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# Plans after May certain for some



COURTESY OF TCU YEARBOOK Thomas Sheffield prays while listening to the Rev. Angela Kaufman's invocation in May 2009. Sheffield graduated summa cum laude with two degrees in mathematics and physics.

#### By Alexis Mladenoff News Now Reporter

While many students worry about what's to Richardson, also have to go come after graduation in to graduate school to pur- nior nursing major, said she May, some already have big sue a career in their fields. already has a job at Baylor Uniplans.

Michael McGraw, a senior accounting and fifull-time jobs.

McGraw had an PKF Texas, an accounting firm in Houston throughout the first half supervisor offered tunity to become employed full time if he gets enough credit hours to take and pass the Certified Public Accountants exam.

McGraw said this means he will be enrolled in

TCU's graduate program undergraduate student. for accounting for one year comes to his future.

offer in my back pocket, longing her entrance into school. He said they have at-I'm not too worried about the real world. my accounting future," Mc-

do is go to school for the er myself lucky that I get to next year and pass all my postpone that for a couple classes."

Other seniors, like Lizzie said.

gy major, said she wants to las. She said she is comforted be a premarital counselor. knowing that she has somenance major, has his future She said she isn't excited thing lined up so quickly after planned out for the next few about going to more school graduation. Desjardins said years. He said it's common but is happy that she will she has many nursing friends for accounting majors to get be enrolled in courses that who don't have plans, and that internships that lead into interest her more than the worries many of them. core classes she took as an

internship with "I'm not ready to be a grown up out the first half of this semester. yet...so I consider He said during his myself lucky that him the oppor-tunity to become I get to postpone that for a couple more years."

#### Lizzie Richardson

senior psychology major

Richardson, who has not

Graw said. "All I have to grown up yet ... so I consid- luck yet.

more years," Richardson

Danielle Desjardins, a se-Richardson, a psycholo- versity Medical Center in Dal-

"When nursing majors don't have jobs, you know the economy is bad...and right now, nursing majors do not have jobs," Desjardins said.

She said she started applying to jobs in January so she was ahead of the game. She also said her father is a businessman who interviews people on a daily basis, and she had him help her prepare interviews. for Desjardins said she thinks this preparation gave her a leg up on the competition.

Executive Director of Caafter he graduates. But he selected a graduate school reer Services John Thompson said having this stability yet but plans to attend one said he couldn't give specific has put him at ease when it in California, said she is numbers on the percentage of eager to attend graduate graduating students who got "Because I have this job school because it is pro- jobs or are going to graduate tempted to figure out a way "I'm not ready to be a to do so, but haven't had any



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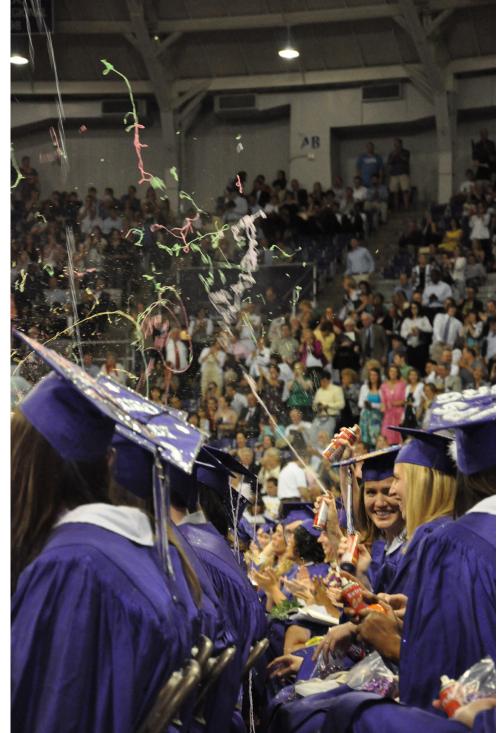
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# **OPINION** Time at TCU a rarity



My first days at TCU were some of the sweatiest days of my life. All I could think about was how hot Texas was. It was hell week with the soccer team, and I was in absolute pain. I remember calling my mom after our first practice crying and questioning why she let her daughter come to Texas. My cool ocean breezes of San Diego were gone, and I was left to sweat it out.

After I got over the initial heat

shock, life at TCU began to unfold into an incredible four years filled with memories and experiences I will cherish for the rest of my life. Both on and off the vertise TCU Athletics. soccer field I learned valuable lessons I will never

that last one!) But in all seriousness, the opportunities I had here at TCU were wonderful. As a member of the soccer team I was especially blessed to do things many only dream of. I got to travel around the country with my team, play soccer in Iceland for a summer, play in front of the largest crowd to ever watch a TCU soccer game, set a school record for goals scored in a career and be

"Leaving TCU will be a big transition that is both scary and exciting. I will no longer be known as the soccer player, and the tion of the things records I set will someday so easily take for

be broken."

made fun by my friends after a football game when I was shown on the Jumbo-Tron passionately saying, "I'm in, are you in?" to ad-

Texas "Construcion" University has be

"BLUU," we have enjoyed seeing TCU get many great updates that have transformed our school into a state-of-the-art university.

TCU has helped me grow as a person and taught me many great skills, but what I have realized most while here in the TCU bubble is how fortunate we are. If I could make one wish before I graduate it would be that everyone appreciates and is truly grateful for all they

have here at TCU because it is a rare circumstance. Not everyone gets to go to a private university or even have a fracwe sometimes granted. Leaving TCU

will be a big transition that is both scary and exciting. I will no longer be known as the soccer player, and the records I set will someday be broken. I will, however, take with me all of the memories, friends and experiences and hold onto them as long as I can. If I can give any advice to underclassmen it would be to enjoy it, love it and be thankful for it. To sweating it out and being a frog! I'm in, are you in? Lizzy Karoly is a senior broadcast journalism major from San Diego, Calif.

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I learned that asking my coach how many sprints we had left was a very, very bad idea. I learned that the jeans I once wore in high school would no longer fit after eating at the Main, and I finally figured out how to successfully cook a piece of chicken. (Well, I may still be working on

through some serious changes since the class of 2010 arrived. Echoes of, "Bread, baby? Spread, baby?" are long since heard of from the Deco Deli ladies, and we've complained about parking and moldy community bathrooms in the dorms. But despite whining and refusing to call the new Main the

Rathryn Meredith Lunati



You are an amazing gift to the Lunati Family. Since the day you came into our family, your passion, energy, enthusiasm, compassion and brilliance have made such an impact on all of our lives. Congratulations on having the courage and perseverance to pursue nursing and allow His gift to transform the lives of all you come in contact with, the way your love has changed our lives. May God guide and protect you every day of your wonderful life.

We love you so much, Boo-Boo. Mom, Dad, Marsh and Matt

Isaiah 40:28-31; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Philippians 2:3-4; Philipaians 4:4-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Ephesians 6:10-18

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# OPINION Memories center on other Frogs



As I sit on the steps of Scharbauer Hall, watching the sun's golden rays dance on Frog Fountain, I can't help but feel a lump rising in my throat. The sun falls behind the Brown-Lupton University Union, and I suddenly realize my time at TCU is also drawing to a close. I've learned so much since I first began the daunting journey called college four years ago.

It all began with Frog Camp. I never knew three days could have such an impact on my life.

When I first arrived at

summer 2006, I was terrified. I didn't know a soul and wasn't sure how I would fare three days away from home without my cell phone. As soon as my bus pulled out of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot, I began to have second thoughts about putting my life in the hands of these reptile-loving maniacs.

When we reached the hotel, a sea of upperclassmen facilitators and faculty members in bright red T-shirts greeted us by jumping like frogs on steroids in front of the buses and banging on the bus windows. I feared that if I got off the bus, I would be trampled. I could already see the headlines: "Alreadyshort freshman crushed by crowd, now shorter than 4 feet tall." Nevertheless, I timidly stepped off. The roar

Schylene Nicole Reetz

Frog Camp Casa Nueva B in of the facilitators' clapping and shouting was deafening. Rather than attacking me like an army, however, the facilitators started giving me as many high-fives and hugs as possible. People I had not even met embraced me like a younger sister coming back from a long vacation. From that moment on, I began to feel like part of the Horned Frog family.

> That experience set a precedent for the rest of my time at TCU. It gave me the first glimpse of what it really means to be a Horned Frog.

TCU is more than yellowbrick buildings, concrete sidewalks and a strange mascot. It has more than a reputation for academic excellence and a nationallyranked football team. The thing that makes TCU special isn't actually a thing at

all - it's the people.

Any university can claim top-notch educational quality, state-of-the art facilities or opportunities to "live, learn and grow." Few, however, can demonstrate the extraordinary, unmistakable sense of community that defines TCU.

My TCU experience is undoubtedly dotted with a range of unforgettable moments, but strangely enough, one thing links them all together: people. It's not the A I got on a test after a rigorous all-nighter that I'll remember. It's the library study parties with four of my classmates that will hold a special place in my heart. I won't recall the endless hours I spent merging pictures and video in the Convergence Center, putting together the TCU News Now newscast. I'll have snapshots of travelling across the world with my professors and classmates for study abroad and Model UN, learning what it means to be a participant in the global community. Running to and from more than 20 different organizations' meetings will fade from my memory. Midnight walks around campus with my best friends won't. Grades are important. Campus involvement is significant. But relationships are crucial. While TCU has provided me with a phenomenal education and unparalleled opportu-



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And to those of you who, like me, must move on to the next phase of our lives, remember the lessons you have learned here. Let's not let our legacies crumble like the old Main. May they live on in the lives of the people that we impacted and the relationships we formed within our Horned Frog family.

Christina Durano is a senior broadcast journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M.

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the



Schylene, Keep dreaming of the possibilities. Only you can put limits on yourself. We are proud for you graduating from TCU with Distinction and Honors. Congratulations! Keep the stars in your eyes and the magic in your smile. Blessings to you!

Love, Mom and Alexandria





I am so proud of you!!! Congrats!! I wish you the best life has to offer.

nities for hands-on experi-

ence, the most influential

thing TCU has taught me

is the importance of form-

To the students lucky

ing lasting relationships.

enough to have another

year (or two or three or

four or more) left at TCU

(come on people, get your

act together), I advise you

to make the most of your

time here, seize every opportunity and immerse

yourself in the TCU com-

munity. I'd do anything to

be in your place right now.

# **CAMPUS RECREATION Congratulations to our** graduating seniors!

Team Leaders Hannah Achim Paul Halicki Mica Hall Jenna Harris Adam Vincent

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Brigitte, We are so very proud of your

achievements in life. Congratulations on your graduation. Our little angel has come a long way from wanting to be a taxi driver to a young lady, ready to take on the world with her business degree.

All our love, Mom and Dad **INTERNSHIPS** 

# **Official: Internship** legality not an issue

#### **By Marshall Doig** Staff Reporter

Despite increased media attention about the legality of unpaid internships in recent weeks, the university did not have a problem with students reporting doing unrelated work in their career field at an unpaid internship, a Career Services official said.

According to an April 2 article in The New York Times, federal and state officials had concerns that employers used unpaid internships for free labor by having students do work that was mostly noneducational, such as making coffee and sweeping bathrooms.

Nicole Kinworthy, internship coordinator for Career Services, said she had not heard of any problems with university students having if he could do tasks related internship opportunities to problems at other universi- Services that the internship ties.

According to The New to become known as trou- a positive one. He said that chances at future employment.

political science and economics major who has had two weeks, said unpaid internships that had no educational value abused students who needed work experience. He said he thought all of Neeley School of Busiinternships should be paid, ness graduate programs and especially because of the make to internships.

company even (has unpaid pared to actually show them internships) anymore," he what to do. said. "It is like free labor...

### **CRITERIA**

All of these criteria must be met for an internship to qualify as unpaid. "Training" is the work done by students, and "trainees" are student interns.

1. The training, even though it includes actual operation of the facilities of the employer, is similar to what would be given in a vocational school or academic educational instruction.

2. The training is for the benefit of the trainees. 3. The trainees do not displace regular employees, but work under the employees' close observation. **4.** The employer that provides the training derives no immediate advantage from the activities of the trainees, and on occasion the employer's operations may actually be impeded.

5. The trainees are not necessarily entitled to a job at the conclusion of the training period.

6. The employer and the trainees understand that the trainees are not entitled to wages for the time spent in training.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

unpaid internships, but she to his career field, but he ensure they would be valuwas aware of hearing about would also notify Career able to students. was not beneficial.

York Times article, some nior finance major who had ternships to try and make students were afraid to a paid internship last summention internship abuses mer at a law office, said his because they were afraid experience as an intern was blemakers in their career if he were at an unpaid in- ment of Labor had six legal field, which could hurt their ternship, he would wait for criteria that, if met, meant work assignments related to his field while doing other for an internship. She said Gus Feliciano, a junior tasks and projects assigned to him in the meantime. After the internship, howa paid internship for about ever, he said he would warn people that the internship would not advance their career goals.

Bill Cron, associate dean professor of marketing, said time commitment students students could end up doing noneducational tasks be-"It's really unfair that a cause companies are unpre-

There should be some type times is that the intern will because they don't have the

Kinworthy said Career Services already negotiates Benjamin Harris, a ju- with companies offering insure students receive some kind of compensation for their work.

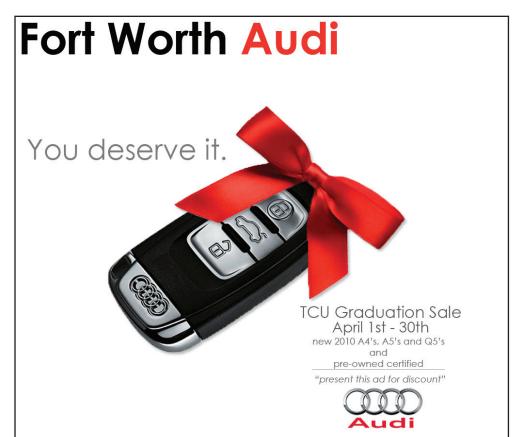
> She said the U.S. Departa student would not be paid these standards included requirements that students do not replace regular employees and that the employer must not gain an advantage from students' work, meaning that the student would benefit the most from the work he or she does.

The standards do not apply to nonprofit organizations because they usually do not have enough income to pay interns, she said.

"Students may get better experience with a nonprofit "What will happen many (organization), it's just that



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of compensation for your show up, (and) somebody income coming in, they time that you're investing doesn't have time to train can't necessarily pay their (with a company)."

Feliciano said he shadowed employees at his internship with JDG Wealth der to be effective within the to take a paid or unpaid in-Management Group in or- organization," he said. "As a ternship was ultimately up to der to prepare for working result, they're given tasks the student, Kinworthy said. with clients and actually they can do without that handling their money. He knowledge." said if he encountered abus-

them and show them all the interns," she said. background information that they need to have in or- decision on whether or not

Cron said it was the rees at an unpaid internship, sponsibility of Career Ser- whether they feel like it's a he would ask the employer vices to investigate and filter good experience."

In the end, however, the "Students just need to be

aware of the issues," she said. "It's really up to the student



Andrew Michael Neill



Andrew, Congratulations on your graduation! May your future be blessed with joy and success! We're so proud of you!

We all love you! Mom, Dad and "Sandy" Chris, Rachel, William, *Kate and Matthew* and Jennifer too.

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Cassandra Eleni Guzik



To our Kukla: You have brought much joy into our *lives! We are so proud of you and your* accomplishments. As you embrace the future, know that you will always have our love and support. Make a wonderful life, the kind of life you deserve. May all your dreams come true.

We love you very much, Daddy, Mom and Lexi

Maddison Sinclaire Grigsby



Maddison,

You've brought us sunshine, joy and laughter ... a fresh song beautifully sung by your life. Never give up on your *dreams; fight for what is right; put your* hope in Christ alone.

We love you ... way beyond the moon, Dad, Mom, Whitt, Cass and Kevin

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# Senior starts year off with bike mission

#### By Katie Love News Now Reporter

After completing the 26-Feb. 27, Brett Major said he trained for the marathon. could barely feel his legs.

Major, a senior psychology major.

marathon. Christin Lynch, program. a senior nursing major, said she ran alongside Major for a and seeing places most peo-

I feel like I could do it."

Katie Johnston, a senior alongside Major that day. money for affordable hous-Johnston said it was motivatmile Cowtown Marathon on ing to see how hard Major 4,000 miles with the program

"It's such a mental struggle big goal this year was not lasts from June 11 to Aug. 18. to finish a marathon," said enough for Major's thirst for adventure. On June 11, Major Humanity with my family or plans to begin a biking trip Major had a big crowd of from Providence, R.I. to Sesupporters on the day of the attle with the Bike and Build I realized how big of an issue

"I'll be meeting people our country." little bit and cheered him on. ple don't get the chance to can have a job and work 40 "I don't know how he did it," see," Major said. "You travel hours a week at minimum Lynch said. "I feel so inspired. around and stop in big cities wage, but it is still not enough I have never had the desire to but not often do you get to to pay for low-income housrun this far, but watching him see small-town Mississippi or ing. small-town Idaho."

The Bike and Build promarketing major, also ran gram is focused on raising ing, Major said. He will travel and build eight homes across However, completing one the country. The program

> "I always did Habitat for my church," Major said. "But it was only until recently that affordable housing really is in

Major said some people

According to the 2004 Na-

tional Low Income Housing Coalition report, 95 million people in the country suffer from housing problems including high-cost burden, overcrowding and homelessness.

"It makes you realize what you have and be thankful and grateful," Major said. "I am happy to have a chance to kind of have an impact and hopefully improve the situation and raise some awareness and money."

Training for the marathon and the biking trip this summer has changed his outlook on life, Major said. He said he feels more balanced and active overall.

"It helps me clear my mind and put things into perspective and kind of makes you remember what your priorities are and everything," Major said.

Major plans to take a year off from college and apply for graduate school next fall. He said this bike ride has eased his anxiety about graduating and given him something to look forward to in the future.



KATIE LOVE / TCU News Now Senior Brett Major puts on his running shoes at his residence March 30.



Senior Brett Major at his residence March 30.

Hilary Maxine Davis

Hilary, CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation!! What a treasure you are – I am so very proud of you! May your dreams and plans flourish!

Much, much love, Mom



Tiffany Michelle Krass



Tiffany, These four years at TCU have gone by so quickly. You have always had big dreams, and now they are coming true. You have made us proud of all you've accomplished. Congratulations *sweetheart on a job well done!* 

We love you! Mom, Dad, Ashley, Robert and Tyler



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# JOBS Q&A: Author gives job tips

**By Thomas Koenig** Staff Reporter

Harvey Mackay, author of five New York Times best sellers, including the runaway No. 1 best seller, "Swim with the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive," is back with more advice about the hostile job market.

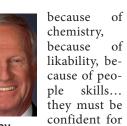
His new book, "Use Your Head to Get Your Foot in the company and try and find coached in the pros, and Door: Job Search Secrets No One Else Will Tell You," was 15th on the New York Times list for Hardcover Business Best Sellers as of April 1.

chairman of the MackayMitchell Envelope Company and a syndicated columnist across the country. He speaks to Fortune 500 week and makes regular last few years? stops at colleges all over.

Mackay said "Use Your and he personally guarantees it will get you a job within six months of reading it.

#### Q: You've done a lot of speaking at colleges, so why should college students read this book?

A: The average college graduate this coming May, he or she will have 10 to 14 different job changes in their careers by the age of 38, and they will have three to five career changes before they retire, so what we're talking about there is this perpetual job search out there in the marketplace today. For the last 40 years, I have counseled and advised over 500 students, graduating students, what to do with their people. careers and with their lives... and this atmosphere today as they graduate is the worst I have seen in 40 plus years... It's an A to Z resource career graduate school instead of book that will help them not facing the job market? only find a job, but if they already have a job coming out strong believer in the MBA agers that I was calling on. of school, how to keep their or graduate programs. If you There are 66 questions while



Mackay

company, but more importantly, they have to prepare nator. They want to human-

# companies about once a networking become in the to school once for a lifetime,

ize their job search.

A. Twenty-five years ago, 68 percent of all jobs were and take classes. Whatever Head to Get Your Foot in the found through network-Door" covers little known ing. Today, 25 years later, ther their skills, whatever it strategies everywhere from it's the same 68 percent...25 networking to interviewing, years from now, this will not change.

#### Q. How can the tips in this book help people in other non-job related areas of their life?

A. This is not just a jobs book. This book is for entrepreneurs. This book is for people that are managers where you might be in three people handle rejection, not that are doing hiring and fir- to five years, in other words, only in job hunting, but also ing. This book is for people do you have a plan? What just in life? that need to become more are your goals, what are creative in their lives. They have to think outside the aspirations? Prioritize your box. They have to become a strengths and your weakdifferentiator, and there's all kinds of creative marketing criticized for during the last ideas in the book. This will teach people how to interview...this will help you hire people, this will help you fire

Q. What advice would you give to students who might be looking to go to

job and how to also climb think education is expensive, I'm building my relationship

of coaching position when he didn't have much experience. How important is it of to interview for jobs even cause of peo- when you know you have slim chances?

A. Vinny Del Negro is confident for a perfect example. Never the job they're coached in grade school, applying for...people that never coached in high are out there looking have school, never coached a to unequivocally Google the game in college, and never something out about the yet they (Chicago Bulls) named him head coach... You do not have to have exto win, do their research on perience when you apply for the person that's doing the any job. Many sharp compa-He is the founder and hiring, because they want to nies, many sharp managers, establish a common denomi- will hire people without any experience whatsoever once return. they can show them in the interview that they're a hun-

Q. How important has gry fighter, that you don't go you are in school all of your life, they agree to go back the employer wants to furknow...Never say no for the other person.

> terviewee should be ready to answer?

> A. They want to know your dreams, what are your nesses. What have you been four years, and do you agree or disagree?

Q. What is the "Mackay 66" and how does it relate to business and job seekers?

A. When I was 21 years of age and graduated college, I was a salesman and there were 66 questions that I always wanted to find out A. I am a 100 percent about the purchasing man-

# USE YOUR HEAD TO GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR OR SEARCH SECRETS



I'm always thinking what can I do for (you) and, here's the real key, never expect anything in

Q. Is it best to be interviewed first, last or in the middle?

A. We're brought up all our lives that first is best. Nothing could be further from the truth in a job hunt. It's first is not best. If you're going to be first, takes, they will do it. Once you're going to be last. You foran employer knows that, get 50 percent of what you hear then that's all they have to in four hours, so you want to position yourself to be as close to the end, as close to the decisions making process as you Q. What are maybe two can. If there are six candidates, or three questions every in- you want to be sixth. You don't want to be the warm-up act.

Q. How do you recommend

A. I've never yet met a successful person that hasn't had to overcome either a little or a lot of adversity in his or her life. When rejection comes, rejection does not have to be permanent. You cannot take rejection personally under any set of circumstances. You have to have the ability to bounce back.

, Julieta Chiquillo

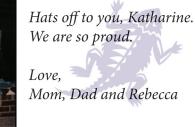


Julieta, Congratulations on your graduation! You are graduating now, but you continue to be the same lovely and humble little girl.

With love, Mom and Dad

Katharine Batlan





Karen Q.. Matheny Congratulations, Karen! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad and Emily



the ladder of success and try ignorance...The addi- that I want to know about you. happiness.

advice would you give to ing, lifetime networking, students who are having you will be able to do in your trouble finding a job out of specific graduate program. college?

A. The people trying to find a job out of college that with a story about (Chicaare having trouble have to go Bulls head coach) Vinny know the following: Peo- Del Negro and his earlier

tional expertise that you are I want to know about where learning will be augmented Q. What's one piece of by the additional network-

Q. The book opens up ple buy from other people interview for the Suns head single relationship you have.

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# Leaving a legacy makes every moment last



Being a TCU student for four years has taught me many things, but the one that stands out the most is simple: enjoy every moment. I've done a lot of things in my time as a Horned Frog. I've been Panhellenic President, Student Foundation President, a Neeley Fellow, a Frog Camp facilitator and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, just to name a few. However, it hasn't been the big, organized functions I will remember most after graduation. More than anything, I'm going to remember (and miss!) impromptu dinners

"I'll be honest with you: I would give anything to not have to graduate. Leaving this place is going to be tough, especially with all the fabulous changes going on right now."

with my sorority sisters on campus, trying to finish a Fellows project (but really goofing around) and the smiling faces I've gotten to see every day. The people here are what gives TCU its amazing atmosphere, and I encourage each of you to get to know someone new every time you get the chance. You can never meet enough Horned Frogs, whether current students or alumni.

I was in a really bad car accident recently, so I've been given the opportunity to walk to class from off campus every day. This may sound miserable when it's a 15-minute hike to my 10 a.m. class, but it's been an awesome way to end my senior year. Just walking around campus and looking, really looking, at this place has been such an eye opener. I didn't realize it before, but walking to class is one of the most social activities in existence. I always tell my Student Foundation tour groups, "I'll always see at least one smiling face I know while walking to class." That phrase could definitely be

classified as the understatement of the year! I've actually found myself keeping in touch with more people now that I see them nearly every day of the week. The lesson to be learned from this: stay as close to campus as you can for as long as you can during your time as a TCU student. You won't regret it!

I'll be honest with you: I would give anything to not have to graduate. Leaving this place is going to be tough, especially with all the fabulous changes going on right now. No more student section at football games, no more send home billing at the bookstore and no more sorority socials for me. At the beginning of this year, I was positive the end of those three things would be the end of my life as I knew it. Now, I know I really have it figured out. I'm going to miss the little moments, being so close to my friends and getting the opportunity to make a difference on campus. I'll be giving back to TCU in one way or another for the rest of my life because that's what you do when a place has given you as much as TCU has given me.

When I walk across the stage on May 8, I hope I leave a legacy of pushing the envelope and always asking, "why?" I've never been a person to go with the natural flow of things, and I hope people whom I've worked with in various organizations can see just that. The faculty, staff and administration at TCU want to hear students' opinions; don't be afraid to give them yours. I'm sticking around Fort Worth when I graduate, so I hope when I come back I see the tradition of positive, forward-moving change still occurring. You get as much out of TCU as you put into it, and I'm here to tell you, once you start making your mark, you will never turn back. So start now, while you still have time.

> Lindsay Ray is a senior entrepreneurial management and theatre double degree from Fort Worth.

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# Students should show gratitude more often



Because of my experiences over the last four years, I am walking away with an incredible sense of gratitude. I am grateful for our faculty and staff, our alumni, our parents and our friends of the university. Each of these groups of people give so much of their own time and resources to ensure that we as students have the best possible experience while we are here. If you're not involved on campus, get involved. If you are involved, stay involved. You're going to get out of TCU what you put into it, and trust me, you'll be more grateful of your experience in the end if you give more of yourself while you're here.

It would be easy to tie up my TCU experience with a neat little bow by recounting my summers on Orientation and Frog Camp staffs, when I directed Howdy Week or the year I served as student body president. But the last four years have been about so much more than the activities and organizations. I won't remember much about the 12-hour days I spent in meeting after meeting, but I will remember the small, fleeting moments when I knew I was truly helping an individual student or our student body as a whole. I will remember the relationships I have formed with friends and professors that have helped me through making my toughest decisions

the bookstore. News flash: we don't. As cliche as this may sound, hard work, and yes, sometimes failure, makes us stronger. I wish we didn't expect what we want to simply fall into our laps. Practicing gratitude usually does not happen naturally and is something that requires our attention every day. Give gratitude the attention it deserves by practicing it routinely.

"Would I change anything about my TCU experience? Not a chance. Everything that has happened over the last four years - the good, the bad and the ugly - has all created the experience I am walking away with, and I wouldn't trade this experience for anything."

and enduring the hardest days. If I could give an under-

classman advice, it would be to practice gratitude more often. Drop your millennial sense of entitlement and remember that we are at TCU and in college because of the grace of others. All too often we believe that we deserve things — whether it's a high grade, a leadership position, a job, a car or that precious send-home purchase from

Would I change anything about my TCU experience? Not a chance. Everything that has happened over the last four years — the good, the bad and the ugly — has all created the experience I am walking away with, and I wouldn't trade this experience for anything in the world.

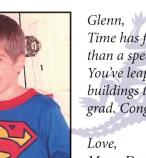
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# Moments full of laughter to be remembered most



It's hard to recall memories in terms other than as momentous occasions. Our brains have this perception that our most pleasant remembrances should be embellished and compiled into montages complete with moving audio backtracking. And yet, this is not how I will remember this university. Certainly, it is something great and magnificent and has offered me a fantastic background for whatever career I choose in the future. It has been four years filled with the liberal arts, an expansive acquisition of knowledge and multiple opportunities to meet students and faculty members from a variety of backgrounds. While this sounds like a stage-setting opportunity to stroll down that tree-lined path of nostalgia, veer before you're caught with a string quartet lulling you along with Pachelbel's Canon in D.

What I will remember most is laughter: gaudy laughter, sincere, earnest jarring belts of laughter. Stifled giggling, snorts and guffaws will roll about in my memory as well. Before the demolition of the parking lot between Colby and Milton (also known as "Shacker's Way") and as an antecedent to the construction of the Campus Commons, and even after I most likely stumble across the purple stage, it will be these riotous and outrageous moments of hilarity that will remain with me.

I failed to understand the importance of this until this last, final year. It was the word "last," and the finality of it all which struck me. Never again would I be in college and never again would I be surrounded by these people. My first three years were widely spent accumulating responsibility and studying an incredible amount (including Saturday mornings before football games). Ambitious was something I aspired to be and succeeded in achieving. It was after these five hardfought semesters that I spent a rather different spring in Spain. While the challenges of being immersed in a language were obvious, it was the mental-



ity and lifestyle which helped contribute to my newfound mentality.

Upon return, I was first disillusioned with the American way of life, but as soon as my friends returned from the summer, I returned to an understanding and true appreciation of the merits of TCU. With all of its opportunities and connections and outstanding faculty and staff, it is the daily aspects of going to school here which have made it so memorable. Smiles and a "howdy" are easy to be found in Texas, and in Fort Worth they are even more likely to be thrown your way. It is this bright outlook of the

student body which finds itself as an infectious aspect. I think of a professor who held a day for students to "air grievances." Despite the criticisms, he smiled the entire time. Additionally, the analyses were delivered in poetry form and with cupcakes, lightening the load of any discontent. I think of my roommates who attended my thesis presentation and broke the silence of "Any last questions?" with a rhetorical inquiry about

whether our kitchen table could once again be used as an eating area instead of the sloppy desk that housed all of my papers. I think of travelling to New Orleans,

"When you think back on college, it will not be a visual decoupage of memories but poignant moments of both achievement and adventure."

> Florida, Colorado, Argentina and London, things that I would never have gotten to do were it not for the relationships I had made at this university. I think about the stories I will be able to share with future friends and reminisce upon with past friends at points

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When you think back on college, it will not be a visual decoupage of memories but poignant moments of both achievement and

adventure. While it is certainly important to study and prepare, the merits of these things will be intermingled with the carousing you've done over the past four years. I think of this past weekend, playing softball for five hours in the pouring rain, covered in mud. I know

that the laughter will continue to resound for years to come, and each bout will be fitful and unique, followed by a smile and thought of "Go Frogs."

> Matt Boaz is a senior political science major from Edmond, Okla.





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# **CAREER GOALS** Nicaragua bound: Nursing grad plans international career

By Andrea Bolt **Opinion Editor** 

Not many college juniors have babies named after them, especially after having just helped bring them into the world. That is, however, exactly what happened to senior nursing student Ayla Landry when she volunteered to work at a local clinic in Nicaragua during her spring break in 2009.

Landry barely even spoke to the woman before helping her through labor. She was young and scared, Landry said, and she wasn't sure who the father of her baby girl was.

"It didn't even matter," Landry said. "I had to help her, and I loved doing it. I never even dreamed she'd name the baby after me. I mean, how many people does that happen to? It is without a doubt, the most amazing thing that's happened to me."

Graduating with nursing and Spanish degrees in May, Landry's plans include moving to Nicaragua in August to give back to the country.

Landry said she hopes to one day obtain a master's degree in public health and potentially work with a publicassisting non-governmental organization in Nicaragua, possibly a nonprofit organization.

Her main goal is simply to help better people's lives in whatever way she can. She plans to take her Graduate Record Examination (GRE) over the summer and is studying for the licensing exam to become a registered nurse.

As a student, Landry said she learned and experienced so much with the TCU nursing program that she knew she would be ready for whatever issues or problems could potentially arise in her future.

Landry worked closely with Wayne Barcellona, a professor of anatomy, and served as a teaching assistant for his anatomy class during her sophomore year.

"I would say she's...destined for success in anything she does and as far as Nicara-

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Courtesy of AYLA LANDRY Senior nursing student Ayla Landry poses with a young girl in Nicargua.

gua's concerned," Barcellona said. ple?" Landry asked. "In the U.S., "It's an ambitious undertaking we have generally one nurse for and she has all the necessary intellectual elements to bring that to a successful conclusion."

Landry plans to stay in Nicaragua for at least five years, working in clinics and with various nonprofit health organizations. Landry said she has friends who work with Manna Project International, a Nicaraguan nonprofit based in Nashville, Tenn. According to its website, its mission is to "foster communities of young adults and encourage them to use their passions and education in service to communities in need."

Landry said she would love to work further and more in-depth with MPI, as she is more than aware of the nursing and public health deficiencies in Nicaragua.

"Did you know that there are 3.6 nurses for every 10,000 peoevery 25 to 30 people. If that doesn't necessitate a cry for help, I don't know what does."

Landry said she knows she will be surprised by what she encounters because the medical field can be unpredictable, but she said because of the education and experience she's received at TCU, she knows she will be prepared.

'There has been a great progression in the nursing school," Landry said. "It's really great as far as hands-on training and en- and will go wherever life takes couraging people to find their own nooks?

Landry cited nursing instruc- make a positive impact," Landry tor Sharon Canclini as a highly inspirational teacher.

"She lives what she's about, and she's all about give, give, en's issues and poverty, Landry give," Landry said.

she is prepared to help anyone her to do so. "Everyone has a chance to

will continue to figure promi-

nently in her life, Landry said

said. "We just have to be comfortable drifting out of our 'bubbles." Wanting to specialize in wom-

said, she could, and would, po-Though Nicaragua has and tentially go all over the world.



Senior nursing student Ayla Landry stands with the woman whose baby she helped deliver in Nicaragua. The new mother named her child Ayla in honor and recognition of Landry's assitance and service.

Jacob Haron King Jacob,



From a little white- headed boy to a handsome young man, we're looking forward

the future God has for you.

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Travis Luke Brown



Travis, Whether covering the NET or the NEWS, we scored a goal with you! Congratulations!

All our love, Mom, Dad and PJ

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All of our love my baby, Mom and Dad

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# **JOB SEARCH**

# Graduate stands out for job among 150 applicants

By Kayla Mezzell Staff Reporter

Within one week, Kate Luist Hospital Fort Worth.

hospital on March 19.

so excited," said Lunati, a se- makes a good nior nursing major. "So much stress was just gone."

150 applicants for a position and said she only interviewed once to get the job she want- out the things that ed.

"It only takes one," Lunati said.

Lunati said she had more good at that." interviews lined up for other nursing positions but can- Sharon Canclini celled them when a manager Harris College from Harris Methodist told clinical instructor her the job was hers.

presented herself made her North Texas, she said. stand out among others in her interview. She said she wanted to become a nurse dents her age. had previous experience vol- just before she left for colunteering as a nurse in Costa lege. As a camp counselor, Canclini said. "She's not one Rica and Ghana. She said that she cared for a girl who had of those students who's flam-

ence also helped her get the enter the health care field. position.

nati went from having no in- moving back home to Atlanterviews and no phone calls ta, Ga., before she got the poto having a job as a trauma sition in Fort Worth, but de-Intensive Care Unit nurse at cided to apply at hospitals in Texas Health Harris Method- Fort Worth because the hospitals are more familiar with program," Lunati said. Lunati got the call from the the university and its nursing

"I stopped breathing; I was "I think that's what nurse is the ability Lunati was chosen from to filter through all the inputs and pick are most important ... Kate's pretty

Though she thinks her program. She also had faculty achievements helped her get support from the Harris Colthe interview, Lunati said she lege of Nursing and Health it paid off. thinks the way in which she Sciences if she stayed in

rience, this volunteer experi- contributed to her decision to

Lunati said she chose to Lunati said she considered attend the university because the University of Georgia does not have a nursing program.

"Luckily I'd applied to a school with a great nursing

Maggie Lamberth, a senior early childhood education major, said she was concerned that Lunati would move back to Atlanta. Lamberth has known Lunati since their freshman year as members of Chi Omega. She said Lunati's diligence and dedication to nursing got her the position.

"She's one of the hardest workers that we know," Lamberth said.

Sharon Canclini, a clinical instructor for Harris College, said she was not surprised Lunati was hired from the pool of applicants. She said Lunati worked hard during her time at the university and

She said she thinks Lunati was hired because she was Lunati said she decided she more mature than many stu-

"She's quietly confident," in lieu of paid nursing expe- a severe asthma attack, which boyant. She's more contem-



plative. She thinks things sess situations more easily good at that." through."

Canclini said Lunati had many qualities that would serve her well in a career as nature, passion and steady demeanor.

Lunati's calm would allow her to process and as- clini said. "And Kate's pretty Canclini said.

and quickly than those who clini said.

"I think that's what makes a nurse including her gentle a good nurse is the ability to close to her. filter through all the inputs

She said she knows when were easily flustered, Can- a student is ready to enter the field when she would trust them to care for those

"I would let her care for and pick out the things that me, and my children and my are most important," Can- mother without hesitation,"

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# OPINION

# Four years provide life lessons to carry into real world



Fifteen days – that's how long I have left at TCU as I sit here pondering how to summarize my college experience in 500 words. Do I talk about how I was scared to death of my screaming Frog Camp facilitators when I first got to campus? Or how awkward and nervous I was at my first formal? Or how I wasn't sure if I should say "hell" in our "Give 'em hell, TCU!" chant at football games?

Though these have all been a part of my TCU experience, I want to share three lessons I've learned from college. Now 21 years old and fully aware that I'm about to be at the bottom of the totem pole once again as I enter the "real world," here's what I know, now that I know I know nothing.

## Don't talk about people.

This probably sounds like a third grade feel-good-aboutyourself lesson, but how many people actually put it into practice? Words hurt, yet people love to fill their time discussing the latest happenings in other people's lives. College seems to be a breeding ground for gossip. As my 26-year-old sister likes to tell me, "Maddison, seriously, your life is like a reality TV show."

I've done the talking, and I've had the talking done about me, and neither one feels good. Let's be the people who are out there making a difference, serving others and living our lives in such a way that we don't have time to concern ourselves with JuicyCampus.

#### Say thank you.

Appreciate the moment, the journey and the people who have helped you along the journey. Parents, professors, siblings and friends invest so much in each of us every day. Never forget who has helped shape who you are, and write them a thank-you note or make a point to say thank you the next time you see them. It's incredible how much it means to people when their acts of kindness are noted.

#### Keep it real.

Everybody knows college can be stressful. The balance of school, work, friends and figuring out what you're going to do with your life can feel overwhelming. Sometimes we lose track of what really matters.

We live in an inward-looking, self-absorbed world, forgetting the people around us and simply trying to survive. But what I've learned, both through loving and through loss, is that people matter. This life is about loving and serving others, and that is what will make a lasting impact. Keep life in perspective, slow down, put down your iPhone and tell the people you love (not their phones) that you do.

I'm headed to Nashville next year to teach high school Spanish as part of the Teach for America program. I'm a little nervous, but thankful for the past four years of community, learning and involvement that has undoubtedly prepared me for my next step. I'll be going from being taught to teaching, but I know that I'm ready for it.

Thank you to the professors who have spent hours with me reviewing tests, papers and talking me through concepts.

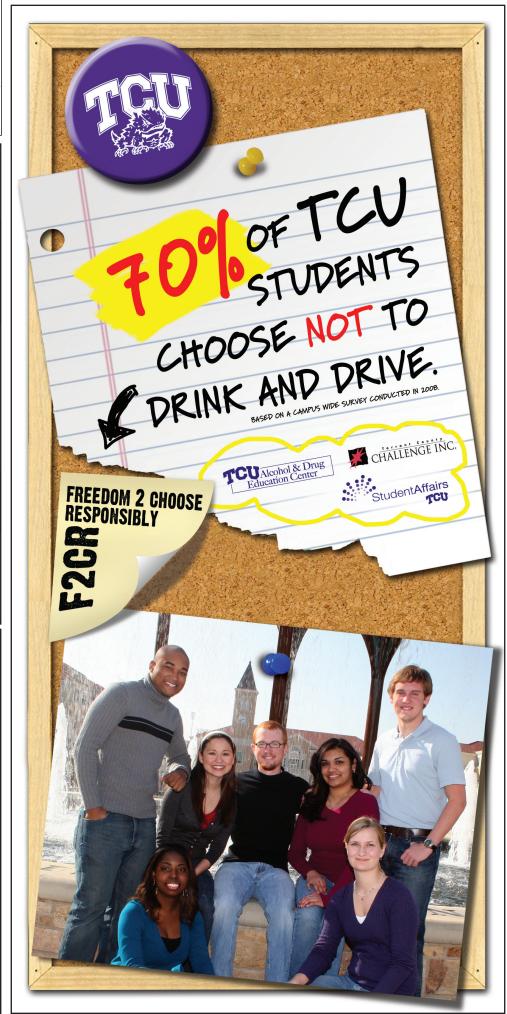
Thank you to friends who have been with me in laughter, tears and everything in between, and thank you to my TCU family. I'll forever carry you in my heart, and any impact that I make will largely be attributed to the impact that has been made on me these past four years.

> Maddison Grigsby is a senior international finance major from Omaha, Neb.



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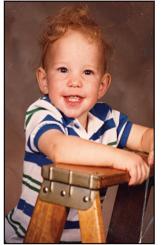
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Erik, WOW! The little boy peeking out of the school bus window, then RUNNING to his classroom on his first day of kindergarten, is graduating from college! You were always motivated to learn and succeed. Your hard work has paid off! We are so proud of you!

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Thank you for your dedication and hard work during the

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# **OPINION** Saying goodbye allows personal legacy to begin



I hate goodbyes. No, seriously, I hate goodbyes.

I'm the worst at them. Not in the "I leave without saying goodbye to anyone so it's easier" way, but in the "I dwell on and almost relish in the despair" type way. So of course I've done a lot of retrospection and introspection in the past year. Everything is a "last."

My last football game. My last campus tour.

My last time to order a No. 15 smoothie from the Rec. (OK, that last one doesn't happen that often. Maybe it only happened once. But it's still a "last," and that makes me sad.)

However, I believe many of the things I've experienced I'm only here for four years,



and learned while at TCU will not be a "last," but rather an integral part of the rest of my life. TCU truly changed and shaped me. I am certain that without it I would be quite different. Although

I know that the impact TCU has had on me will last a lifetime.

As a school should, TCU has taught me a great deal, but not all new knowledge has been purely academic. One of the most important

things I've learned has been my style of leadership.

I'm so grateful for the fact that TCU has given me many opportunities to push myself and grow, and learn more about myself in the process. I feel like no other school could do such a great job of letting its students explore their own strengths and build upon them.

Through organizations that I've been involved with I've found that the part of leadership I value most is mentorship.

Everything from SGA's Frog Aides to orientation staff has shown me that one of the biggest rewards in life

Lauren Wright

Lauren,

WOW! Graduating

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is seeing someone else develop at least a little because of you. I hope that I have been able to impact someone else's life by making them feel

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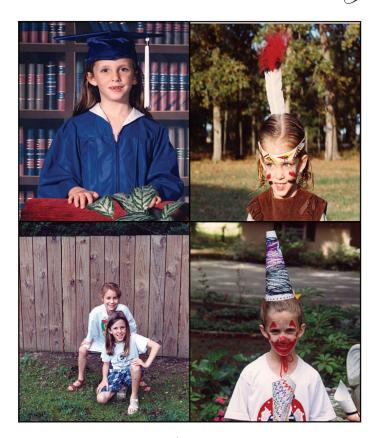
there for them to empower

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legacy will be. I also hope to be able to carry on this legacy in my graduate life. I want to take all that I've learned at TCU (academic or not) with me. In this way, TCU will never be a "last," but a constant part of my life. I may never again step foot in The Main — I mean, Market Square — but at least I'll never have to say goodbye to the part of me that TCU helped shape and form.

> Traci Clayton is a senior strategic communication major from Amarillo.





Claire, Congratulations on your graduation from TCU. Our pride in your accomplishment is only exceeded by our love for you. We wish you the best in the future. You deserve it!

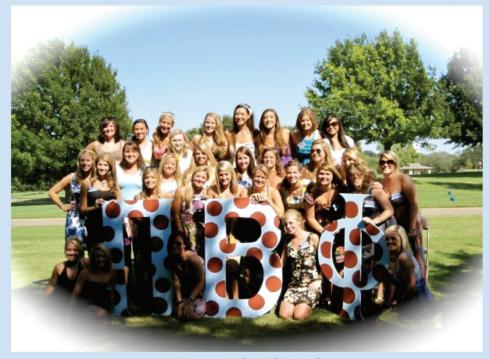
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# Congratulations Graduating Seniors!



Love, Your Pi Phi Sisters

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# **GRADUATE ADMISSIONS** University has high undergrad return rate for grad school

Students continue their college education at the university to improve career.

#### By Andrea Drusch Staff Reporter

year working for SurfRay, a university alumni. partner of Microsoft, before he realized he would need of TCU graduates in a graduate degree in order the MBA programs is to further his management generally attributed to the skills

Noble, a 2008 university are graduate with a degree in continuing at the same biology, said he will return university, Cron to the university to begin the Instead, they are encouraged Evening Professional Master to broaden their network to in Business Administration include other institutions program in fall 2010.

university's program because of the businesses and alumni. proximity to home, the and the quality of the programs available.

position that without an master's, he said. extended education I'll be unable to excel much further accounting major, will into broader management roles," Noble said.

other universities, he chose in an e-mail that she plans to stay so he could continue to begin the Master of working at his current Accounting degree in the job, he said. The school's fall. reputation will also satisfy his expectations of attending a respected program.

Of the nine colleges that Crist wrote. offer graduate degrees, each has a different number of decision to the help she university alumni enrolled received from faculty and and a different application administration during her process for admission.

Magnus Rittby, associate dean of the College of Science and Engineering, anywhere else. wrote in an e-mail that 13 out of the 22 TCU of communications for undergraduates that applied the university and a 2001 to graduate programs in his graduate with a degree in year.

have

#### the department."

Bill Cron, associate dean of graduate programs and professor of marketing, said that some programs in his school, like the Master of Accounting, are made up primarily of TCU graduates, but others, like the fulltime MBA program have Josh Noble spent one only about 3 to 4 percent of

The low percentage fact that MBA students discouraged from said. with different reputations, Noble returned to the areas of strength and graduate relationships to nearby

The MBA programs' team-focused environment numbers differed from programs like accounting because many of those "By the time that I students have internships in graduate I'll be at a point the area where they will take in management within my a job after receiving their

Tuesdi Crist, a senior graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in business Although he looked at administration. She wrote

> "With my graduate degree only taking a year, TCU really encouraged us to stay,"

> She also attributed her years as an undergraduate, she wrote, adding that she could not see herself going

Lisa Albert, director college were accepted last advertising/public relations, a graduate degree because it said that while students have was not necessary. Those students do not to make the choice that is



#### **Neeley School** of Business Full-time MBA program: 3 to 4 percent were TCU undergrads

Masters in Accounting program: Almost all of the program's students were TCU undergraduates who are taking an additional 30 hours to get their masters in accounting.

AddRan College of Liberal Arts About 10 TCU graduates apply each year

she wrote in an e-mail. She hadn't thought much about

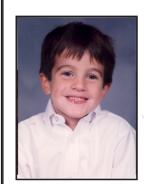
After closing their receive preference in the best for them, staying at businesses and returning application process, he TCU for her graduate degree to work, she took a job at wrote, but "may already made the most sense and has the university and soon proven themselves been very beneficial to her. after decided to enroll in to the faculty of the After completing her the advertising and public degree relations graduate program. Albert received her and give them an edge in the her husband decided to continues to work for the

College of Science and Engineering Accepted 13 of 22 TCU students that applied last year

**College of Fine Arts** About 11 percent of admitted students were TCU undergrads

Harris College **Graduate Studies** 10 to 20 percent of the students who were admitted last year were TCU undergrads

James Marcellus Barry



James, Congratulations on your graduation and acceptance to Baylor Medical School. We are so happy for you.

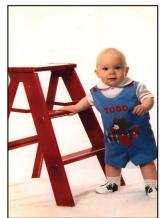
With much love, Mom, Dad, Kim and Alison



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department by being active undergraduate in undergraduate research, at TCU and working for etcetera, which could several years, Albert and master's in 2008 evaluation process within open their own businesses, university.

Todd Storz Howard



Todd, Four years ago you stepped onto TCU's campus to begin your life at college. The next step is the start of your career. We wish you health and happiness!

Congratulations on your graduation!

Our love is always with you, Mom, Dad and your favorite sister, Kelly ;)

Hanna Useem



On May 8<sup>th</sup>, with love and great pride, we will watch you as you graduate. We will see a fine young woman who is ready to embrace the world. Take your knowledge and experiences and do the great things that are your destiny.

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# **GREEK LIFE** Sorority grad gains leadership role with national chapter

By Alexandria Bruton Staff Reporter

though recruitment, senior work in graphic design. She Polly Niccoli said she never said she would love to design imagined she would one day for clothing stores like J.Crew, be employed by her sorority. Anthropologie or Kate Spade. Niccoli, a graphic design major, has been a member of Pi forward to sharing her pas-Beta Phi since her freshman sion for her sorority with the year.

"I really think it was meant country. to be," Niccoli said. "I know it sounds cliche but I think it's me so much," Niccoli said. the sorority,"

Last year, Niccoli was elect- jobs." ed president of the sorority. Upon graduation, Niccoli said she was uncomfortable will start her new job as one at first speaking in front evof four leadership develop- eryone during their meetings. ment consultants for Pi Beta Eventually, she said her confi-Phi. Niccoli said she is very dence grew. excited about taking on the new role in her sorority.

was sparked when two years buts, went away." ago a leadership development consultant visited the Pi Beta back and wonder what she Phi chapter here on campus, would do if she was the one

"She was the sweetest girl," in charge. Niccoli said of the visiting the position."

As a leadership development consultant, Niccoli said she will travel around the littles, Kristen Gallo, a junior country to different Pi Beta marketing major, said as pres-Phi chapters Nationwide ident, Niccoli also taught the there are 134 Pi Beta Phi members of Pi Beta Phi. chapters, she said. Niccoli will travel three weeks out of the high," Gallo said. "She lead month to various chapters. by example and by positivity have her as my big," Gallo She said she will be there to and encouragement. see how things are going with each chapter, help get people the sorority, but their friendinvolved, and offer personal ship grew when they took an guidance wherever needed. art history class together. Niccoli will first go through a two-week training at Pi Beta Niccoli said. "She's the first Phi headquarters in Town and to say, 'Hi, how are you?'" Country, Mo. before starting her new job in July. She said the recognition from the so- things that she enjoys most the position is 10 months rority.

long, but the sorority can ask the consultant to stay on for another 10 months. Ulti-As a freshman going mately, she said she wants to Niccoli said she is looking

other chapters around the

"Pi Beta Phi has taught true, the sorority chooses you "I learned a lot about myself, just as much as you choose and being president prepared me for real life and real world

As sorority president, she

"I had to get to know myself so much better," Niccoli Her interest in the position said. "All of the ifs, ands or

She said she used to sit

"I couldn't say, 'Oh, if I consultant. "She really helped were president I would do me figure out the details and this or that' anymore," Niccomade me excited to apply for li said. "I actually had to take action and accomplish those things."

One of Niccoli's sorority

"Polly really set the bar

Gallo met Niccoli through

"She was always upbeat,"

Gallo said Niccoli deserves



Senior graphic design major Polly Niccoli stands beside a picture of her sorority Pi Beta Phi's current members in the chapter house on the TCU campus.

"She's always set a good example of success," Gallo said. "I think she is the perfect person for this job.'

She said Niccoli has always been there for her when she has needed her.

"I have been blessed to said. "She is the epitome of a mentor, and she really showed me what college is all about."

Junior Samantha Meade, an early childhood education major, is also one of Niccoli's sorority littles, as well as her spring 2010 roommate..

She said it is the small about Niccoli.

to be doing something that her parents are excited training session." big," Meade said. "I love about her new job. just hanging out with her, talking."

"We don't even have

Meade said she is really "No matter going to miss Niccoli once she graduates.

"I already told her that something she has to come back all the time to visit," Meade said. you're "I don't even want her to leave."

Some of the qualities about. You never Meade said she will miss about Niccoli are her supportive and encouraging will take you." nature.

"She is so great at giving **Polly Nicoli** advice," Meade said. "I just senior graphic design major know she will be a great asset to any chapter she visits."

"I really value their opinmaking puppy chow (a ions," Niccoli said. "I know not seem related to what she Chex mix, peanut butter, they have my best interest at will be doing after graduaand chocolate snack) and heart, so it means a lot to me."

# what it is, find passionate

know where it

Niccoli said she is pre-Niccoli said her parents pared to give the chapters

She said it is important going to benefit from the

**ALEXANDRIA BRUTON / Staff Reporter** 

On the surface, Niccoli's graphic design degree might tion. However, Niccoli said it prepared her in ways she did not expect.

"Graphic design really taught me how to solve problems creatively, which is exactly what I'll have to do in my position as LDC," she said.

Niccoli said many of her favorite memories from college come from her sorority and her major.

"My life was basically half graphic design and half Pi Phi," Niccoli said. "I'm glad that after graduation I'll be able to combine the things that I've learned from both.'

Niccoli said one of the think the job is the perfect positive feedback and con- best things that she did for her. At first, her father structive criticism. Howev- while in college is get inwas unclear about what she er, there is one part duty as volved. She wants to encourconsultant that she said she age other students to do so "No matter what it is, find

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would be doing.

"My dad didn't understand it at first," Niccoli said. it's a great opportunity."

will need more training for. as well.

"I have to help with the fi-"But I explained it to him, nances, and I'm not so good something you're passionate and he saw how passionate with the math stuff," Nicco- about," Niccoli said. "You I was about it, and he thinks li said. "I didn't really deal never know where it will with that, so I'm definitely take you."





Laurie, *Congratulations on your graduation!* We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Right before our eyes you have blossomed from being your PaPa's little "Tiger Doll" into the beautiful, amazing young woman you *are now. You are truly a shining star!* 

All our love, Mom and Dad

Alan D. Halter

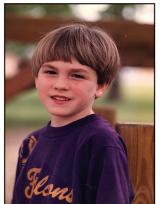


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Alan, To borrow from Kipling: "Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it..." With love and great admiration!

Congratulations, Dad and Mom, Heather, Paige, and Matt, Dane, Amanda and baby Nathan

# Dear Students,

When we arrived at TCU over seven years ago, we knew TCU students were extraordinary.

You have continued to amaze us in a myriad of settings. From the classroom to the playing field, from the stage to the court of competition, from the laboratory to the track, and well beyond... you have demonstrated an enduring commitment to excellence as well as loyalty to all things purple.

We are both proud and privileged to be a part of your community.



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# GRADUATION

Ricky, Congratulations on your graduation. We are very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Alysia

# Davud Shepard Hall

Ricky Anderson II



Dave-o, We're very proud of you! Wishing you all "sunny days!" Love, Mom and Dad





I tried really hard not to like TCU. During my college search process, I realized that as long as I could find flaws in TCU and prove that attending a lovely school in my home state would be better, I was going to be able to convince myself that this time the easy way out was the best way out. But sure enough, I was unable to. The campus was beautiful, the students were friendly and the faculty and staff were all people that I knew would challenge me. So I sent in the housing deposit, packed up my car and headed for Texas.

In those first few weeks, it became abundantly clear that coming to TCU was not the easy way out. I arrived with no friends, no clue of how to study for college courses and no purple dresses in my closet. Those first few weeks were a crash course in how to be a TCU student, and in all honesty those were some of the hardest weeks of my life.

On the first day of class, dressed in the shirt my brand new sorority had provided me with the evening before, I walked into my math class to find another girl dressed in the same shirt. Very shyly, I asked if I could sit with her. It turned out that her name was Callie Cox, a sophomore at the time, and from that day on I continued to sit with her. In the coming months and years we developed an amazing friendship, one that transformed me into the person I am today. Little did I know at the time, but Callie exemplified and modeled to me what I believe TCU is ultimately about.

TCU is a cluster of incredible individuals, each unique, intelligent and willing to be a part of a greater whole. I have come to believe that TCU is so successful and outstanding because each individual expects to personally invest in those around them. On every level, students, professors,



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then developing us into better people, and as a result, each of us graduates leaves TCU as a better person than when we arrived.

Callie spent time introducing me to campus, helping me fall in love with my new surroundings and encouraging the confidence I needed to be successful here. As a result, I have been honored to be a part of several incredible organizations and even been fortunate enough to serve them in leadership capacities. But I hope that my resume will not be my legacy here. Rather, I hope that my legacy is about relationships and personal investments, ones that are as sincere and meaningful as Callie's has been to me.

> Merillat Pittman is a senior political science major from Tulsa, Okla.



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Derrick Anene Derrick,

Congratulations on your graduation. We are very proud of you. A bright future awaits you.

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take an interest in us, invest in

us and spend the time help-

ing us first secure a distinct

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Love always, Mom and Dad

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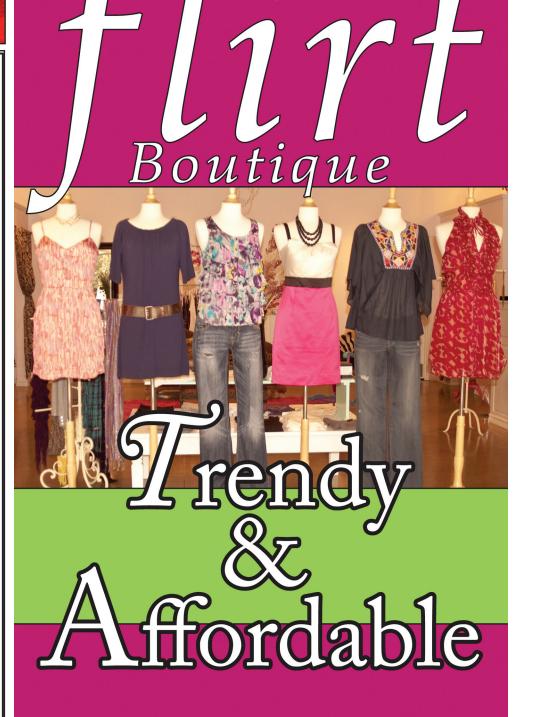
Taylor Hamilton Yarborough





Taylor, Congratulations. The TCU years have been so rewarding for you. We remember the first day as we drove away from Clark Hall with tears in our eyes and we are so proud of you. We have watched you grow into the fine young man you are today. Now... It's on to Texas Tech to become the best lawyer in the land! You will continue to make us proud.

> All of our love, Mom and Dad



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# College to-do list endless, lessons learned from top 10 priceless

#### JULE NELSON-DUAC

I arrived before the construction cranes and barricades, before reduced parking and before the Main closed.

Four years seemed like an eternity to me my first semester, and now it seems like only yesterday.

I remember a time before the BLUU (and before Frogbucks) when it would have been impossible to walk through the lounge outside FrogBytes without seeing at least 10 friends. Those of you who have been here long enough to remember the Main and FrogBytes (and the Wok, Eden's and Deco Deli) days will hopefully remember them as fondly as I do.

I feel incredibly blessed

"My advice: laugh more and cry only when needed. Freak out, and then move on. Balance your act so you can enjoy your time in and outside of class because it will be over before you know it."

to have spent the last four years at TCU. I love this place, the friends I have made and the memories we now share. The best advice I can give is study hard and play hard and learn how to do both to the best of your ability.

As I check my senior todo list knowing I have days left at TCU, I have a short list of things which made my four years pretty sweet which I would recommend to you:

i. "Bard on the Rocks" on Halloween night. It's a

20-minute scene from William Shakespeare's "Macbeth", which takes place at Froghenge and stars the Provost himself as the infamous Scottish king. (How often do you get to see the Provost wearing a kilt and wielding a torch?)

2. Watching the Christmas tree lighting.

3. Walking to Fuzzy's on a snow day.

4. Participating in a campuswide Capture the Flag.

5. Forgoing long hours in the library to study in Froghenge. (Trust me on this one.)

6. Going to the sunrise service on Easter Sunday. (Don't worry, you can go straight back to bed as soon as it's over.)

7. Staying up all night writing a paper in the library. Sounds horrible, but some of my best conversations occurred at 3 a.m. while avoiding my assigned work.

8. Going to a home football game.

9. Seeing a show or concert on campus (dance, theatre, band and choir). And not because you are required to for a survey class.

10. Engaging a faculty or staff member in a conversation that has NOTHING to do with classes, etc. They have the most amazing stories to tell.

My list could go on and on. As I countdown to May 8 I am recalling a few lessons I learned in my time here: Everything takes longer than expected, papers (unfortunately) don't write themselves, organizing social events is hectic, mac-ncheese cannot be made with sour milk, send-home is amazing and you will miss it when it's gone, and the semester only seems long for about two weeks, then warp speed takes over.

I do not recall grades on papers or class projects. I know I (mostly) did my best. I do remember my friend kidnapping me and taking me to Trinity Park to ride the kiddy train when I





needed a break and was too stressed to realize it.

I remember watching all of Dexter Season One in one sitting with my roommate when we both had other "more important" things that "needed" to get done. I am not saying that studies are not important, but balance is essential.

My advice: laugh more and cry only when needed. Freak out, and then move on. Balance your act so you can enjoy your time in and outside of class because it will be over before you know it.

*Jule Nelson-Duac is a senior theatre major from Granbury.* 

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Chance, From singing "Digging Up Bones" at daycare to digging up stories at TCU – Congratulations! Be proud, stay true.

Love, Mom and Dad

Chance Welch



Brett Major

Brett, Remember when we dropped you off at Milton Daniel that first semester and told you "go for the brass ring?" Well, you went for it and we are so proud of your accomplishments; they're well deserved!

Love, Mom and Dad

The College of Education would like to thank and congratulate our Senior Scholars and Mentors on a job well done!

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# **OPINION** University helps students discover their true potential



When I started at TCU in 2006, I had no clue who I was or what I wanted out of life. I was divorced, 30 years old and the mother of one child. Four years later, it's like a fog has lifted and it's all become clear

I found myself. On the tree-lined sidewalks of the gorgeous campus, in the basement stacks of the library, in the sunshine-filled commons and in the computer labs inside Moudy. This school, this amazing place, has filled me with so much more than just knowledge.

I never imagined I would see teachers as mentors. I never thought I would learn more than coursework. I learned that these professors are people that care. When Dr. H.G. Dollar tells you to call or come by his office any time, he means it. I remember fondly speaking with him Woods' friends in the movie

very late at night as he reassured me about my statistics final. Peter Noble teaches so much more than advertising. If you've had him, then you know.

Hours spent advising with Dr. John Tisdale were like a blueprint for my life. I can't imagine the patience he had to go over my schedule with me, tossing hours and courses around until it all fit smoothly together like one of those giant 1,000-piece puzzles.

I became a writer for the Skiff last fall, and I don't know why I waited so long. Getting to flex my writing muscles and learn how to write for publication has completely changed me. I'm so grateful for the opportunity, and between that and Maggie Thomas' commitment to teaching proper style, I feel like a real writer now.

I can't expound on the greatness of TCU without talking about my peers. Years younger than me, I never thought I'd find common ground with them. I thought all sorority girls were like Elle

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"Legally Blonde," and fraternity guys all drank beer and acted like Van Wilder.

Boy, was I ever wrong. The women of TCU are amazing. Beautiful and whip-smart at the same time, I have yet to meet anyone who doesn't defy the stereotype of a sorority girl. And the men? I wrote

This legacy is who I am now, a 35-year-old mom of two and a writer. Thank you, TCU, professors and friends, for showing me everything I could be.

a feature story last semester about the Starpoint School. My eyes filled with tears as fraternity brothers told me how they volunteer every day and love the kids. My fellow Frogs have shattered every stereotype.

I love how everyone here has accepted me, despite the fact that I am closer in age to some of the teachers than the students themselves. I have never felt like I did not belong here, and relished the feeling of being a part of something so amazing, like gaining access to the coolest club ever.

I never fathomed in my life that even though I turned in homework assignments that my daughter may have scrawled on, pulled ridiculous all-nighters cramming while holding a sleeping baby in my arms or fell





asleep studying when I was pregnant with my second child, I could excel at this school. When people find out I am a mom, they say, "That must be so hard."

Hard doesn't begin to describe it, but the difficulty barely registers because I love it. I love this school and my professors, and I adore the friends I have made here. I love myself for accomplishing something I never thought I could. Graduating college has been a dream of mine for a very long time, and on the cusp of walking across that stage like I have dreamt for so long, I am

overwhelmed. As happy as impending graduation is, I am saddened to leave this place. I will miss people saying, "Hey, I read your article in the Skiff. I loved it." I will miss learning something new, being pushed to think beyond how I thought I could and being challenged to be creative every day. I'll miss the crappy toilet paper and the parking tickets (well, maybe not) and the quiet in the mornings before 8 a.m. classes. I'll miss those great conversations with teachers and all the wisdom they have to share.

My legacy extends way beyond the brick that will be outside the library with my name on it. This legacy, what I am leaving behind, is simple. I am a living testament that you can follow your dreams, and with persistence, see them through to completion. TCU has been my home for four years, but the memories are forever, and my diploma will be a proud reminder of when I realized who I was.

This legacy is the looks on my children's faces when Mommy gets her college degree. This legacy is who I am now, a 35-year-old mom of two and a writer. Thank you, TCU, professors and friends, for showing me everything I could be.

> Christi Aldridge is a senior strategic communication major from Hillsbor

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David, We have treasured your contagious smile, your open heart, your perseverance, strength, *faith and humility.* Congratulations on your graduation. You have an extraordinary future that awaits you!

With all our love and respect, Dad, Mom, Joe, Elizabeth, Kate, Derek, Bill and Crissy

# Leading indicators jump 1.4 percent, tops estimates

#### By Tali Arbel AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A gauge of future economic activity jumped 1.4 percent in March, the fastest pace of growth in 10 months.

The rise in the Conference Board's index of leading economic indictors suggests economic growth is likely to continue for the next three to six months.

Reuters had expected the index to grow 0.9 percent last month.

The report says the leading indicators' growth was 0.4 percent in February and 0.6 percent in January, up from previous estimates of 0.1 percent and 0.3 percent.

recovery that should continue over the next few months," Ken Goldstein, an economist at the Conference Board, said.

housing, jobs, manufacturing and kets. Consumer spending at shops, financial markets, most of which has already been released. Seven of the 10 indicators increased in improved. March, led by a big difference between overnight and 10-year in- jobs in March, the biggest gain in terest rates, known as the interest three years, according to the govrate spread, and a pickup in average ernment. weekly hours worked in the manufacturing sector.

and long-term interest rates is of- Last week, BMO raised its estimate ten a positive signal. It can mean for 2010 gross domestic product to investors expect economic activity 3.3 percent growth, up from 3.1 to pick up.

rising stock prices also propped up and hiring.

the index. A decrease in consumer expectations, the money supply and manufacturers' new orders for capital goods weighed it down.

Some of the bounce was due to a rebound from the harsh winter that suppressed activity in the housing market and at factories in the Northeast, said economist Josh Shapiro at research firm MFR Inc.

But the stronger reading also reflects recent data about the Economists polled by Thomson economy, said Jennifer Lee, an

## "The indicators point to a slow recovery that should continue over the The indicators point to a slow next few months."

#### Ken Goldstein

Conference Board economist

The gauge is made up of data on economist at BMO Capital Maremployment figures and corporate spending on technology have all

The economy added 162,000

"A year ago, I don't think anyone would have seen such a nice recov-A widening gap between short- ery in the U.S. economy," Lee said. percent, because of stronger con-Building permits for homes and sumer spending, manufacturing

# Laid-off man creates company

By Roy L. Williams The Birmingham News

(AP) — Birmingham native Paul Spivey didn't sit idly by after being among 300 laid Data.

Spivey, a data specialist, recently opened Spivey Tech LLC, whose signature product is called Fandusters, an invention he created fan blades to catch dust flying through the air.

He is seeking a patent for Fandusters, which was featured earlier this year as a top gift for the kitchen in a special collector's issue of uct, Spivey created what is a popular magazine, Cooking With Paula Deen.

Spivey spent three years working at Marathon Data athon, Billy Sherrill, who is in Birmingham's technical division until a year ago, when he got the word that his position was among 300 being eliminated. He was given the option of moving to Huntsville, but chose to sticking to furniture. "It's of the Brock School of Busistay in Birmingham so he an air purifier and dust recan take his 87-year-old moval system that makes mother, who can't drive, to your ceiling fan work for church and on various errands.

"I knew it would be tough to find a job in this a contract with an apparel economy, so I tried to come plant in Fort Payne, an area up with something to do on my own," Spivey said in an ries, which manufactures allergies," Lohrke said. interview at his office on Fandusters in 21 different Gadsden Highway in Bir- colors. Available in packs of exposure in Paula Deen's copycat products.

mingham.

He hit upon the idea of Fandusters when visiting BIRMINGHAM, Ala. a friend and noticing how was.

> the dust instead of it flying through the air," Spivey recalled.

A week later while in his home, Spivey came up with a prototype that resembles that can be put on ceiling a cotton sock that he put on ceiling fan blades. Soon he noticed that the prototype gathered dust and there was less dirt on his furniture below the ceiling fan.

After tweaking the prodnow known as Fanduster. He recruited a former coworker also laid off at Marhis partner.

Fandusters, which are a static fabric that catches pollen and other allergens flying through the air or you instead of against you, Spivey said.

Spivey and Sherrill have known for its sock facto-

five for \$21, Fandusters are magazine will help." available at fanduster.com or at 866-938-7837.

"I had some people tell dusty one of his ceiling fans me I could get them made cheaper in China, but I was "I said, 'What if I put determined that this prodoff a year ago by Marathon something on that to catch uct be made right here to protect jobs in Alabama,"

> he said. Spivey said he has a lot on the line, with about \$40,000 invested. He is in talks with potential investors, which Spivey hopes will provide the resources to take his product to the next level.

He hopes his story will encourage other laid-off workers to pursue their dream

"My belief has always been anyone can do something with what everyone has -- an imagination," Spivey said. "I put mine to work. Instead of sitting machine washable, have at home feeling sorry for myself after losing my job, I did something about it."

Franz Lohrke, chairman ness Department of Entrepreneurship at Samford University, said Spivey has a product with potential. The key thing he has to

do is promote the product's benefits, such as keeping pollen out of the air and helping people who have "The fact that he has gotten

Spivey said the most popular colors are brown. He also has versions of

crimson and white for University of Alabama fans, and orange and blue for Auburn University fans.

Spivey wouldn't say how many Fandusters have been sold, but said it has exceeded expectations. "The Paula Deen exposure was great for us. It allowed us to get some sales nationally," he said.

This week, Spivey signed a deal with a company, Blue Water Marketing, that is getting Fandusters listed in five major national catalog publications starting in June. He has hired an agent who is working on a schedule to get the product sold within months on QVC, the television shopping network.

And an ad campaign on Birmingham television stations begins in May.

"I am currently setting up accounts with retail stores and negotiating with potential investors," Spivey said. "I believe we are on the verge of taking off."

Lohrke of Samford said Fandusters should go over well on QVC. He said Spivey, who copyrighted the word Fandusters, was smart to file for a patent, adding the exposure will lead to





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What will you miss the

by Ashley Melnick, staff reporter



"The bowl game, even though we lost."

**Chris Gainey** Political science *Arlington* 

most?



"Best memories are definitely with my friends and professors."

**Ryan Roesler** Strategic communication *Flower Mound* 

# What are you looking forward to most after graduation?



"Getting my masters and furthering my education at Dallas Baptist University for an MBA degree."

**Tiffani Johnson** Communication studies *College Station* 



"Coming back as an alumni. It will be an interesting perspective"

Alex Higgins International economics *Tulsa, Okla.* 



"Being in school. It's going to be different too because I won't have breaks like spring break. I'll really be an adult."

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"I'm going to miss the community feel on campus. It's very family oriented and close-knit."

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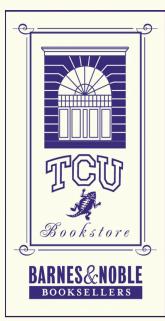
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# NCAA graduation rate comparisons flawed

#### By Alan Scher Zagier Associated Press Writer

A new study suggests that a statistical flaw relied upon by the NCAA means that graduation rates for major college football and men's basketball other students - not the other way around.

The NCAA's most recent report on Division I graduation, known as the Graduation Success Rate, shows that athletes who entered college in 2002 graduated at a record rate of 79 percent. Even using the federal graduation rate, which does not account for transfer students, athletes posted a 64 percent graduation rate, a mark two points higher than in the general student body.

But a new report by the University of North Carolina's College Sport Research Institute calls those numbers misleading. The NCAA data for non-athletes includes students who begin their academic careers as full-time students but later become part-timers. As spokesman Erik Christiana group, those students take longer to graduate.

By definition, NCAA athletes cannot be part-time students.

"Athletes are required to be full-time students to maintain their eligibility," said study author Woody Eckard, a Unicompared to other students who are also full-time."

the Chapel Hill-based institute says that 54.8 percent of Football Bowl Subdivision athletes at 117 schools graduated within six years, compared to 73.7 percent of other full-time students.

The gap in Division I basketball was even larger, with would account for what is es-44.6 percent of athletes earn- sentially a part-time job and ing degrees at 116 schools, compare those students to its overall graduation rate of compared to 75.7 percent of others who are not able to 66.6 percent trailed those in the general student body.

The analysis assumes that ics while in school. That ap- Pac-10 (82.6 percent).

Education reports later take reduced class loads.

study a "very limited statistical analysis" that fails to acplayers lag behind those of count for other variables, such as students' academic preparation, that influence graduation rates.

"There are many academic challenges out there for general students and studentathletes in college," NCAA

"Athletes are required to be full-time students to maintain their eligibility. They should be compared to other students who are also full-time."

Woody Eckard University of Colorado Denver economist

son said. "We welcome efforts to try and better understand those issues and that will lead to policy decisions that will help more student-athletes to succeed academically.

"This study does not add to any real understanding of the issues and does not provide versity of Colorado Denver an unbiased viewpoint from economist. "They should be which to look at these issues anew."

Co-author Richard South-Using adjusted statistics, all, the sports research institute's director, said he and Eckard weren't trying to "challenge, refute or replace" the NCAA and federal graduation rate data.

Instead, they suggest that a more accurate way to measure athletes' graduation rates concentrate solely on academ- the ACC (82.8 percent) and

about 12 percent of students proach would generate lower initially classified as full-time but more "realistic" graduate in the federal Department of rates on both sides, Southall said.

"They should be compared NCAA officials called the to other students working their way through college," he said. "It's easy to be seen as bashing the athlete. That's not the case at all."

> Eckard and Southall, a North Carolina sport administration professor, will present their findings on Friday at an annual academic conference on sports research. Future studies will examine graduation gaps for other NCAA sports beyond football and men's basketball.

> The researchers did not study graduation rates at individual schools because the numbers, particularly in basketball, would be too low to be statistically significant. They did break down the results by conference.

In football, the Mid-American Conference had the narrowest gap, with athletic graduation rates just 10.7 percent lower than those in the overall student body. The Pac-10 had the largest gap at 30.1 percent. In basketball, Conference USA had the smallest gap between athletes and other students, with a difference of 21.1 percent. Six of the 10 conferences studied — the SEC, Mountain West, Atlantic 10, Big Ten, Pac-10 and ACC had what the researchers call an "adjusted graduation gap" of at least 30 percent.

In the ACC, the gap for men's basketball was more than twice as large, with a 41.3 percent graduation rate for athletes compared to 82.8 percent for other students.

Conferences with lower graduation gaps in general also had lower overall gradation rates. For instance, while the Mid-American had the smallest gap in football,

# Sallie Mae increases lending

#### By Eileen AJ Connelly AP Business Writer

RESTON, Va. (AP) — Sallie Mae, the nation's largest student lender, on Wednesday posted a profit for the first quarter, reversing a year-ago loss, as bad loans eased and it lent to more students.

After paying preferred dividends, Sallie Mae, formally known as SLM Corp., earned \$240.1 million, or 45 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$21.4 million, or 10 cents per share, last year.

The results included a charge share, for restructuring.

share. Core earnings included was \$255 million, down from the restructuring charge, but excluded treatment for student

loans bundled together as securities and derivatives, the complex financial instruments used as a hedge against swings in interest rates.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters, on average, expected profit of 29 cents per share. Wall Street typically excludes one-time charges in its estimates.

The better-than-expected results boosted shares in aftermarket trading following the release. The stock added 38 cents, or 3 percent, to \$13.50, from its close in the regular session at \$13.12.

Net interest income, or of \$19 million, or 4 cents per money earned from lending, shot up to \$854.5 million, Sallie Mae said its "core," or from \$215.1 million last year. adjusted earnings, came in at Fee income, which included \$212 million, or 39 cents per a gain on debt repurchases, \$353.7 million last year.

Sallie Mae set aside \$325

million for managed private education loan losses, or loans that are likely to go unpaid. Its overall provision for loan losses increased 43 percent to \$356.1 million, from \$250.3 million last vear.

The company charged off wrote off as uncollectable— \$284 million of private managed education loans, down 5 percent from \$298 million in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Sallie Mae originated \$7.7 billion in federal student loans in the first quarter, up 16 percent from a year ago. Average managed student loans slipped to \$181.9 million, from \$185.2 million a year ago.

Private education loan originations were \$840 million, compared with \$1.5 billion one year ago, reflecting tighter underwriting and increases in federal programs.



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# Wall Street ramps up hiring as profits rebound

#### By Steveson Jacobs AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street is hiring again.

Among those in demand: traders of exotic financial investrisk managers whose job it is to profitability and begin replenishkeep companies from repeating ing their decimated work forces. the reckless bets that imploded Modest or not, any hiring is good and nearly toppled the financial system 18 months ago.

ment data, and the most recent politan area. jobs report actually showed a slight drop in the number of financial workers in March. That the wider economy. suggests the number of job cuts is still surpassing new hires.

nancial employment and com- ard Lipstein, managing direcpensation consulting say demand for top talent is rising, and that companies are dangling lu- top financial firms. "Higher stock

employment firm for the financial services industry, employers work and more hiring in genposted openings for 1,508 jobs as eral."

of April 1 — up 34 percent from a year ago and the fourth straight monthly increase.

The search for talent comes as a resurgent stock market and a river of federal aid have allowed the nation's biggest and ments such as derivatives, and most troubled banks to return to news for New York's starved coffers. About two-thirds of the jobs The hiring rebound is modest. posted at eFinancialCareers.com It has yet to show up in govern- are in the New York City metro-

> The pickup in hiring could also foreshadow a turnaround in

"Historically, hiring on Wall Street has recovered before the 51,000 last year and is on track necessarily good jobs, but peo-Yet firms that specialize in fi- rest of the economy," said Richtor at Boyden Global Executive a heavy cost. New York state Search, which works with many crative pay to attract key people. prices increase the value of com-At eFinancialCareers.com, an panies. That leads to more initial public offerings, more advisory

Meghan Jean Pike

During the first three months latest round of hiring will help credit crisis — including Citiof the year, U.S. financial firms announced 3,880 hires — up 13 percent from the same period in 2008, according to employment firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. The actual number may be higher because not all companies publicly announce every new hire.

It's a big turnaround for an industry on the verge of collapse less than two years ago. Financial services firms shed 415,000 jobs in 2007 and 2008 as the nation's biggest banks lost billions of dollars, according to Challenger, new job, he says. Gray & Christmas. Citigroup Inc. alone cut 75,000 jobs. The number of financial job cuts fell to ting jobs. Some of them not to fall again in 2010.

The layoffs have come at Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has said financial services job cuts could cost a combined \$6.5 billion in lost tax revenue for both New York City and the state. The comptroller's office said it's too soon to know how much the

offset that loss.

"There's some encouraging signs, but it's not the sustained hiring that we expect," said DiNapoli spokesman Robert Whalen.

workers like Henry Chalian. He was laid off almost a year ago from JP Morgan Chase & Co.'s client relations department. Recently he's been hearing each week from a different laid-off

There's a noticeable difference," he said. "People are getple are getting jobs. And I'm getting calls" from recruiters.

Still, few expect a quick return to the hiring spree of the boom years. The last year that financial services firms had a net increase in hiring was in 2007, when jobs peaked at 6.2 million nationwide. That's about 10 percent higher than current levels.

recruiters lately have been the cent to \$20.3 billion in 2009. banks hardest hit during the

group and Bank of America Corp., compensation consultants say. Those firms were restricted from paying top-dollar salaries and bonuses after taking billions in government bailout The increased hiring is giv- money. They've since repaid the ing hope to former Wall Street funds, freeing them from the restrictions.

> 'They're back in the game," said David Schmidt, a senior consultant on executive pay at James F. Reda & Associates.

Bank of America declined friend who has finally found a to give specific numbers on recent hires but said it's recruiting across the big bank's global operations

> 'We continue to see great enthusiasm from candidates who want to join our firm," Bank of America spokeswoman Kelly Sapp said.

Citigroup spokeswoman Danielle Romero-Apsilos said "recruiting the best talent has always been a priority" for the bank, which also declined to give specific numbers on hiring. Increased demand for talent

has helped boost Wall Street Some of the most aggressive bonuses, which climbed 17 per-

And more people are get-

ting bonuses, too. In a survey of 850 financial workers, eFinancialCareers.com found that 92 percent got bonuses for 2009, up from 79 percent the previous year. But the money wasn't divided evenly. Nearly half saw their bonuses double. For the rest, bonuses stayed the same or were cut in half.

"Compensation is up across the board, but you're seeing a bigger spread between those who are performing well and those who aren't," said Constance Melrose, head of eFinancialCareers.com North America.

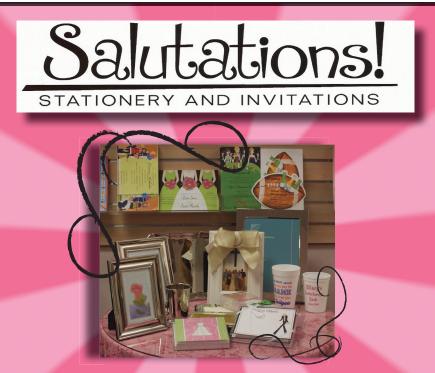
The return of Wall Street hiring doesn't mean landing a job is easy

With hundreds of thousands of financial workers still out of work, competition is fierce. And firms are being choosy, seeking out experts in lucrative areas like trading of distressed debt, derivatives and bonds, said Jeff Visithpanich, principal at Johnson Associates, a financial services compensation consulting firm.

"The people getting jobs now are the ones with specialized skill sets," Visithpanich said.

Meghan, From your first day of kindergarten until your last finals and clinicals, you gave it your all. Keep focused on your plans for the future. We are so proud of you.

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- An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look
- at either.
- I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
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- What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
- Two fish swim into a wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
- What does the duck say to the waiter?
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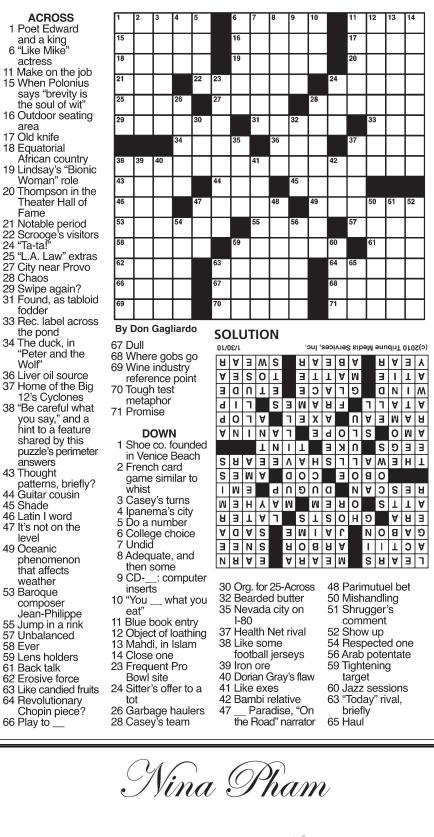
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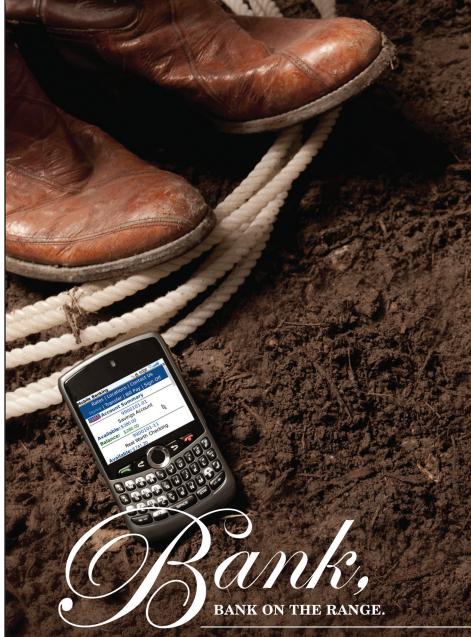




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Adrienne Marie Nicholls



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Love, Mamaw, Mom, Dad, Robbie, Arthur and Ieremiah

# a year in pictures...



MATT COFFELT / Staff Photographer TCU wide receiver Ryan Christian beats two Utah defenders to the goal line for a touchdown from a 16-yard pass from Andy Dalton to make it 14-7 on Nov. 14. The Frogs would win 55-28.



WES WYNNE / Staff Photographer OneRepublic singer Ryan Tedder performs with his band in the Campus Commons after the TCU football game on Sept. 19.

Shaley Sanders



Shaley, Congratulations! Your hard work and dedication have paid off and you've proven to the world that you can accomplish great things. Now, take some time to enjoy your accomplishment and then set out on your journey to service Him.



Nanette Bernard



Nanette, From preschool to college graduation, you have come a long way. We are very proud of you. Congratulations.

Love, Mom and Dad



We love you, Dad and Mom

Robert "Adams" Coles



Adams, Congratulations on your graduation. From the age of 10 you aspired to be a movie/T.V. director. You are well on your way to fulfilling that dream. We wish you continued success.

Love, Mom, Dad and Stewart

Andrew Young



Andrew -Your many accomplishments certainly deserve a most hardy congratulations, but it is the strength of your character for which we are most proud! We hope your life will bring you as much love, joy and happiness that you have brought to ours since day one!

With much love, Mom and Dad

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TCU has well prepared you for the challenged in climbing life's mountains. Congratulations on your graduation from TCU Neeley School of Business. We are so proud of you!

Much Love, Mom, Dad, Alex, Jordan and Nick Daigle; Pat Denman "Nana," Myrtle and Cliff Page "Maw Maw and Paw Paw"

In loving memory of: H. Tom Denman "Papa," J. Charles Daigle, Jr. "Paw Paw" ~Philippians 1:3-6



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Freshman music education major Amanda Tompkins slides down a hill near Waits Hall on a cardboard makeshift sled, pushed by freshman early childhood education major Natalie Couch on Feb. 11.



"ESPN College Gameday" host Lee Corso predicts TCU to win the BYU game by putting on the Horned Frog's mascot head on Oct. 24. Co-host Kirk Herbstreit, who predicted BYU, jibes him.



Students rush the field at the end of the Utah "Pink Out" game on Nov. 14 after breaking the record for attendance with 50,307 people.

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Jeff Livney: Seth Hall Young Entrepreneur Award

Justin Carter: John Davis Entrepreneurial Vision Award

Mack Haisten, Christina Ortega, Jorge Riquelme: Entrepreneurial Excellence in Management Award

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Sara Warren: Marketing Senior Scholar

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