Pachall still misses about his small hometown.

"Right now all I miss is Brownwood football," Pachall, clad in a maroon Brownwood Lions football shirt, said.

Pachall remembers the last time he donned the maroon and white of the tradition-rich Brownwood Lions.

On the road against Snyder, Pachall and company needed a win to force a three-way tie for the district's final playoff spot. A coin flip would then decide the teams' playoff future, a story straight out of the pages of Friday Night Lights.

"It felt like a bad situation," Pachall said. "It's not one of those games you want to be playing in that will decide your playoff fate, but we had to do it."

Pachall, at the helm of the best 3A offense in Texas, ran for three touchdowns and threw for two more. But it wasn't enough as the team's defensive woes led to a 56-49 loss

Even while at Brownwood, he knew his run would end eventually, and he was prepared to take the next step. He has no doubt he's where he needs to be to live out his passion.

When I wake up every morning, if I start to question myself, I know I'm here for a reason and I need to be here," Pachall said. "If I'm not here, then that's giving someone else time to get a head start on me."



ANALYSIS • 2009 FROG FOOTBALL PREVIEW Washington to take the lead for depleted linebacking corps

By Michael Carroll Sports Editor

Just like the defensive linemen before them, the 2009 linebacking core will include just one starter from last year's trio. Overall, only five out of 11 starters from 2008's top-ranked defense will be returning for the Horned Frogs next season.

Departing seniors Jason Phillips and Robert Henson, who combined for 157 tackles, will try their hand at the next level. Phillips is the more likely of the two to be drafted at this weekend's NFL Draft, despite recent surgery on a torn meniscus in his left knee. Phillips suffered the injury during February's scouting combine.

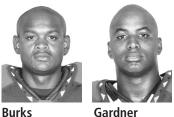
Phillips' presence in the Frogs' defense will be missed. Last season he had a team-leading 57 solo tackles including 13 tackles for loss, second only to teammate Jerry Hughes. There's a reason pro scouts have Phillips rated as one of the top middle linebackers in the draft and a potential day-one pick.

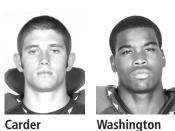
Making up for the loss of a player of his stature will be a tall order. Henson, an All-Mountain West Conference selection along with Phillips in 2008, was a valuable contributor on defense last year as well. Henson could be a lateround draft pick or an undrafted

free agent. Expected to fill in their shoes are sophomores Tank Carder and Kris Gardner, as well as redshirt freshman Greg Burks. Carder is expected to start at middle linebacker in 2009.

The unit's lone returning starter, senior Daryl Washington, should be quite a force at outside linebacker. Washington has freakish athletic ability and has a chance at putting together an award-worthy season in 2009. In 2008, Washington was fourth on the team in total tackles with 63. He also had three sacks and one interception, as well as a dominating performance at the Poinsettia Bowl.

The latest addition to the linebacking corps is new recruit Tanner Brock from Copperas Cove





High School. Brock enrolled early and participated in spring practices. He could push Crader for

playing time at middle linebacker. Returning starters: Daryl Washington

Starters lost: Jason Phillips, Robert Henson

Other returning players: Tank Crader, Kris Gardner, Greg Burks

New additions: Tanner Brock

Most Iraquis have lost someone to war

By Corinne Reilly McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD — Amir Jabbar doesn't know how many of his friends have been murdered since the Iraq war started six years ago. He stopped counting sometime back in 2007. The numbers just got too high, he said.

"Maybe 10. Maybe more," the 31-year-old parking lot attendant said, shrugging. "It's too many."

Most of them were blown up in bomb attacks, he explained. A few just disappeared. They've been gone so long that he figures they aren't coming back.

"In my neighborhood, Sadriyah, it was very bad," said Jabbar, who stopped to talk on a busy Baghdad street corner as he ran errands. "Maybe I know more who died than most people, but everybody knows somebody killed by the war, of course."

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dictatorship, America is preparing to start leaving Iraq. If all goes as the Obama administration hopes it will, the democracy that America installed will take root and blossom, violence will continue to decline, and Iraq's ethnic, sectarian and religious factions — still vying for their say in the country's future — will reconcile with one another.

That's the best-case scenario, however, and if it ever comes true, it won't be for some time.

What America will leave behind in Iraq, at least in broad terms, is still unknown, but Iraqis already are living with what's sure to remain the war's most personal vestige: the absence of the dead. Almost no Iraqi has escaped that trauma.

No comprehensive, reliable civilian body count exists, but so many people have been killed in the past six years that it's nearly impossible to find an Iraqi who doesn't know someone who died violently, either because of actions by American troops or, far more commonly, in the widespread bloodletting that the invasion triggered.

Walk down any street in any Baghdad neighborhood and, chances are, everyone who passes by has lost someone. Most can name more than one.

Saleh Abu Ghaith, a 46-year-old shoe merchant, lost his brotherin-law. Ghaith remembers him as a hard worker and a good father who was driving his daughter to school in 2006 when a group of men dragged him out of his car in Baghdad's Ameriyah neighborhood.

"He was Shiite living in a Sunni area," Ghaith said. "We think they wanted to take him for ransom."

Ghaith's brother-in-law wasn't one to go without a fight, however. "He resisted, so they killed him then and there," Ghaith recalled, sitting behind the counter at his small shop. "No one was ever arrested for this."

Mohamed Latif lost his brother and his grandmother.

His brother died first, about three years ago. He went out for a walk and never came home. Neighbors told Latif's family that they saw two men abduct him. They found his body the next morning, shot in ones we don't."

At age 10, Hussein Karim already has lost at least two relatives to the Iraq war, two of his aunts. One was caught in crossfire between American troops and the Mahdi Army in 2007. The other died last year in a bombing while she was driving.

the head and buried under a pile of trash on the side of the road near the family's house in Iskandariyah, in southern Iraq.

"My father never recovered," said Latif, who's 22 and can't find work. "He died, too, but of a broken heart."

Latif's grandmother was murdered in 2007, when Iraq's sectarian violence was at its worst. Someone threw a grenade through her window.

"Yes, it's sad," said Latif, who fled Iskandariyah and now lives in Baghdad, "but this is normal for us. So many people can tell you the same stories."

Those stories, and the consistency with which they can be found, may be the best, if unscientific, gauge of the war's civilian toll.

Several agencies, including the Iraqi government and a few private groups based outside the country, track war-related deaths, but most acknowledge that their figures aren't comprehensive. Their body counts vary widely, from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands.

"The reality is that in war, civilian deaths are always the least likely to be properly counted and recognized, no matter how numerous they are," said John Sloboda, a cofounder of Iraq Body Count, which has recorded roughly 100,000 warrelated civilian deaths in Iraq since 2003. "That's why we decided to do this, because all victims should be recognized."

Sloboda is careful to note that his organization's count, which relies mostly on news reports, isn't an estimate of the number of civilians who have been killed.

"This is the number of deaths that we're certain have taken place," he said. "It's the ones we know about. But there are undoubtedly

Some of the neighbors whom Samia Ahmed lost are among those who probably won't ever be counted, at least not as long as their bodies are still missing.

"A few on my street disappeared," said the 66-year-old, who sells tea on Abu Nawas Street in Baghdad's Karrada neighborhood. "Maybe some of them were found, but I don't think so."

"The reality is that in war, civilian deaths are always the least likely to be properly counted and recognized, no matter how numerous they are."

John Sloboda

co-founder of Iraq Body Count

Although he's only 10, Hussein Karim has his own body count.

"Two of my aunts," he said, taking a rest from playing with his cousins at a park in Karrada.

One aunt died in 2007 in Baghdad's Sadr City district. A mother of five, she was caught in crossfire between American troops and the Mahdi Army, a Shiite Muslim militia, and was shot in the street. The other aunt died last year in a bombing while she was driving.

"The explosion killed her," Hussein said. "She was melted to the seat in her car."

> McClatchy Newspapers special correspondent Jenan Hussein contributed to this report.

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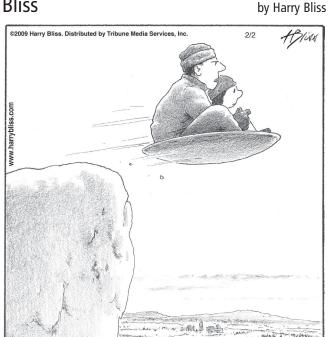
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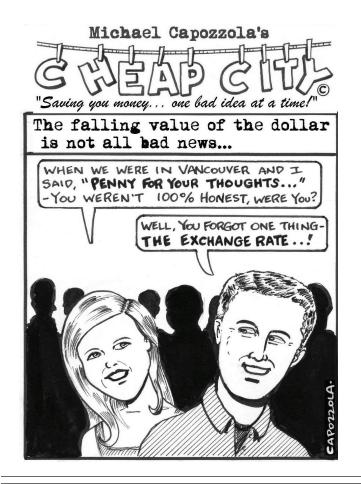
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FOOTBALL



PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor Freshman quarterback Casey Pachall participates in a drill during a spring practice March 10. Pachall graduated high school a semester early and joined the Frogs.

Freshman QB adjusts to new life on campus

By Robert Bember Staff Writer

When Casey Pachall arrived on campus on a cold January day, he found himself assigned to Brachman Hall, far from the suite life his new teammates were living in Moncrief Hall.

Casey's parents, Stan and Debbie Pachall, helped their youngest son unload containers from his hand-me-down Dodge Ram and haul them up to his temporary third-floor room. Sister Christie and brother Chad lent hands while 3-year-old Clint, Christie's son, joined to say goodbye to his uncle, known to him as "Casey Football."

"To me, a lot of people don't get to live their passion, and he's getting to," Debbie Pachall said.

The 6-foot-4-inch quarterback lived out of his containers until the first day of classes, when he made the move to Moncrief,

making the first day of college classes even more hectic, particularly when he didn't choose his classes until 1 p.m.

Pachall graduated from Brownwood High School in December and his final grades went in Dec. 19. But because the high school was out for Christmas break, none of his necessary paperwork, such as his high school transcript and proof of graduation, could be filed with the NCAA Clearinghouse until just days before his arrival on campus. He was unable to register at the university until the paperwork was in.

"It's different," Pachall said. "It's actually like going back into high school again because you're new on campus. Nobody knows who you are and you've got to make a name for yourself again."

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BACK IN BUSINESS



Senior second baseman Corey Steglich slides safely back to first base during the game against A&M-Corpus Christi on Tuesday evening.

Team capitalizes on errors to secure win

By Joe Zigtema Staff Writer

Trailing Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 2-1 in the third inning at Lupton Stadium on Tuesday night, with a runner on second and the meat of the Islander lineup coming up, head coach Jim Schlossnagle called on his bullpen to help him get out of a jam.

Reliever Tyler Lockwood calmly took the mound and picked off the runner. Horned Frog hurlers didn't allow another baserunner on the evening as the team cruised to a 6-2 victory on Armed Forces Night.

Three costly errors doomed the Islanders (14-27), plating four of beat Islander leadoff man Jeramie the Horned Frogs' (24-11) six Marek to the plate for the second

nings to earn the win while A&M-CC starter Brett Carnline allowed one earned run over 5 1/3 innings in a losing effort.

"We've been waiting for Lockwood to show the kind of pitcher that we think he is and that he has been in his career," Schlossnagle said. "Hopefully tonight is the first step for that."

Horned Frog starter Greg Holle was lifted in the third after allowing two runs on five hits, but the damage could have been more severe in that inning.

After a double to the center field wall, Aaron Schultz's and Taylor Featherston's relay throws

Frogs eventually got out of the jam when Lockwood entered the game.

Schultz recorded three hits as he made his first start of the season in center field. Schlossnagle said he was impressed with Schultz's effort.

"I was just as excited about his defense as I was about his getting three hits," Schlossnagle said. "I think the relay play was a game changer because you go from down 3-1 with a runner at first and second base and one out to down 2-1 and a runner on second. And then we get the pickoff play so it was really good."

The Horned Frogs evened the game at two in the bottom

runs. Lockwood went 4 1/3 in- out of the inning. The Horned of the third when Tyler Featherston scored on a Matt Carpenter double. It remained that way until the sixth, when Matt Vern scored on an error in left field to give the Horned Frogs all the run support they would need.

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Injury update

Senior Ben Carruthers continues to heal from a hand injury suffered last week against Texas-Pan American. X-Rays and a CT scan were negative, and a bone scan done Tuesday will determine if he suffered a stress fracture, Schlossnagle said. Depending on the results of the test, Schlossnagle said Carruthers' return could be anywhere from days to four weeks away.





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